Local Unitarity

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Pictorial representation of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2j$ @ NLO differential x-section

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Introduction

Local Unitarity: framing the problem

A cross-section admits a perturbative expansion when lpha < 1

$$\sigma = \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \alpha^L \sigma^{(L)}$$

The coefficients of the power series can be obtained by "squaring the S-matrix"

$$\sigma \approx |S|^2 = \left| - \left\langle + - \left\langle + - \right\rangle \right|^2$$

The coefficients can be represented as a sum of interference diagrams

$$\sigma^{(2)} = + + + + + + + \dots$$

Each side of Cutkosky cut corresponds to a diagram building up the S-matrix

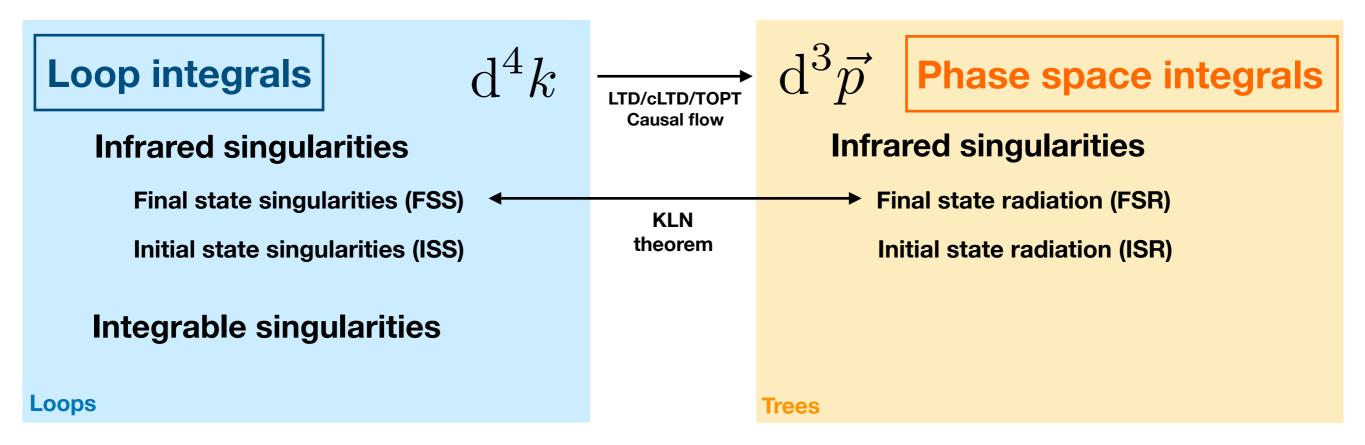
Interference diagrams themselves can be represented as integrals of amplitudes

$$q_2 = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^4 k}{D_1 D_2 D_3}$$
Loop integral

Problem: both types of integrals are divergent!

• Collinear divergences
$$q_1//q_2$$

• Soft divergences $q_1=0$ Non-integrable
• Thresholds } Integrable



This subdivision hides an inherent simplicity

Integrals
ISS + ISR
Integrable singularities
Trees

IR singularities appear in **separate pieces** of the computation of LHC observables, but **not in the final result** (IR-safety)

Forcing IR-safety to be realised **locally** loosens the distinction between phase space and loop integrals

Our objective

Computing cross-sections fully numerically by locally combining real and virtual contributions

That is: Find a representation of perturbative cross-sections in the form

$$\sigma = \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \alpha^L \int d\Pi_L \sigma_d^{(L)}$$

where $\sigma_{\rm d}^{(L)}$ is an **integrable** function, can be **MonteCarlo** integrated.

This can be achieved with no subtraction and dimensional regularisation

Using robustness of MonteCarlo methods to automate fixed order corrections

Objective:
$$\sigma = \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \alpha^L \int \mathrm{d}\Pi_L \sigma_{\mathrm{d}}^{(L)}$$

Monte Carlo methods are fine, but how do we construct $\sigma_{\mathrm{d}}^{(L)}$?

Want method to be generic (scattering process and perturbative order) and competitive, yield new results in reasonable time with limited resources

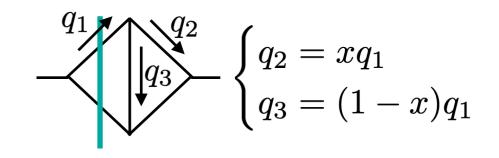
Studying this we learn about

- The singular structure of amplitudes in momentum space
- The singular structure of phase space integrals

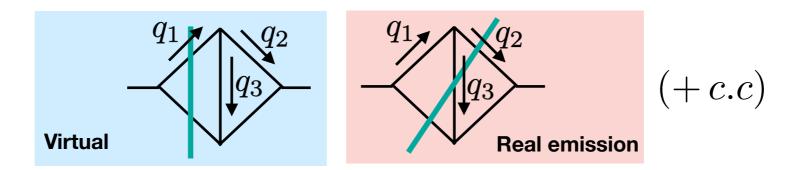
Conceptual shift: from amplitudes+phase space integrals to interference diagrams

Real and virtual contributions

Interference diagram may have a collinear singularity, e.g.



