

# FKS Subtraction for Quarkonium Production & Automation in MadGraph5 aMC@NLO

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Real corrections Cure: Partonic cross section is infrared safe 20000 -KLN theorem [Kinoshita '62; Lee, Nauenberg '64]  $-\infty$  $+\infty$  $\mathcal{V} = \frac{A}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{B}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{V}_{\text{finite}} \qquad \int d\phi_1 \mathcal{R} = -\frac{A}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{B}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{R}_{\text{finite}}$ Individually divergent , however  $\mathcal{V} + \int d\phi_1 \mathcal{R} = ext{infrared} ext{ safe}$ 



- Matrix elements for the real emission has a complex structure. Hence, the phase space • integration over it is really hard.
- In practice, we explore different numerical tools such as Monte-Carlo techniques to perform this phase space integration.
- But the problem is the IR divergence that appears in some corners of the phase space of radiated parton. So we need to get rid of them before we attempt the integration.
- That is exactly where the role of subtraction comes!



## How subtraction Works?

- them from the real emissions.
- \* Let us see the source of these divergences:



### Divergence appears due to soft and/or collinear emissions

\* Conceptually straightforward : find out the origin of the singularities and subtract

$$\begin{cases} I \\ \overline{E_q(1 - \cos \theta_{gq})} \\ \begin{cases} \text{when } E_g \to 0 \\ \text{when } \theta_{gq} \to 0 \end{cases} \quad soft singularity \\ \text{when } \theta_{gq} \to 0 \end{cases} \quad collinear singularity \end{cases}$$

## How subtraction Works?

 $\int d\phi_1 \mathcal{R} \to \int d\phi_1 (\mathcal{R})$ 

 $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow$  Subtraction counter term

Free of divergences. Numerical integration possible in 4-dim.

- Requirement to choose a subtraction term:
  - Should exactly matches the real emissions in their singular limits.
  - Simple enough to integrate exactly.

$$-S$$
) +  $\int d\phi_1 S$ 

$$\lim_{E_i \to 0} \mathcal{S} = \lim_{E_i \to 0} \mathcal{R}$$
$$\lim_{\theta_{ij} \to 0} \mathcal{S} = \lim_{\theta_{ij} \to 0} \mathcal{R}$$

- Integrated counter term, to be added back
- Their divergence cancels with those of virtual corrections

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  - → FKS subtraction method [Frixione, Kunszt, Signer '95]

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General for any QCD process Automated in MadGraph\_aMC@NLO (MG5) [Frederix, Frixione, Maltoni, Stelzer '09] & POWHEG BOX

[Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re '10]



## NLO Automation in MG5

 $\sigma_{\rm NLO} = \int d\phi_n \mathcal{B} + \int d\phi_n \mathcal{V} + \int d\phi_n \int d\phi_1 \mathcal{S} + \int d\phi_{n+1} \left( \mathcal{R} - \mathcal{S} \right)$ 

### Automatic tree level matrix element generator SM and BSM

### Automation of virtual corrections

MadGraph

MadGraph aMC@NLO

MadLoop

[Alwall, Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni, Mattelaer, Shao, Stelzer, Torrielli, Zaro '14]

### MadFKS

### Automation of real correction using FKS subtraction

### MC@NLO

Matching & Merging



# NLO Automation in MG5 - for Quarkonium

\* Master formula : NRQCD factorisation

$$d\sigma(AB \to H + X) = \sum_{n} \left( \sum_{a,b,X} \int dx_a dx_b f_{a/A}(x_a) f_{b/B} \right)$$

$$LDME \times d\hat{\sigma}(ab \to Q\bar{Q}'[n] + X) \left( \mathcal{O}_n^H \right)$$
Short distance cross section
for heavy quark bound state with a specific color (C), s
and orbital (L) and total (J) angular momentum state
$$n = {}^{2S+1} L_I^{[C]}$$

\* Amplitude : 
$$\mathcal{A}_{a+b\to Q\bar{Q'}[n]} = \mathbb{P}_J \mathbb{P}_L \mathbb{P}_S \mathbb{P}_C \mathcal{A}_{a+b-d}$$

Projection operators



spin(S) ite :



### MadFKS

MadGraph aMC@NLO

### MadLoop

MC@NLO

 $\rightarrow Q\bar{Q'}$ 



# NLO Automation in MG5 - for Quarkonium

 For automation at tree level, already available tools in the market:

MadOnia : for single quarkonium [P. Artoisenet, F. Maltoni and T. Stelzer '07]

**HELAC-Onia** : general for one or more quarkonium [H.S Shao '12]

 Automating beyond tree level : best way could be extending the MG5 by including general quarkonium productions.

