Perturbative techniques

For precision collider physics and cosmology 50 Years of QCD



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A celebration of QCD and exploring "Beyond QCD"





Testing the Higgs sectorLHC MeasurementsImage: 102

- High precision measurements of a wide spectrum of observables.
- Precise comparisons with theory.
- Superb test of the Standard Model and powerful constraints on its extensions.
- A testament to the great understanding of Quantum Chromodynamics.







Why can we predict precisely?

- Asymptotic freedom
- Infrared safety
- Factorization Theorems



Superb measurements

- Structure of hadrons
- Couplings and masses

Advances in mathematics and computation for perturbation theory

"Forced" to high orders

NLO DRELL-YAN

NLO HIGGS

The corrections to both these cross sections coming from radiative corrections to the lowest-order annihilation diagram are found to be large at present values of Q₂ and S when the cross section is expressed in terms of parton densities derived from lepton production, for all Drell-Yan processes of practical interest.

Altarelli, Ellis, Martinelli [Nucl. Phys. B157 (1979) 461-497]

We have computed the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ contributions to Higgs boson production at hadron colliders in the infinite top-quark mass limit. These corrections typically increase the lowest-order prediction by about a factor of 1.5 to 2. However, the results are sensitive to the choice of renormalization scale and to the choice of structure functions. It does seem clear, though, that the radiative corrections *increase* the cross-section.

NNLO DRELL-YAN

Dawson [Nucl. Phys. B359 (1991) 283-300]

In the above we see a good agreement between the theoretical prediction and the experimental result. In particular we neeed the order α_s corrections to explain the UA2 result.

NNLO HIGGS

Van Neerven [J. Mod. Phys. A10 (1995) 2921-2940]

In conclusion, we have computed the full NNLO corrections to inclusive Higgs boson production at hadron colliders. We find reasonable perturbative convergence and reduced scale dependence.

N3LO DRELL-YAN

Harlander and Kilgore [Phys. Rev. Lett. 88 (2002) 201801]

In line with the case of Higgs production, we find that the hadronic cross section receives corrections at the percent level, and the residual dependence on the perturbative scales is reduced. However, unlike in the Higgs case, we observe that the uncertainty band derived from scale variation is no longer contained in the band of the previous order.

Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger [Phys. Rev. Lett. 125 (2020) 172001]



Perturbative contributions to the inclusive Higgs decay to gluons

 N3LO -1.92%
 N4LO -1.42%

 Horzog Ruiil Lloda Vormagoron Vogt [1707.01044]

Herzog, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermageren, Vogt [1707.01044]



Perturbative contributions to the inclusive Higgs gluon fusion cross-section

Quark Mass effects -3.55%

IHixs: Dulat, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger [1802.00827]







What has been achieved for the LHC?



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PERTURBATIVE COMPUTATIONS

Mathematics

Physics

Computing

Excellent ideas and methods!

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Many and Challenging Feynman integrals

- A diagram contributing to Higgs production in bottom fusion at NNNLO.
- Gives rise to a rank-6 tensor integral.
- Which, in turn, gives rise to scalar $\mathcal{O}(500)$ integrals.
- At N3LO for the sinmplest type of processes, one needs to compute $\mathcal{O}(10^6)$ scalar integrals.

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bottom

 $= Spin_{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}\mu_{4}\mu_{5}\mu_{6}} \int \delta\left(k_{10}^{2} - M_{h}^{2}\right) \delta(k_{9}^{2}) \frac{k_{1}^{\mu_{1}}k_{2}^{\mu_{2}}k_{3}^{\mu_{3}}k_{4}^{\mu_{4}}k_{5}^{\mu_{5}}k_{6}^{\mu_{6}}}{k_{1}^{2}k_{2}^{2}k_{3}^{2}k_{4}^{2}k_{5}^{2}k_{6}^{2}k_{7}^{2}k_{8}^{2}}$ $= Spin_{\mu_{1}...} \int \delta\left(k_{10}^{2} - M_{h}^{2}\right) \delta(k_{9}^{2}) \frac{k_{1}^{\alpha_{1}}...\mathcal{T}\left(u^{\alpha_{1}\mu_{1}...}\right)}{k_{1}^{2}k_{2}^{2}k_{3}^{2}k_{4}^{2}k_{5}^{2}k_{6}^{2}k_{7}^{2}k_{8}^{2}}$ $\text{With } \mathcal{T}\left(u^{\alpha_{1}\mu_{1}}u^{\alpha_{2}\mu_{2}}\right) = u^{\alpha_{1}\mu_{1}}u^{\alpha_{2}\mu_{2}} + \eta_{\perp}^{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}}\eta_{\perp}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}}/D_{\perp}$