This sum of diagrams is finite in this collinear limit (KLN theorem)

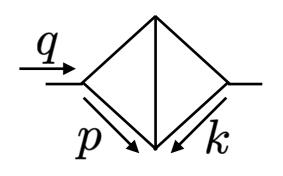


Sum over all the Cutkosky cuts of the double triangle is finite in any IR limit

Problem: there is a difference in dimensionality between phase space and loop integrals

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{p}}{2|\vec{p}|}\mathrm{d}^{4}k\delta(|\vec{p}|+|\vec{p}-\vec{q}|-Q_{0})$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{p}}{2|\vec{p}|}\frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}\vec{k}}{2|\vec{k}|}\delta(|\vec{p}|+|\vec{p}-\vec{k}|+|\vec{k}-\vec{q}|-Q_{0})$$



Loop-Tree Duality

Loop Tree Duality

The **LTD representation** allows for explicit integration of the energy components using residue theorem

$$\int \left[\prod_{m=1}^{M} d^4 k_m \right] \frac{N}{\prod_i D_i} = \int \left[\prod_{m=1}^{M} d^3 \vec{k}_m \right] f_{\text{ltd}}$$

With this result, both loop and phase space integrals are defined over 3D space

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Automation of LTD and cLTD (arbitrary loops, topologies, numerators)

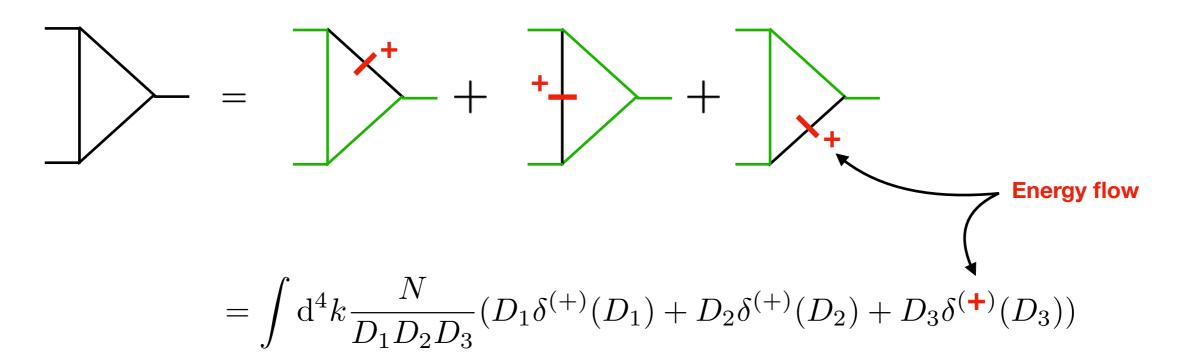
$$= \int d^4k \frac{N}{(k^2 - i\epsilon)((k - p_1)^2 - i\epsilon)((k + p_2)^2 - i\epsilon)}$$

Analytically continue energy component. Close the contour in the lower complex plane. Poles are:

Then using residue theorem

$$= \int d^3 \vec{k} \left[\operatorname{Res}_1 \left[\frac{N}{D_1 D_2 D_3} \right] + \operatorname{Res}_2 \left[\frac{N}{D_1 D_2 D_3} \right] + \operatorname{Res}_3 \left[\frac{N}{D_1 D_2 D_3} \right] \right]$$

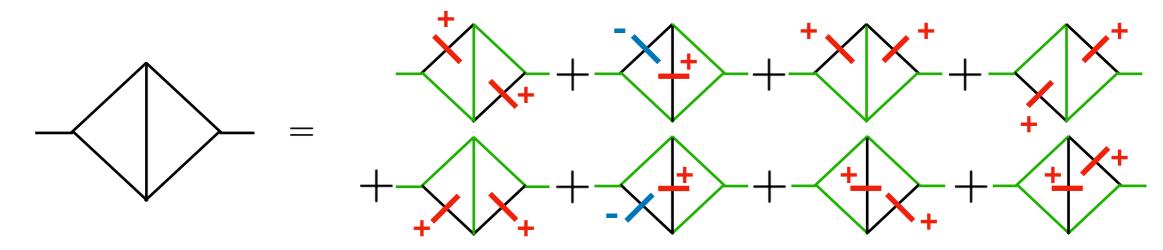
Residues can be represented as cuts:



Delete the cut edges, obtain spanning trees ———— Tree processes (virtual/real particles)

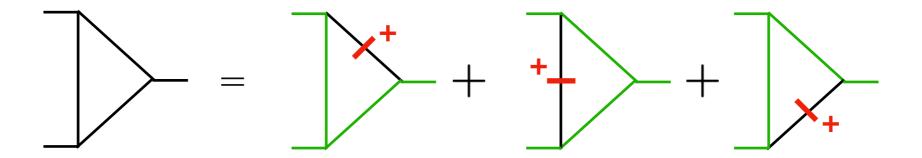
One loop is easy! The technicalities start to appear at higher loops

For example, applying LTD to a double triangle



Interplay of momentum conservation and epsilon prescription is key to obtain the energy flow

Going back to the triangle



Finally, we can apply LTD for our original purpose

Applying LTD to the interference diagrams, we can bring them under the same integral sign

$$\underbrace{E_{2} + E_{5}}_{E_{1}} = \int d^{3}\vec{k}d^{3}\vec{p} \left(\delta(E_{1} + E_{2} - Q_{0})f_{\text{virt}} + \delta(E_{1} + E_{3} + E_{5} - Q_{0})f_{\text{real}}\right)$$

The causal flow

Causal flow

The measure now differs only in the delta enforcing on shell energy conservation

$$\sim \delta(E_1 + E_2 - Q_0)$$

$$\sim \delta(E_1 + E_3 + E_5 - Q_0)$$

Find a variable to solve both deltas. Here the first energy works, in general there is not a unique energy that allows that.

