

TWO-LOOP AMPLITUDE REDUCTION WITH HELAC

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- ① DS recursive equations → LO & AO
- ② Review of the OPP approach → NLO
- ③ Constructing the 2-loop integrand → NNLO
- ④ Integrand reduction: $d = 4$ versus $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ → NLO & NNLO
- ⑤ Summary & Outlook

DS recursive equations

How to avoid Feynman diagrams

→ a highly subjective point of view

LO - DYSON-SCHWINGER RECURSIVE EQUATIONS

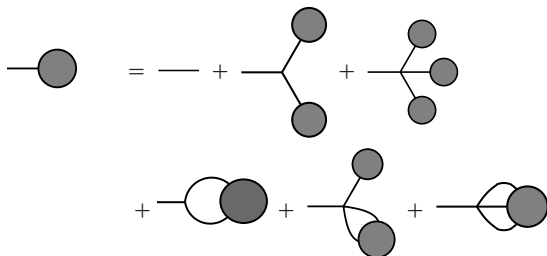
From Feynman Diagrams to recursive equations: taming the $n!$

- **1999** HELAC: The first code to calculate recursively tree-order amplitudes for (practically) arbitrary number of particles

→A. Kanaki and C. G. Papadopoulos, *Comput. Phys. Commun.* **132** (2000) 306 [arXiv:hep-ph/0002082].

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Unfortunately not so much on the second line !

→ **Integrals and Integrands**

TAMING THE BEAST ...

From Feynman graphs ...

$gg \rightarrow ng$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
# FG	4	25	220	2,485	34,300	559,405	10,525,900	224,449,225

to Dyson-Schwinger recursion! Helac-Phegas

$gg \rightarrow ng$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
#	5	15	35	70	126	210	330	495

NLO

Don't make integrals, make integrands !

THE ONE LOOP PARADIGM

basis of scalar integrals:

known already before NLO-R; remember this is not the case for higher orders

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→ Z. Bern, L. J. Dixon and D. A. Kosower, Nucl. Phys. B **412** (1994) 751

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$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{I \subset \{0,1,\dots,m-1\}} \int \frac{\mu^{(4-d)} d^d \bar{q}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\bar{N}_I(\bar{q})}{\prod_{i \in I} \bar{D}_i(\bar{q})}$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \text{[square diagram]} + \sum c_{i_1 i_2 i_3} \text{[triangle diagram]} + \sum b_{i_1 i_2} \text{[circle diagram]} + \sum a_{i_1} \text{[circle diagram]} + R$$

$a, b, c, d \rightarrow$ cut-constructible part

$R \rightarrow$ rational terms

THE OLD “MASTER” FORMULA

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \int \frac{\bar{N}(\bar{q})}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \cdots \bar{D}_{m-1}} &= \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2 < i_3}^{m-1} d(i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) \int \frac{1}{\bar{D}_{i_0} \bar{D}_{i_1} \bar{D}_{i_2} \bar{D}_{i_3}} \\ &+ \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2}^{m-1} c(i_0 i_1 i_2) \int \frac{1}{\bar{D}_{i_0} \bar{D}_{i_1} \bar{D}_{i_2}} \\ &+ \sum_{i_0 < i_1}^{m-1} b(i_0 i_1) \int \frac{1}{\bar{D}_{i_0} \bar{D}_{i_1}} \\ &+ \sum_{i_0}^{m-1} a(i_0) \int \frac{1}{\bar{D}_{i_0}} \\ &+ \text{rational terms} \end{aligned}$$

OPP “MASTER” FORMULA - I

General expression for the 4-dim $N(q)$ at the integrand level in terms of D_i

→ G. Ossola, C. G. Papadopoulos and R. Pittau, [arXiv:hep-ph/0609007 [hep-ph]].