 $u^{\alpha\mu} = \frac{p_1^{\alpha} p_2^{\mu} + p_2^{\alpha} p_1^{\mu}}{p_1 \cdot p_2} \quad CA, \, Karlen, \, Vicini, \, [2308.1470]$

Higgs

Simplifying

Feynman integrals (toy example)

• Lets make a toy integral out of this diagram



• Recursion: $\Gamma(x + 1) = x \Gamma(x)$

$$c_{2} = c_{7} c_{2} = c_{6} c_{5} c_{2} = c_{5} c_{5} c_{2} = c_{4} c_{2} c_{3} c_{3} c_{2} = c_{2} c_{2} c_{2} c_{2} c_{2} c_{2} c_{3} c_{2} c_{2} c_{3} c_{3} c_{2} c_{2} c_{3} c_{3}$$

Recursion and Reduction for general Feynman integrals

Feynman integrals are (generally uncharted) hypergeometric functions, i.e. infinite sums of products/ratios of factorials (Gamma functions).

 ${}_{2}F_{1}(a,b;c;z) = \frac{c-2b+2+(b-a-1)z}{(b-1)(z-1)} {}_{2}F_{1}(a,b-1;c;z) + \frac{b-c-1}{(b-1)(z-1)} {}_{2}F_{1}(a,b-2;c;z)$ A Gauss recurrence identity for the common hypergeometric $= c_{box}$ Master integral $+ c_{bubble,s}$ Master $+ c_{bubble,t}$ Maste nteara integra A reduction to master integrals for a class of box integrals

Recursion is intrinsic to hypergeometric functions, and Feynman integrals, in the form of difference equations.

A reduction of classes of integrals to fewer "master" integrals is always possible.

Physical reduction of amplitudes

- The Reduction of *one-loop* amplitudes to master integrals has a physical interpretation.
- Masters are integrals of a simple scalar field theory.
- Coefficients are Sums of Products of Tree Gauge Theory Amplitudes

"The NLO revolution" $\int (1 - loop) = c_{box}$ $+ c_{triangle}$ $+ c_{bubble}$ $+ c_{triangle}$ $+ c_{triangle}$ $+ c_{triangle}$ $+ c_{triangle}$ $+ c_{triangle}$ $+ c_{triangle}$

Britto, Cachazo, Feng [hep-th/0412103] Britto, Feng, Mastrolia [hep-ph/0602178] Del Aguila, Pittau [hep-ph/0404120] Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau [hep-ph/0609007] Forde [0704.1835] Ellis, Giele, Kunszt [0708.2398] Giele, Kunszt, Melnikov [0801.2237] Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Ita, Kosower, Maitre [0803.4180]

 Generalisation at two-loops in amazing breakthroughs Abreu, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Ita

Ita [1510.05626]

Abreu, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Ita, Kraus, Page, Pascual, Ruf, Sotnikov [2009.11957] When a complete physical solution is out of reach, compution comes to rescue.

Reduction identies are

obtained simply, with integration by parts (IBP).

$$0 = \int d^D k \,\partial_\mu \frac{k^\mu}{\left(k^2 - M^2\right)^6} \rightsquigarrow \int d^D k \,\frac{1}{\left(k^2 - M^2\right)^7} = \frac{\frac{D}{2} - 6}{6} \int d^D k \,\frac{1}{\left(k^2 - M^2\right)^6}$$

Chetyrkin, Tkachov [Nucl. Phys. B192 (1981) 159-204] Tkachov [Phys. Lett. B100 (1981) 65-68]

IBP identities can be "diagonalised" automatically with the "Laporta Algorithm", which is a optimised Gauss elimination method.

