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High energy factorization at NLO: forward Higgs production

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MH, Krzysztof Kutak, Andreas van Hameren, [arXiv:2011.03193](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.03193)

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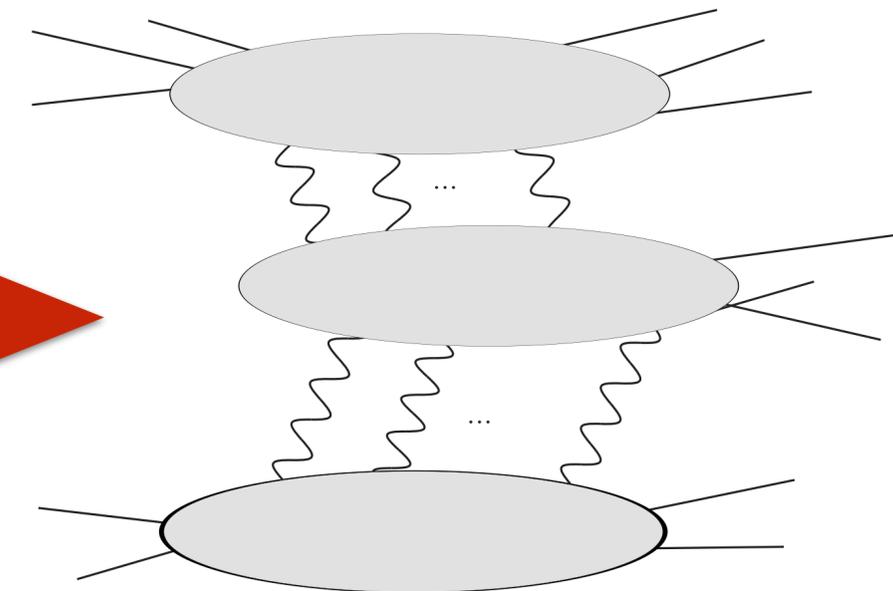
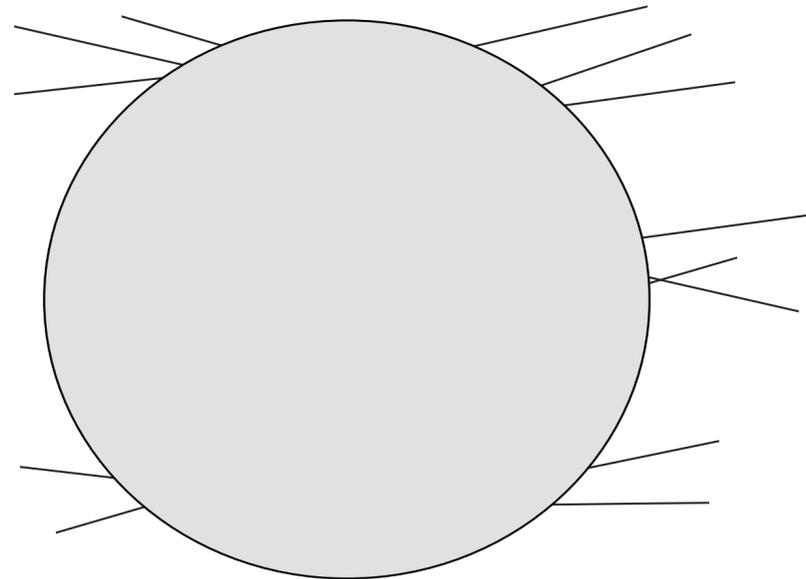
an action formalism for reggeized gluons: Lipatov's high energy effective action

basic idea:

[Lipatov; hep-ph/9502308]

- action for reggeized quarks:
[Lipatov, Vyazovsky [hep-ph/0009340](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0009340)]
- action for electroweak bosons:
[Gomez Bock, MH, Sabio Vera, [2010.03621](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.03621)]

relevant kinematics:
Multi-Regge-Kinematics
(separated in rapidity &
transverse momenta of same
order of magnitude)



correlator with regions
localized in rapidity,
significantly separated from
each other

factorize using auxiliary
degree of freedom =
the reggeized gluon

- idea: factorize QCD amplitudes in the high energy limit through introducing a new kind of field: the reggeized gluon A_{\pm} (conventional QCD gluon: v_{μ})

kinematics (strong ordering in light-cone momenta between different sectors): $\partial_+ A_-(x) = 0 = \partial_- A_+(x)$.

underlying concept:

- reggeized gluon globally charged under $SU(N_c)$ $A_{\pm}(x) = -it^a A_{\pm}^a(x)$

- but invariant under local gauge transformation

$$\delta_L v_{\mu} = \frac{1}{g} [D_{\mu}, \chi_L] \quad \text{vs.} \quad \delta_L A_{\pm} = \frac{1}{g} [A_{\pm}, \chi_L] = 0$$

