# Optimising loop amplitude evaluations

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## well known problem:

multi-scale amplitudes difficult to a

CPU cost scales badly with higher orders

(especially when IR singular)



### some solutions already exsist

automated and optimised MCs

multi-core processing re-weighting lower orders ...as well as other methods discussed at this meeting this talk: testing amplitude neural network for loop induced processes

gg  $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma$ g and gg  $\rightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma$ gg

- Realistic hadron collider setup with SHERPA
- Precision evaluations: determining NN errors



Aylett-Bullock, SB, Moodie JHEP 08 (2021) 066

SB, Butter, Luchmann, Pitz, Plehn SciPost Phys.Core 6 (2023) 034

Reflections on experience at NNLO

How expensive are the loop amplitudes...



## Precision is Important

standard one-loop matrix elements provide high precision evaluations:

OpenLoops, GoSam, Madloop, BlackHat, Recola, Helac-NLO...



use the ability to switch numerical precision (e.g. qd for 32 or 64 digits)

dimension scaling tests, gauge invariance checks,...

**Figure 5**. Accuracy for 5-jet amplitudes: (a) shows the seven gluon process and (b) the  $d\overline{d} \rightarrow \overline{d}d + 3g$  process. The thicker histograms show computations in double precision whereas the thinner curves show the distribution in quadruple precision for points which did not pass the relative accuracy of  $10^{-4}$  when calculated in double precision. Red histograms show the  $\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$  poles, green histograms the  $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$  and blue histograms the finite part of the amplitudes.

## Wishlist

an amplitude approximation which is:

- simpler to train/fit than generating events using traditional methods
- simplest model which fits a generic process
- reliable error estimates
- robust against changes in phase-space (cuts, jet algorithms, scale variations, etc.)
- simple to distribute

#### first attempt: $e+e- \rightarrow jets$

#### SB, (Aylett-)Bullock [2002.07516]

- Single NN does badly
- Splitting IR sectors via FKS sectors improves reliablity
- Error estimates by varying model initialisation (ensemble of networks)
- K-factors work better than tree-level (no 1/s poles)
- Various tests suggest single run speed improvements at least x10

$$S_{i,j} = \frac{1}{D_1 s_{ij}}, \quad D_1 = \sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{FKS}}} \frac{1}{s_{ij}},$$

$$\mathrm{d}\sigma^{(X)} = \sum_{i,j} S_{i,j} \,\mathrm{d}\sigma^{(X)},$$



**Figure 2**: Behaviour of the  $S_{q,g}$  FKS partition function

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 $10^{0}$ NJet  $10^{-1}$ Single neural network Normalised  $\mathrm{d}\sigma/~\mathrm{d}y$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{-3}$  $10^{-}$  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}gg$  $y_{\rm cut} = 0.01$  $10^{-5}$  $10^{-6}$ 40 20% diff -20-400.10.2 0.30.50.6 0.40.70.8y



tree-level factorisation aware approach performs better



Maitre, Truong [2107.06625]

second attempt:  $gg \rightarrow YY + gluons$ 

Aylett-Bullock, SB, Moodie [2106.09474]



7–9% of the total phase space

### third attempt: $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ +gluons with **Bayesian networks**

SB, Butter, Luchmann, Pitz, Plehn [2206.14831]

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$$A_j \rightarrow \log\left(1 + \frac{A_j}{\sigma_A}\right)$$

- ~6k params for  $2 \rightarrow 3$
- ~600k params for  $2 \rightarrow 4$



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performance boosting reduces uncertainties in tails

## Higher Order Applications

precision frontier has moved to NNLO (QCD) and beyond



precision requirements more subtle

instabilities can be in both rational coefficients and special functions

2 → 2 @3-loop, 2 → 3@ 2-loop

reasonable performance for 2→3 with analytic finite remainders (extracted using Finite Field sampling)

$$A_{i;j}^{(L),k} = \sum_{s=-2L}^{o(L)} \sum_{r} \epsilon^s c_{r,s}(\vec{x}) \operatorname{mon}_r(f, \mathfrak{c})$$

pentagon functions [Chicherin, Sotnikov, Zoia]

All Two-Loop Feynman Integrals for Five-Point One-Mass Scattering, Abreu et al. [2306.15431]

## Single Photon plus Two-Jets

SB, Czakon, Hartanto, Moodie, Peraro, Poncelet, Zoia [2304.06682]

### first full colour $2 \rightarrow 3$ differential cross section



# IR subtraction with STRIPPER approach

analytic 2L finite remainders

RV and RR using ME from OpenLoops and AvH libraries

#### comparison with ATLAS [1912.09866]

- 1. We require at least two jets defined with the anti- $k_T$  algorithm [106] for jet radius R = 0.4 that have minimal transverse momentum of  $p_T(j) > 100$  GeV and maximal rapidity  $|\eta(j)| < 2.5$ .
- 2. The identified jets must be separated from the photon by  $\Delta R(\gamma, j) > 0.8$ .
- 3. One isolated photon must be present in the final state with  $E_{\perp}(\gamma) \ge 150$  GeV,  $|\eta(\gamma)| \le 2.37$  excluding  $1.37 \le |\eta(\gamma)| \le 1.56$ .

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excellent overall agreement with data

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### total cost ~550 kCPUh

VV:RV:RR ~ 1: 10: 40

Note: the 1st time is always a challenge - many improvements possible

double virtual call average ~16s per point [NB: I double precision call O(1s)]

## Future Applications

speeding up amplitude calls with NN looks like a viable option for leading order codes I would still be interested in better control for the number of correct digits

speeding up amplitude virtual amplitudes can help, but need to make impact on real radiation

two-loop 2 → 3 not dominated by virtuals, largely thanks to well studied special function basis

This is (probably) not going to continue: pp → ttj, pp→ ttH, → WWj

at some stage analytic formula unfeasible - must take numerical route

special function basis in 'pentagon function' form will not ex be possible (eg. if there are elliptic structures)

expect dramatic change in evaluation time

## Conclusions I still have some questions...

phase-space : how can we use amplitude values to minimize the required number of training points

squared amplitudes vs (ordered) helicity amplitudes

analytic vs. numeric: can we improve the architecture to better satisfy amplitude properties? (c.f. bootstrap techniques)