

Threshold resummation for pair-production of coloured heavy particles at hadron colliders

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Pair-production of heavy particles at hadron colliders

$$p_i(r_i) + p_j(r_j) \rightarrow H(R)H'(R') + X \quad H, H' \equiv t, \tilde{q}, \tilde{g}, \dots$$

Partonic cross section for pair-production of heavy particles at hadron colliders contains terms kinematically enhanced in the partonic threshold region $\hat{s} \sim 4\bar{m}^2$, $\bar{m} \equiv (m_H + m_{H'})/2$.

- **Coulomb singularities:** $\sim \alpha_s^n / \beta^n$, $\beta = \sqrt{1 - 4\bar{m}^2/\hat{s}} \Leftrightarrow$ Coulomb interactions of slowly-moving particles
- **Threshold logarithms:** $\sim \alpha_s^n \ln^{2n} \beta^2 \Leftrightarrow$ soft-gluon exchange

Small coupling but effectively “non-perturbative” dynamics \Rightarrow **Must be resummed to all orders when the partonic threshold region dominates the total hadronic cross section!**

- Absolute normalisation of the total cross section
- Generally observed to reduce factorisation-scale dependence

Resummation in Mellin-moment space

In recent years threshold resummation has been applied to several different processes:

- $t\bar{t}$ [Catani et al. '96; Bonciani et al '98; Kidonakis et al '01; Moch, Uwer '08; Czakon, Mitov '08]
- Squarks, gluinos [Kulesza, Motyka '08; Langenfeld, Moch '09]
- Colour-octet scalars [Idilbi, Kim, Mehen, '09]

The theoretical basis for resummation is the [factorisation](#) of hard and soft contributions in the [threshold region](#) (more generally for $Q^2 \sim \hat{s}$, even if $Q^2 \neq 4\bar{m}^2$)

$$\hat{\sigma} = H \otimes S$$

- Resummation traditionally performed in [Mellin-moment space](#):

$$H \otimes S \Rightarrow H(N)S(N) \quad \alpha_s^n \ln^{2n} \beta \Rightarrow \alpha_s^n \ln^{2n} N$$

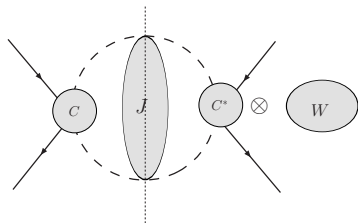
- Threshold logs exponentiated by solving [evolution equations](#) for $H(N)$ and $S(N)$.
- Requires **numerical inversion** of the Mellin transform and prescription to deal with **Landau poles** in the integrand

Resummation in momentum space

In this talk: apply formalism proposed by [Neubert and Becher '06] to resummation of the total cross section for $p_i p_j \rightarrow HH' + X$.

- Based on effective-theory description of the process (SCET+NRQCD)
- Threshold resummation performed directly in momentum space

Extra factorisation of the cross section near the true partonic threshold $\hat{s} \sim (m_H + m_{H'})^2$



$$\hat{\sigma} = |C|^2 \times W \otimes J$$

- Hard function C: depends on the precise nature of the physics model
- Process-independent soft function W: analogous to S in usual factorisation formula
- Potential function J encoding Coulomb interactions

J and W depend only on $SU(3)$ representation of p_i, p_j, H, H' !

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- **potential**: $k_0 \sim m\beta^2, |\vec{k}| \sim m\beta$ (\Leftrightarrow **Coulomb singularities**)
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The full theory is matched on an effective Lagrangian from which hard modes are removed.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{full}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{PNRQCD}}$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}}$: describes interactions of collinear (ξ_c, A_c) and soft (A_s) modes