→ gauge invariant factorization of QCD correlators

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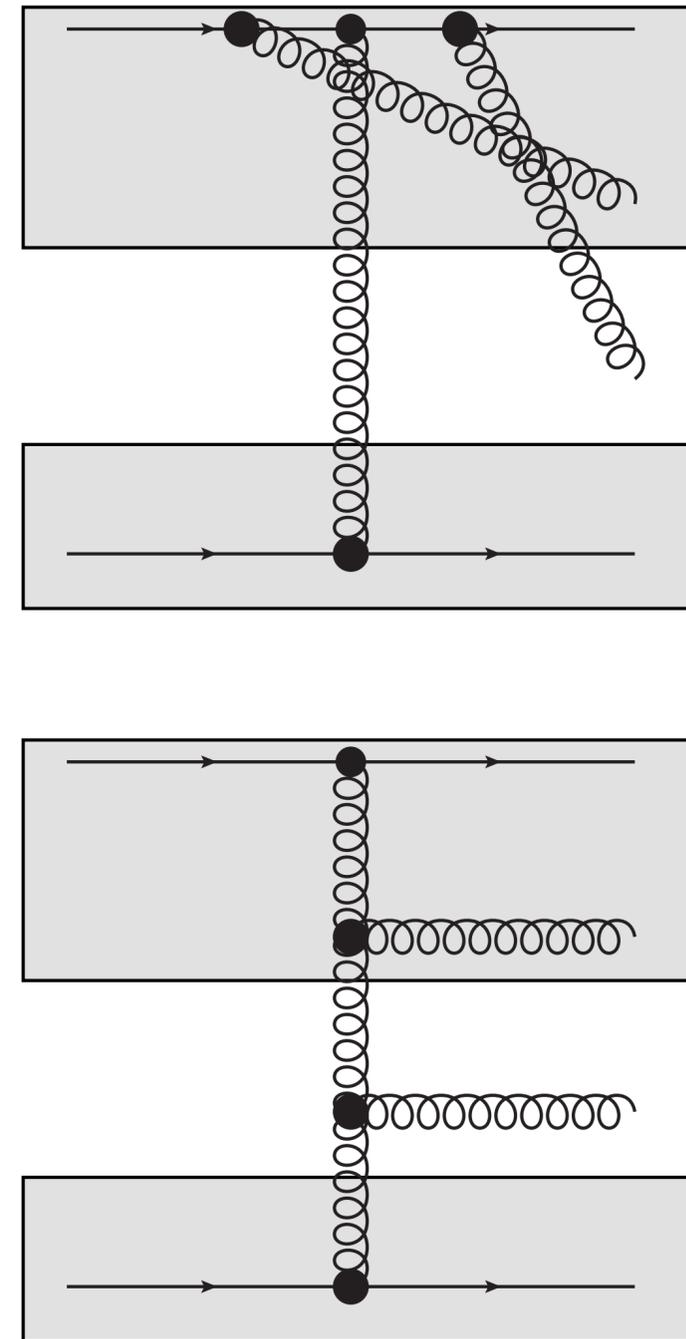
- integrate out specific details of (relatively) fast +/- fields
- description in sub-amplitude local in rapidity: QCD Lagrangian + universal eikonal factor

$$T_{\pm}[v_{\pm}] = -\frac{1}{g} \partial_{\pm} \mathcal{P} \exp \left(-\frac{g}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{x^{\pm}} dx'^{\pm} v_{\pm}(x') \right)$$

- effective field theory for each local rapidity cluster

$$S_{\text{eff}} = S_{\text{QCD}} + S_{\text{ind.}}$$

$$S_{\text{ind.}} = \int d^4x \left\{ \text{tr} \left[(T_{-}[v(x)] - A_{-}(x)) \partial_{\perp}^2 A_{+}(x) \right] + [" + " \leftrightarrow " - "] \right\}.$$



non-trivial test:

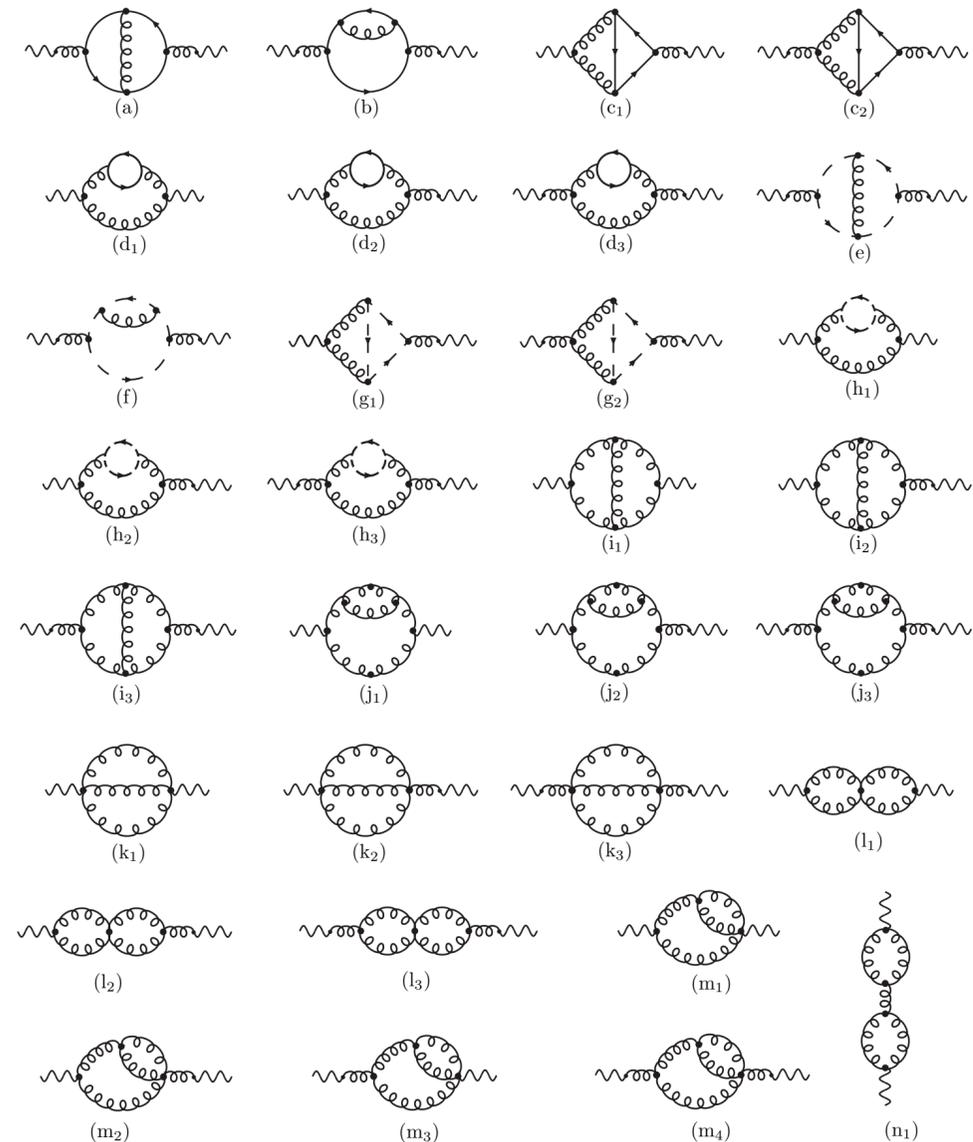
[Chachamis, MH, Madrigal, Sabio Vera; 1202.0649, 1307.2591]