> Ongoing work - H.S Shao, Chris Flett et.al Implementation of projection operators required



# NLO Automation in MG5 - for Quarkonium

- \* Automating beyond tree level : at NLO
  - Extend MadLoop : future work
  - Extend MadFKS

First step : Extend FKS subtraction method by finding out the counter terms (& integrated) required for additional divergences due to radiation from heavy quarkonia.





### FKS in brief

\* singularities

$$d\sigma_{\mathcal{R}} = |\mathcal{M}_{n+1}|^2 d\phi_{n+1} \quad Partition function$$
  
=  $\sum_{ij-pairs} S_{ij} = 1$   
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 $S_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } p_i \cdot p_j \to 0 \\ 0 \text{ if } p_m \cdot p_n \to 0, \{m,n\} \neq \{ \end{cases}$ 

The subtraction term, for example for the soft emission of  $i^{th}$  gluon, can be obtained as 

$$\mathcal{S}_{ ext{soft}} = \lim_{\xi_i o 0}$$

- Counter terms are maximally from three regions

  - SoftCollinear
  - Soft-collinear

Subtracting all of them from real corrections give finite contributions

Basic idea of FKS : partition the phase space such that each region involves only one soft and/or collinear

 $\max_{\to 0} \sum_{i} S_{ij} |\mathcal{M}_{n+1}|^2$ 



### FKS in brief

- Additionally, we have to add back integrated counter term as well /  $d\phi_1 S_{\text{soft}}$
- For this we have soft-eikonal approximation :

 $d\Omega_i \frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{(k_k \cdot k_k)(k_l \cdot k_k)}$ 

This is known for general massive/massless cases [Frederix, Frixione, Maltoni, Stelzer '09] \*



### At the amplitude squared level, this boil down to evaluating Eikonal integrals of the form



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Additional non-standard Eikonal integrals 

### Need to evaluate the non-standard integrals

- \* Let us see an example of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 P_1^{[8]} \end{pmatrix}$
- The amplitude after applying the projection operator gives •

$$\begin{split} \lim_{k_i \to 0} \mathcal{A}_{\{[8],0,1,1\}}^{(n+1,0)}(r) &= \sum_{\substack{j=n_I\\j \neq i}}^{n_L^{(R)} + n_H} g_s \frac{k_j \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_i}^*(k_i)}{k_j \cdot k_i} \vec{Q}(\mathcal{I}_j) \mathcal{A}_{\{[8],0,1,1\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\lambda}) + g_s \frac{K \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_i}^*(k_i)}{K \cdot k_i} \vec{Q}(Q \bar{Q}'[{}^1P_1^{[8]}]) \mathcal{A}_{\{[8],0,1,1\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\lambda}) \\ &+ g_s \left[ \frac{\varepsilon_{\lambda_l}^*(K) \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_i}^*(k_i)}{K \cdot k_i} - \frac{K \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_i}^*(k_i)k_i \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_l}^*(K)}{(K \cdot k_i)^2} \right] \times \left[ \vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q \bar{Q}'_{[81]}) \mathcal{A}_{\{[1],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\lambda}) + \vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q \bar{Q}'_{[88]}) \mathcal{A}_{\{[8],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\lambda}) \right] \end{split}$$

$$g_{s}\left[\frac{\varepsilon_{\lambda_{l}}^{*}(K) \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_{i}}^{*}(k_{i})}{K \cdot k_{i}} - \frac{K \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_{i}}^{*}(k_{i})k_{i} \cdot \varepsilon_{\lambda_{l}}^{*}(K)}{(K \cdot k_{i})^{2}}\right] \times \left[\vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q\bar{Q}_{[81]}')\mathcal{A}_{\{[1],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\natural}) + \vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q\bar{Q}_{[88]}')\mathcal{A}_{\{[8],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\natural})\right] \times \left[\vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q\bar{Q}_{[81]}')\mathcal{A}_{\{[1],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\natural}) + \vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q\bar{Q}_{[88]}')\mathcal{A}_{\{[8],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\natural})\right] \times \left[\vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q\bar{Q}_{[81]}')\mathcal{A}_{\{[1],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\natural})\right] \times \left[\vec{Q}_{\text{eff}}(Q\bar{Q}_{[81]}')\mathcal{A}_{\{[1],0,0,0\}}^{(n,0)}(r^{\imath})\right]$$