$$\mathcal{L}_c = \bar{\xi}_c \left(in \cdot D + i\not{D}_\perp c \frac{1}{in \cdot D_c} i\not{D}_\perp c \right) \frac{\not{n}}{2} \xi_c - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(F_c^{\mu\nu} F_{c\mu\nu}^c \right)$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{PNRQCD}}$: contains interactions of potential (ψ, ψ', A_p) and soft (A_s) modes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PNRQCD}} = & \psi^\dagger \left(iD_s^0 + \frac{\vec{\partial}^2}{2m_H} + \frac{i\Gamma_H}{2} \right) \psi + \psi'^\dagger \left(iD_s^0 + \frac{\vec{\partial}^2}{2m_{H'}} + \frac{i\Gamma_{H'}}{2} \right) \psi' \\ & + \int d^3\vec{r} \left[\psi^\dagger \mathbf{T}^{(R)a} \psi \right] (x + \vec{r}) \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{r} \right) \left[\psi'^\dagger \mathbf{T}^{(R')a} \psi' \right] (x) \end{aligned}$$

Structure of EFT amplitudes and soft-gluon decoupling

$$\mathcal{A}_{\{a\}}(pp' \rightarrow HH'X) = \sum_{\ell,i} c_{\{b\}}^{(i)} C_{pp'}^{(\ell,i)}(4\bar{m}^2, \mu) \langle H_{a_3} H'_{a_4} X | \mathcal{O}_{pp',\{b\}}^{(\ell)}(0) | p_{a_1} p'_{a_2} \rangle$$

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- $\mathcal{O}_{pp',\{b\}}^{(0)} \sim \phi_{\bar{c},b_2} \phi_{c,b_1} \psi'_{b_4} \psi_{b_3}$, with $\phi_c = \{W_c \xi_c, \mathcal{A}_c\}$.
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At leading order in PNRQCD soft gluons can be removed from the effective Lagrangian via a field redefinition involving [soft Wilson lines](#):

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_c(x) &= S_n^{(r_i)}(x_-) \phi_c^{(0)}(x) \\ \psi(x) &= S_v^{(R)}(x_0) \psi_b^{(0)}(x) \\ S_n^{(r_i)\dagger} (in \cdot D) S_n^{(r_i)} &\Rightarrow in \cdot D_c \\ S_v^{(R)\dagger} (iD_s^0) S_v^{(R)} &\Rightarrow i\partial^0\end{aligned}$$

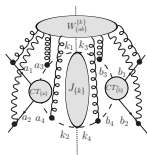
Factorisation formula

After soft-gluon decoupling:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp'}(\hat{s}, \mu) = \frac{1}{2\hat{s}N_{pp'}} \sum_{i,i',\ell,\ell'} \sum_{R_\alpha} C_{pp'}^{(\ell,i)} C_{pp'}^{(\ell',i')*} \int d\omega J_{R_\alpha}^{(\ell,\ell')} \left(E - \frac{\omega}{2}\right) W_{ii'}^{R_\alpha}(\omega, \mu)$$

Colour structure of the factorisation formula

- Hard coefficients $C_{pp'}^{(l,i)}$ is decomposed on a basis of colour operators $o_{\{c\}}^{(i)}$
- Potential function $J_{R_\alpha}^{(\ell,\ell')}$ is projected over irreducible representations of the final state:
 $R \otimes R' = \sum_\alpha R_\alpha$
- $W_{ii'}^{R_\alpha}$ is given by a set of matrices acting on the vector space spanned by $o_{\{c\}}^{(i)}$



$$W_{ii'}^{R_\alpha}(\omega, \mu) = P_{\{k\}}^{R_\alpha} c_{\{a\}}^{(i)} c_{\{b\}}^{(i')*} \int \frac{dz_0}{4\pi} e^{i\omega z_0/2} \langle 0 | \bar{T}[S_{n,ib_1}^\dagger S_{\bar{n},jb_2}^\dagger S_{v,b_4,k_4} S_{v,b_3,k_3}] (z) T[S_{\bar{n},a_2j} S_{n,a_1i} S_{v,k_1a_3}^\dagger S_{v,k_2a_4}^\dagger] (0) | 0 \rangle$$

Different soft function $W_{ii'}^{R_\alpha}$ for each irreducible representation R_α !

