

# Lattice extraction of the Collins-Soper kernel via auxiliary fields

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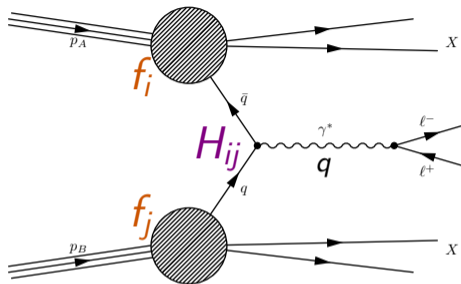
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# TMD factorization in Drell-Yan scattering



- $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \lesssim |\vec{q}_\perp| \ll Q = \sqrt{q^2}$

- Collins-Soper scale,  $\zeta_{a,b}$ , dependence

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ dY d^2\vec{q}_\perp} = \sum_{i,j} H_{ij}(Q, \mu) \int d^2\vec{b}_\perp e^{i\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{q}_\perp} f_i(x_a, \vec{b}_\perp, \mu, \zeta_a) f_j(x_b, \vec{b}_\perp, \mu, \zeta_b) \times \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_\perp^2}{Q^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{Q^2}\right) \right] \quad \zeta_{a,b} = 2(x_{a,b} P^+ e^{-y_n})^2$$

$$f_i(x_a, \vec{b}_\perp, \mu, \zeta_a) = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ y_B \rightarrow -\infty}} Z_{UV}(\mu, \zeta_a, \epsilon) \frac{f_i^{\text{bare}}(x_a, \vec{b}_\perp, \epsilon, y_B, x_a P^+)}{\sqrt{S_i(b_\perp, \epsilon, 2y_n - 2y_B)}}$$

Evolution kernel:

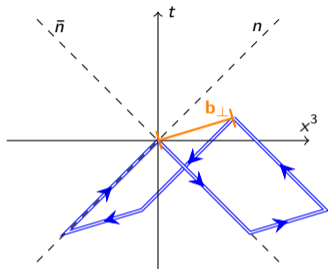
$$\gamma_\mu^q(\mu, \zeta) = \frac{d \log f_q(x, \vec{b}_\perp, \mu, \zeta)}{d \log \mu}$$

Collins-Soper (CS) kernel:

$$\gamma_q(b_\perp, \mu) = \frac{d \log f_q(x, \vec{b}_\perp, \mu, \zeta)}{d \log \sqrt{\zeta}}$$

$$S_q(b_\perp, y_A, y_B, \mu) = S_l(b_\perp, \mu) e^{\gamma_q(b_\perp, \mu)(y_A - y_B)} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-2(y_A - y_B)}\right)\right)$$

# Regulating the soft function



Soft function defined on the lightcone:

$$n^2 = \bar{n}^2 = 0$$

$$n = (1, 0, 0, 1),$$

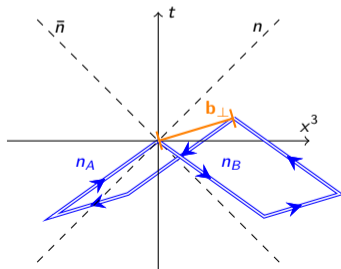
$$\bar{n} = (1, 0, 0, -1)$$

Regulate rapidity divergence with spacelike Wilson lines:

$$y_A, -y_B \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$n_A \equiv n - e^{-y_A} \bar{n},$$

$$n_B \equiv \bar{n} - e^{+y_B} n$$



In the LaMET framework:

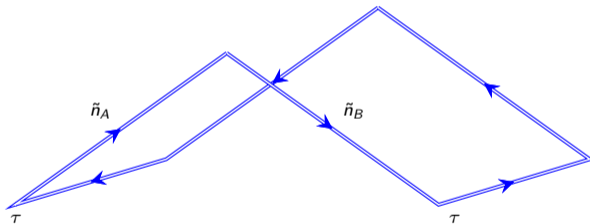
$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{S_I(b_\perp, \mu)} \tilde{f}_T(x, b_\perp, P^z, \mu) \\ &= f(x, b_\perp, \mu, \zeta) H_f(x, P^z, \mu) \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{(2xP^z)^2}{\zeta} \gamma_q(b_\perp, \mu) \right] \\ &+ \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{xP^z}, \frac{1}{b_\perp(xP^z)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