2 loop gluon trajectory
from high energy
singularity of the
reggeized gluon
propagator

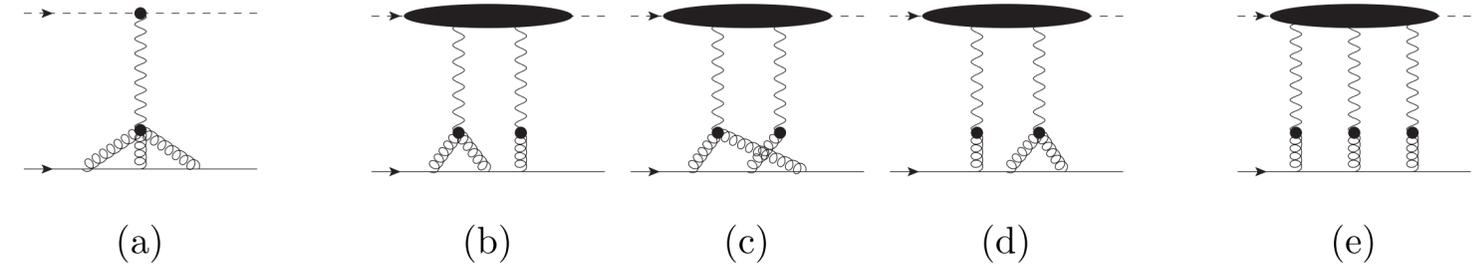
$$G(\rho; \epsilon, q^2, \mu^2) = \frac{i}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{i}{2} \Sigma\left(\rho; \epsilon, \frac{q^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \left[\frac{i}{2} \Sigma\left(\rho; \epsilon, \frac{q^2}{\mu^2}\right) \right]^2 + \dots \right\}$$

$$\Sigma\left(\rho; \epsilon, \frac{q^2}{\mu^2}\right) = \Sigma^{(1)}\left(\rho; \epsilon, \frac{q^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \Sigma^{(2)}\left(\rho; \epsilon, \frac{q^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \dots$$

$$\Sigma^{(2)}\left(\rho; \epsilon, \frac{q^2}{\mu^2}\right) = \text{2 loop} = \text{2 loop} - \text{1 loop} \times \text{1 loop}$$