$$\begin{aligned} N(q) &= \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2 < i_3}^{m-1} \left[d(i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) + \tilde{d}(q; i_0 i_1 i_2 i_3) \right] \prod_{i \neq i_0, i_1, i_2, i_3}^{m-1} D_i \\ &+ \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2}^{m-1} \left[c(i_0 i_1 i_2) + \tilde{c}(q; i_0 i_1 i_2) \right] \prod_{i \neq i_0, i_1, i_2}^{m-1} D_i \\ &+ \sum_{i_0 < i_1}^{m-1} \left[b(i_0 i_1) + \tilde{b}(q; i_0 i_1) \right] \prod_{i \neq i_0, i_1}^{m-1} D_i \\ &+ \sum_{i_0}^{m-1} \left[a(i_0) + \tilde{a}(q; i_0) \right] \prod_{i \neq i_0}^{m-1} D_i \end{aligned}$$

→G. Ossola, C. G. Papadopoulos and R. Pittau, JHEP **05** (2008), 004 [arXiv:0802.1876 [hep-ph]].

$$\bar{D}_i = (\bar{q} + p_i)^2 - m_i^2, \quad p_0 \neq 0,$$

$$\bar{D}_i = D_i + \tilde{q}^2$$

$$m_i^2 \rightarrow m_i^2 - \tilde{q}^2.$$

$$d(ijkl; \tilde{q}^2) = d(ijkl) + \tilde{q}^2 d^{(2)}(ijkl) + \tilde{q}^4 d^{(4)}(ijkl),$$

$$c(ijk; \tilde{q}^2) = c(ijk) + \tilde{q}^2 c^{(2)}(ijk),$$

$$b(ij; \tilde{q}^2) = b(ij) + \tilde{q}^2 b^{(2)}(ij).$$

$$d^{(4)}(ijkl) = \lim_{\tilde{q}^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(ijkl; \tilde{q}^2)}{\tilde{q}^4},$$

$$c^{(2)}(ijk) = \lim_{\tilde{q}^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c(ijk; \tilde{q}^2)}{\tilde{q}^2},$$

$$b^{(2)}(ij) = \lim_{\tilde{q}^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b(ij; \tilde{q}^2)}{\tilde{q}^2},$$

$$d^{(4)}(ijkl) = \frac{d(ijkl; 1) + d(ijkl; -1) - 2d(ijkl)}{2},$$

$$c^{(2)}(ijk) = c(ijk; 1) - c(ijk),$$

$$b^{(2)}(ij) = b(ij; 1) - b(ij).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int d^n \bar{q} \frac{\tilde{q}^4}{\bar{D}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k \bar{D}_l} &= -\frac{i\pi^2}{6} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon), \\ \int d^n \bar{q} \frac{\tilde{q}^2}{\bar{D}_i \bar{D}_j \bar{D}_k} &= -\frac{i\pi^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon), \\ \int d^n \bar{q} \frac{\tilde{q}^2}{\bar{D}_i \bar{D}_j} &= -\frac{i\pi^2}{2} \left[m_i^2 + m_j^2 - \frac{(p_i - p_j)^2}{3} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon).\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_1 &= -\frac{i}{96\pi^2} d^{(2m-4)} - \frac{i}{32\pi^2} \sum_{i_0 < i_1 < i_2}^{m-1} c^{(2)}(i_0 i_1 i_2) \\
 &- \frac{i}{32\pi^2} \sum_{i_0 < i_1}^{m-1} b^{(2)}(i_0 i_1) \left(m_{i_0}^2 + m_{i_1}^2 - \frac{(p_{i_0} - p_{i_1})^2}{3} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

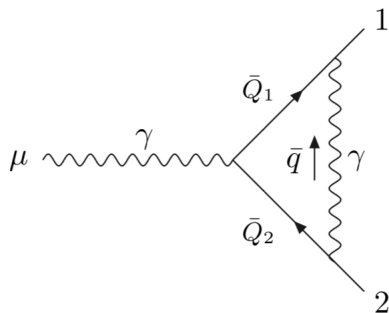
→ P. Draggiotis, M. V. Garzelli, C. G. Papadopoulos and R. Pittau, JHEP **04** (2009), 072 [arXiv:0903.0356 [hep-ph]].

