

Higgs boson decay into gluons: IR cancellation in the decay rate at NLO using Implicit Regularization

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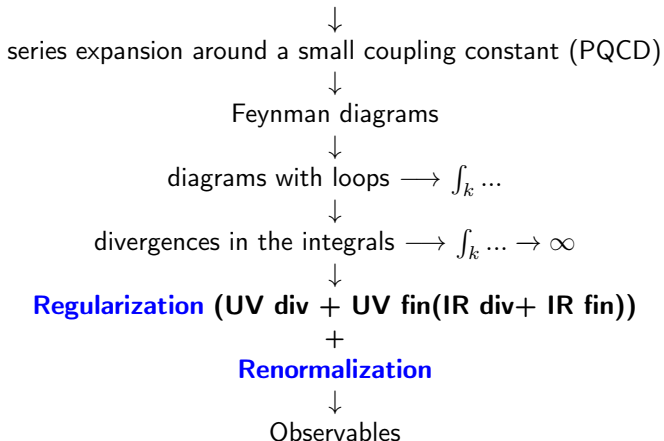
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Interactions in QCD

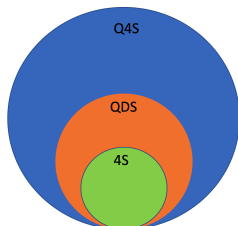


- **Traditional dimensional schemes (DS):** Conventional Dimensional Regularization (**CDR**), t'Hooft Veltman (**HV**), Four dimensional Helicity (**FDH**), Dimensional Reduction (**DRED**).
- **Non-dimensional schemes:** Implicit Regularization (**IREG**), Four-dimensional Regularization (**FDR**), Four-Dimensional Unsubtraction (**FDU**), Differential Renormalization (**DREN**).

[Gnendiger et al., 2017]

- The basic idea of all DS is to regularize divergent integrals by formally changing the dimensionality of space-time d or $d_s = 4 - 2\epsilon$.
- UV and IR divergent integrals lead to poles of the form $\frac{1}{\epsilon^n}$

	CDR	HV	FDH	DRED
singular VF	$g_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$g_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$g_{[d_s]}^{\mu\nu}$	$g_{[d_s]}^{\mu\nu}$
regular VF	$g_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$g_{[4]}^{\mu\nu}$	$g_{[4]}^{\mu\nu}$	$g_{[d_s]}^{\mu\nu}$



$$\int \frac{d^4 k_{[4]}}{(2\pi)^4} \longrightarrow \mu_{DS}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k_{[d]}}{(2\pi)^d} \quad (1)$$

- Regularized covariant derivative in QCD:

$$\mathcal{D}_{[d_s]}^\mu \psi_i = \partial_{[d]}^\mu \psi_i + i(g_s A_{[d]}^{\mu,a} + g_e A_{N_\epsilon}^{\mu,a}) T_{ij}^a \psi_j \quad (2)$$

- Changes at the Lagrangian level lead to changes in Feynman rules, which may lead to complex computation at higher orders

Why to explore non-dimensional methods?

IReg - framework that allows for a simpler computation of precision observables

Using DS in Quantum field theoretical models which are well-defined only in their physical dimension

- γ^5 Dirac algebra clashes with dimensional continuation in space-time dimensions
- Supersymmetric theories \longrightarrow breaking of the supersymmetric relations

KLN theorem in a nutshell

IR divergences may occur in the expansion of the action when doing perturbative expansions, the IR divergences coming from loop integrals are cancelled by divergences coming from phase space integrals and the total result must be IR finite.

[Kinoshita, 1962, Lee and Nauenberg, 1964]

- Match between virtual and real contributions to NLO to find a finite and regularization independent result (**compliance of IReg with KLN theorem**)
- Understand how IReg is applied in **renormalization of effective theories**
- Verify that in IReg **no modifications to the Lagrangian** are needed (comparison with dimensional regularization schemes)
- **More friendly calculations** since we do not change the Feynman rules

IReg to NLO + Renormalization

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ H \longrightarrow gg \end{array}$$

$$\Gamma_v + \Gamma_r = \text{IR finite?}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Gamma_v \longrightarrow \text{IReg} + \text{Ren} \\ \Gamma_r \longrightarrow \text{Spinor-helicity} \end{array}$$

[Cherchiglia et al., 2011, Gnendiger et al., 2017,
Torres Bobadilla et al., 2021]

- Operates on the **momentum space** and implemented to **n -loop order**
- Respects unitarity, locality and Lorentz invariance
- **Non-dimensional** (operates on the specific physical dimension of the theory) \longrightarrow no changes in the Lagrangian
- Recursively algebraic **identity with IR regulator** μ to completely separate the UV divergent from the UV finite content

$$\int_k \frac{1}{k^2 - p^2} \longrightarrow \int_k \frac{1}{(k^2 - p^2) - \mu^2} \quad (3)$$

$$\int_k \frac{1}{(k^2 - p^2) - \mu^2} = \int_k \frac{1}{k^2 - \mu^2} + \int_k \frac{2k \cdot p - p^2}{(k^2 - \mu^2)((k - p)^2 - \mu^2)} \quad (4)$$

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- UV divergences in terms of BDI's - not depend on physical parameters (mass, external momenta)
- Every time we apply integrals become more IR divergent

A theory may be initially IR safe and because of the use of this identity IR divergences may appear

UV divergent integrals \longrightarrow BDI's classified in all orders of perturbation

- Do not need to be evaluated to compute physical observables (do not contain any physics)
- Subtracted via renormalization

$$\begin{aligned} I_{quad} &= \int_k \frac{1}{(k^2 - \mu^2)} \\ I_{log} &= \int_k \frac{1}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^2} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

UV finite integrals \longrightarrow (IR divergent or IR finite)

- Information about physics
- Evaluated with *Package-X* of software *Mathematica*

