
NNLL soft and Coulomb resummation for squark and gluino production at the LHC

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P.Falgari, CS, C.Weaver, arXiv:1202.2260 [hep-ph]
+ M.Beneke, J.Piclum, arXiv:1312.0837 [hep-ph] and in progress

Coloured sparticle production
main search channels at LHC

$$pp \rightarrow \{\tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q}\tilde{q}, \tilde{q}\tilde{g}, \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \tilde{t}_i\tilde{t}_i\}$$

No sign of SUSY
after LHC at 8TeV

Limits: (ATLAS 14)

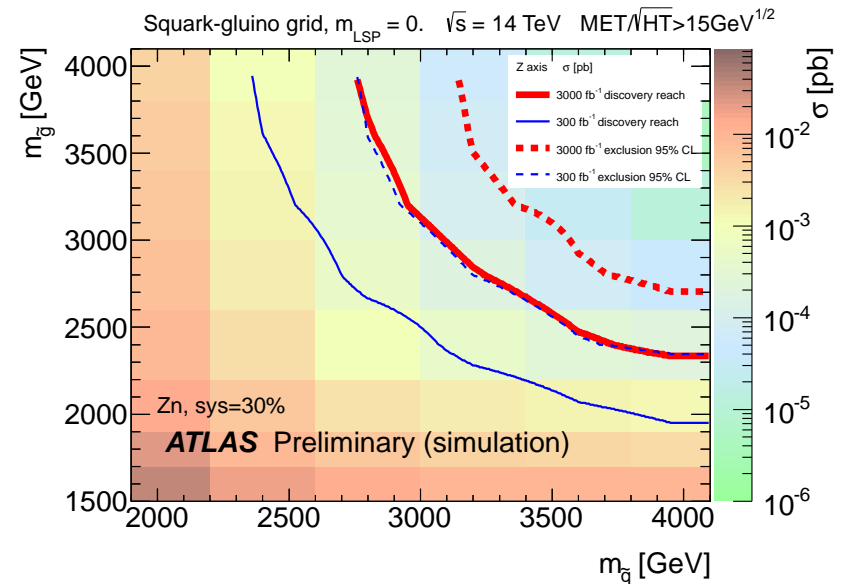
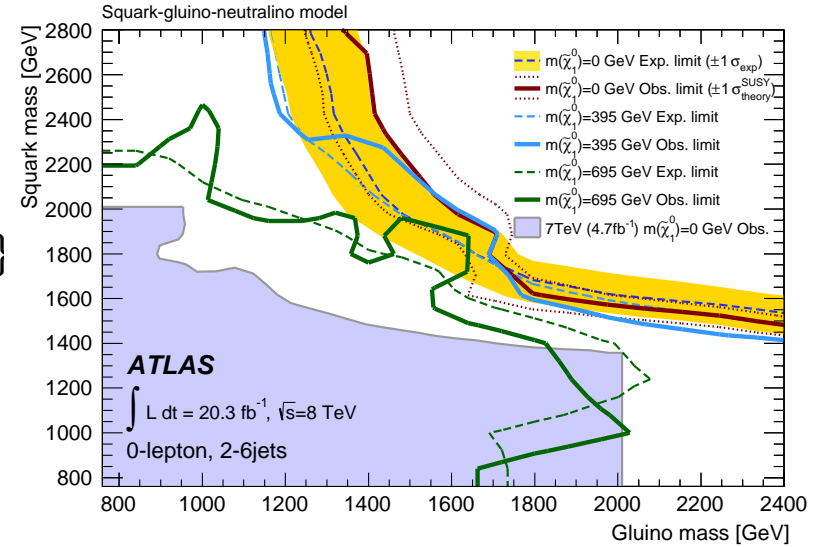
$$m_{\tilde{g}} \sim m_{\tilde{q}} \gtrsim 1.7\text{TeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 1.3\text{TeV}$$

$$m_{\tilde{q}} \gtrsim 850\text{GeV}$$

... search will continue
at 13 – 14TeV

⇒ reach up to 4TeV

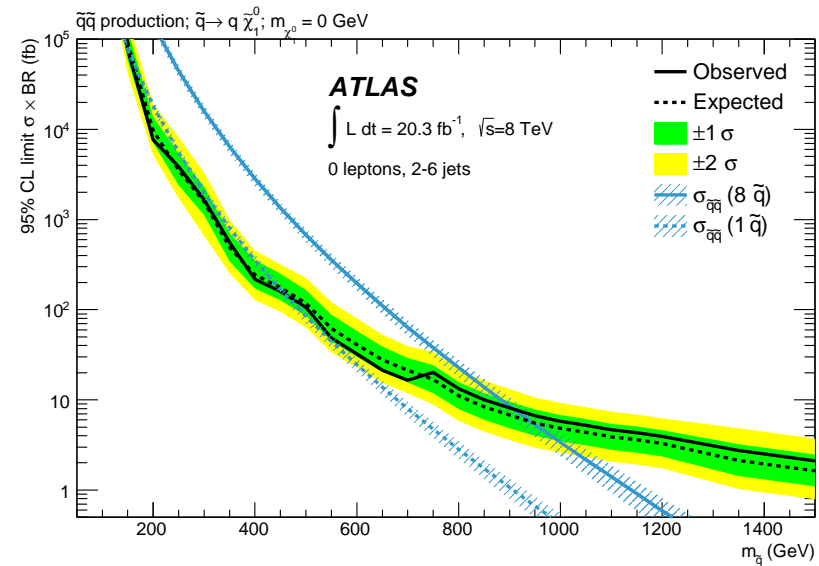


Precise knowledge of cross sections:

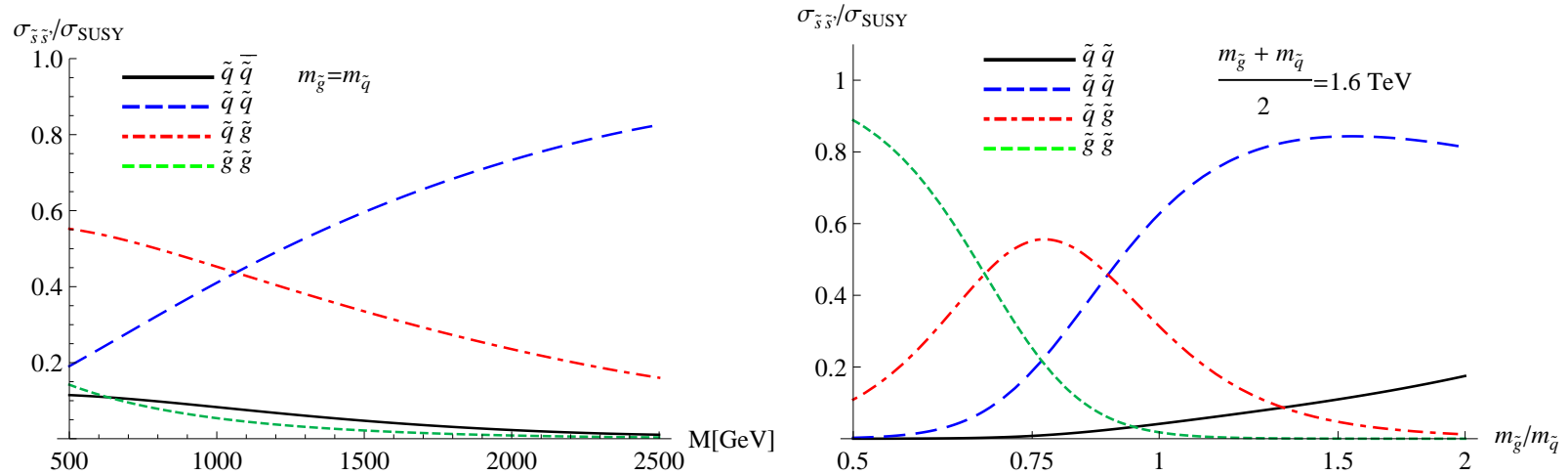
- can help to distinguish models (if new particles observed)
- improve exclusion bounds (if no new particles observed)

Theory status:

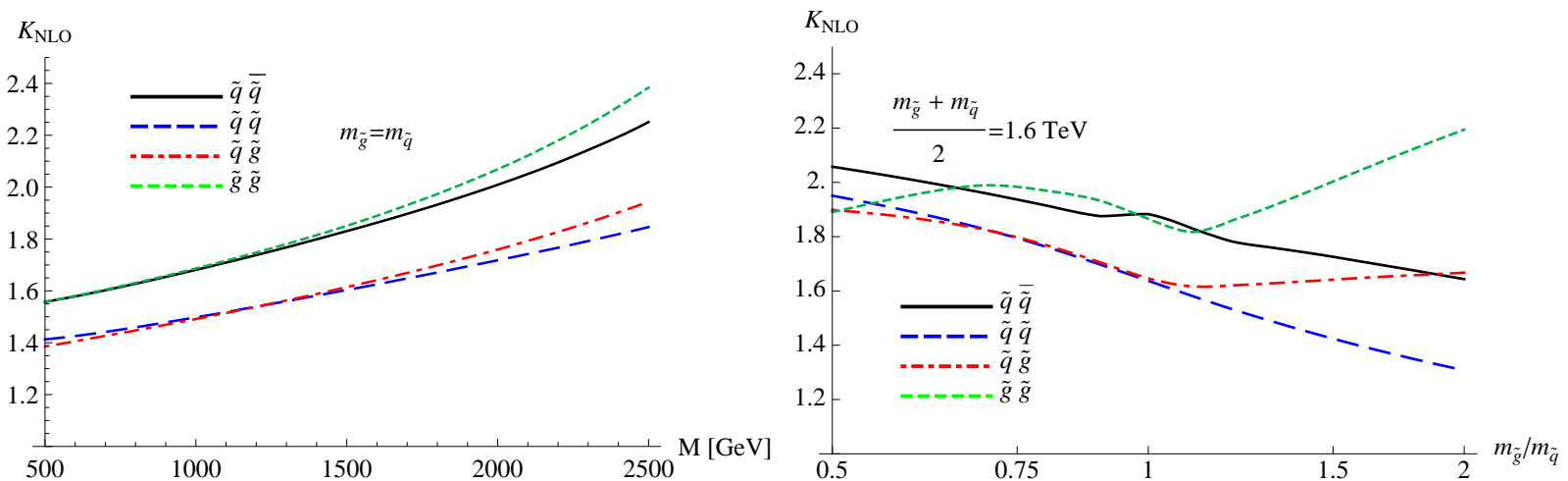
- NLO SUSY-QCD (Beenakker et al. 97, PROSPINO; Goncalves-Netto et al. 12, MADGOLEM, Parton-Shower matching: Gavin et al. 13)
- (N)NLL soft resummation (Beenakker et al. 09-13, Broggio et al. 13)
- NNLO_{approx} for $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$, $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$, $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ (Langenfeld et al. 09-12, Broggio et al. 13)
- Bound state effects (Hagiwara/Yokoya 09, Kauth et al. 11; Kim et al. 14)
- NLO corrections to $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$ production and decay (Hollik et al. 12)
- EW corrections (Bornhauser et al. 07; Germer/Hollik/Mirabella/Trenkel 08-11)



Production processes $pp' \rightarrow \tilde{s}\tilde{s}'$, $p, p' \in \{q, \bar{q}, g\}$, $\tilde{s}, \tilde{s}' \in \{\tilde{q}, \bar{\tilde{q}}, \tilde{g}\}$



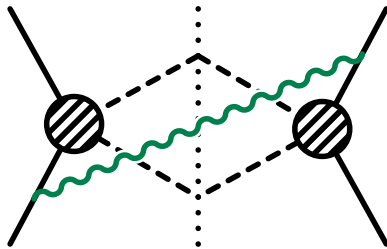
NLO corrections up to > 100%, scale uncertainty $\pm 20-30\%$



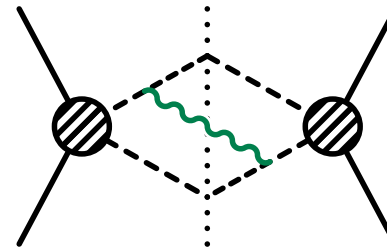
Soft corrections:

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M^2}{\hat{s}}}$$

Resummation in Mellin space: Sterman 87; Catani, Trentadue 89, Kidonakis, Sterman 97, Bonciani et.al. 98, ...



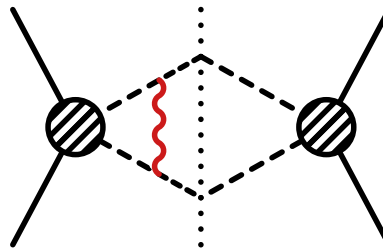
$$\Rightarrow \alpha_s \log^2(8\beta^2)$$



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Coulomb gluon corrections

(Fadin, Khoze 87; Peskin, Strassler 90, NRQCD, ...)



$$\Rightarrow \alpha_s \frac{1}{\beta}$$

Reorganization of perturbative series:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp'} \propto \sigma^{(0)} \exp \left[\underbrace{\ln \beta g_0(\alpha_s \ln \beta)}_{(LL)} + \underbrace{g_1(\alpha_s \ln \beta)}_{(NLL)} + \underbrace{\alpha_s g_2(\alpha_s \ln \beta)}_{(NNLL)} + \dots \right] \\ \times \sum_{k=0} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\beta} \right)^k \times \{ 1 (LL, NLL); \alpha_s, \beta (NNLL); \dots \} :$$

Combination of Coulomb- and soft effects?

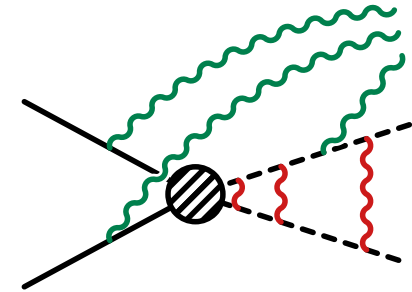
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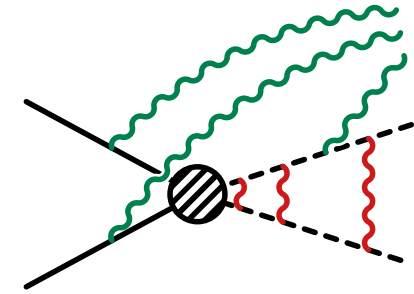
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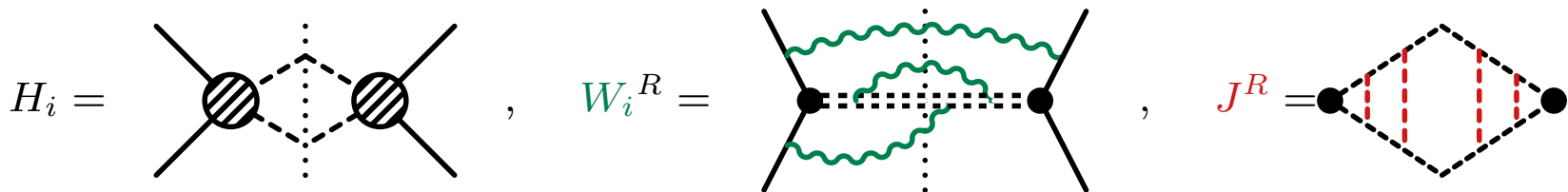


Factorization of cross section

(Beneke, Falgari, CS 09/10)

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_{pp' \rightarrow \tilde{s}\tilde{s}'} \Big|_{\hat{s} \rightarrow 4M^2} = \sum_{i,i'} H_{ii'}(M, \mu) \int d\omega \sum_{R_\alpha} J_{R_\alpha} \left(M\beta^2 - \frac{\omega}{2} \right) W_{ii'}^{R_\alpha}(\omega, \mu)$$

Hard, **soft** and **Coulomb** functions:



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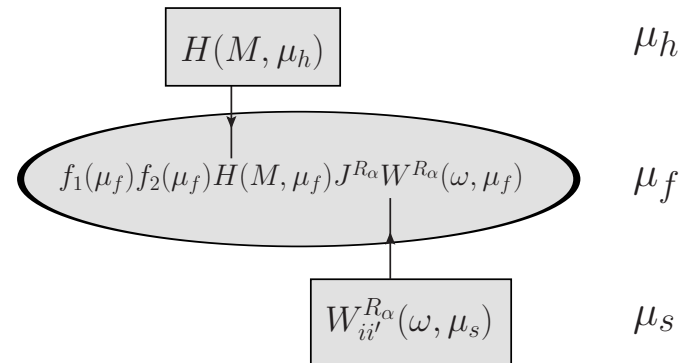
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Recipe for Resummation:

- Momentum-space solution to RGE
(Becher, Neubert, Pecjak 07)
- evolve hard function from $\mu_h \sim 2M$ to μ_f
- evolve soft function from $\mu_s \sim M\beta^2$ to μ_f



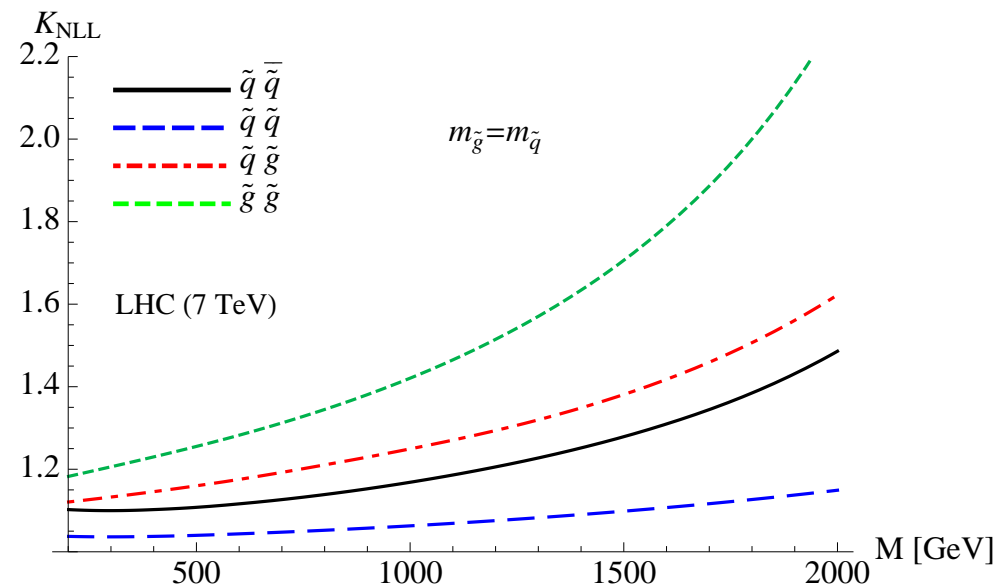
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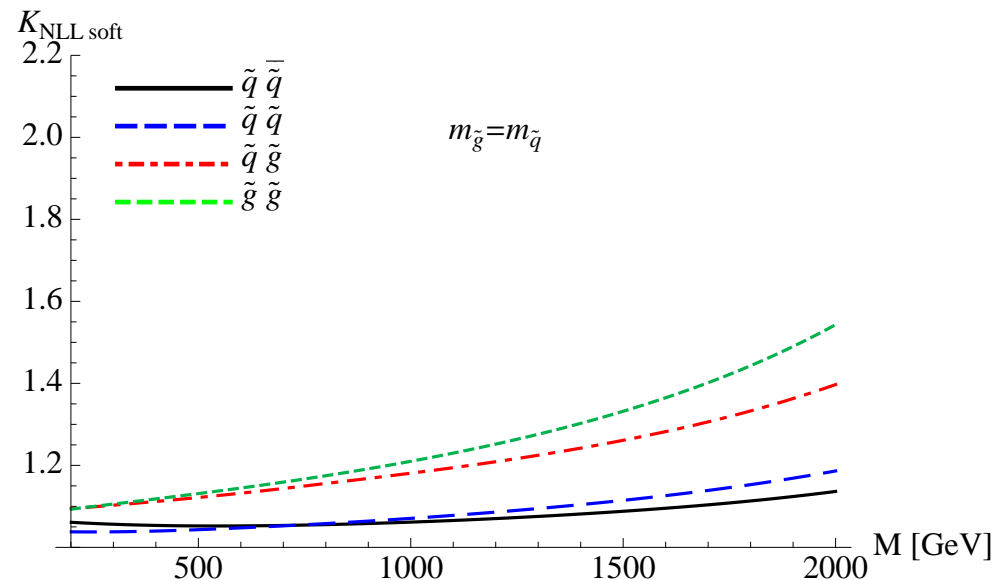
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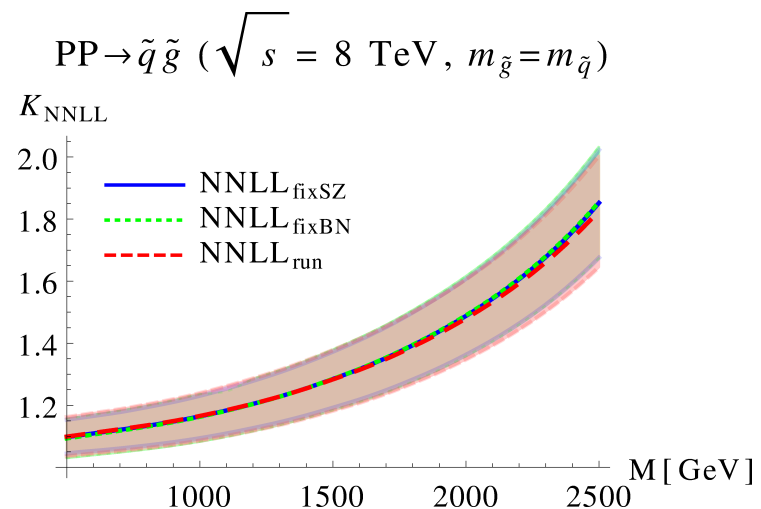
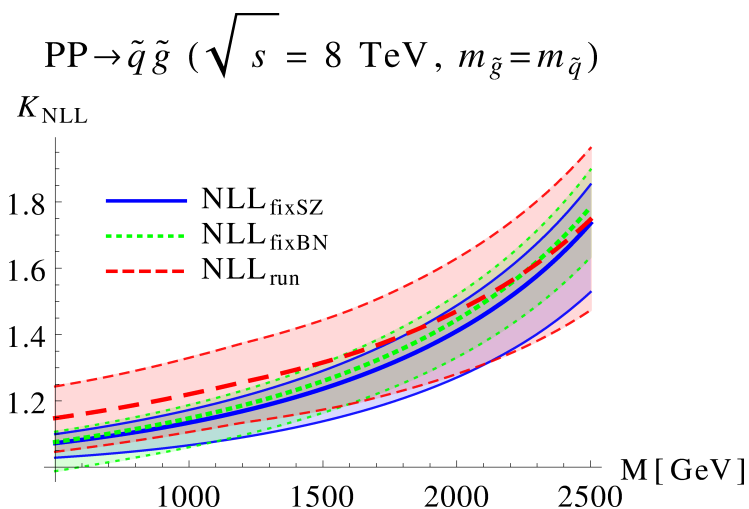
Matching to $\text{NLO} + \text{NNLO}_{\text{approx}}$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp' \text{ matched}}^{\text{NNLL}}(\hat{s}) = \left[\hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{NNLL}}(\hat{s}) - \hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{NNLL}(2)}(\hat{s}) \right] + \hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{NLO}}(\hat{s}) + \hat{\sigma}_{\text{app}, pp'}^{\text{NNLO}}(\hat{s}).$$

- $\hat{\sigma}^{\text{NNLL}(2)}$: NNLO expansion of NNLL,
- $\hat{\sigma}^{\text{NLO}}$: NLO cross section from Prospino,
- $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{app}}^{\text{NNLO}}$: Threshold enhanced NNLO terms (Beneke/Czakon/Falgari/Mitov/CS 09)