Laporta [hep-ph/0102033]



1 out of $\mathcal{O}(500)$ scalar integrals in





Simple and Powerful but Costly

Reduction to master integrals

• "Inclusive" Phase-space integrations can also be simplified with integration by parts.

CA, Melnikov [1810.09462]

$$\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \left(\frac{1}{x + i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{x - i\epsilon} \right) = 2 \pi i \,\delta(x)$$

Kinematic constraints can also be included.

As $\epsilon \to 0^+$

$$\delta\left(\frac{p_V \cdot p_1}{p_V \cdot p_2} - u\right) \rightarrow \frac{p_V \cdot p_2}{p_V \cdot (p_1 - up_2) - i0} - (c.c.$$

CA, Dixon, Melnikov, Petriello [1503.06056]

 Commutes with asymptotic expansions around simplifying limits (such as threshold production)

CA, Duhr, Dulat, Herzog, Mistlberger [1503.06056]







Analytic structure of master integrals



Gehrmann, Remiddi; Kptikov; Henn;...]

[Remiddi, Vermaseren; Vollinga, Weinzierl; Goncharov, Spradlin, Vergu, Volovich; Duhr, Gangl, Rhodes; Duhr; Duhr, Dulat; Mistlberger; Broedel, Duhr, Dulat, Tancredi; Abliger, Bluemlein, Round; Duhr, Tancredi; Panzer; Brown;...] How far can one go with with reductions to master integrals? Very far!

Higgs Rapidity Through N3LO

- Innovative deep expansion around Higgs threshold production (with two kinematic variables).
- Innovative reduction to master integrals (reconstruction of coefficients from numerics).
- High precision theoretical prediction.
- Awaiting data from the LHC at the high luminosity phase.



Dulat, Mistlberger, Pelloni, [1810.09462]



Do not unpack your rucksack when surrounded by the animals. When grazing livestock approach – stay calm, do not turn your back, and leave the field slowly.

[source: Tourist Information, Engadin, Switzerland]

EFT of Large Scale Structure

Baummann, Nicolis, Senatore, Zaldarriaga [1004.2488] Carrasco, Hertzberg,, Senatore [1206.2926] Porto, Senatore, Zaldarriaga [1311.2168]

Senatore, Zaldarriaga [1404.5954]

$$\mathscr{P}\left(p\right) \equiv \int \frac{d^{3}\vec{r}}{(2\pi)^{3}} e^{i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{r}} \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho}\right)\left(\vec{x}\right) \left(\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho}\right)\left(\vec{x}+\vec{r}\right) \right\rangle$$



Loops in EFT of Large Scale Structure

VERTICES

$$28 F_2 = 10 + 3 \frac{p^2}{l^2} + 3 \frac{p^2}{(l-p)^2} - 5 \frac{p^2}{(l-p)^2} - 5 \frac{(l-p)^2}{p^2} + 2 \frac{(p^2)^2}{l^2 (l-p)^2}$$

Massless QCD-type propagator denominators

PROPAGATORS



A function of wavelength (loop momentum) and cosmological parameters

Mapping EFT of LSS correlators to QFT integrals



- A fit of the linear power spectrum in a series of massless propagators raised to complex powers
- Integrations can be performed without reference to the values of the cosmological parameters.
- For the one-loop power spectrum:





k



 $\mathcal{P}_{\text{linear}}(k)$

k



k



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One-loop power spectrum in EFT of LSS Cosmology

dependent coefficients, obtained by fit to leading order (linear) solution



One-loop bispectrum in EFT of LSS



 $\mathscr{I}_n^{(3)} = d_n^{tadp.} \bigcirc + d_n^{bubble} - \bigcirc + d_n^{trian.}$