[Ebert, et. al., 2019], [Ji, Liu, Liu, 2020], [Ebert, et. al, 2022]

- Intrinsic soft function:  $S_I$   
[Ji, Liu, Liu, 2020]
- quasi-TMD beam function:  $\tilde{f}_T$
- TMDPDF:  $f$
- Perturbative hard kernel:  $H_f$
- CS kernel:  $\gamma_q$

Euclidean space directional vectors with purely imaginary time components

$$\tilde{n}_A = (in_A^0, 0, 0, n_A^3), \quad \tilde{n}_B = (in_B^0, 0, 0, n_B^3)$$



$$r_a = \frac{n_A^3}{n_A^0} = \frac{1 + e^{-2y_A}}{1 - e^{-2y_A}}, \quad r_b = \frac{n_B^3}{n_B^0} = \frac{1 + e^{2y_B}}{1 - e^{2y_B}}$$

## Auxiliary field definition of the Wilson line

Write Wilson line in terms of one dimensional 'fermions' that live along the path:

$$\begin{aligned} & P \exp \left\{ -ig \int_{s_i}^{s_f} ds n^\mu A_\mu(y(s)) \right\} \\ &= Z_\psi^{-1} \int \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \psi \bar{\psi} \exp \left\{ ig \int_{s_i}^{s_f} ds \bar{\psi} i \partial_s \psi - \bar{\psi} n \cdot A \psi \right\} \end{aligned}$$

[Gervais, Neveu 1980], [Aref'eva 1980]

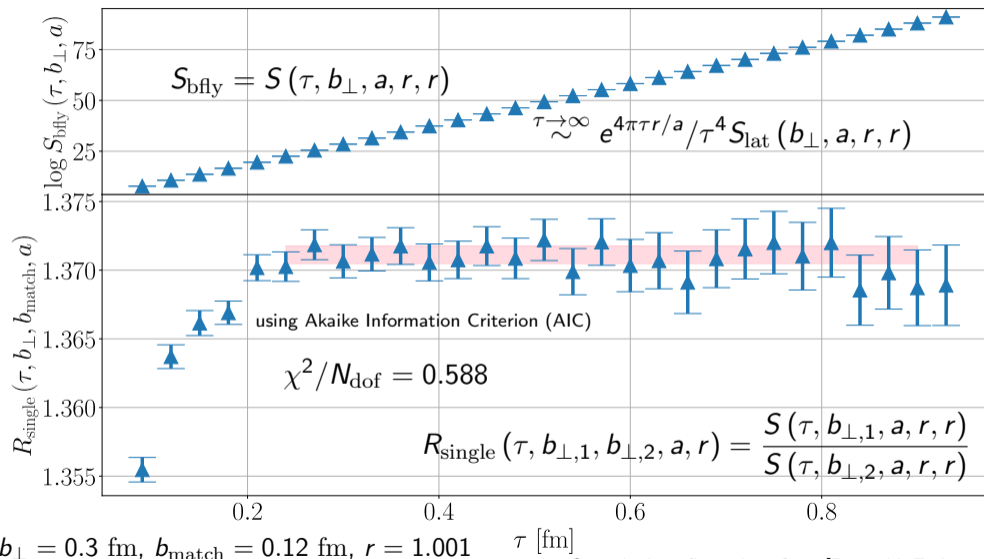
Auxiliary field propagator:

$$in \cdot DH_n(y) = \delta(y) \xrightarrow{\text{Euclidean space}} -i\tilde{n} \cdot D_E H_{\tilde{n}}(y) = \delta(y), \quad \tilde{n} = (in_0, \vec{n})$$

Meaningful solution only obtained with a UV cutoff

[Aglietti, et. al. 1992], [Aglietti, 1994]

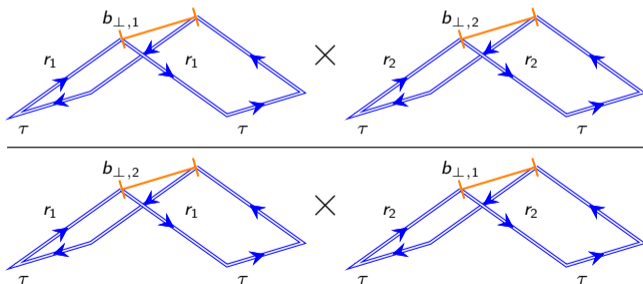
# Single ratio, time dependence



Quenched configurations from [Detmold, Endres, 2018]