Consider pair production of particle-antiparticle in the fundamental representation (ex. $t\bar{t}$, $q\bar{q}$)

$$3 \otimes \bar{3} = 1 \oplus 8$$

Projectors on the irreducible representations: $P_{\{k\}}^S = \frac{1}{N_C} \delta_{k_1 k_2} \delta_{k_3 k_4}$ $P_{\{k\}}^8 = 2T_{k_2 k_1}^A T_{k_3 k_4}^A$

- **Quark-antiquark channel:** $q\bar{q} \rightarrow H^{(3)} H^{(\bar{3})}$

$$c_{\{a\}}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{N_C} \delta_{a_1 a_2} \delta_{a_3 a_4} \quad c_{\{a\}}^{(2)} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{N_C^2 - 1}} T_{a_2 a_1}^A T_{a_3 a_4}^A$$

$$W_{ii'}^S(z, \mu) = \text{diag}(W_{DY}, 0)$$

$$W_{ii'}^8(z, \mu) = \text{diag}\left(0, \frac{1}{(N_C^2 - 1)} \langle 0 | \text{Tr}[\bar{T}[S_n^\dagger T^a S_{v,ac}^{(8)} S_{\bar{n}}]](z) \text{T}[S_{\bar{n}}^\dagger S_{v,cb}^{(8),\dagger} T^b S_n](0) | 0 \rangle\right)$$

- $W_{i \neq i'}^{S/8}(z, \mu) \propto \text{Tr}[T^A] = 0$
- $W_{DY} = \frac{1}{N_C} \langle 0 | \text{Tr}[\bar{T}[S_n^\dagger S_{\bar{n}}]](z) \text{T}[S_{\bar{n}}^\dagger S_n](0) | 0 \rangle$.
- Conventional soft function $\underline{W_{ii'}} = \sum_\alpha W_{ii'}^{R_\alpha} = \text{diag}(W_{DY}, W_{22}^8)$

- **Gluon-gluon channel:** $gg \rightarrow H^{(3)}H^{(\bar{3})}$

$$c_{\{a\}}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{N_C D_A} \delta_{a_1 a_2} \delta_{a_3 a_4} \quad c_{\{a\}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 D_A B_F}} D_{a_2 a_1}^A T_{a_3 a_4}^A \quad c_{\{a\}}^{(3)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{N_C D_A}} F_{a_2 a_1}^A T_{a_3 a_4}^A$$

$$W_{ii'}^S(z, \mu) = \text{diag}(W_{DY}, 0, 0)$$

$$W_{ii'}^8(z, \mu) = \text{diag}\left(0, \frac{1}{4 D_A B_F} \langle 0 | \text{Tr}[\bar{T}[S_n^\dagger D^a S_{v,ac}^{(8)} S_{\bar{n}}](z) T[S_n^\dagger S_{v,cb}^{(8),\dagger} D^b S_n](0)] | 0 \rangle, \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{N_C D_A} \langle 0 | \text{Tr}[\bar{T}[S_n^\dagger F^a S_{v,ac}^{(8)} S_{\bar{n}}](z) T[S_n^\dagger S_{v,cb}^{(8),\dagger} F^b S_n](0)] | 0 \rangle \right)$$

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- At threshold soft function for $r_i + r_j \rightarrow R + R'$ is reduced to sum of soft functions for $r_i + r_j \rightarrow R_\alpha$, where $R \otimes R' = \sum_\alpha R_\alpha$
- **Conventional soft function $W_{ii'} = \sum_\alpha W_{ii'}^{R_\alpha}$ for $\bar{t}\bar{t}/\bar{q}\bar{q}$ at threshold is diagonal to all order in α_s in the same colour basis that diagonalises the one-loop soft function**
(Extends recent results for the two-loop massive soft anomalous dimension in the threshold limit [Mitov et al. '09; Neubert et al. '09])