 $= [c_1 F_{\text{int}}(R_2, z_+, z_-, x_+) + c_2 F_{\text{int}}(R_2, z_+, z_-, x_-)]_{y=0}^{y=1}$

$$F_{\text{int}}(R_2, z_+, z_-, x_0) = s(z_+, -z_-) \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{|R_2|}} \frac{\arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{z_+ - x}\sqrt{x_0 - z_-}}{\sqrt{x_0 - z_+}\sqrt{x_0 - z_-}}\right)}{\sqrt{x_0 - z_+} \sqrt{x_0 - z_-}} \bigg|_{x=0}^{x=1} - \text{discontinuities}$$

Generic N-point correlators in EFT of LSS.



No box, pentagon, hexagon,... master integrals in three dimensions Van Neerven, Vermaseren [Phys.Lett.B 137 (1984) 241-244]

- At one-loop, in $D = 3 2\epsilon$, all loop integrals are free of $1/\epsilon$ poles.
- Reduction to master integrals, with memoization in arbitrary arithmetic precision, numerically (setting D=3 exactly)
- Fast evaluation of integrals, permitting an efficient inference of cosmological parameters comparing with data.



best-fit					10	
$\mathrm{mean}\pm\sigma$	Ω_m	h	σ_8	ω_{cdm}	$\ln(10^{10}A_s)$	S_8
P_{ℓ}	0.2984	0.6763	0.8305	0.1143	3.123	0.8283
	0.308 ± 0.012	$0.689^{+0.012}_{-0.014}$	$0.819^{+0.049}_{-0.055}$	0.1232 ± 0.0075	3.02 ± 0.15	$0.830^{+0.051}_{-0.060}$
$P_{\ell} + B_0^{\text{tree}}$	0.3101	0.6907	0.8063	0.1248	2.98	0.8197
	0.309 ± 0.011	0.691 ± 0.012	0.804 ± 0.049	0.1246 ± 0.0058	2.97 ± 0.13	$0.816^{+0.050}_{-0.057}$
$P_{\ell} + B_0^{1 \text{loop}}$	0.3210	0.6956	0.7882	0.1331	2.82	0.8153
	0.314 ± 0.011	0.693 ± 0.011	$0.790^{+0.033}_{-0.037}$	0.1278 ± 0.0061	2.90 ± 0.11	$0.807^{+0.037}_{-0.043}$
$P_{\ell} + B_0^{1\text{loop}} + B_2^{\text{tree}}$	0.3082	0.6928	0.7856	0.1258	2.88	0.7962
	0.311 ± 0.010	0.692 ± 0.011	0.794 ± 0.037	0.1255 ± 0.0057	2.94 ± 0.11	0.808 ± 0.041
Planck	$0.3191^{+0.0085}_{-0.016}$	$0.671^{+0.012}_{-0.0067}$	$0.807^{+0.018}_{-0.0079}$	0.1201 ± 0.0013	3.046 ± 0.015	0.832 ± 0.013

Figure 1: Triangle plots, best-fit values, and relative 68%-credible intervals of base cosmological parameters measured from the analysis of BOSS power spectrum multipoles P_{ℓ} , $\ell = 0, 2$, at one-loop, bispectrum monopole B_0 at tree or one-loop level, and bispectrum quadrupole B_2 at tree-level. Planck $\nu\Lambda$ CDM results are shown for comparison.

D' Amico, Donath, Lewandowski, Senatore, Zhang [2206.08327]

Two-loop power spectrum in EFT of Large Scale Structure



CA, Favorito, Senatore, Mistlberger, Zheng, in progress

Two-loop master integrals are (I believe...) intractable analytically. On the contrary, they are especially simple with a direct integration in three-momentum space.