$$R_{\text{double}}(b_{\perp,1}, b_{\perp,2}, a, r_1, r_2, \tau) = \frac{S(b_{\perp,1}, a, r_1, r_1, \tau)}{S(b_{\perp,2}, a, r_1, r_1, \tau)} \bigg/ \frac{S(b_{\perp,1}, a, r_2, r_2, \tau)}{S(b_{\perp,2}, a, r_2, r_2, \tau)}$$

$$= \exp[(\gamma_q(b_{\perp,1}, a) - \gamma_q(b_{\perp,2}, a)) 2(y_1 - y_2)]$$



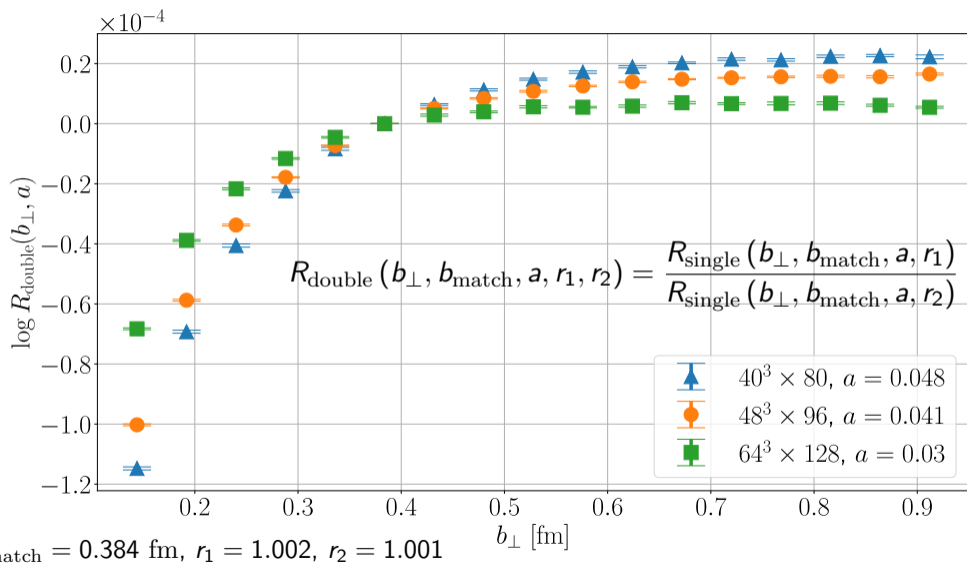
- Power counting for large lattice time:

$$R_{\text{double}}(b_{\perp,1}, b_{\perp,2}, a, r_1, r_2, \tau) = \frac{S_{\text{lat}}(b_{\perp,1}, a, r_1, r_1)}{S_{\text{lat}}(b_{\perp,2}, a, r_1, r_1)} \bigg/ \frac{S_{\text{lat}}(b_{\perp,1}, a, r_2, r_2)}{S_{\text{lat}}(b_{\perp,2}, a, r_2, r_2)} \\ + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{b_1^2 - b_2^2}{\tau^2} \left(\frac{1}{r_1 - 1} - \frac{1}{r_2 - 1}\right), \frac{r_{1,2} - 1}{r_{1,2} + 1}, a^n\right)$$

- Match between lattice and continuum renormalization schemes

$$R_{\text{double}}(b_{\perp,1}, b_{\perp,2}, \mu, r_1, r_2) = C(r_1, r_2, \mu, a) \times R_{\text{double}}(b_{\perp,1}, b_{\perp,2}, a, r_1, r_2)$$

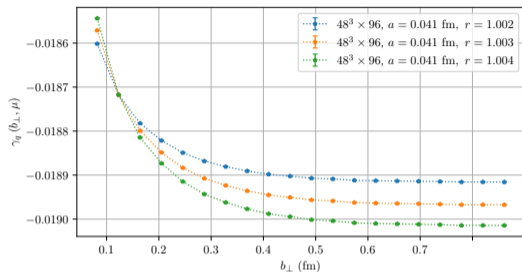
# Interpolated double ratio, $b_{\perp}$ dependence



$$\gamma_q(b_{\perp,1}, \mu) = \gamma_q(b_{\perp,2}, \mu) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \log(R_{\text{double}}(b_{\perp,1}, b_{\perp,2}, \mu, r_1, r_2))}{\log\left(\frac{r_1+1}{r_1-1} / \frac{r_2+1}{r_2-1}\right)}$$