Side-step phase space mapping problems

Solution: introduce a fictitious variable in which to solve the delta

$$\delta(|\vec{k}| - Q_0) \xrightarrow[\vec{k} \to t\vec{k}]{} \delta(t|\vec{k}| - Q_0) \longrightarrow t = \frac{Q_0}{|\vec{k}|}$$

Soper,

arXiv: 9804454 (1998)

Soper,

arXiv: 0102031 (2001 @ RADCOR)

ZC, Hirschi, Pelloni, Ruijl arXiv: 2010.01068 (2020)

General FSR cancellations For N to M NkLO processes

A toy example:

$$\int d^3\vec{k} \,\delta(|\vec{k}| - Q_0) f(\vec{k})$$

$$= \int d^3\vec{k} \int dt \, h(t) \, \delta(|\vec{k}| - Q_0) f(\vec{k})$$

using

$$1 = \int \mathrm{d}t \, h(t)$$

$$= \int d^3\vec{k} \int dt \, t^3 \, h(t) \, \delta(t|\vec{k}| - Q_0) f(t\vec{k})$$

using

$$\vec{k} \to t \vec{k}$$

$$= \int d^3 \vec{k} \, \frac{Q_0^3}{|\vec{k}|^4} \, h(Q_0/|\vec{k}|) \, f(Q_0 \vec{k}/|\vec{k}|)$$

with

$$t^{\star} = Q_0/|\vec{k}|$$

Solve delta in scaling variable. Phase space has same dimensionality

Then

$$- \int d^3 \vec{k} d^3 \vec{p} \delta(E_1 + E_2 - Q_0) f_{\text{virt}} = \int d^3 \vec{k} d^3 \vec{p} g_{\text{v}}(t_{\text{v}}^{\star})$$

where
$$t_{\mathrm{v}}^{\star}=t_{\mathrm{v}}^{\star}(\vec{k},\vec{p})=rac{Q_{0}}{E_{1}+E_{2}}$$

Apply same procedure to real...

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\vec{p},\vec{k}) \rightarrow \vec{\phi}(t,(\vec{p},\vec{k})) & \begin{cases} \partial_t \vec{\phi} = \vec{\kappa} \circ \vec{\phi} \\ \vec{\phi}(0,(\vec{k},\vec{l})) = (\vec{k},\vec{l}) \end{cases}$$
 Why "causal flow"?

Then:
$$= \int d^3 \vec{p} d^3 \vec{k} (g_{\rm v}(t_{\rm v}^{\star}) + g_{\rm r}(t_{\rm r}^{\star}))$$

We have aligned the measure!

It turns out that doing so also achieves IR-finiteness at the local level (causal flow)

- We constructed our local representation of differential cross-sections
- The two main ingredients (LTD and the causal flow) can be generically applied at any order.

Showing IR finiteness we have to recast this expression is a slightly different but illuminating way

Local Unitarity representation

The LTD representation of the double triangle with rescaled momenta is

$$Q_0$$
 tq_1
 tq_2
 tq_3
 tq_5
 f_{ltd}
 tq_6
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Then

$$= \int d^{3}\vec{p}d^{3}\vec{k} \left[\lim_{t \to t_{v}^{\star}} (t - t_{v}^{\star}) f_{\text{ltd}} \left(\bigoplus \right) \Big|_{tq_{i}} + \lim_{t \to t_{r}^{\star}} (t - t_{r}^{\star}) f_{\text{ltd}} \left(\bigoplus \right) \Big|_{tq_{i}} \right]$$

 $g_{\rm v},~g_{\rm r}$ can be written as different limits of the same function!

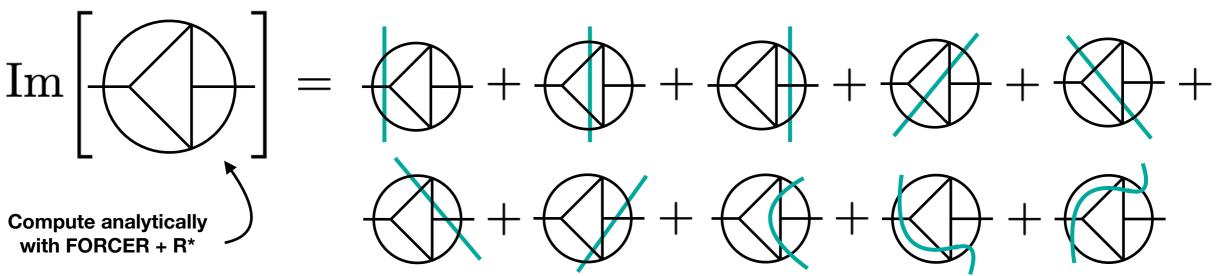
Solving delta in the scaling variable \Rightarrow 1d residue theorem along the line $\gamma(t)=(t\vec{k},t\vec{p})$

$$= \int \mathrm{d}^3\vec{p} \; \mathrm{d}^3\vec{k} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^4 \lim_{t \to t_i^\star} (t - t_i^\star) f_{\mathrm{ltd}} \left(- t_i^\star \right) \Big|_{tq_i} \end{bmatrix}$$
 LU representation

Cutkosky, but at the local level!

