

Mueller-Navelet small-cone jets

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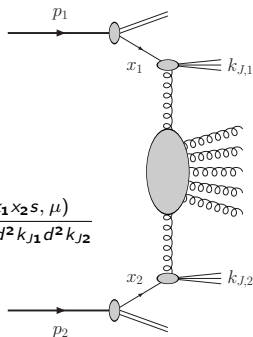
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Mueller-Navelet jets

proton(p_1) + proton(p_2) \rightarrow jet $_1$ (k_1) + jet $_2$ (k_2) + X

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_{J1} dx_{J2} d^2k_{J1} d^2k_{J2}} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_i(x_1, \mu) f_j(x_2, \mu) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{i,j}(x_1 x_2 s, \mu)}{dx_{J1} dx_{J2} d^2k_{J1} d^2k_{J2}}$$



Sudakov decomposition:

$$k_{J,1} = x_{J,1} p_1 + \frac{\vec{k}_{J,1}^2}{x_{J,1} s} p_2 + k_{J,1\perp}, \quad k_{J,1\perp}^2 = -\vec{k}_{J,1}^2, \quad s = 2p_1 \cdot p_2$$

$$k_{J,2} = x_{J,2} p_2 + \frac{\vec{k}_{J,2}^2}{x_{J,2} s} p_1 + k_{J,2\perp}, \quad k_{J,2\perp}^2 = -\vec{k}_{J,2}^2$$

- large jet transverse momenta: $\vec{k}_{J,1}^2 \sim \vec{k}_{J,2}^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \rightarrow$ perturbative QCD applicable
- large rapidity gap between jets, $\Delta y = \ln \frac{x_{J,1} x_{J,2} s}{|\vec{k}_{J,1}| |\vec{k}_{J,2}|}$, $\rightarrow s = 2p_1 \cdot p_2 \gg \vec{k}_{J,1,2}^2$
 \rightarrow BFKL resummation: $\sum_n c_n \alpha_s^n \ln^n s + d_n \alpha_s^n \ln^{n-1} s$

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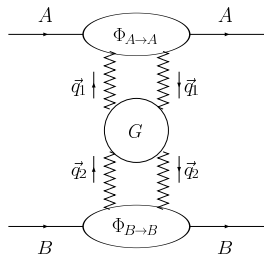
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The BFKL approach

Total cross section $A + B \rightarrow X$, via the optical theorem, $\sigma = \frac{\text{Im}_s \mathcal{A}}{s}$

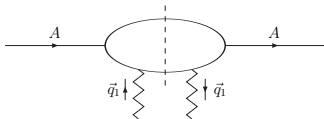
- **Regge limit** ($s \rightarrow \infty$)
 \Rightarrow BFKL factorization for $\text{Im}_s \mathcal{A}$:
 convolution of the **Green's function** of two interacting Reggeized gluons and of the **impact factors** of the colliding particles.
- Valid both in
LLA (resummation of all terms $(\alpha_s \ln s)^n$)
NLA (resummation of all terms $\alpha_s (\alpha_s \ln s)^n$).



$$\text{Im}_s \mathcal{A} = \frac{s}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \int \frac{d^{D-2} q_1}{\vec{q}_1^2} \Phi_A(\vec{q}_1, \mathbf{s}_0) \int \frac{d^{D-2} q_2}{\vec{q}_2^2} \Phi_B(-\vec{q}_2, \mathbf{s}_0) \int_{\delta-i\infty}^{\delta+i\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{s}{s_0} \right)^\omega G_\omega(\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2)$$

- The **Green's function** is **process-independent** and is determined through the **BFKL equation**.
[\[Ya.Ya. Balitsky, V.S. Fadin, E.A. Kuraev, L.N. Lipatov \(1975\)\]](#)

$$\omega G_\omega(\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2) = \delta^{D-2}(\vec{q}_1 - \vec{q}_2) + \int d^{D-2} q K(\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}) G_\omega(\vec{q}, \vec{q}_1).$$



- **Impact factors are process-dependent;**

only very few have been calculated in the NLA:

- colliding partons

[V.S. Fadin, R. Fiore, M.I. Kotsky, A. Papa (2000)]

[M. Ciafaloni and G. Rodrigo (2000)]

- $\gamma^* \longrightarrow V$, with $V = \rho^0, \omega, \phi$, forward case

[D.Yu. Ivanov, M.I. Kotsky, A. Papa (2004)]

- forward jet production

[J. Bartels, D. Colferai, G.P. Vacca (2003)]

[F. Caporale, D.Yu. Ivanov, B. M., A. Papa, A. Perri (2012)]

(small-cone approximation) [D.Yu. Ivanov, A. Papa (2012)]

- forward identified hadron production

[D.Yu. Ivanov, A. Papa (2012)]