Scale relation

$$\underbrace{I_{log}(\mu^2)}_{\infty \text{ in UV and IR}} = \underbrace{I_{log}(\lambda^2)}_{\infty \text{ in UV}} + \underbrace{\frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \ln \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu^2}}_{\infty \text{ in IR}} \quad (6)$$

- μ^2 parameterizes IR divergences
- $\lambda^2 \neq 0$ plays the role of renormalization scale
- $I_{log}(\lambda^2)$ is subtracted via renormalization
- $\frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} \ln \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu^2}$ will cancel with terms coming from the UV finite integrals

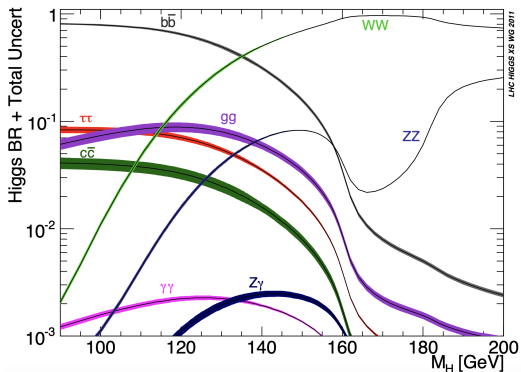


Figure 1: Higgs branching ratios and total uncert at low mass range.

Source: [Denner et al., 2011]

An effective non-abelian field theory for the Higgs decay into gluons

NLO corrections to $H \rightarrow gg$ in the top mass limit

Higgs does not couple with gluons at one-loop order



Effective non-abelian field theory \rightarrow top quark (large mass) is integrated out

$$L_{eff} = -\frac{1}{4}AHG_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu} \quad (7)$$

$$A = \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi v} \left(1 + \frac{11}{4} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right), \quad \rightarrow \text{effective coupling} \quad (8)$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + gf^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \quad (9)$$

[Djouadi et al., 1991, Kauffman et al., 1997]

- $G^{\mu\nu}$, field strength of the $SU(3)$ gluon field
- f^{abc} , anti-symmetric $SU(3)$ structure constants
- $\alpha_s = \frac{g^2}{4\pi}$, strong coupling constant
- H , Higgs boson field

Virtual decay rate

$$(L_{eff})_{ren} = -\frac{1}{4} Z_{\alpha_s} Z_A A H G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \quad (10)$$

$$A_\mu^0 = Z_A A_\mu, \quad \alpha_s^0 = Z_{\alpha_s} \alpha_s \quad (11)$$

Z_A and Z_{α_s} are given in first order in α_s by, [Sampaio et al., 2006]

$$Z_A = 1 + \delta_A \alpha_s \quad \longrightarrow \text{gluon-field renormalization constant} \quad (12)$$

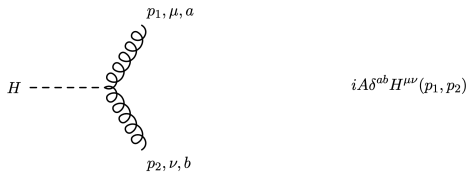
$$Z_{\alpha_s} = 1 + \delta_{\alpha_s} \alpha_s \quad \longrightarrow \text{color charge renormalization constant} \quad (13)$$

Counterterm

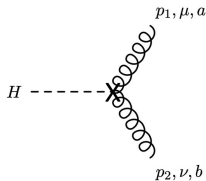
$$V_{count} = \alpha_s (\delta_{\alpha_s} + \delta_A) V_0 \quad (14)$$

$$V_{count} = \frac{\alpha_s}{b\pi} \left[C_A \left(\frac{5}{12} I_{log}(\mu^2) - \frac{11}{12} I_{log}(\lambda^2) \right) - \frac{1}{3} T_F N_F \left(I_{log}(\lambda^2) - I_{log}(\mu^2) \right) \right] V_0. \quad (15)$$

V_0



V_{count}



where the tensor is $H^{\mu\nu}(p_1, p_2) = -p_1^\nu p_2^\mu + g^{\mu\nu} p_1 \cdot p_2$.

Virtual Feynman diagrams

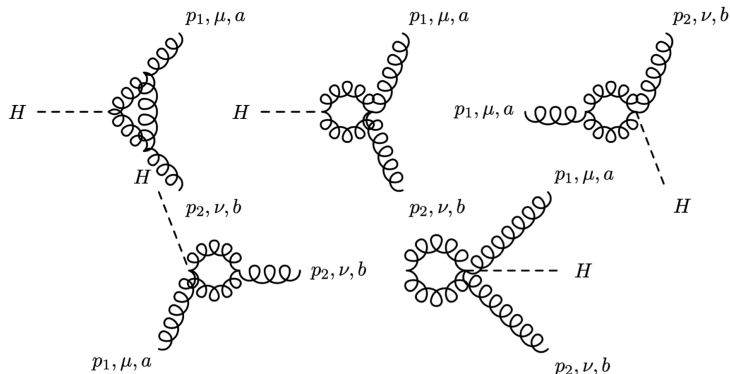
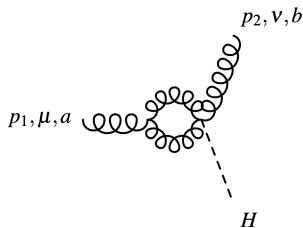


Figure 2: Virtual diagrams V_1 to V_5 contributing to the decay $H \rightarrow gg$ obtained from the package *FeynArts* of order one loop

How to apply IReg? Example for diagram V_3



$$V_3 = \frac{1}{2} Ag^2 C_A \delta^{ab} \int_k \frac{1}{k^2(k-p_2)^2} \left(2k^2 g_{\mu\nu} - 2k \cdot p_2 g_{\mu\nu} - 3p_1 \cdot p_2 g_{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. + 2p_2^2 g_{\mu\nu} + 10k_\mu k_\nu - 5k_\nu p_{2\mu} - 5k_\mu p_{2\nu} + 3p_{1\nu} p_{2\mu} + p_{2\mu} p_{2\nu} \right) \quad (16)$$