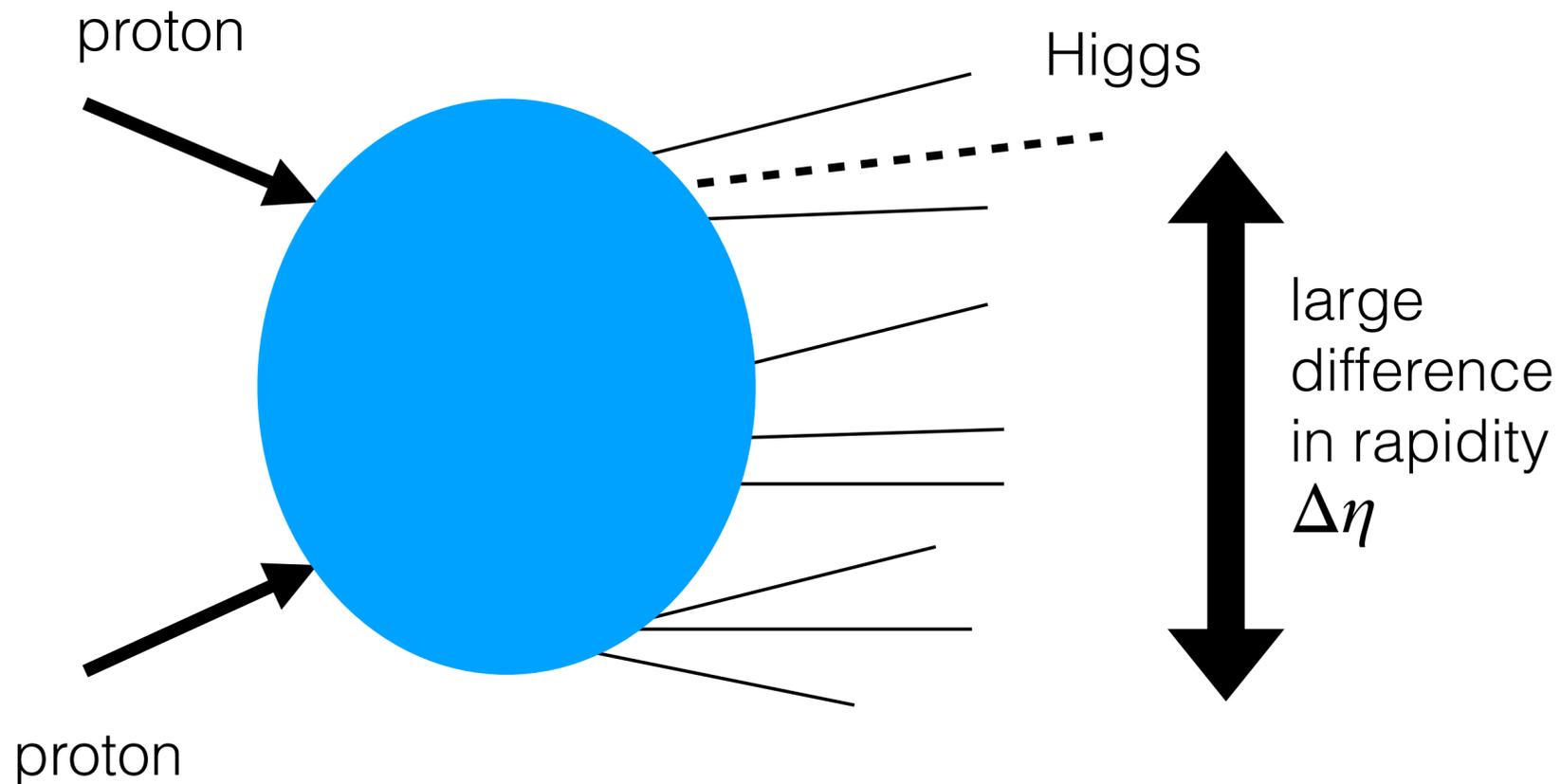
A short appraisal of Lipatov's high energy effective action



- natural framework to address multi-reggeized gluon exchanges [MH, [0908.2576](#)], [Braun *et al.* [hep-ph/0612323](#), [1103.3618](#), [1402.4786](#), [1702.04796](#)], [Bondarenko, Lipatov, Prygarin, Pozdnyakov, [1708.05183](#)]
- in particular: contains Balitsky-JIMWLK evolution (=Color Glass Condensate formalism) & background field propagators [MH, [1802.06755](#)]
- NLO impact factors for jets without and with rapidity gap (2 Reggeon state) [MH, Madrigal, Murdaca, Sabio Vera, [1404.2937](#), [1406.5625](#), [1409.6704](#)]
- 2 scale processes [Nefedov; [1902.11030](#)]
- Complementary (dilute): spinor helicity amplitudes based formalism [van Hameren, Kotko, Kutak; [1211.0961](#)], [van Hameren, Kutak, Salwa; [1308.2861](#)]

→ well tested effective action formalism
for high energy factorization

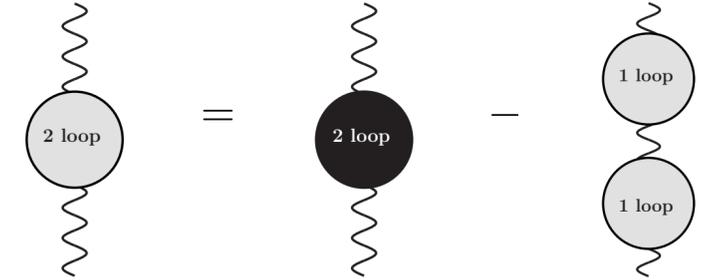
Forward Higgs production



Why is this of interest?

- Higgs phenomenology: only for events which identify a forward Higgs
- Higgs + jet configurations with resummation of $(\alpha_s \Delta\eta)^n$
e.g. [[Celiberto, Ivanov, Mohammed, Papa; 2008.00501](#)]
- program to define combined DGLAP & low x evolution with TMD splitting kernels [[MH, Kusina, Kutak, Serino, 1711.04587, 1607.01507](#)], see also yesterday's talk by Lissa Keersmaekers
- Higgs = a colorless final state & gives access to the gluon distribution

How to organize an NLO (and beyond) calculation using the high energy effective action?



- fully worked for virtual corrections → determination of the 2 loop Regge trajectory
- cross-checked & works

$$\omega^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}^2) = \frac{(\omega^{(1)}(\mathbf{q}^2))^2}{4} \left[\frac{11}{3} - \frac{2n_f}{3N_c} + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{67}{9} \right) \epsilon + \left(\frac{404}{27} - 2\zeta(3) \right) \epsilon^2 \right]$$

real corrections:

- essentially the same
- but deal with Multi-Regge-Kinematics means:
 - strong ordering in rapidity
 - in general arbitrary transverse momenta
- need to work with convolution integrals instead of products in general not a problem & well known from *e.g.* conventional collinear factorization