- $\gamma^* \longrightarrow \gamma^*$

[J. Bartels *et al.* (2001) \rightarrow]

[I. Balitsky, G.A. Chirilli (2011)-(2013)]

Solution of the BFKL equation

- The Green's function obeys the **BFKL equation**

$$\delta^2(\vec{q}_1 - \vec{q}_2) = \omega G_\omega(\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}_2) - \int d^2\vec{q} K(\vec{q}_1, \vec{q}) G_\omega(\vec{q}, \vec{q}_2)$$

- Transverse momentum space definition

$$\hat{q}|\vec{q}_i\rangle = \vec{q}_i|\vec{q}_i\rangle, \quad \langle\vec{q}_1|\vec{q}_2\rangle = \delta^{(2)}(\vec{q}_1 - \vec{q}_2), \quad \langle A|B\rangle = \langle A|\vec{k}\rangle\langle\vec{k}|B\rangle = \int d^2k A^*(\vec{k})B(\vec{k})$$

- The **kernel operator** \hat{K} is

$$K(\vec{q}_2, \vec{q}_1) = \langle\vec{q}_2|\hat{K}|\vec{q}_1\rangle$$

- Straightforward solution in the transverse momentum space

$$\hat{1} = (\omega - \hat{K})\hat{G}_\omega \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{G}_\omega = (\omega - \hat{K})^{-1}, \quad \hat{K} = \bar{\alpha}_s\hat{K}^0 + \bar{\alpha}_s^2\hat{K}^1, \quad \bar{\alpha}_s = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{\pi}$$

- Solution for the \hat{G}_ω operator with NLA accuracy

$$\hat{G}_\omega = (\omega - \bar{\alpha}_s\hat{K}^0)^{-1} + (\omega - \bar{\alpha}_s\hat{K}^0)^{-1} \left(\bar{\alpha}_s^2\hat{K}^1 \right) (\omega - \bar{\alpha}_s\hat{K}^0)^{-1} + \mathcal{O} \left[\left(\bar{\alpha}_s^2\hat{K}^1 \right)^2 \right]$$

- Basis of eigenfunctions of the LO kernel

$$\hat{K}^0 |n, \nu\rangle = \chi(n, \nu) |n, \nu\rangle, \quad \chi(n, \nu) = 2\psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + i\nu\right) - \psi\left(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - i\nu\right)$$

$$\langle \vec{q} | n, \nu \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2}} (\vec{q}^2)^{i\nu - \frac{1}{2}} e^{in\theta}, \quad \cos\theta \equiv q_x$$

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Impact factors

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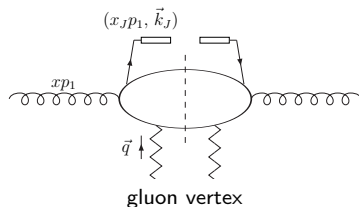
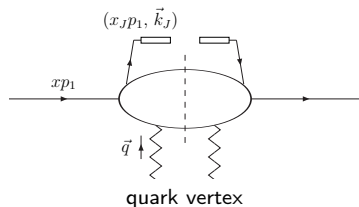
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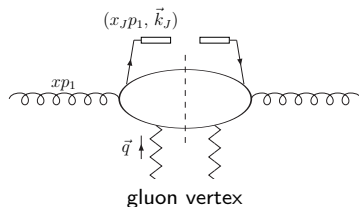
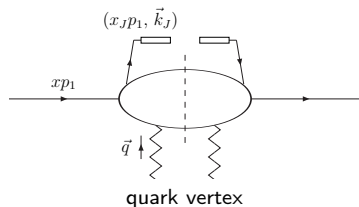


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Jet definition

LO: one-particle final state.

The kinematics of the produced parton a is completely fixed by the jet kinematics.

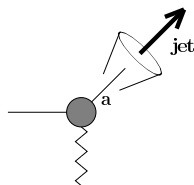


Fig. 1

NLO, virtual corrections: one-particle final state (see Fig. 1).

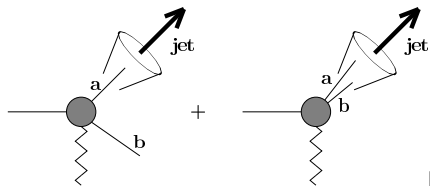


Fig. 2

NLO, real corrections: two-particle final state (see Fig. 2).

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- Small Cone Approximation (**SCA**): small jet cone aperture in the rapidity-azimuthal angle plane. [D.Yu. Ivanov, A. Papa (2012)]
 - Easily implementable in numerical calculations.
 - Particularly suitable for a semi-analytical cross-check of the numerical approaches which treat the cone size exactly.