- Implies that we need at least one perturbative value of  $\gamma_q$ .
- Another perturbative value of  $\gamma_q$  is needed, because  $r_{1,2}$  is renormalized due to  $O(4)$  symmetry breaking. [Aglietti, *et. al.* 1992], [Aglietti, 1994]

# Bare vs renormalized rapidity factor



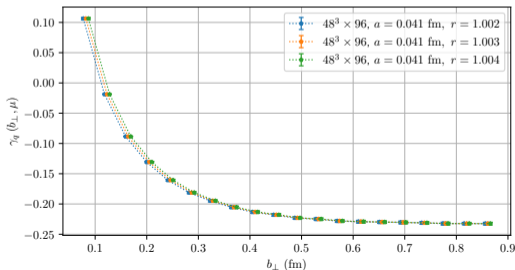
$$r_2 = 1.001, \quad r_1 = \{1.002, 1.003, 1.004\}$$

Bare rapidity:

$$2(y_1 - y_2) = \log \left( \frac{r_1 + 1}{r_1 - 1} \middle/ \frac{r_2 + 1}{r_2 - 1} \right)$$

With perturbative matching:

$$2(y_1^{\text{ren}} - y_2^{\text{ren}}) = \frac{R_{\text{double}}(b_{\perp,1}^{\text{pert}}, b_{\perp,2}^{\text{pert}}, r_1, r_2, a)}{\gamma_q(b_{\perp,1}^{\text{perp}}, \mu) - \gamma_q(b_{\perp,2}^{\text{perp}}, \mu)}$$



- Model the double ratio as a piecewise function:

$$\log R_{\text{double}}^{\text{fit}} = R_a \left( \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma_q^{\overline{\text{MS}}} (b_{\perp}, \mu) - \gamma_q^{\text{match}}, \\ \{d_{\ell}\}, \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} b_{\min} \leq b_{\perp} \leq b_{\text{thresh}} \\ b_{\perp} = \{b_{\ell}\}, b_{\perp} > b_{\text{thresh}} \end{array} \right) + c_1 \left( \frac{a^2}{b_{\perp}^2} - \frac{a^2}{b_{\text{match}}^2} \right)$$

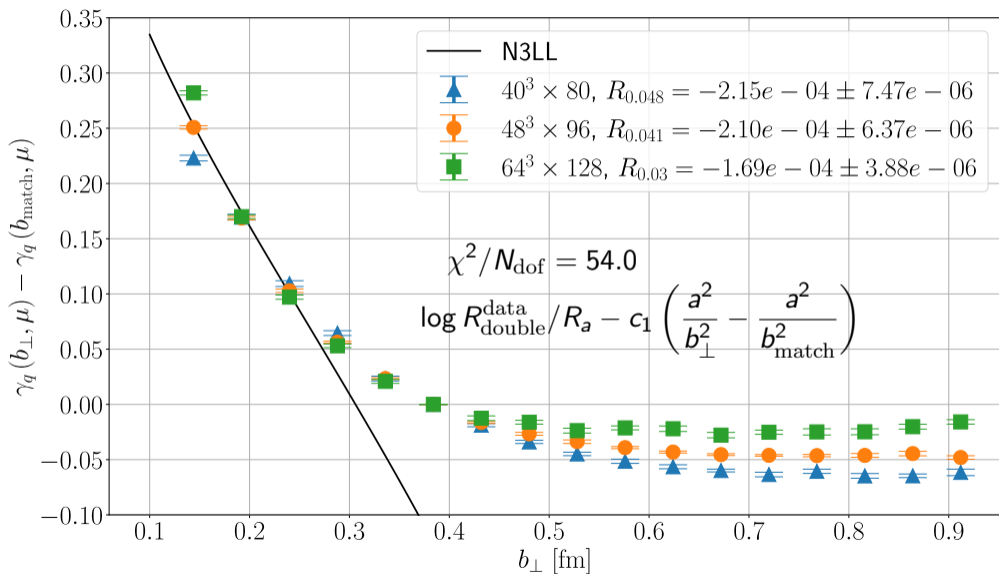
- Combined fit on three ensembles
- Model imposes a constraint on the large- $b_{\perp}$  region

$$b_{\min} = 0.144 \text{ fm}, \quad b_{\text{thresh}} = 0.24 \text{ fm}, \quad b_{\text{match}} = 0.384 \text{ fm} > b_{\text{thresh}}$$