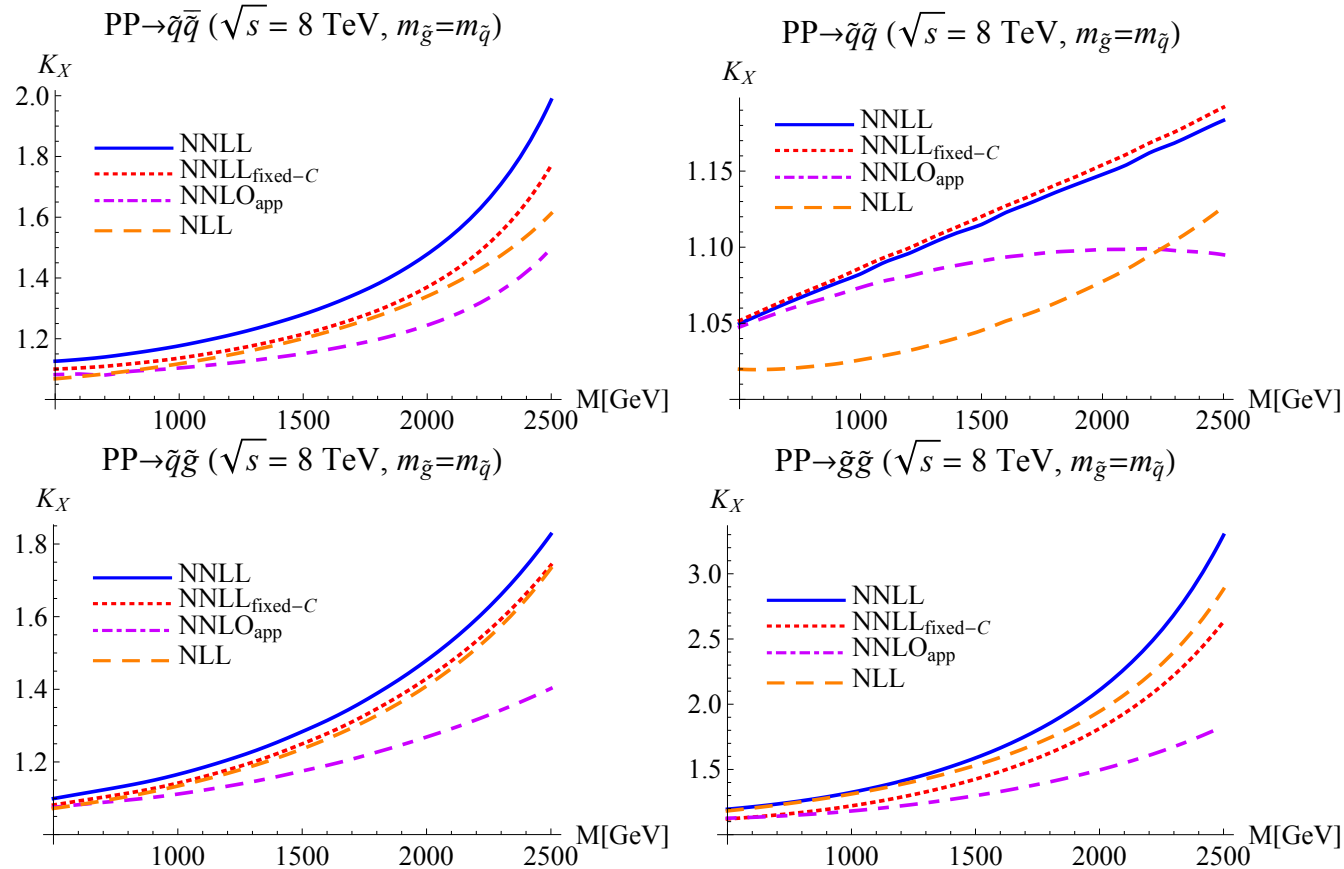
Choice of soft scale

- Scale choice $\mu_s \sim M\beta^2$ yields all $\log\beta$ terms; not viable for $\beta \rightarrow 0$
- **Fixed scale** μ_s :
 - RGE approach: minimize $\Delta\sigma_{\text{soft}}^{\text{NLO}}$ (Becher, Neubert, Xu 07)
 - μ_s from logarithmic derivative of parton luminosity
 \Rightarrow **default choice** (relation to Mellin-space resummation: Sterman/Zeng 13)
- **Running scale** frozen at β_{cut} (Beneke/Falgari/Klein/CS 11)
- Small dependence on prescription at NNLL



NNLL soft/Coulomb resummation

(Beneke/Falgari/Piclum/CS/Wever)



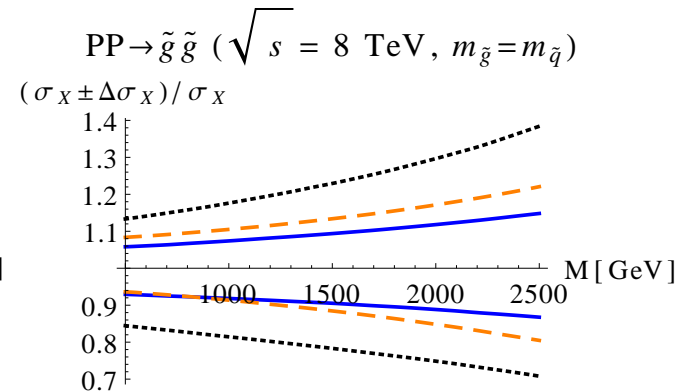
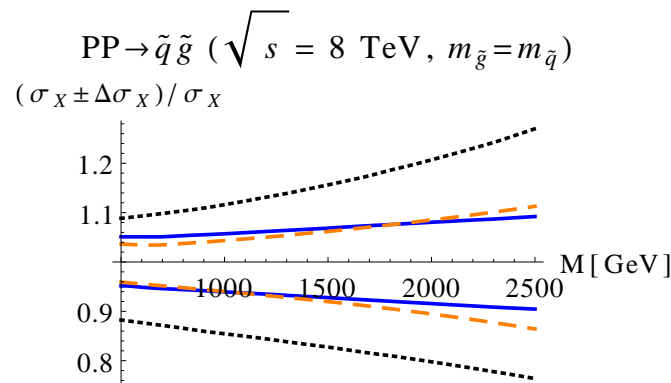
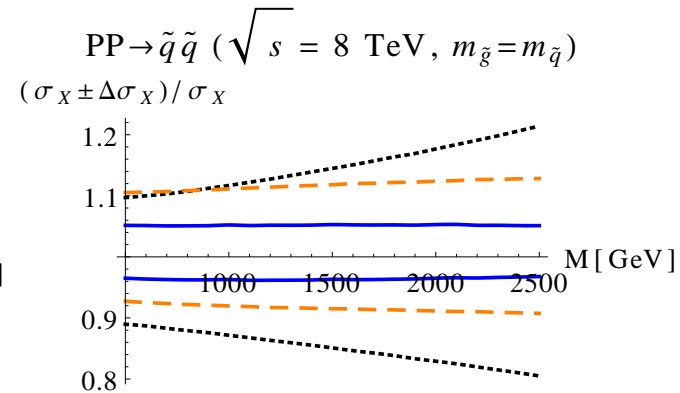
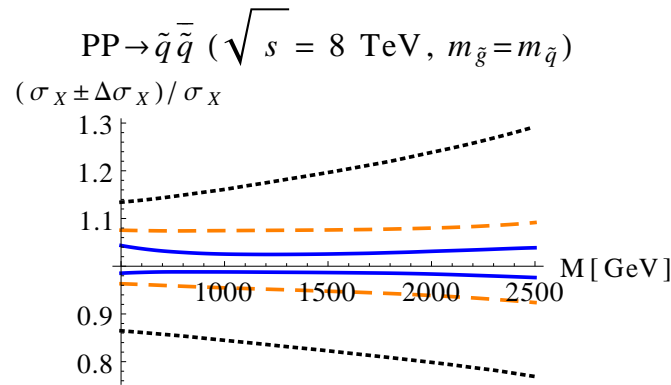
- NNLL corrections 10 – 30% relative to NLL
- Coulomb resummation effects significant
- non-negligible corrections beyond NNLO

$$K_X = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}}$$

NLO/NLL: MSTW2008NLO;
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- **Reduced** scale dependence:

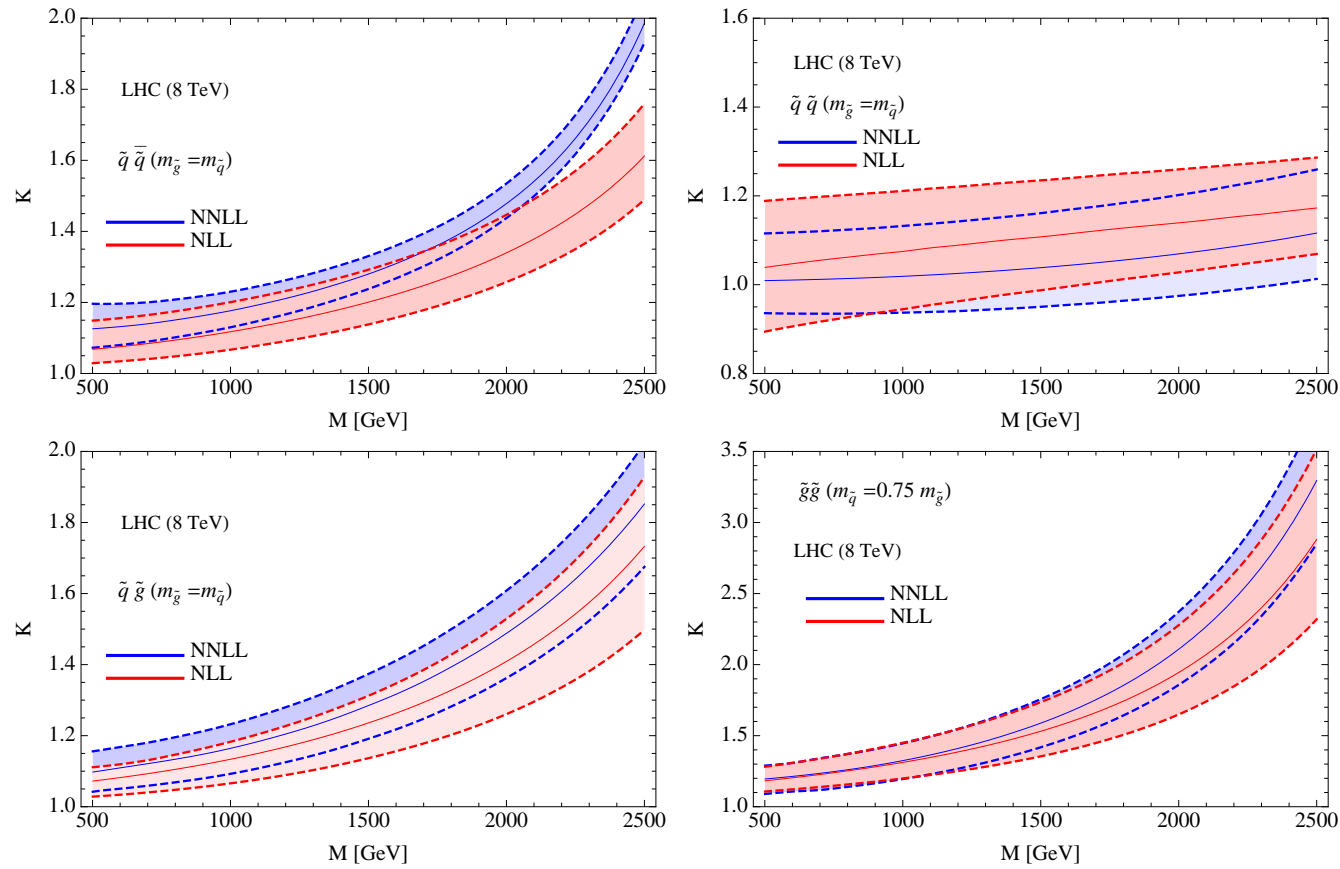
$\pm 20\text{--}30\%$ (NLO)
 $\Rightarrow \pm 10\text{--}20\%$ (NLL)
 $\Rightarrow \pm 5\text{--}15\%$ (NNLL)

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(Beneke/Falgari/Piclum/CS/Wever)



- Combined soft/Coulomb resummation improves convergence

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Threshold corrections $\sim \log^n \beta, \frac{1}{\beta^n}$

- Factorization of soft and Coulomb corrections
- $\log \beta$ resummation from momentum space solution to RGEs
- combined Soft and Coulomb resummation possible

NNLL resummation for squark and gluino production

- Corrections from 10 – 30% ($\tilde{q}\tilde{q}$) to 30 – 200% ($\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$)
- Coulomb corrections can be sizable
- Uncertainties reduced to $\pm 5\text{--}15\%$
- (not discussed: stop pair production at NLL, finite width effects.)

Outlook:

- Results for 13/14TeV; public program in preparation
- Future plans:
stop production, non-degenerate squark masses

Universal limit $\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M^2}{\hat{s}}} \rightarrow 0$ (Beenakker et al. 97 , Beneke, Falgari, CS 09)

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO,app}} = \sigma^{(0)} \frac{\alpha_s}{(4\pi)} \left\{ -\frac{2\pi^2 D_{R_\alpha}}{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{2m_r}{M}} + 4(C_r + C_{r'}) \ln^2 \left(\frac{8M\beta^2}{\mu_f} \right) - 4(C_{R_\alpha} + 4(C_r + C_{r'})) \ln \left(\frac{8M\beta^2}{\mu_f} \right) \right\}$$

(Average and reduced mass:

$$M = (m_s + m_{s'})/2,$$

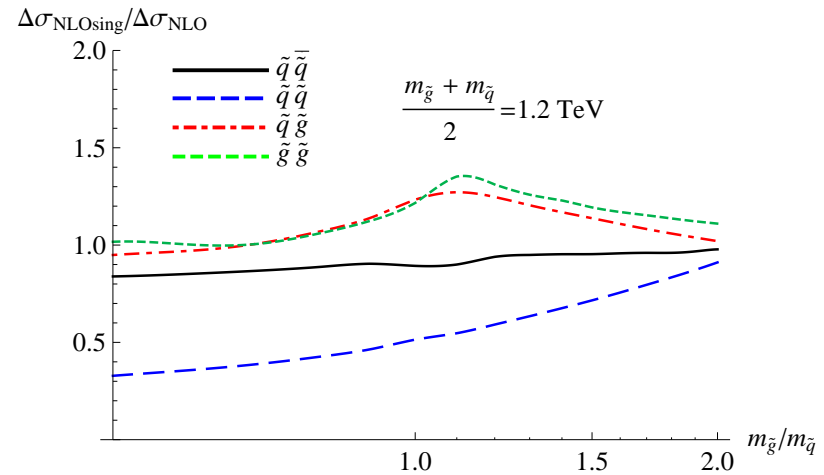
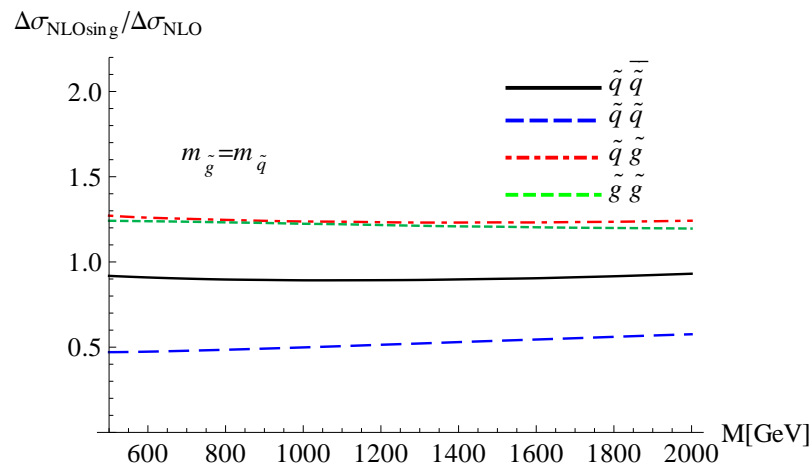
$$m_r = m_s m_{s'} / (m_s + m_{s'})$$

C_r : quadratic $SU(3)$ Casimir for rep. r

Coulomb correction: $D_{R_\alpha} = \frac{1}{2}(C_{R_\alpha} - C_R - C_{R'})$

Accuracy of threshold approximation:

(NLO:PROSPINO, Plehn et al.)