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$$\bar{N}(\bar{q}) = N(q) + \tilde{N}(\tilde{q}^2, q, \epsilon).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{q} &= q + \tilde{q}, \\ \bar{\gamma}_{\bar{\mu}} &= \gamma_{\mu} + \tilde{\gamma}_{\bar{\mu}}, \\ \bar{g}^{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}} &= g^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{g}^{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_2 \equiv \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^n \bar{q} \frac{\tilde{N}(\tilde{q}^2, q, \epsilon)}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \cdots \bar{D}_{m-1}} \equiv \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^n \bar{q} \mathcal{R}_2.$$



$$\bar{Q}_1 = \bar{q} + p_1 = Q_1 + \tilde{q}$$

$$\bar{Q}_2 = \bar{q} + p_2 = Q_2 + \tilde{q}$$

$$\bar{D}_0 = \bar{q}^2$$

$$\bar{D}_1 = (\bar{q} + p_1)^2$$

$$\bar{D}_2 = (\bar{q} + p_2)^2$$

Figure 1: QED $\gamma e^+ e^-$ diagram in n dimensions.

ϵ -dimensional γ matrices freely anti-commute with four-dimensional ones:

$$\{\gamma_\mu, \tilde{\gamma}_\nu\} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{N}(\bar{q}) &\equiv e^3 \left\{ \bar{\gamma}_{\bar{\beta}} (\bar{Q}_1 + m_e) \gamma_\mu (\bar{Q}_2 + m_e) \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\beta}} \right\} \\ &= e^3 \left\{ \gamma_\beta (Q_1 + m_e) \gamma_\mu (Q_2 + m_e) \gamma^\beta \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \epsilon (Q_1 - m_e) \gamma_\mu (Q_2 - m_e) + \epsilon \tilde{q}^2 \gamma_\mu - \tilde{q}^2 \gamma_\beta \gamma_\mu \gamma^\beta \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\int d^n \bar{q} \frac{\tilde{q}^2}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2} = -\frac{i\pi^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon),$$

$$\int d^n \bar{q} \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2} = -\frac{i\pi^2}{2\epsilon} g_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(1),$$

gives

$$R_2 = -\frac{ie^3}{8\pi^2} \gamma_\mu + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon),$$

Computing 1PI contributions to $R_2 \rightarrow R_2$ for any 1-loop amplitude

R_2 vertices in full analogy with renormalization CT

- 1 Determining the on-shell momenta through $D_i = 0$ and computing all coefficients.
- 2 Determining the on-shell momenta through $D_i = \mu$ and μ dependence of certain coefficients, namely R_1 .
- 3 Using new Feynman rules to compute with tree-like DS the rest of R contribution, namely R_2 .

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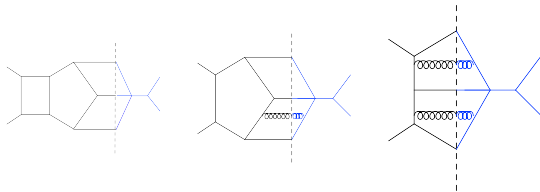
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Towards higher precision:
NNLO and beyond

I have a dream ...