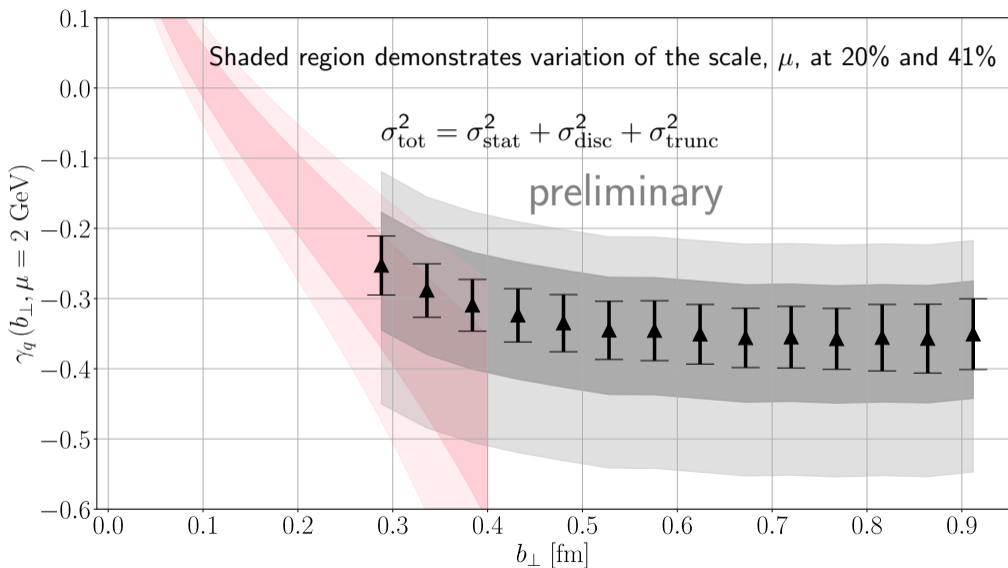
$$d_{\ell} = \gamma_q(b_{\ell}, \mu) - \gamma_q(b_{\text{match}}, \mu), \quad \gamma_q^{\text{ext}}(b_{\ell}, \mu) = \gamma_q^{\text{match}} + d_{\ell}$$

- Model does not adequately estimate the lattice spacing dependence

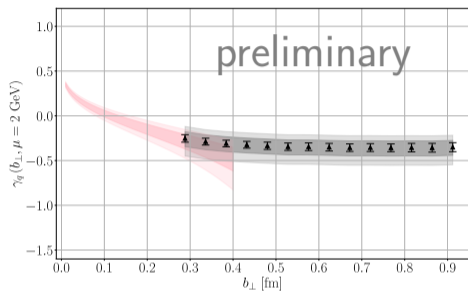
# Fit results



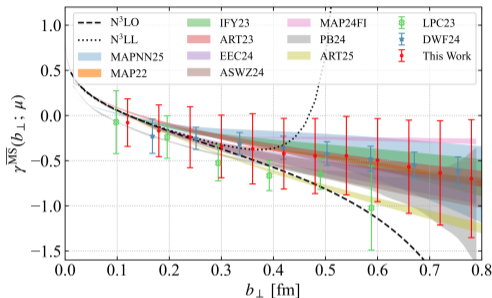
# CS kernel with systematic error



# Comparison with other results



Our result



Other recent results presented in  
[Bollweg, *et. al.*, 2025]

- We obtain results competitive with recent lattice extractions of the Collins-Soper kernel.
- Our result is pure gauge. Comparison plots have  $n_f = 3, 4$ .

- Euclidean space soft function maps directly to Minkowski space result
- Lattice data for ‘butterfly loop’ at high statistical precision
- Double ratio method gives:  $\gamma_q(b_{\perp}, \mu) - \gamma_q(b'_{\perp}, \mu)$
- Error primarily dominated by unknown discretization effects, scale uncertainty
- Even with uncertainty, our results are competitive with existing lattice results

### Open questions and future direction:

- Theoretical understanding of lattice spacing dependence after renormalization
- Improve scale uncertainty, perform perturbative matching at smaller distances

**Thank you!**