- Principle of Minimal Sensitivity (**PMS**): optimized method. [P.M. Stevenson (1981)]

Cross section

Moments of the azimuthal decorrelations

$$\langle \cos [n (\phi_{J_1} - \phi_{J_2} - \pi)] \rangle \equiv \frac{C_n}{C_0},$$

$$C_n = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_{J_1} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_{J_2} \cos [n (\phi_{J_1} - \phi_{J_2} - \pi)] \frac{d\sigma_n}{dJ_1 dJ_2}$$

$$\text{with } dJ_i = dx_{J_i} dk_{J_i}$$

and

$$C_n = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\nu \left(\frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{\bar{\alpha}_s(\mu_R)\chi(n,\nu) + \bar{\alpha}_s^2(\mu_R)k^{(1)}(n,\nu)} \alpha_s^2(\mu_R) c_1(n,\nu) c_2(n,\nu) \\ \times \left[1 + \bar{\alpha}_s(\mu_R) \left(\frac{c_1^{(1)}(n,\nu)}{c_1(n,\nu)} + \frac{c_2^{(1)}(n,\nu)}{c_2(n,\nu)} \right) \right]$$

with

$$k^{(1)}(n,\nu) = \bar{\chi}(n,\nu) + \frac{\beta_0}{8N_c} \chi(n,\nu) \left(-\chi(n,\nu) + \frac{10}{3} + \nu \frac{d}{d\nu} \ln \left(\frac{c_1(n,\nu)}{c_2(n,\nu)} \right) + 2 \ln(\mu_R^2) \right)$$

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Kinematical settings

- In order to compare our predictions with the **forthcoming LHC data** we fix

$$R = 0.5$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV} \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$$

- Following a CMS study [[CMS Collaboration, S. Cerci, D. d'Enterria \(2009\)](#)], we restrict the rapidities of the jets to the region

$$3 \leq |y_J| \leq 5, \quad \text{with steps} \quad \Delta y_J = 0.5$$

- Symmetric case:

- $|\vec{k}_{J_1}| = |\vec{k}_{J_2}| = 35 \text{ GeV} \longrightarrow$ comparison with previous results.

[[D. Colferai, F. Schwennsen, L. Szymanowski, S. Wallon \(2010\)](#)]

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- $|\vec{k}_{J_1}| = |\vec{k}_{J_2}| = 20 \text{ GeV} \longrightarrow$ more undetected gluons radiated in the final state.

Our analysis

- We study the cross section and the azimuthal correlations versus the relative rapidity $Y = y_{J_1} - y_{J_2}$.
- Unavoidable terms beyond NLA depend on μ_R and s_0 , whose numerical impact can be non-negligible \implies **optimization needed!**

PMS

We take as optimal choices for μ_R and s_0 those values for which the physical observable under exam exhibits the minimal sensitivity to changes of both these scales. [P.M. Stevenson (1981)]

The complete resummation of the perturbative series would not depend on μ_R and s_0
 \implies PMS is supposed to mimic the effect of the most relevant unknown subleading terms.

$$Y_0 = \ln \frac{s_0}{|\vec{k}_{J_1}| |\vec{k}_{J_2}|} = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad \mu_R = N \sqrt{|\vec{k}_{J_1}| |\vec{k}_{J_2}|} \quad N = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

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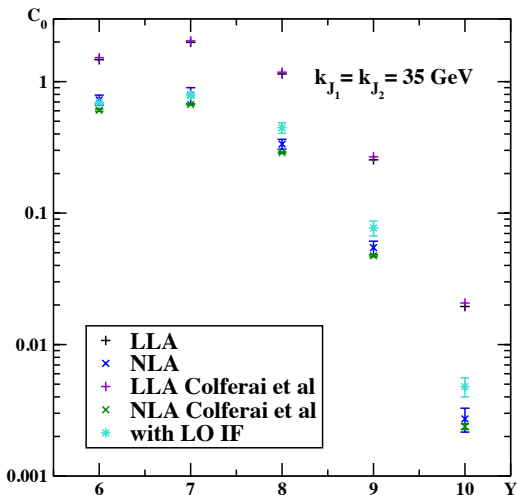
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Y	Y_0	$\mu_R / \sqrt{ \vec{k}_{J_1} \vec{k}_{J_2} }$
6	1	2
7	2	2
8	2	2
9	3	2
10	4	2

Values of the parameters corresponding to our "optimal" values.

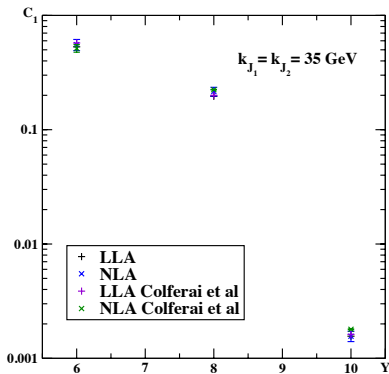
LLA: $\mu_R^2 = s_0 = |\vec{k}_{J_1}| |\vec{k}_{J_2}|$

- We have found wide regions of stability.