Starting point: hybrid factorization

Higgs production in fragmentation/forward region of proton 1

$$p = x_H p_A + \frac{M_H^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}{x_H s} p_B + p_T,$$

collinear parton distribution of proton 1: large x

$$\eta_H = \ln \frac{x_H \sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + M_H^2}}$$

unintegrated gluon distribution of proton 2: low x

- off-shell \rightarrow high energy factorization
- defined through 2 reggeized state

$$\frac{d^3 \sigma}{d^2 \mathbf{p} dx_H} = \int_{x_H}^1 \frac{dz}{z} \sum_{a=q,g} f_a \left(\frac{x_H}{z}, \mu_F^2 \right) \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{\pi} \frac{d\hat{C}_{ag^* \rightarrow H}(\mu_F^2, \eta_a; z, \mathbf{k})}{d^2 \mathbf{p} dx_H} \mathcal{G}(\eta_a, \mathbf{k}),$$

object of interest: coefficient

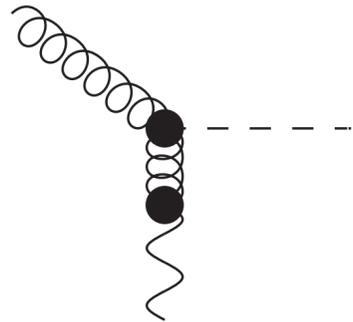
not included:

- multiple reggeized gluon exchange (Glauber gluons)
- no high density effects
- possible, but beyond this work

$$\frac{d^3 \hat{C}_{ag^* \rightarrow H}^{NLO}}{dx_H d^2 \mathbf{p}} = \sigma_0 \left(\frac{d^3 \hat{C}_{ag^* \rightarrow H}^{(0)}}{dx_H d^2 \mathbf{p}} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{d^3 \hat{C}_{pg^* \rightarrow H}^{(1)}}{dx_H d^2 \mathbf{p}} + \dots \right).$$

Tree level:

conventional gluon



reggeized = high energy factorized gluon

$$\frac{d\hat{C}_{gg^* \rightarrow H}^{(0)}(\mu_F^2, \eta_a; z, \mathbf{k})}{d^2\mathbf{p}dx_H} = \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{k})\delta(1 - z)$$

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{g_H^2 \pi}{8(N_c^2 - 1)}$$

$$\frac{d^3\hat{C}_{ag^* \rightarrow H}^{NLO}}{dx_H d^2\mathbf{p}} = \sigma_0 \left(\frac{d^3\hat{C}_{ag^* \rightarrow H}^{(0)}}{dx_H d^2\mathbf{p}} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{d^3\hat{C}_{pg^* \rightarrow H}^{(1)}}{dx_H d^2\mathbf{p}} + \dots \right)$$

coupling Higgs gluon field through effective Lagrangian ($m_t \rightarrow \infty$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4}g_H H F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu}$$

$$g_H = -\frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi v} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} 11 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

[Shifman, Vainshtein, Voloshin, Zakharov, 1979],
[Ellis, Gaillard, Nanopoulos, 1976],
[Ravindran, Smith, Van Neerven, 2002]

Virtual corrections

- determined in [[Nefedov, 1902.11030](#)]
- rapidity divergences regulated through tilting light-cone directions of eikonal propagators $n^\pm \rightarrow n^\pm + e^{-\rho} n^\mp$ with $\rho \rightarrow \infty$ parametrizing the singularities
- collinear, UV and soft singularity regulated through dimensional regularization in $d = 4 + 2\epsilon$ dimensions

$$\frac{dh_{gg^* \rightarrow H}^{(1)}(z, \mathbf{k})}{d^2\mathbf{p}dx_H} = \frac{dh_{gg^* \rightarrow H}^{(0)}(z, \mathbf{k})}{d^2\mathbf{p}dx_H} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{\mu^2}\right)^\epsilon \left\{ -\frac{C_A}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{8C_A}{3} - \frac{2n_f}{3} \right) + \frac{C_A}{\epsilon} \left[-\rho + \ln \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{(p_a^+)^2} \right] + C_A \left[2\text{Li}_2 \left(1 + \frac{M_H^2}{\mathbf{k}^2} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{49}{9} \right] + 11 - \frac{10}{9}n_f \right\}$$

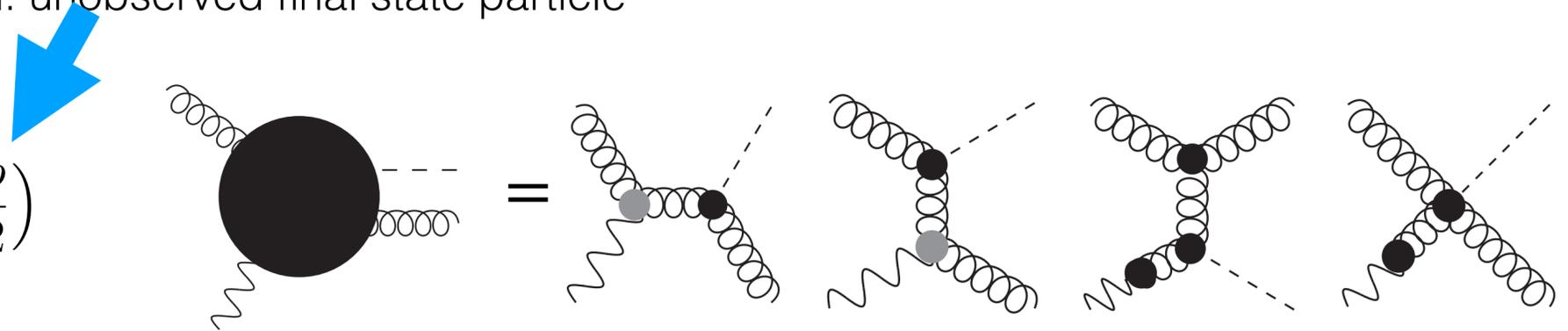


high energy divergence & log in energy:
proportional to 1-loop gluon trajectory

Real corrections

regulator on gluon rapidity
general: unobserved final state particle

$$\frac{d^3 h_{gg^* \rightarrow Hg}^{(0)}(z, \mathbf{k})}{dx_H d^2 \mathbf{p}} = \frac{\alpha_s C_A \sigma_0}{2\pi \epsilon \mathbf{k}^2} H_{ggH}(z, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) \theta\left(\eta_g + \frac{\rho}{2}\right)$$