First term

$$\int_k \frac{2k^2}{k^2(k-p_2)^2} = \int_k \frac{2}{(k-p_2)^2 - \mu^2} \\ = \int_k \frac{2}{k^2 - \mu^2} + \int_k \frac{4k \cdot p_2}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^2} + \int_k \frac{2(2k \cdot p_2)^2}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^3} + \int_k \frac{2(2k \cdot p_2)^3}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^3((k-p_2)^2 - \mu^2)} \\ = 2I_{quad}(\mu^2) + 2p_2^2 I_{log}(\mu^2) + \frac{2(2k \cdot p_2)^3}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^3((k-p_2)^2 - \mu^2)}$$

$$V_1 + V_2 + V_3 + V_4 + V_5 = V_{div} + V_{rest} \quad (18)$$

Joining the divergent content of all diagrams

$$V_{div} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_A \frac{I_{log}(\mu^2)}{2b} V_0 \quad (19)$$

Evaluating all the UV finite integrals in *package-X*

$$V_{rest} = V_1 + V_2 = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_A \left[-\frac{\ln(\mu_0)^2}{4} - \frac{i\pi \ln(\mu_0)}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} \right] V_0 \quad (20)$$

$$\mu_0 = \frac{\mu^2}{q^2}, \quad q^2 = m_H^2$$

$$V_{ren} = V_{div} + V_{count} = \frac{\alpha_s}{b\pi} \left[\left(I_{log}(\lambda^2) - I_{log}(\mu^2) \right) \left(\frac{11}{12} C_A - \frac{1}{3} T_f N_F \right) \right] V_0 \quad (21)$$

Using the scale relation, eq. 6, $I_{log}(\mu^2) = I_{log}(\lambda^2) + b \ln \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu^2}$ we obtain

$$V_{ren} = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{11}{12} C_A - \frac{1}{3} T_f N_F \right) \ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] V_0, \quad (22)$$

rendering an UV finite result.

The amplitude is

$$V = V_0 + V_{ren} + V_{rest} \quad (23)$$

and the virtual decay rate is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_v &= \frac{|V|^2}{32\pi m_H} \\ &= \Gamma_0 \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left(-\left(\frac{11}{6}C_A - \frac{1}{3}N_F\right) \ln(\mu_0) + \frac{C_A}{2} \left(-\ln(\mu_0)^2 + \pi^2 \right) \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

- At the level of the virtual decay rate, IR divergences are still present

Real decay rate

Real Feynman diagrams

Real diagrams contribution at the **same order** as the virtual ones (α_s^2)

$$H(q) \longrightarrow g(p_1) + g(p_2) + g(p_3), \quad \text{massless gluons}$$

$$H(q) \longrightarrow g(p_1) + q(p_2) + \bar{q}(p_3), \quad \text{light quarks}$$

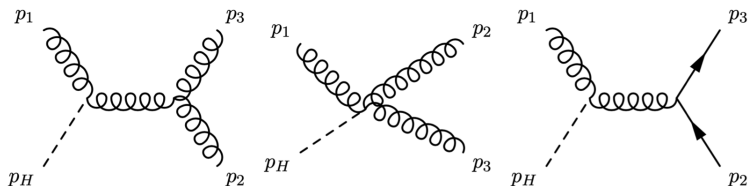


Figure 3: Real diagrams R_1 , R_2 and R_3 contributing to the decay $H \longrightarrow gg(g)$.

Massless particles \longrightarrow conservation of helicity \longrightarrow helicity basis

$$p^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = p\rangle[p \quad (25)$$

$$p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = p\rangle\langle p \quad (26)$$

The polarization vector for a massless gauge boson is given by

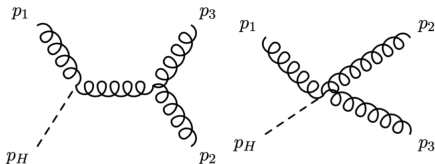
$$[\epsilon_p^-(r)]^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \sqrt{2} \frac{p\rangle[r]}{[pr]} \quad (27)$$

$$[\epsilon_p^+(r)]^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \sqrt{2} \frac{r\rangle[p]}{\langle rp\rangle} \quad (28)$$

where we defined a reference momentum r that is arbitrarily chosen.

$$\langle ij\rangle[ji] = 2p_i p_j = (p_i + p_j)^2 = s_{ij} \quad (29)$$

[Dixon, 2013]



Summing for all helicities

$$\begin{aligned}
 |M_g|^2 = & |M_g^{+++}|^2 + |M_g^{+--}|^2 + |M_g^{-+-}|^2 + |M_g^{--+}|^2 \\
 & + |M_g^{---}|^2 + |M_g^{-++}|^2 + |M_g^{--+}|^2 + |M_g^{++-}|^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

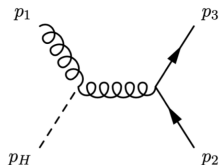
and the unpolarized amplitude is

$$|\overline{M}_g|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{col, polr} |M_g|^2 = A^2 192 \pi \alpha_s \frac{1}{s_{12} s_{13} s_{23}} (s_{12}^4 + s_{13}^4 + s_{23}^4 + m_H^8) \tag{31}$$

$$s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$$

$$q^2 = m_H^2$$

Diagram with light quarks



$$M_q = iA\alpha_s t_b \epsilon_\nu(p_3) H^{\rho\nu}((-p_1 - p_2), p_3) \bar{u}^s(p_1) \gamma_\rho v^{s'}(p_2) \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2)^2 + i\epsilon}. \quad (32)$$

using the completeness relation for the sum over spin, one must retain the massive contribution,

$$|\overline{M}_q|^2 = A^2 \alpha_s^2 16\pi \left(\frac{(s_{13}^2 + s_{12}^2)}{s_{23}} + \frac{4\mu^2}{s_{23}^2} \frac{(s_{13} + s_{12})^2}{2} \right) \quad (33)$$