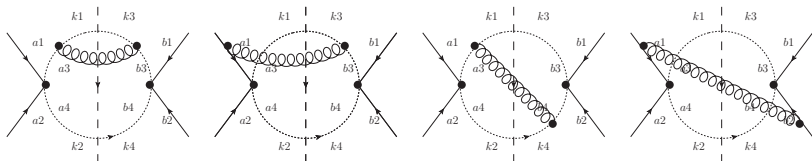
Resummation of threshold logarithms

Factorisation-scale independence of the total cross section translates into [evolution equations for hard matching coefficient and soft function](#)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d \ln \mu} C_{pp'}^i(4\bar{m}^2, \mu) &= \left[\frac{1}{2} (\Gamma^r + \Gamma^{r'}) \ln \left(-\frac{4\bar{m}^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \gamma^C \right]_{ij} C_{pp'}^j(4\bar{m}^2, \mu) \\ \frac{d}{d \ln \mu} \mathbf{W}^{R\alpha}(\omega, \mu) &= - \int_0^\omega d\omega' \left(\frac{1}{\omega - \omega'} \right)_{[\mu]} \left[\Gamma_{R\alpha} \mathbf{W}^{R\alpha}(\omega', \mu) + \mathbf{W}^{R\alpha}(\omega', \mu) \Gamma_{R\alpha}^\dagger \right] \\ &\quad - \gamma_{R\alpha}^S \mathbf{W}^{R\alpha}(\omega, \mu) - \mathbf{W}^R(\omega, \mu) \gamma_{R\alpha}^{S\dagger} \\ \sum_\alpha \Gamma_{R\alpha} &= \Gamma^r + \Gamma^{r'} \quad \sum_\alpha \gamma_{R\alpha}^S = \gamma^S\end{aligned}$$

- Γ^r and $\Gamma_{R\alpha}$ control resummation of double logs, $\gamma_{ij}^C, \gamma^{S,R\alpha}$ resum single logs.
- [In general mixing of different colour structures.](#) With suitable choice of colour basis reduce to set of decoupled equations for $W_{ii}^{R\alpha}$

One-loop soft function and anomalous dimensions



One-loop soft function for arbitrary initial and final-state particles:

$$W_{ij}^{R_\alpha, (1)}(L) = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[\frac{\Gamma_{R_\alpha, ij}^{r, (0)} + \Gamma_{R_\alpha, ij}^{r', (0)}}{4} \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{2}{\epsilon} L + L^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) - \gamma_{R_\alpha, ij}^{S, (0)} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + L + 2 \right) \right]$$

$$L = 2 \ln \left(\frac{iz_0 \mu e^{\gamma_E}}{2} \right)$$

For R_α relevant for $\underline{t\bar{t}}/\underline{q\bar{q}}$ one obtains:

$q\bar{q}$ channel		gg channel	
$\Gamma_S^{3, (0)} = \text{diag}(4C_F, 0)$	$\gamma_S^{S, (0)} = \text{diag}(0, 0)$	$\Gamma_S^{8, (0)} = \text{diag}(4N_C, 0, 0)$	$\gamma_S^{S, (0)} = \text{diag}(0, 0, 0)$
$\Gamma_8^{3, (0)} = \text{diag}(0, 4C_F)$	$\gamma_8^{S, (0)} = \text{diag}(0, -2N_C)$	$\Gamma_8^{8, (0)} = \text{diag}(0, 4N_C, 4N_C)$	$\gamma_8^{S, (0)} = \text{diag}(0, -2N_C, -2N_C)$

$\sum_\alpha \Gamma_{R_\alpha}^{r, (0)}, \sum_\alpha \gamma_{R_\alpha}^{S, (0)}$ gives the usual one-loop cusp and soft anomalous dimensions!

Resummed soft function and matching coefficient

Threshold logarithms are resummed by renormalising $C_{pp'}^i$ and $\mathbf{W}^{R\alpha}$ at a hard scale μ_h and a soft scale μ_s respectively, and evolving them to the common scale μ .