Partial results from numerical integration at two loops





(preliminary) Andrea Favorito, et al

Back to future collider physics



QCD



[source: Tourist Information, Engadin, Switzerland]

Experimental advances

"Rare" LHC processes

- ATLAS and CMS observed

 triple weak gauge boson
 production

 Higgs production associated with
 top pairs.
- These processes are valuable for testing the electroweak sector of the Standard Model.
- With 10 times more data until the end of the LHC physics programme, they will be measure precisely.
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V = W, Z

 $\sigma \left| pp \to ttH \left(\to \gamma \gamma \right) \right|$





Two loop amplitudes with direct integration

- Two-loop amplitudes with direct integration over loop momenta?
- Number of integrals is SIX.
- ... for all two-loop amplitudes and kinematic configurations.
- Understand fully the singular structure of QCD amplitudes at two loops.

$$A_{2}\left(\left\{p_{ext_{i}}\right\},\left\{M_{i}\right\}\right)$$
$$=\int d^{d}k \int d^{d}l \mathscr{A}_{2}\left(k,l,\left\{p_{ext_{i}}\right\},\left\{M_{i}\right\}\right)$$
Monte-Carlo Integration?



Singularities of Feynman diagrams and scattering amplitudes

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \dots \frac{m}{E^2 - \omega^2 + i\delta} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \dots \frac{m}{\omega} \left(\frac{1}{E - \omega + i\delta} - \frac{1}{E + \omega - i\delta} \right)$$

• The poles can lie inside the domain of integration.



Integrable Singularities

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \dots \frac{\cdots}{E^2 - \omega^2 + i\delta} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \dots \frac{\cdots}{\omega} \left(\frac{1}{E - \omega + i\delta} - \frac{1}{E + \omega - i\delta} \right)$$

- The poles can lie inside the domain of integration.
- If we can deform the path of integration away from the poles, then they lead to no singularities



Soft massless particles

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dE \dots \frac{dE}{(E+i\delta)(E-i\delta)}$$

- Poles due to soft massless particles.
- These singularities pinch the integration path from both sides.
- Condition for a TRUE
 INFINITY



Collinear massless particles

p

- A second source of infinities due to massless collinear particles.
- A singularity of one particle in the lower half-plane lines up with the singularity of a collinear particle in the higher half-pane.
- The singularities pinch the integration path from both sides.
- We cannot deform the path, a condition for a TRUE INFINITY!



 $(1-x)\cdot p$

Infrared amplitude factorization

• UV Renormalized scattering amplitudes for well-separated finalstates take a simple factorized form

Amplitude = hard
$$\cdot$$
 soft $\cdot \prod$ Jet_i.

- "soft" and "jet" functions contain all divergences.

- •These are universal functions. For any new process we should need to compute only the "hard" function.
- •So far, we do not have a way to compute the "hard" function directly.

•But, what if we did?



Ma; Erdogan, Sterman; Schwartz; Collins

How could we imagine using factorisation?



An inverted factorization theorem

How could we imagine using factorization?



This procedure is universal...could be applied to any process, irrespectively of the complexity of its final state.

From factorisation we could identify, remove and integrate separately the singular parts of amplitudes order by order in perturbation theory:

 $\mathcal{H}^{(0)} = \mathcal{A}^{(0)} \qquad \mathcal{H}^{(1)} = \mathcal{A}^{(1)} - \mathcal{J}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} - \mathcal{S}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} \qquad \mathcal{H}^{(2)} = \mathcal{A}^{(2)} - \mathcal{J}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(1)} - \mathcal{S}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} - \mathcal{S}^{(2)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} + \mathcal{J}^{(1)} \mathcal{S}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} = \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(1)} - \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(1)} - \mathcal{I}^{(2)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} - \mathcal{I}^{(2)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} + \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \mathcal{H}^{(0)} = \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \mathcal{I}^{(1)} + \mathcal{$

Factorisation and locality

Is it an obstacle for a meaningful invertion of the factorization theorem?



Non-local cancellations

Local cancellations Numerically integrable

- In the integral expression of the process dependent "HARD" function, we need singularities to be cancelled locally, AT THE INTEGRAND.
- A naive construction leads to nonlocal cancellations.
- Integrands with non-local cancellations cannot be integrated numerically.
- To enable Monte-Carlo integration methods, can we ensure that ALL soft, collinear and ultraviolet singularities cancel point by point in the integrand?
- A challenge!