Local IR cancellations: 5-loop example

We proved cancellations rigorously for FSR singularities. Here we use an example



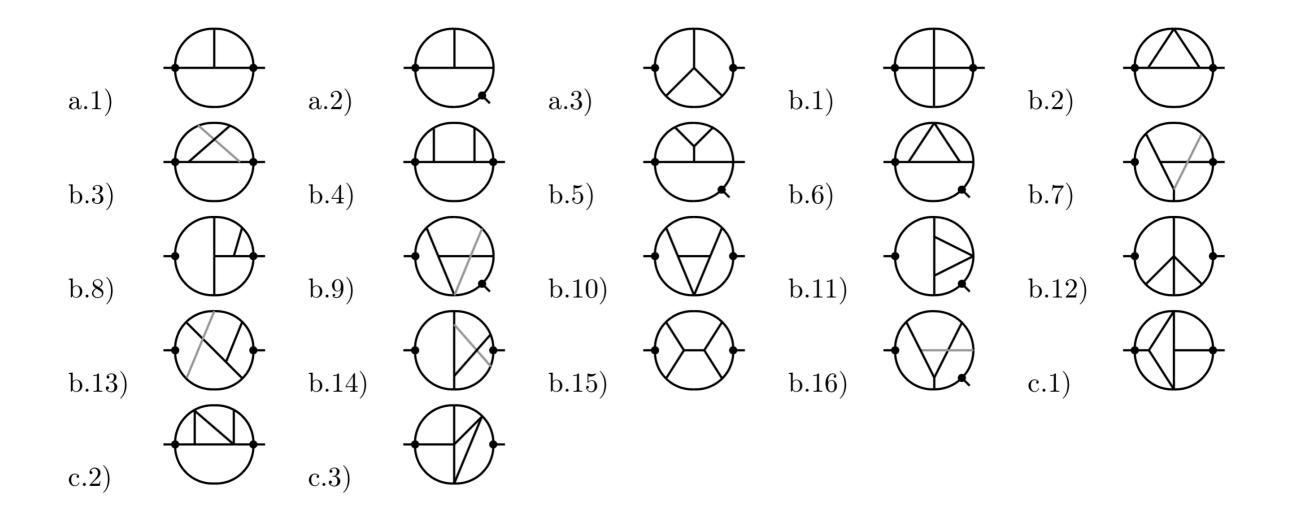
B. Ruijl, T. Ueda, J. Vermaseren arXiv: 1704.06650 (2017)

F. Herzog, B. Ruijl

arXiv: 1703.03776 (2017)

$$= \int \left[\prod_{j=1}^5 \mathrm{d}^3 \vec{k}_j \right] \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lim_{t \to t_i} (t-t_i) f_{\mathrm{ltd}} \left(\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}} \right)$$
 Monte Carlo Integration

N _p [10 ⁶]	$^{ extsf{t}/ extsf{p}}$ [μ s]		N _{ch}	FORCER [GeV ²]	$lpha$ Loop [GeV 2]	exp.	Δ [σ]	Δ [%]				
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Inclusive cross-section per supergraph												
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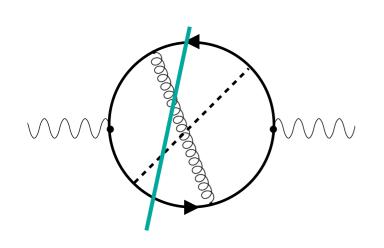


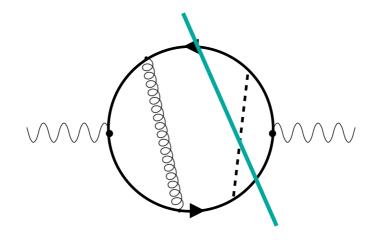
We did the same for all 3-4-5 loop two-point functions that are finite in scalar theory

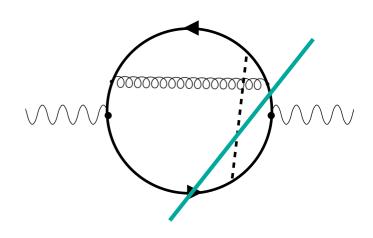
Inclusive $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H @ NLO$

Same procedure is applied to physical case.

This has many forward-scattering diagrams and Cutkosky cuts, e.g.







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15 forward-scattering diagrams

O(50) interference diagrams

Pure NLO correction:

MG res: -1.38400e-04 +/- 1.4e-07 aL real res: -1.38320e-04 +/- 5.9e-07

I(MG-aL)/MGI: 5.75e-04

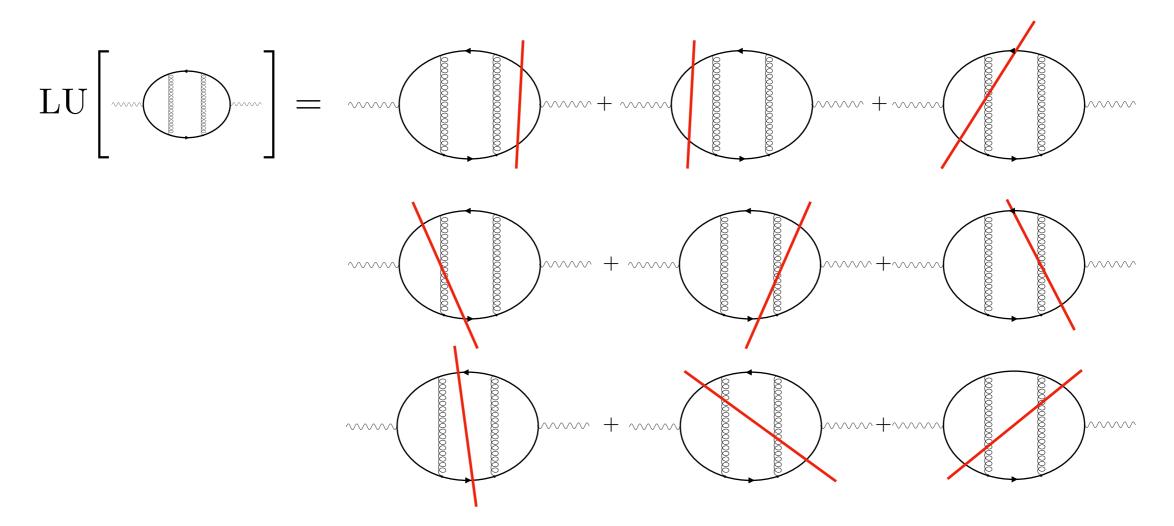
Matches benchmark From MG5_aMC@NLO

Only dim. reg. for UV counter-terms

No IR counter-terms

Alwall, Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni arXiv: 1405.0301 (2014)

$$e^+e^- \to t\bar{t} @ NNLO$$



Very complicated singular structure, regulated without counter-terms!

-0.000685226 +- 1.86e-06 (0.27%) | chi2=0.875 | mwi=1.04 | n=19057.0M(11%) | n0=73.4M(0.39%) | p=11%

Same with

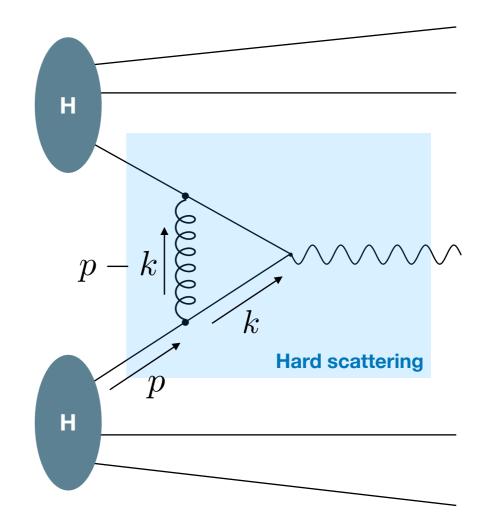
Initial State Singularities

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Scattering of hadrons is treated in the parton model

Assumptions:

- Interactions between partons inside the same hadron are negligible
- Scattering occurs between one Parton from one hadron and one Parton from the other



These assumptions lead to singularities that are incurable from KLN

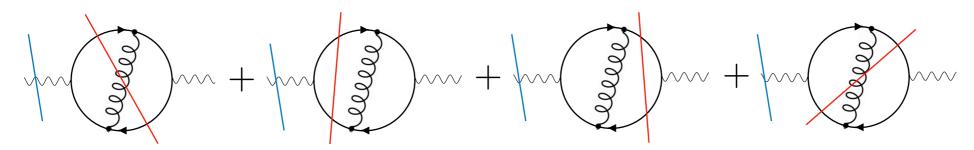
$$k = xp$$

The current paradigm uses PDF renormalisation + resummation to eliminate them

Idea

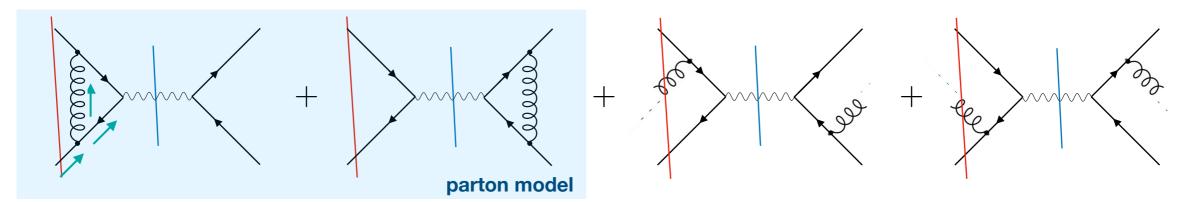
Instead of using the Parton model, we take inspiration from KLN

For $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2j$ @ NLO we used



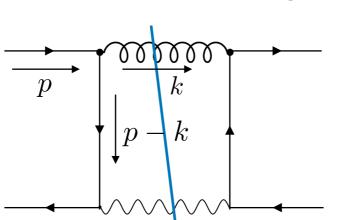
(include all degenerate configurations, higher final-state multiplicities)

Flip it, and obtain the answer for Drell-Yan, $2\,\mathrm{j} \to e^+e^-$



The initial state singularity is now absent!

Include degenerate initial states

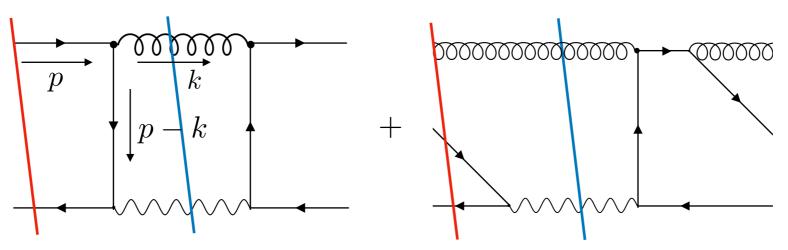


Higher multiplicity initial states

What about this diagram?

Also has collinear singularity at k=xp

In this case, the cancelling partner is



Higher multiplicity initial states, but also disconnected! Free travelling gluon!

