

REDUCTION OF ONE-LOOP AMPLITUDES AT THE INTEGRAND LEVEL

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INTRODUCTION: LHC NEEDS NLO

- The experimental programs of LHC require high precision predictions for multi-particle processes
- In the last years we have seen a remarkable progress in the theoretical description of multi-particle processes at tree-order, thanks to very efficient recursive algorithms
- The current need of precision goes beyond tree order. At LHC, all analyses require at least next-to-leading order calculations (NLO)
- The search and the interpretation of new physics requires a precise understanding of the Standard Model. We need accurate predictions and reliable error estimates
- As a result, a big effort has been devoted by several groups to the problem of an efficient computation of one-loop corrections for multi-particle processes!

process ($V \in \{Z, W, \gamma\}$)	relevant for
1. $pp \rightarrow V V + \text{jet}$	$t\bar{t}H$, new physics
2. $pp \rightarrow H + 2 \text{ jets}$	H production by Vector Boson Fusion
3. $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} b\bar{b}$	$t\bar{t}H$
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5. $pp \rightarrow V V b\bar{b}$	$VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$, $t\bar{t}H$, new physics
6. $pp \rightarrow V V + 2 \text{ jets}$	$VBF \rightarrow H \rightarrow VV$
7. $pp \rightarrow V + 3 \text{ jets}$	various new physics signatures
8. $pp \rightarrow V V V$	SUSY trilepton searches

Processes for which a NLO calculation is both desired and feasible

Problems arising in NLO calculations

- Large **Number of Feynman diagrams**
- **Reduction to Scalar Integrals** (or sets of known integrals)
- **Numerical Instabilities** (inverse Gram determinants, spurious phase-space singularities)
- Extraction of **soft and collinear singularities** (we need virtual and real corrections)

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Ellis, Giele, Glover, Zanderighi; Denner, Dittmaier; Del Aguila, Pittau; Van Hameren, Vollinga, Weinzierl; Binoth, Guillet, Heinrich, Schubert; GRACE Group (Belanger et al.); Ferroglia, Passera, Passarino, Uccirati; Binoth, Heinrich; Anastasiou, Daleo; Nagy, Soper; Berger, Bern, Dixon, Forde, Kosower; Cachazo, Svrcek, Witten; Britto, Feng, Mastrolia, Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau; Belanger, Boudjema, Fujimoto, Ishikawa, Kaneko, Kato, Shimizu; van Neerven, Vermaseren; Su, Xiao, Yang, Zhu; Many more [please, accept my apologies...]

OPP REDUCTION - INTRO

Any m -point one-loop amplitude can be written as

$$A(\bar{q}) = \frac{N(q)}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \cdots \bar{D}_{m-1}}$$

A bar denotes objects living in $n = 4 + \epsilon$ dimensions

$$\bar{D}_i = (\bar{q} + p_i)^2 - m_i^2$$

$$\bar{q}^2 = q^2 + \tilde{q}^2$$

$$\bar{D}_i = D_i + \tilde{q}^2$$

External momenta p_i are 4-dimensional objects

OPP “MASTER” FORMULA - I

Let us rewrite the 4-dim $N(q)$ at the integrand level in terms of D_i

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(q) &= \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2 < i_3}^{m-1} \left[d(i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) + \tilde{d}(q; i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) \right] \prod_{i \neq i_0, i_1, i_2, i_3}^{m-1} D_i \\
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 &+ \sum_{i_0}^{m-1} \left[a(i_0) + \tilde{a}(q; i_0) \right] \prod_{i \neq i_0}^{m-1} D_i \\
 &+ \tilde{P}(q) \prod_i^{m-1} D_i
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

OPP “MASTER” FORMULA - II

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$

- The quantities $d(i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3)$ are the coefficients of 4-point functions with denominators labeled by i_0 , i_1 , i_2 , and i_3 .
- $c(i_0 i_1 i_2)$, $b(i_0 i_1)$, $a(i_0)$ are the coefficients of all possible 3-point, 2-point and 1-point functions, respectively.