$$H_{ggH}(z, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{2}{z(1-z)} \left\{ 2z^2 + \frac{(1-z)zM_H^2(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})[z^2 + (1-z) \cdot 2\epsilon] - 2z^3(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r})(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{k})}{r^2(\mathbf{p}^2 + (1-z)M_H^2)} \right.$$

$$+ \frac{(1+\epsilon)(1-z)^2 z^2 M_H^4}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\Delta^2 + (1-z)M_H^2} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}^2 + (1-z)M_H^2} \right)^2$$

$$- \frac{2z^2(\mathbf{p} \cdot \Delta)^2 + 2\epsilon \cdot (1-z)^2 z^2 M_H^4}{(\mathbf{p}^2 + (1-z)M_H^2)(\Delta^2 + (1-z)M_H^2)} - \frac{2z(1-z)^2 M_H^2}{\Delta^2 + (1-z)M_H^2} - \frac{2z(1-z)^2 M_H^2}{\mathbf{p}^2 + (1-z)M_H^2}$$

$$\left. - \frac{(1-z)zM_H^2(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})[z^2 + (1-z) \cdot 2\epsilon] - 2z^3(\Delta \cdot \mathbf{r})(\Delta \cdot \mathbf{k})}{r^2(\Delta^2 + (1-z)M_H^2)} \right\}$$

$$+ \frac{2\mathbf{k}^2}{r^2} \left\{ \frac{z}{1-z} + z(1-z) + 2(1+\epsilon) \frac{(1-z)(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})^2}{z \mathbf{k}^2 r^2} \right\};$$

$$H_{qqH}(z, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1+\epsilon}{z} \left[z^2 + 4(1-z) \frac{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})^2}{\mathbf{k}^2 r^2} \right]$$

using 3 different methods

- high energy effective action
- kT-factorization (in light-cone gauge)
- KaTie Monte Carlo
- cross-checked against collinear results for $\mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$ (off-shell gluon TM)

[Dawson, 1991]

How to obtain a coefficient?

- UV as for collinear calculation

$$\alpha_s = \alpha_s(\mu_R) \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)\beta_0}{(4\pi)} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu_R^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right], \quad \beta_0 = \frac{11C_A}{3} -$$

using that $g_H \sim \alpha_s(\mu_R)$

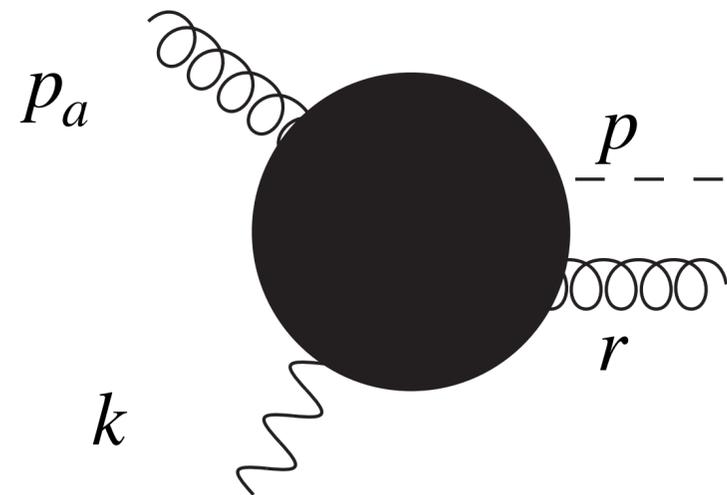
off-shell partonic result contains

- high energy divergencies (parametrized by $\rho \rightarrow \infty$)
- collinear, soft and UV divergencies

1 loop partonic parton distribution

$$\Gamma_{ba}(z) = \delta_{ba}\delta(1-z) - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mu^2} \right) P_{ga}(z) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

coll. gluon/quark



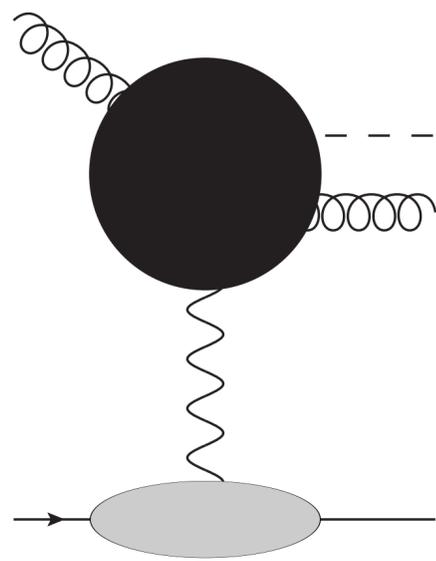
$$\frac{d^3 h_{ag^* \rightarrow Ha}^{(0)}}{dx_H d^2 \mathbf{p}} = \sum_{b=q,g} \int_{x_H}^1 d\xi \int d^{2+2\epsilon} \tilde{\mathbf{k}} \frac{d^3 \hat{C}_{bg^* \rightarrow Hb}(z, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{p})}{dx_H d^2 \mathbf{p}} \Gamma_{ba} \left(\xi, \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mu^2} \right) \tilde{\Gamma}_{g^*g^*}(\xi, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{k})$$