The sum of these two diagrams is finite everywhere in phase space

Not a new idea!

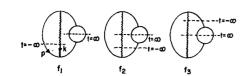
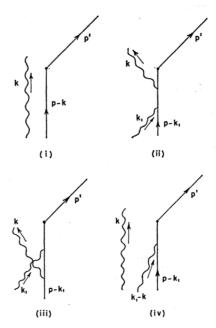


Fig. 15. Additional double cut diagrams which are introduced to take account of the degeneracy of the initial state.

T. Kinoshita "Mass singularities of Feynman amplitudes" (1962) The methods described here cannot be directly applied to processes with definite numbers of hadrons in the initial state. However, it may be that for some purposes a high energy hadron behaves like a jet. In this case, the differential cross section for jet production in high energy hadronic collisions could also be calculated in QCD by ordinary perturbation theory.

G. Sterman, S. Weinberg, "Jets from Quantum Chromodynamics" (1977)



T.D. Lee, M. Nauenberg "Degenerate systems and mass singularities" (1963)

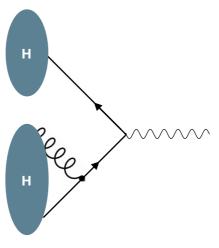
Also look at

Frye, Hannesdottir, Paul, Schwartz, Yan arXiv:1810.10022 (2019)

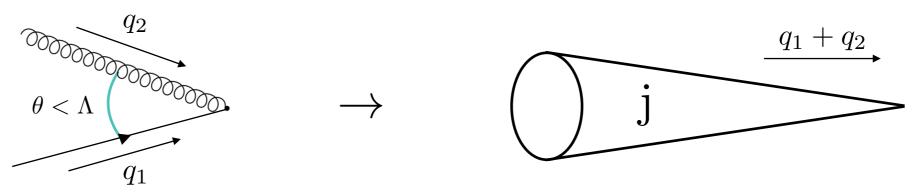
Multiple initial state partons

This argument suggests that, in order to maintain IR-finiteness, one requires more than

two initial state partons



and that the multiple partons should be clustered into **two jet-like objects** that resemble high energy hadrons



After clustering, we get two jets with momenta

$$P_2^{
m j}$$

Cluster initial states analogously to final states: symmetry initial-final state

The use of a jet algorithm naturally comes with two scales

• One measuring the allowed phase space for the total momentum of the jet

$$(P_i^{\mathbf{j}})_{\perp} < d_{\perp}$$

 $\left\{ d_{\perp} \right\}$

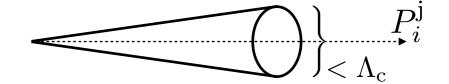
If the scale is zero, the jet lies **exactly** on the z axis

If $d_{\perp}=0$ the two jets are exactly back-to-back. This is equivalent to the parton's model

$$p_1 = (x_1\sqrt{s}, 0, 0, x_1\sqrt{s}), \quad p_2 = (x_2\sqrt{s}, 0, 0, -x_2\sqrt{s})$$

One measuring the maximum angular separation between two partons in a jet

$$(P_{ij})_{\perp} < \Lambda_{\rm c}$$

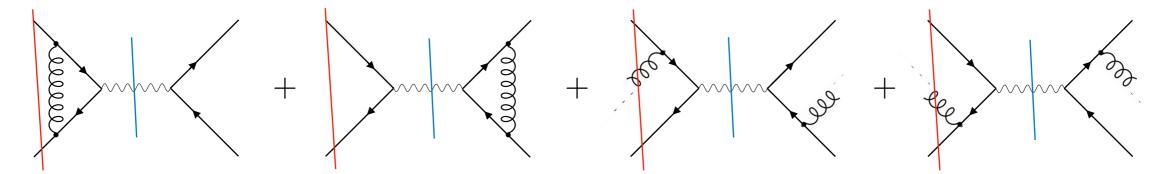


The smaller this scale, the more **collinear** the partons are

The more collinear the partons, the more divergent the observable

 $\Lambda_{
m c}$ is the equivalent of the factorisation scale! $\,pprox \log{(\Lambda_{
m c})}$

But how do we compute all this?



Up to redefinition of observables, this is equivalent to

So we can use **Local Unitarity**!

Where the integrand is locally finite! We can Monte Carlo integrate it.

What can we do?

• Take the limit $d_{\perp}
ightarrow 0$ analytically and obtain exact back to back jets

$$P_i^{\mathbf{j}} = ((P_i^{\mathbf{j}})^0, 0, 0, (P_i^{\mathbf{j}})^3)$$

This allows us to define **Bjorken variables**

$$x_1 = \frac{(P_1^{j})^0 + (P_1^{j})^3}{2}$$
 $x_2 = \frac{(P_2^{j})^0 - (P_2^{j})^3}{2}$