$$C_{pp'}^{i,\text{res}}(4\bar{m}^2, \mu) = \exp[2S(\mu_h, \mu) - a_i^C(\mu_h, \mu)] \left(-\frac{4\bar{m}^2}{\mu_h^2}\right)^{-a_\Gamma(\mu_h, \mu)} C_{pp'}^i(4\bar{m}^2, \mu_h)$$

$$W_{ii}^{R\alpha,\text{res}}(\omega, \mu) = \exp[-4S_i^{R\alpha}(\mu_s, \mu) + 2a_i^{S,R\alpha}(\mu_s, \mu)] \tilde{s}_{ii}^{R\alpha}(\partial_\eta, \mu_s) \frac{1}{\omega} \left(\frac{\omega}{\mu_s}\right)^{2\eta} \theta(\omega) \frac{e^{-2\gamma_E \eta}}{\Gamma(2\eta)}$$

$$S(\nu, \mu) = - \int_{\alpha_s(\nu)}^{\alpha_s(\mu)} d\alpha_s \frac{\Gamma^r(\alpha_s) + \Gamma^{r'}(\alpha_s)}{2\beta(\alpha_s)} \int_{\alpha_s(\nu)}^{\alpha_s} \frac{d\alpha'_s}{\beta(\alpha'_s)}$$

$$a_\Gamma(\nu, \mu) = - \int_{\alpha_s(\nu)}^{\alpha_s(\mu)} d\alpha_s \frac{\Gamma^{(0)r}(\alpha_s) + \Gamma^{r'}(\alpha_s)}{2\beta(\alpha_s)}$$

$$a_i^X(\nu, \mu) = - \int_{\alpha_s(\nu)}^{\alpha_s(\mu)} d\alpha_s \frac{\gamma_i^X(\alpha_s)}{\beta(\alpha_s)}$$

μ_h and μ_s must be chosen such that fixed-order perturbative expansions of $C_{pp'}^i(4\bar{m}^2, \mu_h)$ and $W_{ii}^{R\alpha}(\omega, \mu_s)$ are well behaved.

Resummed Coulomb corrections

Well known from quarkonia physics! $J_{R_\alpha}^{(\ell, \ell')}$ related to zero-distance Green function of Schrödinger operator $-\vec{\nabla}^2/(2m_{\text{red}}) - \alpha_s(-C_{R_\alpha})/r$:

$$J_{R_\alpha}^{(\ell, \ell')}(E) \leftrightarrow \text{Im } G_{C, R_\alpha}^{(0)}(0, 0; E) \quad E = \sqrt{s} - 2\bar{m}$$

In the $\overline{\text{MS}}$

$$G_{C, R_\alpha}^{(0)}(0, 0; E) = -\frac{(2m_{\text{red}})^2}{4\pi} \left\{ \sqrt{-\frac{E}{2m_{\text{red}}}} + \alpha_s(-C_{R_\alpha}) \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(-\frac{8m_{\text{red}}E}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} + \gamma_E + \psi \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_s(-C_{R_\alpha})}{2\sqrt{-E/(2m_{\text{red}})}} \right) \right] \right\}$$

with $C_{R_\alpha} = (-C_F, 1/(2N_C))$ for $R_\alpha = (S, 8)$.

Finite width effects can be implemented by the replacement $E \rightarrow E + i\Gamma_H$

(see also **Stefano Actis' talk** tomorrow)

In the rest of this talk:

$$PP \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q} + X$$

Perform NLL resummation of soft-gluon corrections + Coulomb singularities:

- Two-loop cusp anomalous dimension Γ and QCD β -function
- One-loop soft anomalous dimension γ^S
- Tree-level fixed-order matching coefficient $C_{pp'}^i$ and soft functions $W_{ii'}^{R\alpha}$

μ set by default to $m_{\tilde{q}} \Rightarrow$ **no need to resum the hard matching coefficient $C_{pp'}^i$**

The effective-theory resummed cross section is matched onto the full NLO result [Zerwas et al., '96]

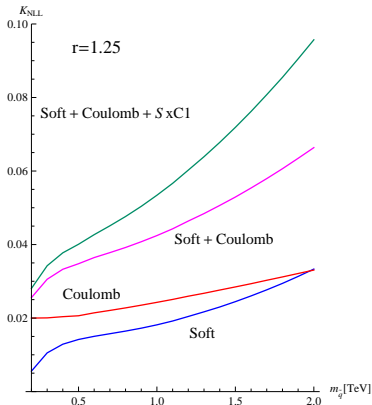
$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{match}}(\hat{s}, \mu_f) = [\hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{NLL}}(\hat{s}, \mu_f) - \hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{NLL}}(\hat{s}, \mu_f)|_{\text{NLO}}] + \hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{NLO}}(\hat{s}, \mu_f)$$