Potential function related to

Coulomb Green function:

(Fadin, Khoze 87; Peskin, Strassler 90,...)

$$J_R(E) = 2\text{Im} G_C^R(0, 0; E) = \begin{cases} \frac{M^2 \pi D_R \alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(e^{\pi D_R \alpha_s \sqrt{\frac{M}{E}}} - 1 \right)^{-1} & E > 0 \\ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta(E - E_n) 2R_n & E < 0 \end{cases}$$

Bound-state poles at

$$E_n = -\frac{\alpha_s^2 D_R^2 M}{4n^2}$$

Smearred out by **finite decay with**

$$E \rightarrow E + i\Gamma$$

Default:

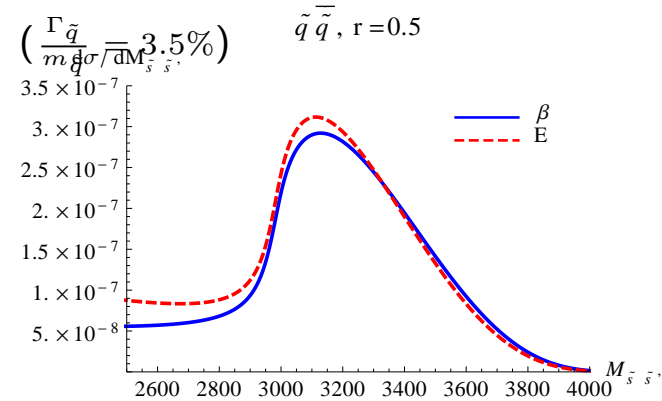
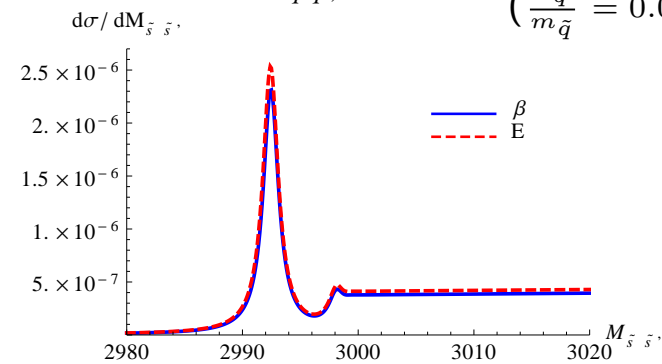
include bound-states with $\Gamma = 0$

Finite-width effects negligible

for $\Gamma/M \lesssim 5\%$

(Falgari, CS, Wever 12)

$\tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*, r=0.95$ ($\frac{\Gamma_{\tilde{q}}}{m_{\tilde{q}}} = 0.05\%$)



One-loop hard functions $h_i^{(1)}(\mu_f)$ e.g. from threshold expansion
 (Beenakker et al. 11/13; Kauth et al. 11; Langenfeld et al. 12)

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO,app}} = \sigma^{(0)} \frac{\alpha_s}{(4\pi)} \left\{ -\frac{2\pi^2 D_{R\alpha}}{\beta} \sqrt{\frac{2m_r}{M}} + 4(C_r + C_{r'}) \left[\ln^2 \left(\frac{8M\beta^2}{\mu_f} \right) + 8 - \frac{11\pi^2}{24} \right] \right. \\ \left. - 4(C_{R\alpha} + 4(C_r + C_{r'})) \ln \left(\frac{8M\beta^2}{\mu_f} \right) + 12C_{R\alpha} + h_i^{(1)}(\mu_f) \right\}$$

One-loop soft function ($s = 1/(e^{\gamma_E} \mu e^{\rho/2})$) (Beneke/Falgari/CS 09)

$$\tilde{s}_i^R(\rho, \mu) = \int_{0_-}^{\infty} d\omega e^{-s\omega} \overline{W}_i^{R\alpha}(\omega, \mu) = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left[(C_r + C_{r'}) \left(\rho^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) - 2C_R(\rho - 2) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$$

Coulomb Green function (Beneke/Signer/Smirnov 98)

with insertion of NLO potentials

$$\delta\tilde{V}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{4\pi D_R \alpha_s(\mu_C)}{q^2} \left[\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_C)}{4\pi} \left(a_1 - \beta_0 \ln \frac{q^2}{\mu_C^2} + \frac{\pi^2 |\mathbf{q}|}{m_r} \left(\frac{D_R}{2} \frac{2m_r}{M} + C_A \right) \right) + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{m_1 m_2} + \frac{q^2}{4m_r^2} v_{\text{spin}} \right],$$

$$v_{\text{spin}} = -\frac{2m_r}{4M} \text{(s-s)}, \quad \frac{2m_r - M}{2M} \text{(f-f-triplet)}, \quad -\frac{2m_r + 3M}{6M} \text{(f-f-singlet)}, \quad -\frac{2m_r}{4M} - \frac{4m_r^2}{8m_f^2} \text{(s-f)}$$

Resummed cross section in momentum space

$$\hat{\sigma}_{pp'}^{\text{res}}(\hat{s}, \mu_f) = \sum_i H_i(\mu_h) U_i \left(\frac{2M}{\mu_s} \right)^{-2\eta} \tilde{s}_i^{R\alpha}(\partial_\eta, \mu_s) \frac{e^{-2\gamma_E \eta}}{\Gamma(2\eta)} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{J_{R\alpha}^S(E - \frac{\omega}{2})}{\omega} \left(\frac{\omega}{\mu_s} \right)^{2\eta}$$

- Resummation functions depend on scales μ_s, μ_f, μ_h :

$$U_i = e^{-\frac{\alpha_s \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}}{2\pi} \left(\log^2\left(\frac{\mu_s}{\mu_f}\right) - \log^2\left(\frac{\mu_h}{\mu_f}\right) - \log\left(\frac{4M^2}{\mu_f^2}\right) \log\left(\frac{\mu_s}{\mu_h}\right) \right) + \dots}, \quad \eta = \frac{\alpha_s \Gamma_{\text{cusp}}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu_s}{\mu_f}\right) + \dots$$

- fixed-order soft function generates $\log(E/\mu_s)$ -terms

$$\tilde{s}_i^{R\alpha}(\partial_\eta, \mu_s) \left(\frac{\omega}{\mu_s} \right)^{2\eta} = \left(\frac{\omega}{\mu_s} \right)^{2\eta} \tilde{s}_i^{R\alpha} \left(2 \ln \left(\frac{\omega}{\mu_s} \right) + \partial_\eta, \mu_s \right)$$

- Expansion in α_s generates **all logs** in $\hat{\sigma}$ for $\mu_s \sim M\beta^2$
- **RGE approach**: **fixed** μ_s that minimizes
soft corrections to **hadronic** σ (Becher, Neubert, Xu 07)
- **Running scale** frozen at β_{cut} (Beneke/Falgari/Klein/CS 11)

$$\mu_s = 2M \max\{\beta^2, \beta_{\text{cut}}^2\}$$

Hadronic cross section:

$$\sigma_{N_1 N_2 \rightarrow \tilde{s} \tilde{s}' X}(s) = \int_{\tau_0=4M^2/s}^1 d\tau \sum_{p,p'=q,\bar{q},g} L_{pp'}(\tau, \mu_f) \hat{\sigma}_{pp'}(\tau s, \mu_f),$$

with parton luminosity:

$$L_{pp'}(\tau, \mu) = \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 \delta(x_1 x_2 - \tau) f_{p/N_1}(x_1, \mu) f_{p'/N_2}(x_2, \mu).$$

Single-power approximation

$$L_{pp'}(\tau, \mu) = L_{pp'}(\tau_0, \mu) \left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau} \right)^{s_{1,pp'}(\tau, \mu)}$$

$$\text{with } s_{pp'}^{(1)}(\tau_0, \mu) = - \left. \frac{d \ln L_{pp'}(\tau, \mu)}{d \ln \tau} \right|_{\tau=\tau_0}.$$

For single-power approximation, soft scale choice (Sterman/Zeng 2013)