1-loop unintegrated gluon distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Gamma}_{g^*g^*}(\xi, \tilde{\mathbf{k}}, \mathbf{k}) = & \delta(1-\xi) \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k} - \tilde{\mathbf{k}}) \left[1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{\mu^2} \right)^\epsilon \left(\frac{5C_A - 2n_f}{6\epsilon} - \frac{31C_A - 10n_f}{18} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \delta(1-\xi) (\rho + 2\eta_a) \left[\frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi_\epsilon (\tilde{\mathbf{k}} - \mathbf{k})^2} - \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k} - \tilde{\mathbf{k}}) \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi_\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{\mu^2} \right)^\epsilon \right] \right], \end{aligned}$$

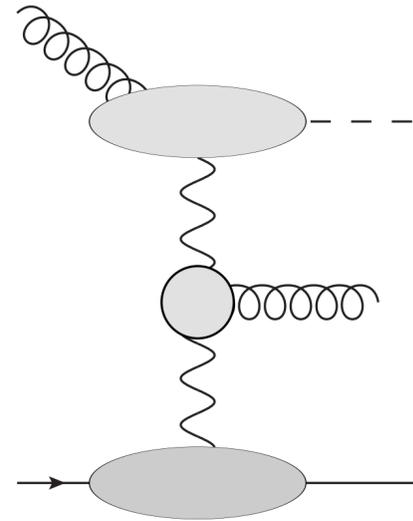
- more interesting: external legs

Origin of the 1-loop unintegrated gluon distribution: subtraction & cancellation of rapidity divergencies



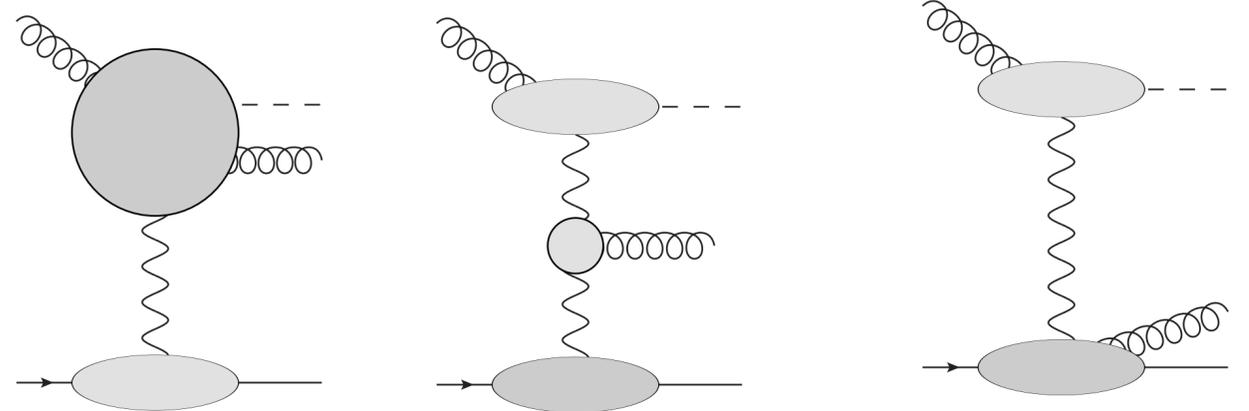
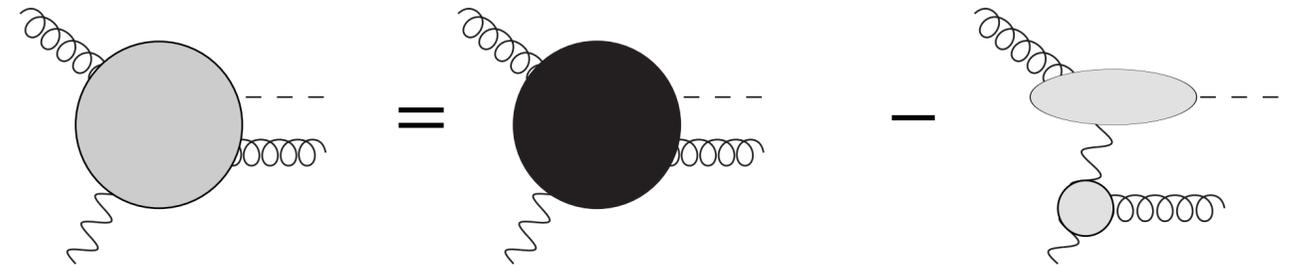
fwd Higgs + gluon (quasi-elastic): our result

both: + virtual corrections



central gluon production (high energy factorized) → the BFKL kernel!

both diagrams have an overlap region → need to remove this overlap [MH, Sabio Vera; [1110.6741](#)]