Full NLO result computed using fitted scaling functions provided by [Langenfeld, Moch, '09]

NLL corrections to $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$ production [PRELIMINARY]

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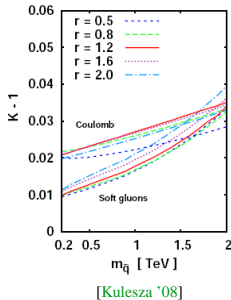
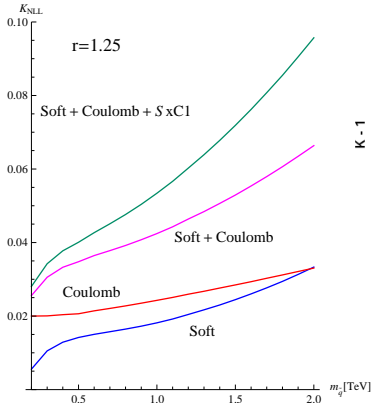
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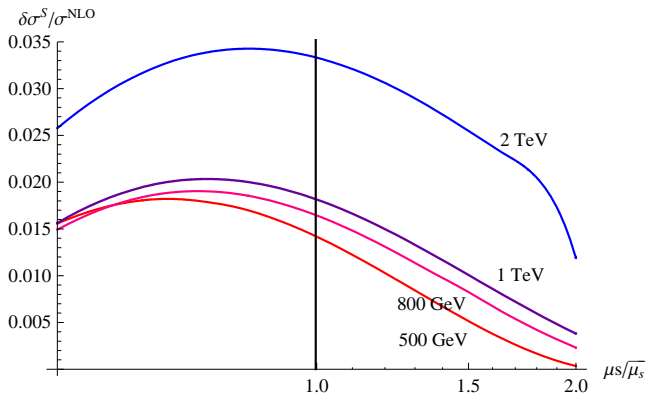
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Soft-scale dependence

Resummation introduces extra scale $\mu_s \Rightarrow$ How does the resummed result depend on μ_s ?

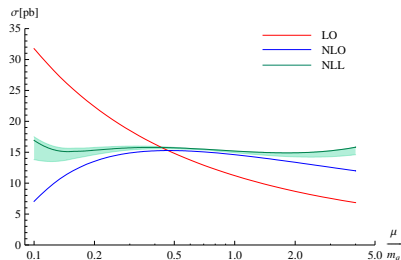


In the traditional Mellin-space resummation this is not visible (soft scale implicitly fixed to $\mu_s = 2m_{\bar{q}}/N$)

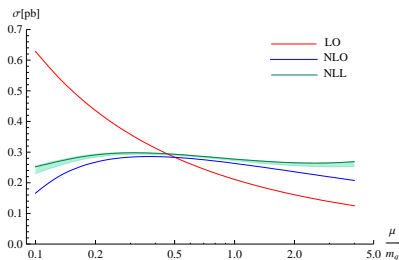
Factorisation-scale dependence

Resummation of threshold logarithms sensibly reduces the factorisation-scale dependence of the cross section

$m_{\tilde{q}} = 500 \text{ GeV}$



$m_{\tilde{q}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$



Green band obtained by varying $\underline{\bar{\mu}_s}/2 < \mu_s < 2\bar{\mu}_s$

Conclusions and Outlook

- Momentum-space resummation based on effective-theory framework works well and is in good agreement with analogous results in moment space
- Formalism allows for all-order generalisation of known one-loop and two-loop results ($\mathbf{W}^{R\alpha}$ diagonal to all-order in α_s)
- For squark-antisquark production resummation effects beyond NLO amount to 3 – 10% in the range 0.2 – 2 TeV
- Even for small squark masses resummation dramatically improves factorisation-scale dependence of the cross section

Outlook

- Formalism can be applied to arbitrary final states (squark-squark, squark-gluino, gluino-gluino, etc...)