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The quantities \tilde{d} , \tilde{c} , \tilde{b} , \tilde{a} are the “spurious” terms

- They still depend on q (integration momentum)
- They should vanish upon integration

What is the explicit expression of the spurious term?

- Express any q in $N(q)$ as

$$q^\mu = -p_0^\mu + \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i l_i^\mu, \quad l_i^2 = 0$$

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Following F. del Aguila and R. Pittau, arXiv:hep-ph/0404120

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SPURIOUS TERMS - II

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- $\tilde{b}(q)$ and $\tilde{a}(q)$ give rise to 8 and 4 terms, respectively

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There is a very good set of such points: **Use values of q for which a set of denominators D_i vanish** \rightarrow The system becomes “triangular”: solve first for 4-point functions, then 3-point functions and so on

EXAMPLE: D COEFFICIENTS OF 4-POINT FUNCTION

$$\begin{aligned} N(q) &= d + \tilde{d}(q) + \sum_{i=0}^3 [c(i) + \tilde{c}(q; i)] D_i + \sum_{i_0 < i_1}^3 [b(i_0 i_1) + \tilde{b}(q; i_0 i_1)] D_{i_0} D_{i_1} \\ &+ \sum_{i_0=0}^3 [a(i_0) + \tilde{a}(q; i_0)] D_{i \neq i_0} D_{j \neq i_0} D_{k \neq i_0} \end{aligned}$$

We look for a q of the form $q^\mu = -p_0^\mu + x_i \ell_i^\mu$ such that

$$D_0 = D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = 0$$

→ we get a system of equations in x_i that has **two solutions** q_0^\pm

EXAMPLE: D COEFFICIENTS OF 4-POINT FUNCTION

$$N(q) = d + \tilde{d}(q)$$

Our “master formula” for $q = q_0^\pm$ is:

$$N(q_0^\pm) = [d + \tilde{d} T(q_0^\pm)]$$

→ solve to extract the coefficients d and \tilde{d}

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Then we can move to the extraction of **c coefficients** using

$$N'(q) = N(q) - d - \tilde{d} T(q)$$

and **setting to zero three denominators** (ex: $D_1 = 0$, $D_2 = 0$, $D_3 = 0$)

- Let's go back to the integrand

$$A(\bar{q}) = \frac{N(q)}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \cdots \bar{D}_{m-1}}$$

- Insert the expression for $N(q) \rightarrow$ we know all the coefficients

$$N(q) = \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2 < i_3}^{m-1} [d + \tilde{d}(q)] \prod_{i \neq i_0, i_1, i_2, i_3}^{m-1} D_i + \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2}^{m-1} [c + \tilde{c}(q)] \prod_{i \neq i_0, i_1, i_2}^{m-1} D_i + \cdots$$

- Finally rewrite all denominators using

$$\frac{D_i}{\bar{D}_i} = \bar{z}_i, \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{z}_i \equiv \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{q}^2}{\bar{D}_i}\right)$$

RATIONAL TERMS - II

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(\bar{q}) &= \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2 < i_3}^{m-1} \frac{d(i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) + \tilde{d}(q; i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3)}{\bar{D}_{i_0} \bar{D}_{i_1} \bar{D}_{i_2} \bar{D}_{i_3}} \prod_{i \neq i_0, i_1, i_2, i_3}^{m-1} \bar{Z}_i \\
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 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The rational part is produced, after integrating over $d^n q$, by the \tilde{q}^2 dependence in \bar{Z}_i

$$\bar{Z}_i \equiv \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{q}^2}{\bar{D}_i} \right)$$

Calculate $N(q)$

- We do not need to repeat this for all Feynman diagrams. We can group them and solve for (sub)amplitudes directly
- Calculate $N(q)$ numerically via recursion relations
- Just specify external momenta, polarization vectors and masses and proceed with the reduction!