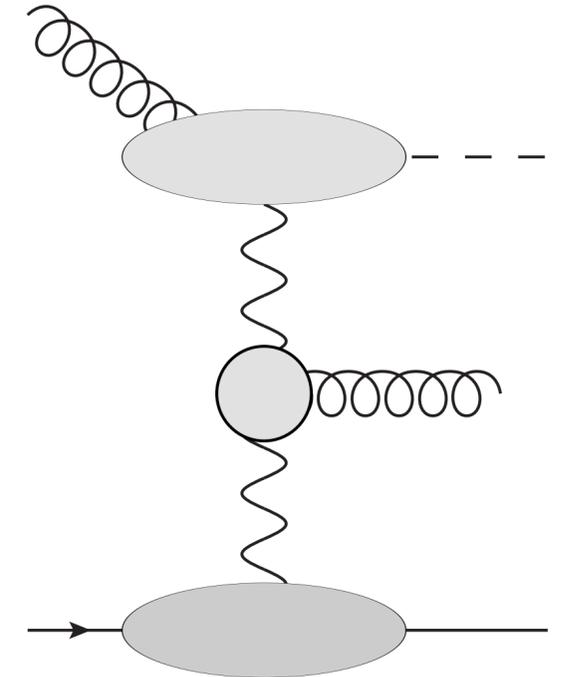
- no overlap any more
- finite for $\rho \rightarrow \infty$
- correct

Transition function

next step: introduce transition function Z^\pm to make cancellation of divergencies between individual contributions explicit

$$d\sigma_{ab}^{\text{NLO}} = [C_{a,B}(\rho) \otimes G_B(\rho) \otimes C_{b,B}(\rho)]$$

renormalized reggeized gluon Green's function



$$G_B(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2; \rho) = \left[Z^+ \left(\frac{\rho}{2} - \eta_a \right) \otimes G_R(\eta_a, \eta_b) \otimes Z^- \left(\frac{\rho}{2} + \eta_b \right) \right] (\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$$

renormalized subtracted coefficient

$$C_{a,R}(\eta_a; \mathbf{k}_1) \equiv \left[C_a(\rho) \otimes Z^+ \left(\frac{\rho}{2} - \eta_a \right) \right] (\mathbf{k}_1)$$

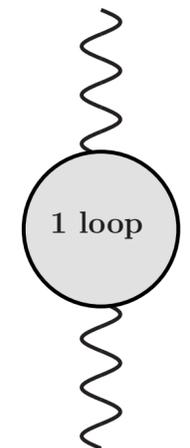
$$\frac{d}{d\hat{\rho}} Z^+(\hat{\rho}; \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = [Z^+(\hat{\rho}) \otimes K_{\text{BFKL}}] (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}),$$

$$\frac{d}{d\hat{\rho}} Z^-(\hat{\rho}; \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = [K_{\text{BFKL}} \otimes Z^-(\hat{\rho})] (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}),$$

transition function subject to BFKL kernel \rightarrow possibility to define it within effective action

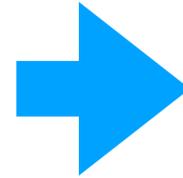
$\eta_{a,b}$: factorization parameter
 \rightarrow BFKL equation for G_R as RG equation

Note: reggeized gluon self energy contains also finite terms
 \rightarrow those terms are moved to impact factors
 \rightarrow universal, but ρ independent terms



Real-virtual cancellations:

Our final result still contains $\frac{1}{\epsilon}, \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$ poles and divergent convolution integrals



can be shown relatively easily that those poles cancel (phase space slicing techniques)

numerics: something like dipole subtraction [Catani, Seymour; [hep-ph/9605323](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/9605323)] would be desirable

here: divergencies related to convolution integral \rightarrow can't directly apply those techniques

$$\int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}}{\pi} \frac{d\hat{C}_{ag^* \rightarrow H}(\mu_F^2, \eta_a; z, \mathbf{k})}{d^2 \mathbf{p} dx_H} \mathcal{G}(\eta_a, \mathbf{k})$$

instead propose:

$$\int \frac{d^{2+2\epsilon} \mathbf{r}}{\pi^{1+\epsilon}} \frac{\kappa(\mathbf{r})}{r^2} G((\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r})^2) = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\pi} \left[\frac{\kappa(\mathbf{r})}{r^2} \right]_+ G(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r})^2 + \int \frac{d^{2+2\epsilon} \mathbf{r}}{\pi^{1+\epsilon}} \frac{\kappa(\mathbf{r})}{r^2} \frac{p^2 G(p^2)}{r^2 + (\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r})^2}$$

calculated analytically & added to virtual corrections \rightarrow combined expression finite

$$\int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\pi} \left[\frac{\kappa(\mathbf{r})}{r^2} \right]_+ G((\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r})^2) \equiv \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{\pi} \frac{\kappa(\mathbf{r})}{r^2} \left[G(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r})^2 - \frac{p^2 G(p^2)}{r^2 + (\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r})^2} \right]$$

- in general: numerically for real corrections
- finiteness checked for Mellin representation

$$\text{of } G(\mathbf{q}^2) = \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{Q_0^2} \right)^\gamma \tilde{G}(\gamma)$$

Conclusions

- Derived coefficient for forward Higgs production within the $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ effective gluon-Higgs coupling
- Introduced transition function to cancel high energy divergencies
- Presented subtraction mechanism (\rightarrow mimics dipole subtraction) achieves elegant cancelation of soft-collinear cancelation between real & virtual corrections

Outlook:

- Numerical studies + generalized TMD factorization along the lines of [MH, Kusina, Kutak, Serino, [1711.04587](#), [1607.01507](#)]
- phenomenology (?)



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Thanks a lot for attention!