Ingredients of factorization

- Collinear gluons acquire longitudinal (nonphysical) polarisations.
- Gauge symmetry and the Ward identities derived from it, guarantee that contributions from unphysical gluons almost cancel...
- ... leaving a factored correction to external legs



Ingredients of factorization are "almost" local!

 Collinear gluons off one-loop vertices acquire random polarisations.





 Ward identities generate non-local zeros.



...from Peskin and Schroeder





Factorization at the int Amplitude construction

- Assign correlated momentum flows to all diagrams.
- Cure "loop polarizations" with additional vertices at external legs.
- Cure non-local remnants of Ward identities with "shift counterterms" which
 integrate to zero
- Locally subtract ultraviolet singularities respecting Ward identities and the above integrand modifications.



Locally finite integrands for a class of two-loop QCD amplitudes (gluon fusion)

$$g + g \rightarrow V_1 + V_2 + \dots + V_n$$
, $V_i = Higgs, W, Z, \gamma^*$

$$\mathcal{M}_{n,\text{finite}}^{(2)} = \mathcal{M}_{n,\,\text{UV-finite}}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{\text{ss},\,\text{UV-finite}}^{(1)} \left(\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{n,\,\text{finite}}^{(1)}(l) + \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_{n,\,\text{finite}}^{(1)}(l+k) \right)$$

CA, Julia Karlen, George Sterman, Ani Venkata (to appear)

Locally finite integrands for a class of two-loop QCD amplitudes (quark fusion)

$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow V_1 + V_2 + \dots V_n$$
, $V_i = W, Z, \gamma^*$

CA, George Sterman

$$\mathcal{H}_{1-loop}(k) = \mathcal{A}_{1-loop} - \mathcal{F}^{(1)} \left[\mathcal{A}_0 \right]$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{2-loop}(k,l) = \mathcal{A}_{2-loop} - \mathcal{F}^{(2)} \left[\mathcal{A}_0 \right] - \mathcal{F}^{(1)} \left[\mathcal{H}_{1-loop} \right]$$

Numerical integration

- Can such IR subtractions be used for evaluating loop amplitudes numerically?
- They are an important ingredient!----They remove "pinch" singularities. _
- Other singularities which can be avoided with appropriate contour-deformations are equally important.
- Breakthroughs and excellent ideas.



Numerical integration of $\mathscr{A}_{q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma}^{1-loop}$



(e) Accuracy and precision of the real part of the LTD integration.

(f) Accuracy and precision of the imaginary part of the LTD integration.

Figure 23: A scan for $d\bar{d} \rightarrow \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3$. The results are absolute values plotted on a log scale. The first row (a – b) shows the real and the imaginary part of the amplitude computed with ML5. The second row (c – d) shows the relative difference between the analytic expression and the integrated counterterms. The last row (e – f) shows the LTD integration. They ar a combination of two plots: the surface above shows the relative error of the central valu compared with the analytic expression, the flat surface below shows the Monte Carlo erro for the point right above.

New ideas and schemes for numerical integration

Exposing the threshold structure of loop integrals

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Numerical integration of loop integrals through local cancellation of threshold singularities

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Integrates out the energy component of the loop momenta. An alternative to Time Ordered Perturbation Theory or Loop Tree Duality. Avoiding the introduction of spurious singularities

Devises counterterms to subtract integrable singularities from cuts/thresholds. A shift of paradigm away from "contour deformation". Numerical integration of $\mathscr{A}_{q\bar{q}\to\gamma\gamma\gamma}^{2-loop,N_f}$



Kermanshah, Lazopoulos, Vicini

Conclusions

- We have witnessed rapid progress in perturbative QCD, matching the precision of the LHC experiments.
- Perturbative QCD methods find application to other areas of physics.
- New formalism, utilising perturbative QCD methods, for computing correlators in the EFT of Large Scale Structure.
- Can we keep up improving precision? A need to keep reinventing our field and understanding perturbation theory at deeper levels.
- Infrared Factorization can turn into a new computational method for next generation problems in precision collider physics.