Phase space

$$\rho = \int \frac{d^3 p_1}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_1} \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_2} \frac{d^3 p_3}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega_3} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q - p_1 - p_2 - p_3) \quad (34)$$

- consider massive phase space, $p_i^2 = \mu^2$ to parameterize the IR divergences
- define dimensionless variables, [Gnendiger et al., 2017]

$$\chi_i = \frac{(p_1 - q)^2}{q^2} - \mu_0, \quad \mu_0 = \frac{\mu^2}{q^2} \quad (35)$$

In terms of these variables the decay rate is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_r(H \rightarrow gg(g), gq\bar{q}) = \\ \Gamma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \int \left[3 \left(2 + 3\chi_2 - \frac{4}{(\chi_2 + \mu_0)} + \frac{5\chi_1}{(\chi_2 + \mu_0)} - \frac{\chi_1^2}{(\chi_2 + \mu_0)} + \frac{1}{(\chi_1 + \mu_0)(\chi_2 + \mu_0)} \right) \right. \\ \left. + N_F \left(\frac{2\mu_0}{(\chi_2 + \mu_0)^2} + \frac{1}{(\chi_2 + \mu_0)} - \frac{2\chi_1}{(\chi_2 + \mu_0)} + \frac{2\chi_1^2}{(\chi_2 + \mu_0)} - 2 + 3\chi_2 \right) \right] d\chi_1 d\chi_2 \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

The tree-level decay rate in terms of real diagrams using spinor helicity is

$$\Gamma_0 = \frac{|M_{Hgg}|^2}{32\pi m_H} = \frac{A^2 m_H^3}{8\pi}. \quad (37)$$

and integrating over a massive phase-space

$$\Gamma_r(H \rightarrow gg(g), gq\bar{q}) = \Gamma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[3 \left(\frac{73}{12} + \frac{11}{6} \ln(\mu_0) + \frac{\ln^2(\mu_0)}{2} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right) + N_F \left(\frac{-\ln(\mu_0)}{3} - \frac{7}{6} \right) \right]. \quad (38)$$

- IR divergences are still present

$$\Gamma_T((H \longrightarrow gg(g), gq\bar{q})) = \Gamma_0 \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left(\frac{95}{4} - \frac{7}{6} N_F \right) \right], \quad (39)$$

- Result is a **correction to the tree-level decay**;
- all **IR divergences cancelled**, as well as the π^2 ;
- the **dependence on the regulator μ vanished**;
- $N_F = 5 \longrightarrow$ light quarks

$$\Gamma_v^{\text{CDR}} = \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[C_A \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{11}{6\epsilon} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right) + \frac{N_F}{3\epsilon} \right] \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\Gamma_v^{\text{FDH}} = \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[C_A \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{11}{6\epsilon} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{1}{6} \right) + \frac{N_F}{3\epsilon} \right] \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\Gamma_v^{\text{DRED}} = \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[C_A \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{11}{6\epsilon} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right) + \frac{N_F}{3\epsilon} + \frac{N_F}{6} \right] \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\Gamma_v^{\text{IReg}} = \Gamma_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left(-\left(\frac{11}{6} C_A - \frac{1}{3} N_F \right) \ln(\mu_0) + \frac{C_A}{2} \left(-\ln(\mu_0)^2 + \pi^2 \right) \right) \right\}$$

- $\frac{1}{\epsilon^n}$ refer to IR divergences
- We can compare these results to IReg with the correspondence $\epsilon^{-1} \rightarrow \ln \mu_0$, $\epsilon^{-2} \rightarrow \ln^2 \mu_0/2$

Comparison with dimensional schemes

Once the unpolarized amplitude is known in all schemes, one can obtain the part proportional to N_F of the real contribution to the decay rate

$$\Gamma_{q,r}^{\text{CDR/FDH}} = \Gamma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{3\epsilon} - \frac{7}{6} \right] N_F + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \quad (40)$$

$$\Gamma_{q,r}^{\text{DRED}} = \Gamma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{3\epsilon} - \frac{4}{3} \right] N_F + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \quad (41)$$

$$\epsilon^{-1} \rightarrow \log \mu_0$$

$$\Gamma_r^{\text{IReg}} = \Gamma_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left(\frac{33-2}{6} \ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{m_H^2} \right) - \frac{7}{6} \right) N_F \quad (42)$$

- At higher order the complexity of calculations in dimensional schemes blows up
- IReg framework allows for computations without changing the Feynman rules and shows to be a promising scheme to make simpler computations at higher orders

- We compute the decay rate $\Gamma((H \rightarrow gg(g), gq\bar{q}))$ to α_s^3 in large top quark mass limit using an effective Lagrangian
- We achieve a full separation of BDI's from the UV finite integrals
- We single out the IR content, and the final decay rate is compliant with KLN theorem
- IReg does not require the use of evanescent fields at one loop level
- Additional degrees of freedom associated to ϵ scalars in some dimensional schemes have a counterpart in IReg

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Backup slides

DS

2.1 Integration in d dimensions and dimensional schemes

Dimensional regularization [1, 2] and variants are the most common regularization schemes for practical calculations in gauge theories of elementary particle physics. In the following we summarize the basic definitions common to all dimensional schemes (DS) discussed in Secs. 2 and 3 and then provide specific definitions for four variants of DS which differ by the rules for the numerator algebra in analytical expressions.

The basic idea of all DS is to regularize divergent integrals by formally changing the dimensionality of space-time and of momentum space. In the present report we always denote the modified space-time dimension by d , and we set

$$d \equiv 4 - 2\epsilon. \quad (2.1)$$

Correspondingly, a four-dimensional loop integration is replaced by a d -dimensional one¹,

$$\int \frac{d^4 k_{[d]}}{(2\pi)^4} \rightarrow \mu_{\text{DR}}^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d k_{[d]}}{(2\pi)^d}, \quad (2.2)$$

including the scale of dimensional regularization, μ_{DR} . After this replacement, UV and IR divergent integrals lead to poles of the form $1/\epsilon^n$. In Refs. [3, 4], it is shown that such an operation can indeed be defined in a mathematical consistent way and that this operation has the expected properties such as linearity and invariance under shifts of the integration momentum.

