# Mueller-Navelet jets in high-energy hadron collisions

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### Mueller-Navelet jets: kinematics



•  $\vec{k}_{J,1}^2 \sim \vec{k}_{J,2}^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \longrightarrow \text{pQCD applicable}$ •  $Y = \ln \frac{x_{J,1} x_{J,2} s}{|\vec{k}_{J,1}||\vec{k}_{J,2}|} \gg 1, \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad s = 2p_1 \cdot p_2 \gg \vec{k}_{J,12}^2$ 

$$\longrightarrow$$
 BFKL resummation:  $\sum_{n} c_n \alpha_s^n \ln^n s + d_n \alpha_s^n \ln^{n-1} s$ 

### Mueller-Navelet jets: factorization

• QCD collinear factorization

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_{J1}dx_{J2}d^2\vec{k}_{J1}d^2\vec{k}_{J2}} = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_i(x_1,\mu) f_j(x_2,\mu) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{i,j}(x_1x_2s,\mu)}{dx_{J1}dx_{J2}d^2\vec{k}_{J1}d^2\vec{k}_{J2}}$$

• Cross section of the hard process in the BFKL approach

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{i,j}(x_{1}x_{2}s,\mu)}{dx_{J1}dx_{J2}d^{2}\vec{k}_{J1}d^{2}\vec{k}_{J2}} = \frac{s}{(2\pi)^{2}} \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{q}_{1}}{\vec{q}_{1}^{2}} V_{i}(\vec{q}_{1},s_{0},x_{1};\vec{k}_{J1},x_{J1}) \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{q}_{2}}{\vec{q}_{2}^{2}} V_{j}(-\vec{q}_{2},s_{0},x_{2};\vec{k}_{J2},x_{J2}) \\ \times \int_{\delta-i\infty}^{\delta+i\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{x_{1}x_{2}s}{s_{0}}\right)^{\omega} G_{\omega}(\vec{q}_{1},\vec{q}_{2})$$

⇒ Valid both in LLA (resummation of all terms  $(\alpha_s \ln s)^n$ ) NLA (resummation of all terms  $\alpha_s (\alpha_s \ln s)^n$ ).

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### 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{ec{q}} \ket{ec{q}_i} = ec{q}_i \ket{ec{q}_i} \,, \quad \langle ec{q}_1 | ec{q}_2 
angle = \delta^{(2)}(ec{q}_1 - ec{q}_2) \,, \quad \langle A | B 
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• 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

$$\hat{1} = (\omega - \hat{K})\hat{G}_{\omega} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \hat{G}_{\omega} = (\omega - \hat{K})^{-1} , \qquad \hat{K} = \bar{\alpha}_{s}\hat{K}^{0} + \bar{\alpha}_{s}^{2}\hat{K}^{1} , \qquad \bar{\alpha}_{s} = \frac{\alpha_{s}N_{c}}{\pi}$$

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• Solution for the  $\hat{G}_{\omega}$  operator with NLA accuracy

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

Basis of eigenfunctions of the LLA kernel

$$\begin{split} \hat{K}^{0}|n,\nu\rangle &= \chi(n,\nu)|n,\nu\rangle , \qquad \chi(n,\nu) = 2\psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + i\nu\right) - \psi\left(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - i\nu\right) \\ \langle \vec{q} \mid n,\nu\rangle &= \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \left(\vec{q}^{2}\right)^{i\nu-\frac{1}{2}} e^{in\theta} , \qquad \cos\theta \equiv q_{x} \\ \langle n',\nu'\mid n,\nu\rangle &= \int \frac{d^{2}\vec{q}}{2\pi^{2}} \left(\vec{q}^{2}\right)^{i\nu-i\nu'-1} e^{i(n-n')\theta} = \delta(\nu-\nu') \,\delta_{nn'} \end{split}$$

• The action of the full NLA BFKL kernel on these functions may be expressed as follows:  $\hat{K}|n,\nu\rangle = \bar{\alpha}_{s}(\mu_{R})\chi(n,\nu)|n,\nu\rangle + \bar{\alpha}_{s}^{2}(\mu_{R})\left(\chi^{(1)}(n,\nu) + \frac{\beta_{0}}{4N_{c}}\chi(n,\nu)\ln(\mu_{R}^{2})\right)|n,\nu\rangle$   $+ \bar{\alpha}_{s}^{2}(\mu_{R})\frac{\beta_{0}}{4N_{c}}\chi(n,\nu)\left(i\frac{\partial}{\partial\nu}\right)|n,\nu\rangle,$ 

#### Impact factors

• Projection of the impact factors  $\phi_i(\vec{q})$  onto the eigenfunctions of LO BFKL kernel, i.e. the transfer to the  $(\nu, n)$ -representation

$$c_i(\nu, n) = \int d^2 \vec{q} \, \frac{\phi_i(\vec{q})}{\vec{q}^2} \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2}} \left(\vec{q}^2\right)^{i\nu - \frac{1}{2}} e^{in\phi} \, .$$

Here  $\phi$  is the azimuthal angle of the vector  $\vec{q}$  counted from some fixed direction in the transverse space.