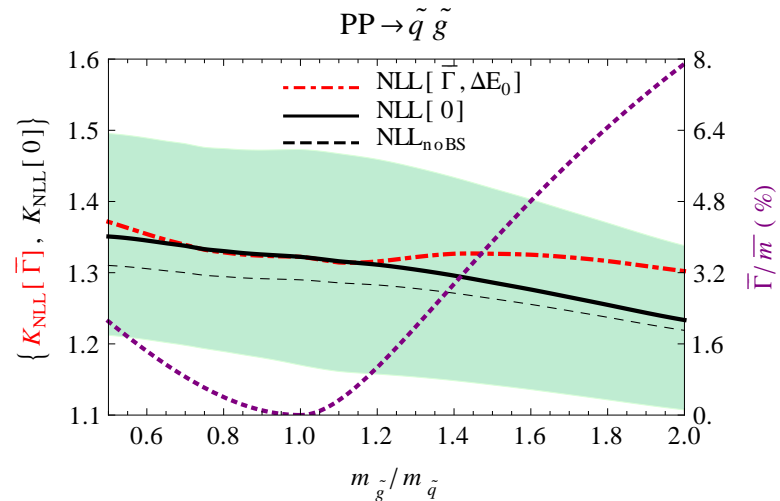
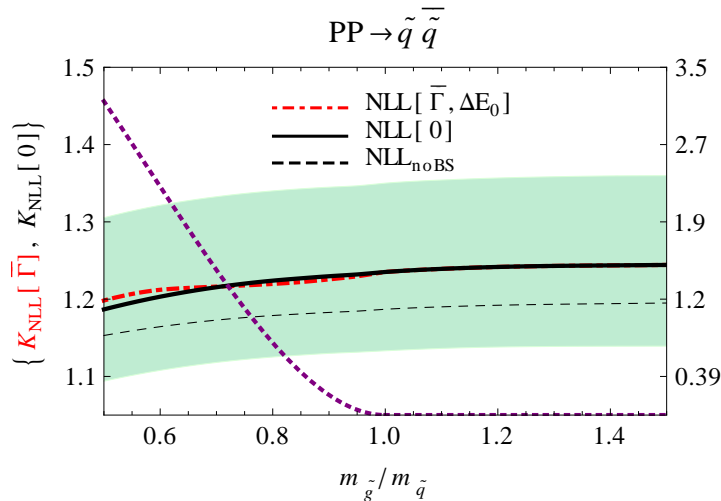
$$\mu_s = \frac{2M e^{-\gamma_E}}{s_{pp'}^{(1)}}$$

is equivalent to Mellin-space formalism.

Total cross sections, LO-SQCD decays as example:

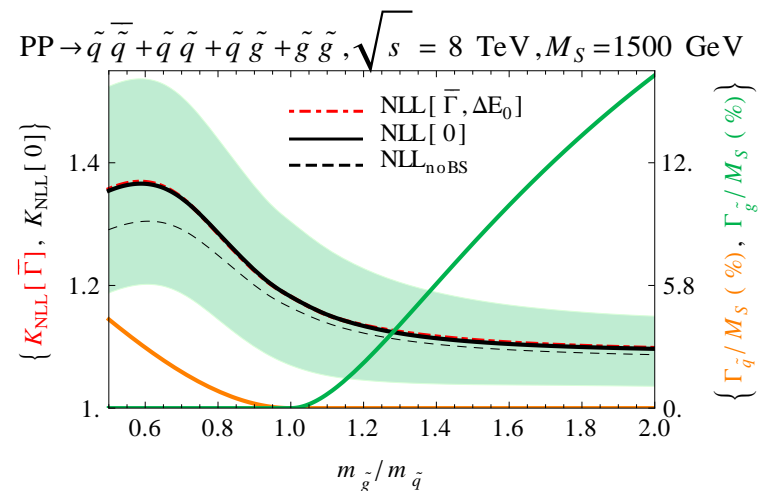
$$\Gamma_{\tilde{q} \rightarrow q \tilde{g}} = \frac{\alpha_s C_F m_{\tilde{q}}}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{g}}}{m_{\tilde{q}}}\right)^2\right)^2, \quad m_{\tilde{q}} > m_{\tilde{g}},$$

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Negligible effect
on total SUSY production rate

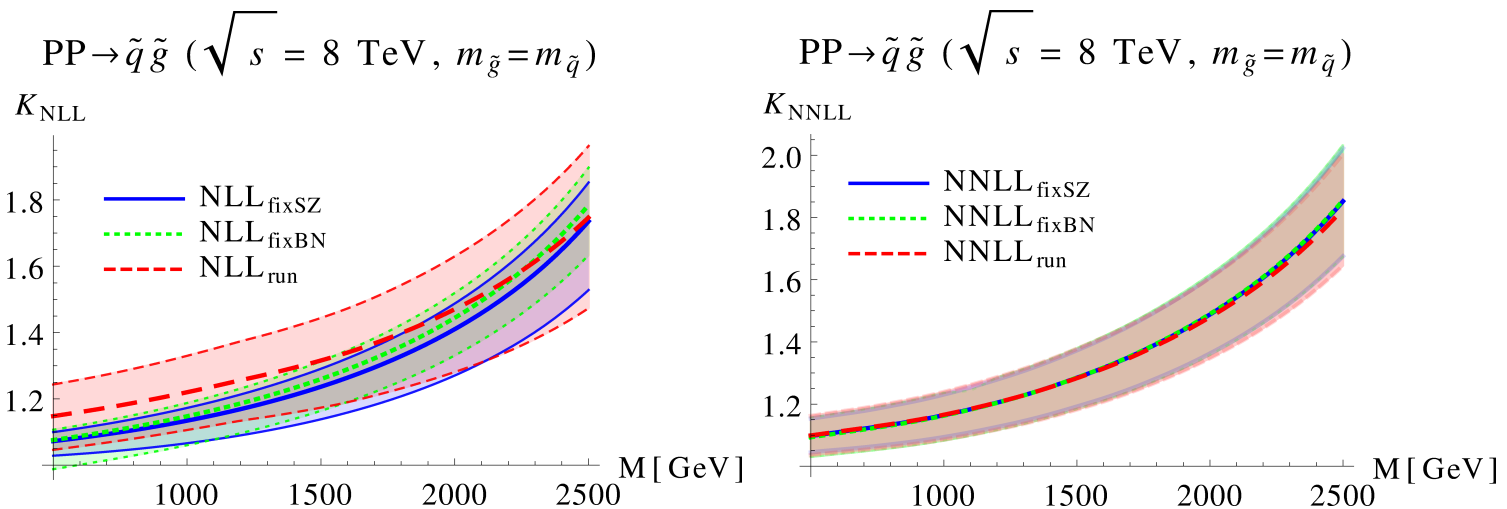
but relevant bound-state
corrections



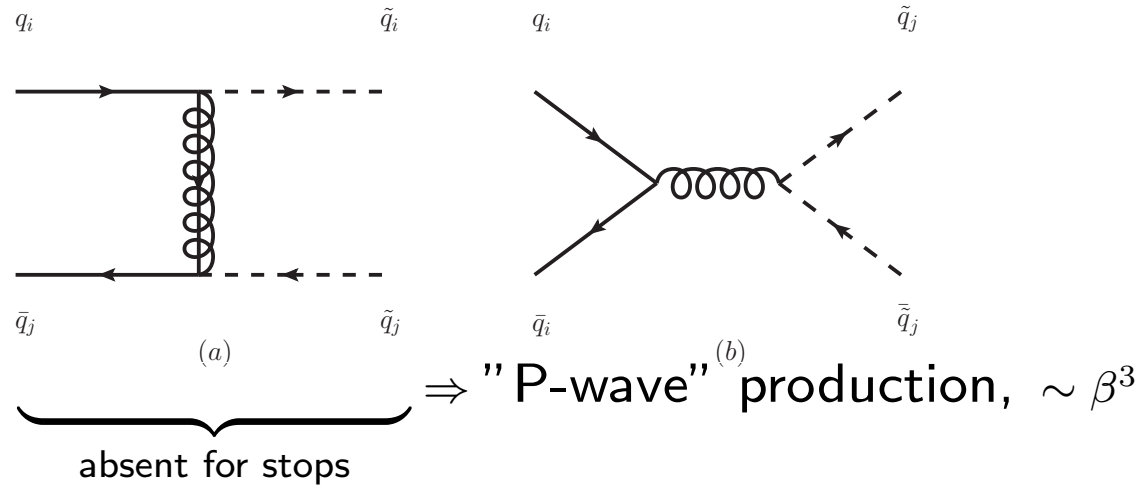
Ambiguities in resummation

- variation of μ_f, μ_h, μ_C by $0.5, \dots, 2$, ambiguity $E = M\beta^2 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\hat{s}} - 2M$, estimate NNLO constant.
- Running soft scale: variation of β_{cut} , envelope of several approximations (matching to NLO/NNLO, approximate NNLO/N³LO)
- Fixed soft scale: variation of μ_s