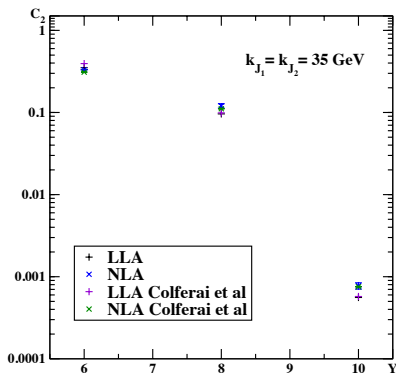


- The uncertainty comes from the resolution of our grid in the $N-Y_0$ plane.
- Our predictions are compatible with previous calculations \implies reliability of the SCA.

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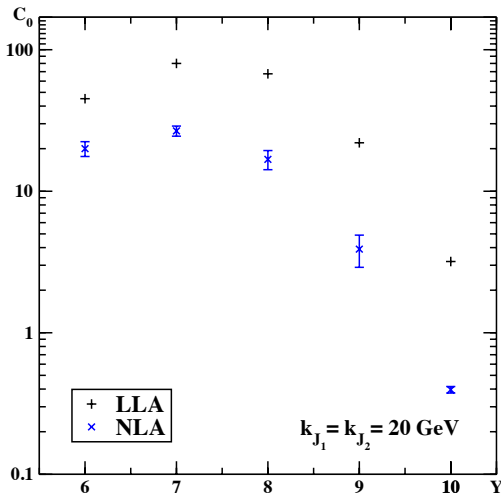
Y	Y_0	$\mu_R / \sqrt{ \vec{k}_{J_1} \vec{k}_{J_2} }$
6	0	1.5
8	2	2.5
10	4	4

- It is possible to calculate $\langle \cos \phi \rangle$ and $\langle \cos(2\phi) \rangle$.
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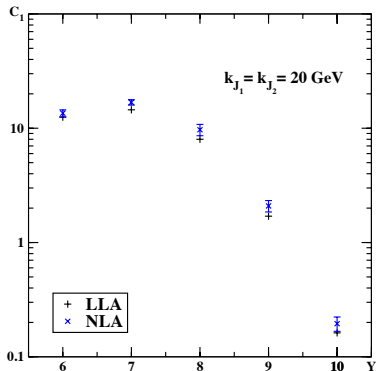
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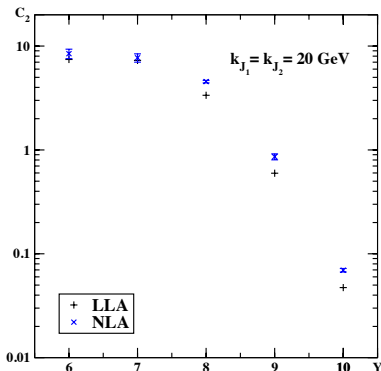


- Smaller transverse momentum \implies more undetected gluons \implies possible discrimination between BFKL and fixed-order approach.

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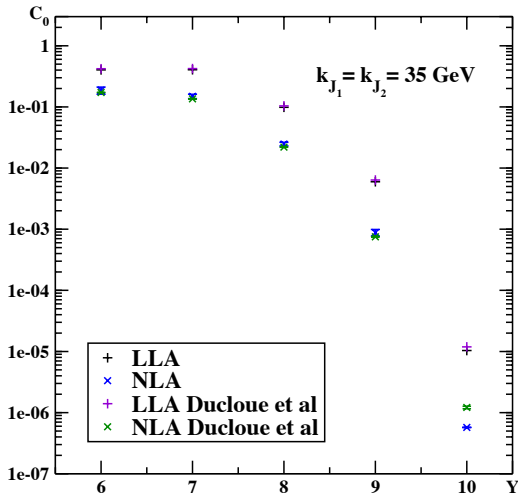


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10	5.5	7

- We have found wide regions of stability.
- With our approach we reproduced the same results of previous calculations.



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- We have studied the Y -dependence of the differential cross section and of the azimuthal decorrelation of the Mueller-Navelet jets in full NLO BFKL using the jet vertex in the small cone approximation.
- We did not fix the energy scale and the argument of the running coupling
⇒ we used an optimization method.
- Our results for $|\vec{k}_{J_1}| = |\vec{k}_{J_2}| = 35$ GeV with $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV and $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV are compatible with those performed by [D. Colferai *et al*](#) and [B. Ducloué *et al*](#), respectively.
⇒ Confirmation of their results.
⇒ Reliability of the small cone approximation.
- We considered also smaller transverse momenta w.r.t. [D. Colferai *et al*](#). → we expect more discrimination between BFKL and DGLAP dynamics.
- In asymmetric case we do not find a stability region ⇒ Collinear improvement
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