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### **Final expressions**

• Differential cross section in the exponentiated representation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_{\exp}}{dy_{J1}dy_{J2}d|\vec{k}_{J1}|\,d|\vec{k}_{J2}|} &= \frac{x_{J1}x_{J2}}{|\vec{k}_{J1}||\vec{k}_{J2}|} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\nu \exp\left[\ln\left(\frac{x_{J1}x_{J2}s}{s_0}\right) \left(\bar{\alpha}_s(\mu_R)\chi(0,\nu)\right) \right. \\ &+ \bar{\alpha}_s^2(\mu_R) \left(\bar{\chi}(0,\nu) + \frac{\beta_0}{8C_A}\chi(0,\nu) \left(-\chi(0,\nu) + \frac{10}{3} + \ln\frac{\mu_R^4}{\vec{k}_{J1}^2\vec{k}_{J2}^2}\right)\right)\right) \right] \\ &\times \alpha_s^2(\mu_R)c_1(0,\nu,|\vec{k}_{J1}|,\phi_{J1},x_{J1},\mu_F)c_2(0,\nu,|\vec{k}_{J2}|,\phi_{J2},x_{J2},\mu_F) \\ &\left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_R)}{2\pi} \left(-\frac{\beta_0}{2}\ln\frac{\vec{k}_{J1}^2\vec{k}_{J2}^2}{\mu_R^4} + 2C_A\chi(0,\nu)\ln\frac{s_0}{|\vec{k}_{J1}||\vec{k}_{J2}|}\right) \right. \\ &+ \alpha_s(\mu_R) \left(\frac{c_1^{(1)}(0,\nu,|\vec{k}_{J1}|,\phi_{J1}=0,x_{J1},\mu_F)}{c_1(0,\nu,|\vec{k}_{J1}|,\phi_{J1},x_{J1},\mu_F)} + \frac{c_2^{(1)}(0,\nu,|\vec{k}_{J2}|,\phi_{J2}=0,x_{J2},\mu_F)}{c_2(0,\nu,|\vec{k}_{J2}|,\phi_{J2},x_{J2},\mu_F)}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

• The moments of the azimuthal decorrelations are given by

$$\langle \cos[m(\phi_{J1} - \phi_{J2} - \pi)] \rangle \equiv \langle \cos(m\varphi) \rangle = \frac{C_m}{C_0}$$

where

$$\mathcal{C}_{m} = \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\phi_{J1} \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\phi_{J2} \cos[m(\phi_{J1} - \phi_{J2} - \pi)] \frac{d\sigma}{dy_{J1} dy_{J2} d|\vec{k}_{J1}| d|\vec{k}_{J2}|d\phi_{J1} d\phi_{J2}}$$

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

$$\sqrt{s} = 14 ext{TeV}$$
,  $R = 0.5$ 

• Following a quite recent CMS study [S. Cerci, D. dEnterria (2009)] we restrict the rapidities of the jets to the region

$$3 \le |y_J| \le 5$$
, with steps  $\Delta y_J = 0.5$ 

#### Symmetric case:

 |k
 *j*<sub>1</sub>| = |k
 *j*<sub>2</sub>| = 35 GeV → comparison with previous results [D. Colferai, F. Schwennsen, L. Szymanowski, S. Wallon (2010)]
 |k
 *j*<sub>1</sub>| = |k
 *j*<sub>2</sub>| = 20 GeV → more undetected gluons radiated in the final state

• Asymmetric case:  $|\vec{k}_{J1}| = 20 \text{ GeV}$  ,  $|\vec{k}_{J2}| = 35 \text{ GeV}$ 

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- With our approach we reproduced the same results of previous calculations
- We extimate a systematic error as the standard deviation of the optimal value from the determinations in neighbouring points

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# **Results:** $|\vec{k}_{J1}| = |\vec{k}_{J2}| = 35$ **GeV**



 The stationarity regions for these observables are less evident than the case of C<sub>0</sub>, thus making our analysis more complicated

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discrimination between BFKL and DGLAP

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## **Results:** $|\vec{k}_{J1}| = 20$ GeV, $|\vec{k}_{J2}| = 35$ GeV



• For  $C_2/C_0$  we cannot find stability regions

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• Colferai et al:

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