To define a complete regularization scheme for realistic quantum field theories, it must be specified how to deal with γ matrices, metric tensors, and other objects appearing in analytical expressions. Likewise, it should be specified how to deal with vector fields in the regularized Lagrangian. On a basic level, two decisions need to be made,

- regularize only those parts of diagrams which can lead to divergences, or regularize everything;
- regularize algebraic objects like metric tensors, γ matrices, and momenta in d dimensions, or in a different dimensionality.

It turns out that there is an elegant way to unify essentially all common variants of DS in a single framework, where all definitions can be easily formulated and where the differences and relations between the schemes become transparent. This framework is based on distinguishing strictly four-dimensional objects, formally d -dimensional objects, and formally d_s -dimensional objects². These objects can be mathematically realized [3–5] by introducing a strictly four-dimensional Minkowski space $S_{[4]}$ and infinite-dimensional vector spaces $QS_{[d_s]}$, $QS_{[d]}$, $QS_{[n_c]}$, which satisfy the relations

$$QS_{[d_s]} = QS_{[d]} \oplus QS_{[n_c]}, \quad S_{[4]} \subset QS_{[d]}. \quad (2.3)$$

	CDR	HV	FDH	DRED
singular VF	$\rho_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$\rho_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$\rho_{[d_s]}^{\mu\nu}$	$\rho_{[n_c]}^{\mu\nu}$
regular VF	$\rho_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$\rho_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$\rho_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$	$\rho_{[d]}^{\mu\nu}$

Table 1. Treatment of vector fields in the four different regularization schemes, i.e. prescription which metric tensor has to be used in propagator numerators and polarization sums. The quantity d_s is usually taken to be 4. This table is taken from Ref. [6].

The space $QS_{[d]}$ is the natural domain of CDR and of momentum integration in all considered schemes. Using

$$d_s \equiv d + n_c = 4 - 2\epsilon + n_c, \quad (2.4)$$

it is enlarged to $QS_{[d_s]}$ via a direct (orthogonal) sum with $QS_{[n_c]}$ ³.

The structure of the vector spaces in Eq. (2.3) gives rise to the following decomposition of metric tensors and γ matrices

$$g_{[d_s]}^{\mu\nu} = g_{[d]}^{\mu\nu} + g_{[n_c]}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \gamma_{[d_s]}^\mu = \gamma_{[d]}^\mu + \gamma_{[n_c]}^\mu. \quad (2.5)$$

Since the quantities in Eq. (2.5) do not have a finite-dimensional representation, in most of the practical calculations only their algebraic properties are relevant,

$$(g_{[d(n_c)]}^\mu)^\nu = \text{dim}, \quad (g_{[d]}^\mu g_{[n_c]}^\nu)^\mu = 0, \quad (2.6a)$$

$$\{\gamma_{[d(n_c)]}^\mu, \gamma_{[d(n_c)]}^\nu\} = 2g_{[d(n_c)]}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \{\gamma_{[d]}^\mu, \gamma_{[n_c]}^\nu\} = 0, \quad (2.6b)$$

with $\text{dim} \in \{4, d_s, d, n_c\}$.

Furthermore, a complete definition of the various dimensional schemes requires to distinguish two classes of vector fields (VF)⁴:

- Vector fields associated with particles in 1PI diagrams or with soft and collinear particles in the initial/final state are in the following called *singular VF*.
- All other vector fields are called *regular VF*.

Since UV and IR divergences are only related to *singular VF* there is some freedom in the treatment of the regular ones. In this report, we distinguish the following four DS:

- CDR and HV are two flavours of what is commonly called ‘dimensional regularization’. They regularize algebraic objects in d dimensions, n_c -dimensional objects are not used. In CDR, all VF are regularized, in HV only singular ones.
- FDH and DRED are two flavours of what is commonly called ‘dimensional reduction’. They regularize algebraic objects in d_s dimensions. Sometimes d_s is identified as $d_s \equiv 4$ from the beginning, but it is possible to keep it as a free parameter, which is set to 4 only at the end of a calculation. In DRED, all VF are regularized, in FDH only singular ones.

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where

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -1/2 \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a + \sum_{i=1}^3 \bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_i + E_1 \psi_a^T A_\mu^T \gamma^\mu \psi_a$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^3 \bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_i - \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2} (\partial^\mu \psi_a^T \partial^\nu \psi_a)^2 \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi_a^T \phi_a$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -1/2 \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a$$

We have been made of the notation $\phi_a^T = \psi_a^T \epsilon$, $\partial_\mu \phi_a^T = \partial_\mu \psi_a^T \epsilon$, $\partial_\mu \psi_a^T = \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \epsilon^{-1}$ and $\partial_\mu \psi_a^T = \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \epsilon^{-1}$. The kinetic part of the Higgs Lagrangian \mathcal{L}_{eff} does not be specified. We shall use tilted quantities to denote those in the full theory. The summation in (2.2) is taken over light (l) and/or heavy (h) quarks, and the suffix “ T ” in $\partial_\mu \phi_a^T$ and ψ_a^T indicates that they are bispinors. The scalar current J_a in the Yukawa interaction (2.3) is defined as usual by $J_a = \bar{\psi}_a \psi_a$.