Compute all coefficients

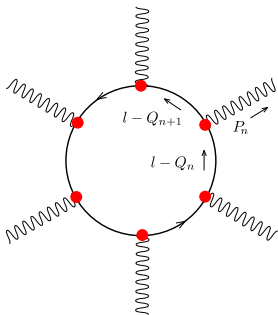
- by evaluating $N(q)$ at certain values of integration momentum

Evaluate scalar integrals

- massive integrals \rightarrow FF [G. J. van Oldenborgh]
- massless integrals \rightarrow OneLOop [A. van Hameren]

4-PHOTON AND 6-PHOTON AMPLITUDES

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(via fermionic loop of mass m_f)

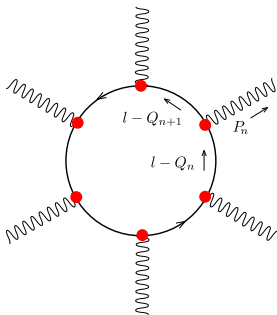


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Input parameters for the reduction:

- External momenta $p_i \rightarrow$ in this example **massless**, i.e. $p_i^2 = 0$
- Masses of propagators in the loop \rightarrow **all equal to m_f**
- Polarization vectors \rightarrow various helicity configurations

$$\frac{F_{++++}^f}{\alpha^2 Q_f^4} = -8$$

(5)

Rational Part

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{F_{++++}^f}{\alpha^2 Q_f^4} &= -8 + 8 \left(1 + \frac{2\hat{u}}{\hat{s}}\right) B_0(\hat{u}) + 8 \left(1 + \frac{2\hat{t}}{\hat{s}}\right) B_0(\hat{t}) \\
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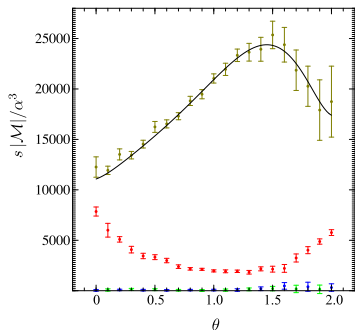
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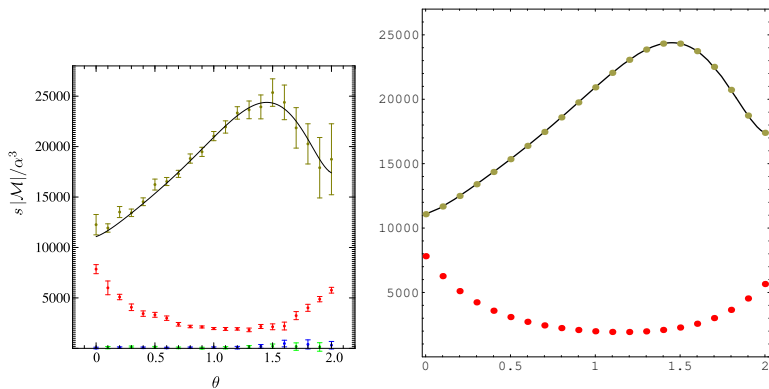
Results also checked for F_{+++-}^f and F_{+--+}^f

Massless case: $[++--]$ and $[+-+ -]$



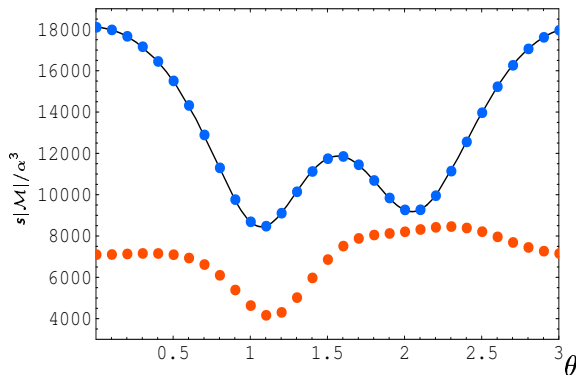
Plot presented by Nagy and Soper hep-ph/0610028