For a 2 to N diagram this reproduces the parton model

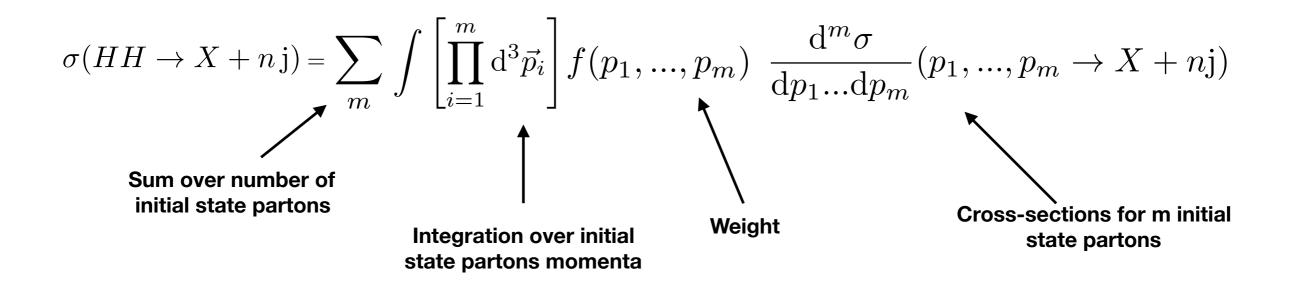
- Bin the distribution in the Bjorken variables \longrightarrow **Fit PDFs!** (not in MS bar)
- Vary the factorisation scale Λ_c and interpolate the dependence on the factorisation scale

Numerical resummation

Banfi, Salam, Zanderighi, arXiv:0407286 (2004)

Hadronic cross-sections

We started with a very generic formalism for scattering



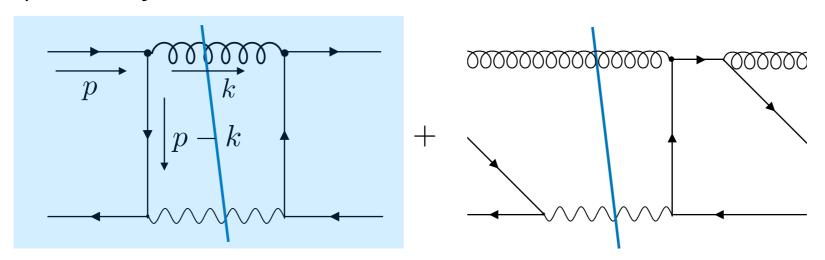
In the end, we arrive to

$$\sigma(HH \to X + n\,\mathbf{j}) = \int \mathrm{d}x_1 \mathrm{d}x_2 \, f(x_1, \Lambda_{\mathrm{c}}) \, f(x_2, \Lambda_{\mathrm{c}}) \, \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma_p}{\mathrm{d}x_1 \mathrm{d}x_2} (2\,\mathbf{j} \to X + n\,\mathbf{j}, \Lambda_{\mathrm{c}})$$

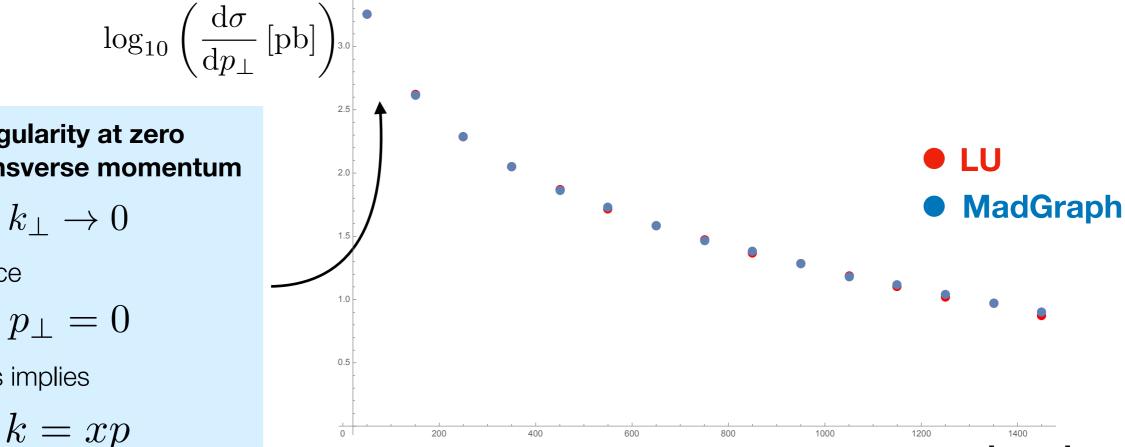
In a sense, we get the renormalised result to begin with!

Phenomenology

Let us look specifically at:



We integrate the "usual" diagram and check that it matches with traditional computations And bin the transverse momentum distribution of the gluon (jet)