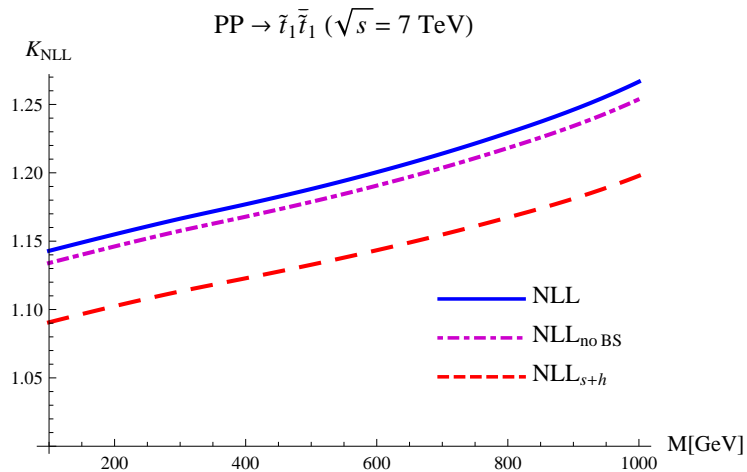
Resummation ambiguities reduced at NNLL



Difference to light-flavour squarks for $q\bar{q}$ initial state:



Resummation formalism works also for $q\bar{q}$ channel (Falgari, CS, Wever 12)
 use Coulomb Green function for P -waves (Bigi/Fadin/Khoze 92)



All threshold enhanced $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ terms (Beneke, Czakon, Falgari, Mitov, CS 09)

Pure soft corrections: (also Moch/Uwer+Langenfeld (08/09))

$$\Delta\sigma_s^{(2)} \sim \alpha_s^2 (c_{LL}^{(2)} \ln^4 \beta + c_{NLL}^{(2)} \ln^3 \beta + c_{NNLL,2}^{(2)} \ln^2 \beta + \underbrace{c_{NNLL,1}^{(2)} \ln \beta}_{2\text{-loop } \gamma_{H,s}})$$

Potential corrections: 2nd Coulomb, NLO potentials

$$\Delta\sigma_p^{(2)} \sim \alpha_s^2 \left(\frac{c_{C^2}}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\beta} (c_{C,0}^{(2)} + c_{C,1}^{(2)} \log \beta) + \underbrace{c_{n-C}^{(2)} \ln \beta}_{\text{spin-dependent}} \right)$$

(using Beneke, Signer, Smirnov 99, Czarnecki/Melnikov 97/01)

mixed Coulomb/soft/hard corrections:

$$\Delta\sigma_{p \otimes sh}^{(2)} \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{\beta} \alpha_s (c_{LL}^{(1)} \ln \beta^2 + c_{NLL}^{(1)} \ln \beta + c + H^{(1)})$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{s \otimes h}^{(2)} \sim \alpha_s^2 H^{(1)} (c_{LL}^{(1)} \ln \beta^2 + c_{NLL}^{(1)} \ln \beta)$$

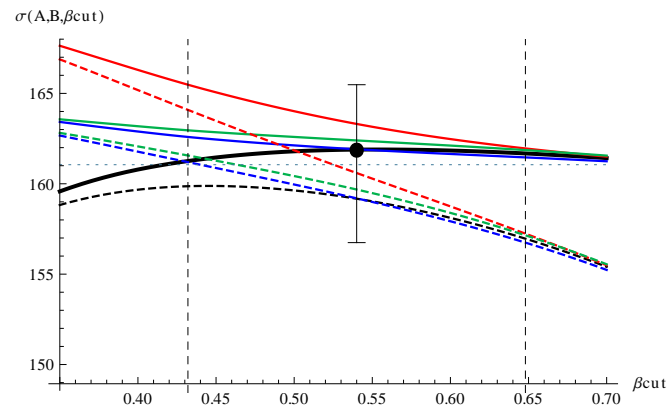
(H_1 : process and colour-channel dependent, $t\bar{t}$: Czakon/Mitov 09)

Determination of β_{cut}

- allow for different implementations

$\beta < \beta_{\text{cut}}$: NNLL ($\mu_s = k_s M \beta_{\text{cut}}^2$) with/without constant at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$

$\beta > \beta_{\text{cut}}$: NNLL ($\mu_s = k_s M \beta^2$); NNLO_{approx}; NNNL₃(A/B)



- Choose β_{cut} so that not too sensitive to
 - ambiguities for $\beta \rightarrow 1$
 - breakdown of perturbation theory for $\beta \rightarrow 0$

(E.g. LHC7: $\mu_s = 2M\beta^2$, $\beta_{\text{cut}} = 0.54 \Rightarrow \mu_s > 100$ GeV)

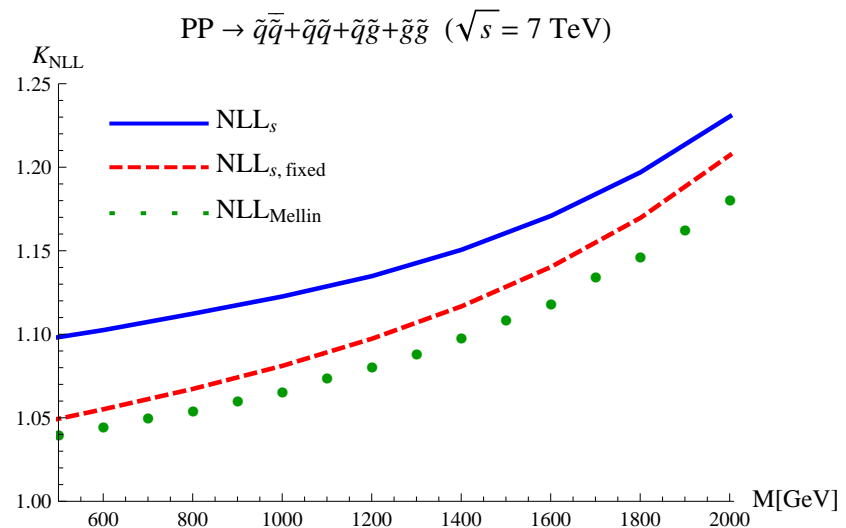
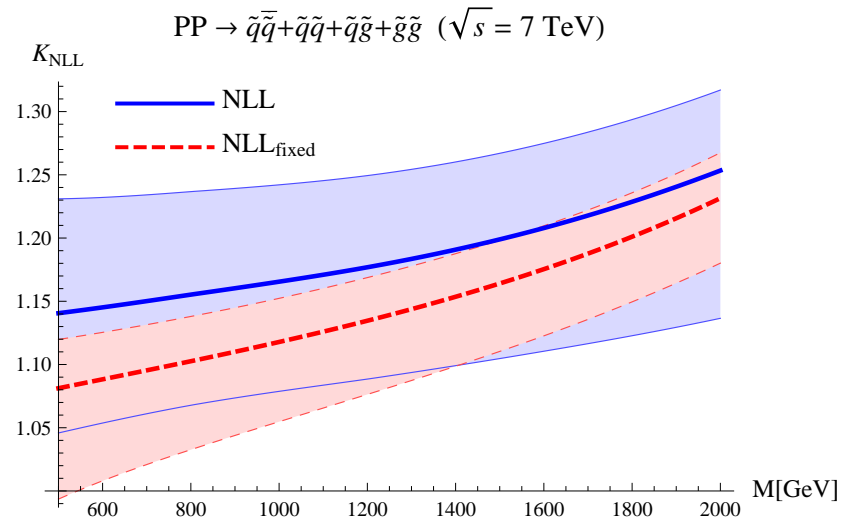
Ambiguities in resummation

Running-scale and fixed-scale implementations agree within resummation uncertainties

($\beta_{\text{cut}}, \mu_s$ variation...)

For soft resummation reasonable consistency with Mellin-space resummation

(Beenakker et al. 09)



(LHC7, $m_{\tilde{q}} = m_{\tilde{g}}$)