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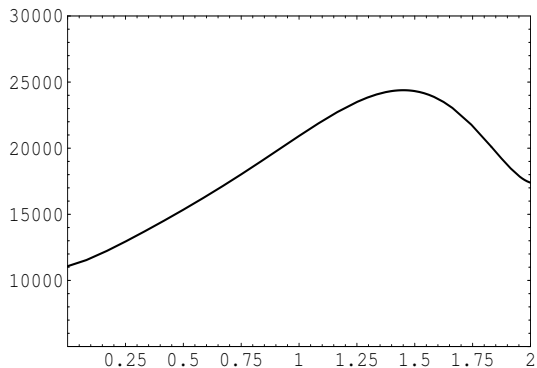
Analogous plot produced with OPP reduction

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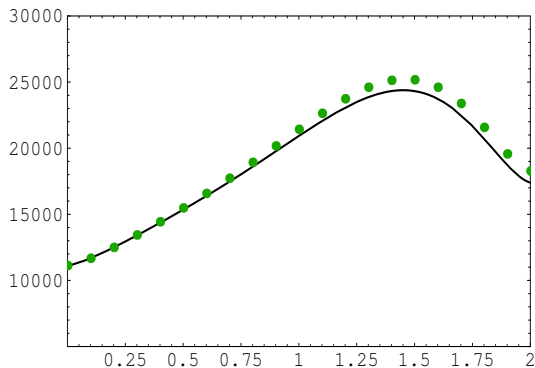
Same idea for a different set of external momenta

SIX PHOTONS WITH MASSIVE FERMIONS



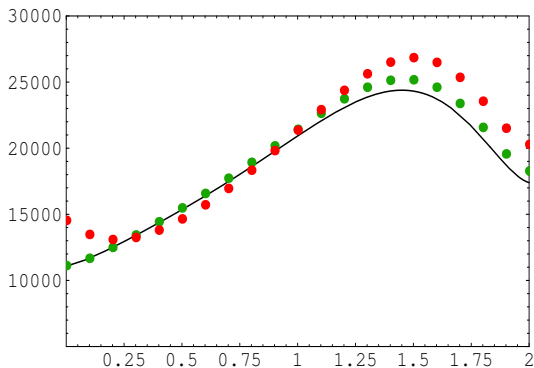
- Massless result [Mahlon]

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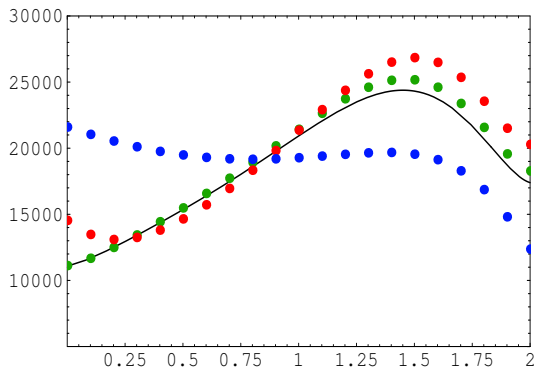
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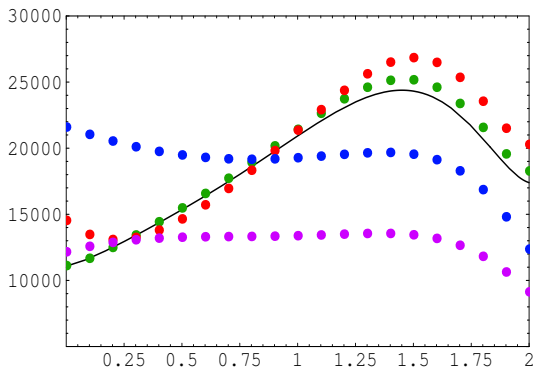
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