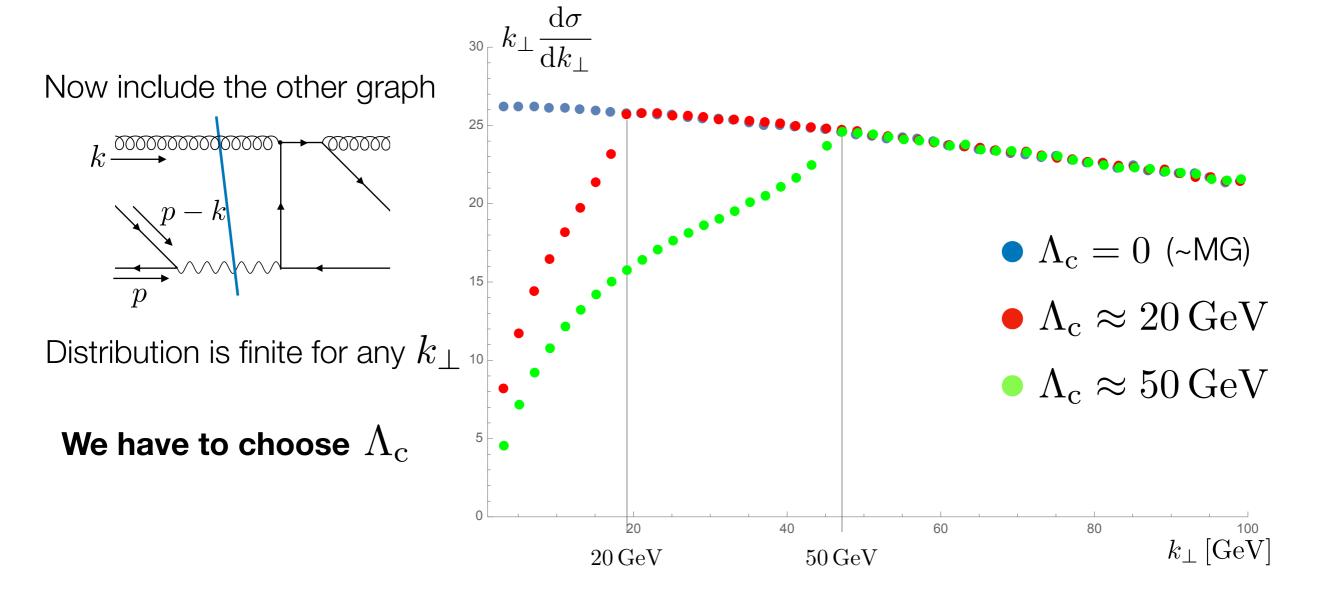
Singularity at zero transverse momentum

Since

This implies

$$k = xp$$

 $k_{\perp} \, [{\rm GeV}]$



First observation: for $\Lambda_{\rm c} > 50\,{
m GeV}$ the distribution does not change anymore

$$(p-k)_{\perp},\ p_{\perp} < m_Z \quad k_{\perp} < m_Z \quad$$
 due to energy/momentum conservation

Highest separation of two partons in a jet is of order of Z mass

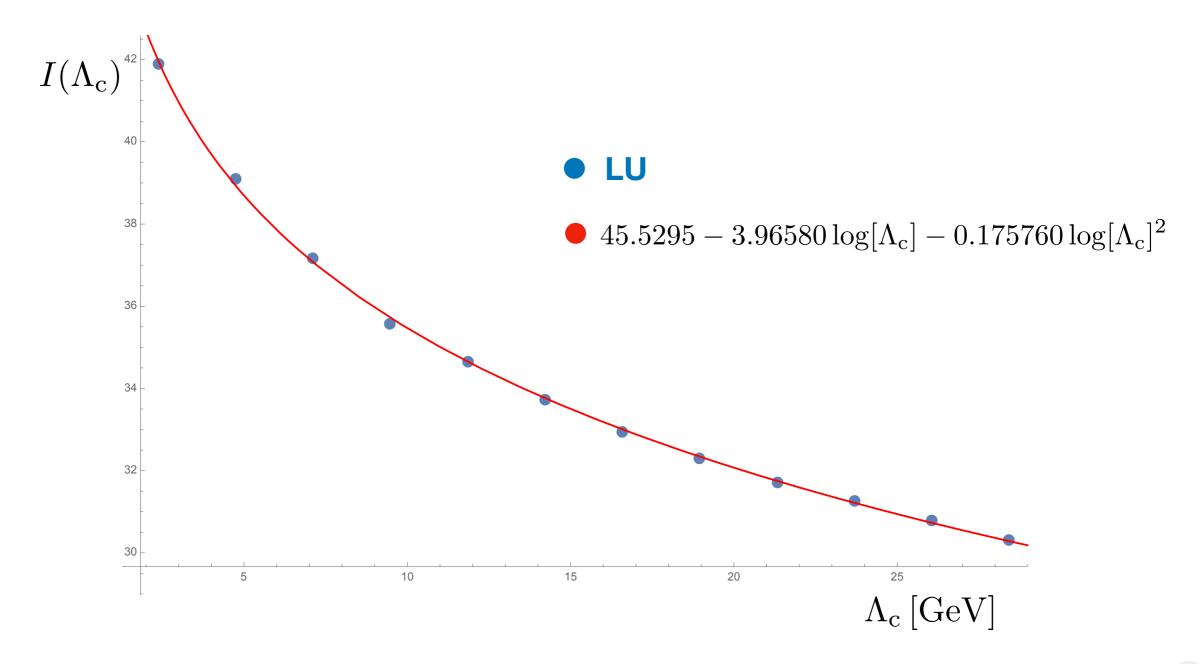
Factorisation scale has natural range choice associated to process scale

Scale dependence

Consider now the integral

$$I(\Lambda_{\rm c}) = \int_0^{100} \mathrm{d}k_{\perp} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}k_{\perp}} (\Lambda_{\rm c})$$

as a function of the factorisation scale



Local Unitarity is a fully local and generic paradigm

- IR singularities regulated by realising KLN locally
- Thresholds regulated using local deformation
- Local UV and renormalisation fully automated

It forces to **unify** different aspects of fixed-order computations

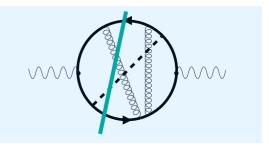
- Phase-space/Loop integrals
- Initial State Singularities/Final State Singularities

It is particularly suitable to numerical integration!

- Take advantage of the robustness of MonteCarlo methods
- Full automation underway
- Evaluation speed and convergence constitute important challenges

Future application:

$$e^+e^-
ightarrow t \bar{t} H$$
 ${
m N^2LO}$ cross-section



Selected reads

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