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instance,

$$\int d\Omega_i \frac{K \cdot k_k}{(k_k \cdot k_i)(K \cdot k_i)^2} k_{i,\mu} = -(K \cdot k_k) \frac{\partial}{\partial K_\mu} \left( \int d\Omega_i \frac{1}{(k_k \cdot k_i)(K \cdot k_i)} \right)$$

Looking at their structure, we find they can be expressed as derivatives of the known standard ones. For







- for the P-waves - Need counter term for them as well.
- \* For example, for  $({}^{1}P_{1}^{[8]})$  state, the counter term looks like

$$\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} d\phi_{n-1}(\dot{r}^{\check{\natural}}) \frac{J^{n_L^{(B)}}}{\mathcal{N}(\dot{r}^{\check{\natural}})} \mathcal{G}(\dot{r}^{\check{\natural}}) \left[ B_F \mathbb{M}^{(n-1,0)}(\dot{r}_1^{\check{\natural}}) + C_F \mathbb{M}^{(n-1,0)}(\dot{r}_2^{\check{\imath}}) \right] \frac{8}{m_Q m_{\bar{Q}'}} \left( \frac{1}{\bar{\epsilon}} + \log \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_{\mathrm{NRQCD}}^2} \right)$$

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## Validation

- particles, the singularities cancels out with those of virtual corrections.
- Validation
  - The poles are checked and cancel explicitly
  - To check local counter term

$$\Delta_{\text{soft}} = \left| \frac{\mathbb{M}^{(n,0)}(\dot{r}) - \lim_{k_i \to 0} \mathbb{M}^{(n,0)}(\dot{r})}{\mathbb{M}^{(n,0)}(\dot{r})} \right| \propto \xi_i + \mathcal{O}(\xi)$$

Together, these integrated counter terms, along with collinear and soft-collinear c.t for elementary



- \* Here we discuss subtraction method, specifically FKS subtraction method and how that can be successfully extended to quarkonium productions.
- \* At the moment we applied for the single quarkonium case along with any arbitrary elementary particle productions, that could be massive/massless or colored/colorless.
- \* Its implementation in MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO is ongoing.
- What could be done in near future
  - Multiple quarkonium productions
  - For the complete NLO automation, we also need a formalism for loop corrections part.





# One of the Eikonal integral

\* For example, for 
$$\int d\Omega_i \frac{(K \cdot k_k)k_{i,\mu}}{(k_k \cdot k_i)(K \cdot k_i)^2}$$
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Divergent part

$$\left\{\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}\frac{k_k^{\mu}}{k_k\cdot k_l} + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\left[\frac{k_k^{\mu}}{k_k\cdot k_l}\left(1 - \log\left(\frac{k_k\cdot k_l}{E_km_l}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\log\left(\frac{\xi_{cut}^2s}{Q_{\rm ES}^2}\right)\right) - \frac{k_l^{\mu}}{m_l^2}\right]\right\}$$

Finite part

 $\sum_{i=1}^{3} T_{i,12}^{(0,m_l),\mu},$ 

$$T_{1,12}^{(0,m_l),\mu} = \frac{k_k^{\mu}}{k_k \cdot k_l} \left\{ -\frac{\pi^2}{12} - \log\left(\frac{\xi_{cut}^2 s}{Q_{ES}^2}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \log^2\left(\frac{\xi_{cut}^2 s}{Q_{ES}^2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k m_l}\right) \log\left(\frac{\xi_{cut}^2 s}{Q_{ES}^2}\right) \\ - \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log^2\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)}\right) - \frac{1}{4} \log^2\left(\frac{1+\beta_l}{1-\beta_l}\right) \\ + \operatorname{Li}_2\left(1 - \frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)}\right) - \operatorname{Li}_2\left(1 - \frac{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}{k_k \cdot k_l}\right) \\ + \frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{k_k \cdot k_l - E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)} \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)}\right) + \frac{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}{k_k \cdot k_l - E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)} \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}\right) \\ + \frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{k_k \cdot k_l - E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)} \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)}\right) + \frac{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}{k_k \cdot k_l - E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)} \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}\right) \\ + \frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{k_k \cdot k_l - E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)} \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)}\right) + \frac{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}{k_k \cdot k_l - E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)} \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}\right) \\ \times \left[E_k E_l \left(\log\left(\frac{E_k E_l(1+\beta_l)}{k_k \cdot k_l}\right) - \log\left(\frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{E_k E_l(1-\beta_l)}\right)\right) + \frac{k_k \cdot k_l}{1+\beta_l} \log\left(\frac{1+\beta_l}{1-\beta_l}\right)\right]\right\}.$$

### ss of particle k is 0, upto an overall factor