Other notations in (2.2) and (2.3) are obvious. All the light quark masses are put equal to zero for simplicity, which, however, does not spoil the generality of our approach. For later purpose it is convenient to introduce here the renormalized parameters \bar{E}_1, \bar{M}_1 .

$$\bar{E}_1, \bar{M}_1$$

To obtain the total hadronic decay width of the Higgs boson, we will consider effects in all orders in the QCD coupling, but restrict ourselves to the lowest order in the Weinberg-Salam coupling. This approximation is justified if the strength of the Yukawa coupling $(\bar{\psi}_a \psi_a) \phi_a$ is not so large as to invalidate the perturbative expansion, say, $M_1 \lesssim a$ few hundred GeV.

The hadronic decay width of the Higgs boson can be expressed as

$$\Gamma = \Gamma(\text{Higgs} \rightarrow \text{heavy quarks} + \text{hadrons}) = \frac{1}{2M_1} \text{Im} \Pi_{\text{eff}}(s=M_1^2)$$

where

$$\Pi_{\text{eff}}(s) = i \int d^4x e^{isx} \langle 0 | T J_a(x) J_a(0) | 0 \rangle$$

This our problem is reduced to investigating the behavior of the spectral function (2.7) in the case of the massless hierarchy (1.1).

* To lowest order in the Weinberg-Salam coupling, the scalar current is not subject to renormalization. We further use the same notation for the unrenormalized and renormalized scalar current operators.

3. Effective Lagrangian for the Higgs Boson Interaction

We are now in a position to give the low energy effective Lagrangian which consists of the light particle fields only.

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} + \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{inter}}$$

where

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -1/2 \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a + E_1 \psi_a^T A_\mu^T \gamma^\mu \psi_a$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2} (\partial^\mu \psi_a^T \partial^\nu \psi_a)^2 \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \phi_a^T \phi_a$$

with $\partial^\mu \psi_a^T = \partial^\mu \phi_a^T \epsilon^{-1}$, $\partial_\mu \psi_a^T = \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \epsilon$. The kinetic part of the Higgs Lagrangian \mathcal{L}_{eff} is the same as that in (2.1). As it will be shown later, the effective Higgs boson interaction with light particles is described in the lowest order of weak interactions, to which we restrict ourselves, by local operators, \mathcal{O}_i .

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = -1/2 \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a \sum_{i=1}^3 C_i \mathcal{O}_i$$

Only operators of dimension four will be considered. In contrast to Sect. 2, the quantities in the effective theory are omitted, and the renormalized coupling and renormalized gauge parameter in the MS scheme will be denoted hereafter by g and λ .

respectively.

Renormalization of the fields and coupling parameters as well as the operators will be performed by employing the MS scheme in both the full theory and the effective light theory. The perturbative calculation of the coefficients C_i and their renormalization is easier in this scheme than in other subtraction schemes. At the same time it is possible to derive a consistent effective theory of light particles in the MS scheme.

Let us begin with the effective QCD Lagrangian (2.2), in which the heavy quark contributions are simply removed. To build a bridge between the full and effective QCD Lagrangian, (2.2) and (3.2), it is necessary to connect a (renormalized) Green's function with an arbitrary number of external light-particle legs

$$\Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s, \mu)$$

in the full theory with the corresponding quantity

$$\bar{\Gamma}^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s, \mu)$$

in the effective theory, where μ is the mass scale of the dimensional regularization. The problem is to find the set of

(3.5) and (3.6) have n external gluon legs, p pairs of ghost-antighost external legs, and k pairs of external light fermions of flavor $i=1, \dots, 3$.

The relation between (3.5) and (3.6) has been studied in perturbation theory by the authors of [10–12], who in fact confirmed by explicit calculation a relation of the form

$$\Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s, \mu, g, \lambda) = \Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s, \mu, g', \lambda')$$

where $g' = \sum_i g_i$ and power corrections like $(1/\Lambda^2)$ are neglected. The finite renormalization factors z_1, z_2 and z_3 are to be attributed to the external gluon, ghost and fermion lines, respectively. Stating the relation (3.1) in another way, the parameters g and λ together with the finite renormalization factors have been determined unambiguously in terms of the quantities in the full theory, namely, as

$$z = \bar{z}_1 E_1 \bar{M}_1, \quad (3.8)$$

$$z = \bar{z}_2 E_1 \bar{M}_1, \quad (3.9)$$

$$z_3 = \bar{z}_3 E_1 \bar{M}_1, \quad (3.10)$$

and similarly for z_4 and z_5 . By virtue of these “matching equations” the QCD Lagrangian (3.2) has been shown to be a consistent effective theory below the heavy quark threshold. Incidentally, it is worth noticing that the RGEs to be satisfied by the Green's functions in (3.7)

$$\left[\frac{d}{ds} - \gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} \right] \Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s) = 2\gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} \mathcal{O}_i(s)$$

$$- 2\gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} \mathcal{O}_i(s) \Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s)$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{ds} - \gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} - \gamma_{\mathcal{O}_j} \right] \Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s) = 2\gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} \mathcal{O}_i(s) - 2\gamma_{\mathcal{O}_j} \mathcal{O}_j(s) \Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s)$$

in the full and effective theories, respectively, result in the relation

$$1 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i \gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} \ln z_i = \gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} \bar{z}_i - \gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i} \bar{z}_i$$

and similar ones for z_4 and z_5 . Here the anomalous dimension of the gauge field calculated in the full effective theory is denoted by $\gamma_{\mathcal{O}_i}$. Similarly defined are the anomalous dimensions of the ghost and fermionic fields.

Let us now come now to the effective Higgs boson interaction (3.3). The problem is to find the set of local operators \mathcal{O}_i possessing appropriate dimension and quantum numbers which are necessary to describe the Higgs boson interaction of the full theory at low energies, and the corresponding (renormalized) coefficients C_i . This type of problem has been studied earlier by Kawano and Yano [14]. They have shown that heavy particle effects are calculable by a finite set of local operators with their coefficients, added to all orders in the perturbation theory. They have also pointed out that the symmetry due to Bloch-Neuber-Shafer transformation [15] puts restrictions on the set of the relevant local operators. The method used by Kawano and Yano is also valid in our case. All the M_1 dependence is contained in the coefficients C_i in the case of Kawano and Yano. The problem to find the operators \mathcal{O}_i is reduced to finding a complete set of local operators with appropriate quantum numbers that close under renormalization [7], and in fact to find

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$$\mathcal{O}_1 = -1/2 \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a \quad (3.14)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a + E_1 \psi_a^T \not{A}_\mu \psi_a$$

$$+ \lambda \sum_{i=1}^3 \bar{\psi}_i \not{A}_\mu \gamma^\mu \psi_i + \partial^\mu \psi_a^T \partial_\mu \psi_a$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a$$

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$$\mathcal{O}_5 = \partial_\mu \phi_a^T \partial^\mu \phi_a$$

Here we recall for later purpose the classification of operators into two classes, class I and II, according to Dams and Dixon [3]: the class I consists of gauge invariant operators and the class II of gauge variant operators and operators which are gauge invariant but vanish on application of the equations of motion. In this classification the gauge invariant operators (3.14) belongs to class I, the others (3.15)–(3.19) to class II.

The Higgs boson decay amplitude is given by the Green's function with a single insertion of the scalar current, i.e. $\Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s)$ in the full theory and $\bar{\Gamma}^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s)$ in the effective theory. They are related by

$$\Gamma^{n_a, n_b, \dots}(s) = i \int d^4x e^{isx} \langle 0 | T J_a(x) J_a(0) | 0 \rangle$$

with an error of order $1/\Lambda^2$. On the right hand side of (3.19) the renormalization of the operators \mathcal{O}_i and the coefficient functions is to be performed in the MS scheme

$$\mathcal{O}_i = \bar{\mathcal{O}}_i \sum_j Z_{ij} \mathcal{O}_j \quad (3.20)$$

Figure 4: Effective Gauge Theory and the Effect of Heavy Quarks in Higgs Boson Decays, Inami, Kubota, Okada

$$P_m(t) = 6 \left[\left(\frac{1}{1-t} \right)_+ + \frac{1}{t} - 2 + t(1-t) \right] \\ + \frac{1}{2} (33 - 2N_f) t(1-t).$$

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Hq \text{ and } q\bar{q} \rightarrow H\bar{q}:$$

$$D_{Hq} = \left[-\frac{1}{24} \frac{F(1-\epsilon)}{F(1-2\epsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{s} \right)^{\epsilon} + \log(1-t) \right] \\ \times \mathcal{F} P_m(t) - (1+2t-|t|^2).$$

$$D_{q\bar{q}} = \frac{1}{2} (1-t)^2,$$

$$P_m = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1+(1-t)^2}{t}.$$

(2) "Glauber" decay in $n=4-2\epsilon$ dimensions:

$$F[H \rightarrow g\bar{g}(s) + g(q)] = \theta \left(1 + \mathcal{F} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{\pi} \right),$$

$$B = \frac{\sigma_{\text{tree}}(\mu^2) m_H^2}{36\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \frac{F^2(1+\epsilon)F(2-\epsilon)}{F(2-2\epsilon)} \\ \times \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_H^2} \right)^{\epsilon} \left(\frac{m_H}{m_Q} \right)^{-2\epsilon}.$$

$$E_{\text{tree}}^{\text{tree}} = \frac{F(1-\epsilon)}{F(1-2\epsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_H^2} \right)^{\epsilon} \\ \times \left[-\frac{3}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{33-2N_f}{6\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_H^2} \right)^{-\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} + \pi^2 \right].$$

$$E_{\text{tree}}^{\text{tree}} = \frac{F(1-\epsilon)}{F(1-2\epsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_H^2} \right)^{\epsilon} \left(\frac{3}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{11}{24} + \frac{7}{2} - \pi^2 \right).$$

$$E_{\text{tree}}^{\text{tree}} = \frac{F(1-\epsilon)}{F(1-2\epsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{m_H^2} \right)^{\epsilon} \left(-\frac{1}{3\epsilon} - \frac{7}{6} \right) N_f.$$

Comment

Effective Hry and Hgg couplings

After finishing the calculations presented in this letter, we received a preprint¹³ on the same subject [16]. In this paper, an effective Lagrangian method for infinitely heavy quarks [4,17] is adopted to summarize the virtual corrections to the top quark loop. However, the (finite) renormalization of the Higgs-

¹³ We thank J. Kuhn for providing us with a copy.

quark vertex has not been taken into account properly in the effective Lagrangian which has been used for the irreducible part of the Higgs boson coupling to two gluons.

This can most easily be demonstrated first for the parallel case of the Hry coupling. Writing the basic Higgs-quark Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}(Hq\bar{q}) = -(\sqrt{2}G_F)^{1/2} \times m_H G_{Hq\bar{q}}$, the Hry coupling can be derived from the condition that the $\langle \gamma | \theta_{\mu\nu} | 0 \rangle$ matrix element of the trace of the energy-momentum tensor [18] $\theta_{\mu\nu} = (1+\delta)m_H G_{Hq\bar{q}} + \beta \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^2 F_{\alpha\beta}^2$ vanishes in the low-energy limit. As a result, the effective Hry Lagrangian must be written

$$\mathcal{L}(H\gamma\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{2}G_F)^{1/2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^2 \beta (1+\delta) H F_{\alpha\beta}^2.$$

With $\beta = 2(\alpha/\pi)(1+n_c/\pi)$ and the Higgs-quark vertex correction [10] $\delta = 2\alpha_s/\pi$ the Hry coupling can be readily derived:

$$\mathcal{L}(H\gamma\gamma) = \frac{(\sqrt{2}G_F)^{1/2} \alpha e^2}{2\pi} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) H F_{\alpha\beta}^2. \quad (18)$$

This effective Lagrangian is in agreement with the diagrammatic analyses in refs. [6,19] for infinitely heavy quarks. Note that the sign of the QCD correction were opposite without the (finite) renormalization δ of the Higgs-quark vertex.

The generalization to the Hgg coupling is straightforward. Adopting the operator-product expansion of ref. [20] for the trace of the energy-momentum tensor, it follows from $\beta = (\alpha_s/\pi)(1+2n_c/\pi)$ and $\delta = 2\alpha_s/\pi$ that

$$\mathcal{L}(Hgg) = \frac{(\sqrt{2}G_F)^{1/2} \alpha_s}{12\pi} \left(1 + \frac{11}{4} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) H G_{\alpha\beta}^2. \quad (19)$$

This form is in agreement with our standard analysis of the related diagrams (1b)¹⁴.

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Figure 5: Production of Higgs bosons in proton colliders. QCD correction, Djouadi

2 Scalar plus gluon amplitudes

Here we consider amplitudes with a single spin-0, gauge singlet, h , and two or three gluons. We neglect quarks throughout this discussion. Tree-level amplitudes with a single Higgs and any number of gluons were derived in [9, 10], assuming the SM dimension-5 top-loop operator

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} h G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}. \quad (2.1)$$

Some of our analysis reproduces these known results. Our aim however, is to generalize these results beyond the operator Eq. (2.1), to any possible higher-dimension operator, suppressed by the appropriate power of a single scale Λ . The contribution of dimension-7 operators was inferred from Lorentz symmetry considerations in [18, 19].

2.1 The scalar plus two gluon amplitude $\mathcal{M}(h; gg)$

We start with the single scalar, 2-gluon amplitude, $\mathcal{M}(h; g^{h_1}(p_1) g^{h_2}(p_2))$. The most general ansatz for this amplitude is,

$$\mathcal{M}(h; g^{h_1}(p_1) g^{h_2}(p_2)) = \delta^{h_1 h_2} [12]^n f_{-l}(s_{12}; \Lambda), \quad (2.2)$$

where $\delta^{h_1 h_2}$ is a color factor, h_1, h_2 are the gluon helicities, n is an integer, f_{-l} is an analytic function of mass dimension $-l$, and $s_{12} = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = m^2$. Since h is a scalar, the only little group weights are carried by the gluon spinor products. We then have,

$$n = 2h_1 = 2h_2, \quad (2.3)$$

which immediately sets

$$\mathcal{M}(h; g^+ g^-) = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

The only relevant amplitude to consider is then $\mathcal{M}(h; ++)$ (with $\mathcal{M}(h; --)$ determined by a parity transformation). Then $n = 2$, and since the amplitude has mass dimension 1, $l = 1$ and

$$\mathcal{M}(h; g^{+1}(p_1) g^{+1}(p_2)) = \delta^{h_1 h_2} [12]^2 f_{-1}(m^2, \Lambda^2) = \delta^{h_1 h_2} \frac{1}{\Lambda} [12]^2 \tilde{f}\left(\frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}\right), \quad (2.5)$$

where \tilde{f} is dimensionless. Note that Eq. (2.3), combined with the mass dimension of the amplitude, gives a selection rule relating the sum of the gluon helicities to the dimension of the coupling which generates the amplitude (see also [14]). Specifically, here

$$|h_1 + h_2| = l + 1, \quad (2.6)$$

with $l = 1$.

At tree-level, the function \tilde{f} can be written as a power series in m^2 . No negative power of m^2 can appear, since the amplitude must vanish for $m \rightarrow 0$. The amplitude is therefore given by,

$$\mathcal{M}(h; g^{+1}(p_1) g^{+1}(p_2)) = \delta^{h_1 h_2} \frac{[12]^2}{\Lambda} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \left(\frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)^n = \delta^{h_1 h_2} \tilde{c}_5^{h_1 h_2} [12]^2, \quad (2.7)$$

where we rescaled the infinite series into the coefficient $\tilde{c}_5^{h_1 h_2}$. This is indeed the most general three-point amplitude for one massive scalar and two massless vectors [20, 21].

We can now make contact with the EFT calculation. The lowest order operators mediating scalar decay to two spin-1 particles are dimension-5. In a CP-conserving theory, there is only a single such operator, namely Eq. (2.1), in accord with the single real coefficient $\tilde{c}_5^{h_1 h_2}$ at this order. Operators of higher dimension which contribute to the amplitude still contain two powers of the field-strength G , but an even power of derivatives. Since we consider a purely gluonic theory with no quarks, the EOM is $D^\mu G_{\mu\nu} = 0$. Using this and integration by parts, there is only a single independent operator at each order in Λ , with the derivatives acting on h and giving powers of m^2 . In this case, this series merely gives a rescaling of $\tilde{c}_5^{h_1 h_2}$.

Figure 6: Effective Field Theory Amplitudes the On-Shell Way: Scalar and Vector Couplings to Gluons, Shadmi, Weiss

UV divergent and UV finite integrals

UV divergent integrals \longrightarrow BDI's classified in all orders of perturbation

- Do not need to be evaluated to compute physical observables (do not contain any physics)
- Subtracted via renormalization

$$\begin{aligned} I_{quad}^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_{2r}}(\mu^2) &= \int_k \frac{k^{\nu_1} \dots k^{2r}}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^{r+1}} & I_{quad} &= \frac{1}{(k^2 - \mu^2)} \\ I_{log}^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_{2r}}(\mu^2) &= \int_k \frac{k^{\nu_1} \dots k^{2r}}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^{r+2}} & I_{log} &= \frac{1}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Using surface terms, [Batista et al., 2018]:

$$\Gamma_0^{\mu\nu} = \int_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \frac{k^\nu}{(k^2 - \mu^2)^2} = 4 \left(\frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{4} I_{log}(\mu^2) - I_{log}^{\mu\nu}(\mu^2) \right) = 0 \longrightarrow \text{Gauge theories} \quad (44)$$

UV finite integrals \longrightarrow (IR divergent or IR finite)

- Information about physics
- Evaluated with *Package-X* of software *Mathematica*

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