What do we need for an NNLO calculation ?

$$p_1, p_2 \rightarrow p_3, \dots, p_{m+2}$$



What do we need for an NNLO calculation ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{NNLO} &\rightarrow \int_m d\Phi_m \left(2\text{Re}(M_m^{(0)*} M_m^{(2)}) + \left| M_m^{(1)} \right|^2 \right) J_m(\Phi) && \text{VV} \\
 &+ \int_{m+1} d\Phi_{m+1} \left(2\text{Re} \left(M_{m+1}^{(0)*} M_{m+1}^{(1)} \right) \right) J_{m+1}(\Phi) && \text{RV} \\
 &+ \int_{m+2} d\Phi_{m+2} \left| M_{m+2}^{(0)} \right|^2 J_{m+2}(\Phi) && \text{RR}
 \end{aligned}$$

RV + RR → antenna-S, colorfull-NNLO, sector-improved residue subtraction, nested soft-collinear, local analytic sector subtraction, projection to born, q_T , N-jetiness

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Amplitude construction

- Standard approach: QGRAF \rightarrow symbolic manipulation, dimensionally regularized amplitudes \rightarrow IBP: FIRE, Kira or numerical pySecDec
- Numerical unitarity \rightarrow dimensionally regularized amplitudes by gluing tree amplitudes in different integer dimensions $\rightarrow D_s$
 - \rightarrow S. Abreu, J. Dormans, F. Febres Cordero, H. Ita, M. Kraus, B. Page, E. Pascual, M. S. Ruf and V. Sotnikov, CPC 267 (2021), 108069
- OpenLoops \rightarrow Feynman graph \rightarrow opening the loops \rightarrow amplitudes in $d = 4$ \rightarrow coefficients of tensor integrals

\rightarrow S. Pozzorini, N. Schär and M. F. Zoller, [arXiv:2201.11615 [hep-ph]].

\rightarrow talk by Max Zoller

Colour flow or colour connection representation

$$\mathcal{M}_{j_2, \dots, j_k}^{a_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} t_{i_1 j_1}^{a_1} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k}^{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k}$$

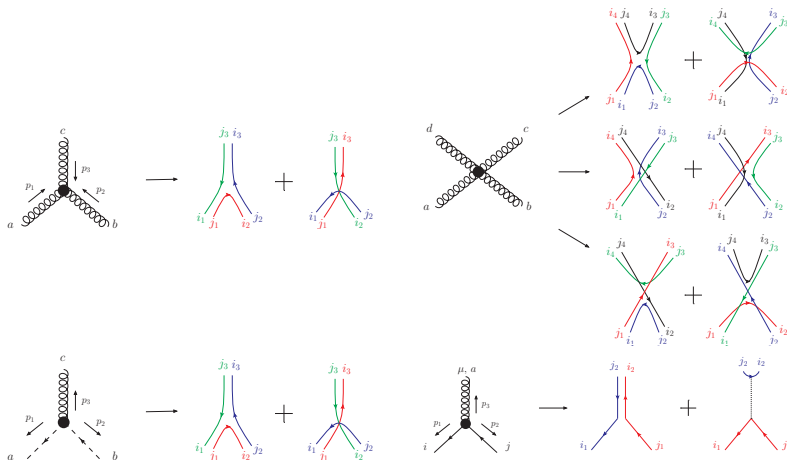
$$\mathcal{M}_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k}^{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} = \sum_{\sigma} \delta_{i_{\sigma_1} j_1} \delta_{i_{\sigma_2} j_2} \dots \delta_{i_{\sigma_k} j_k} A_{\sigma} \rightarrow n!$$

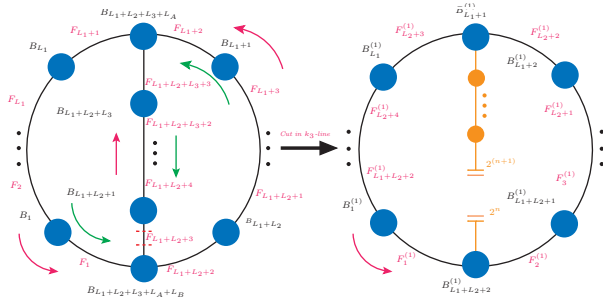
gluons, ghosts $\rightarrow (i, j)$, quark $\rightarrow (i, 0)$, anti-quark $\rightarrow (0, j)$, other $\rightarrow (0, 0)$

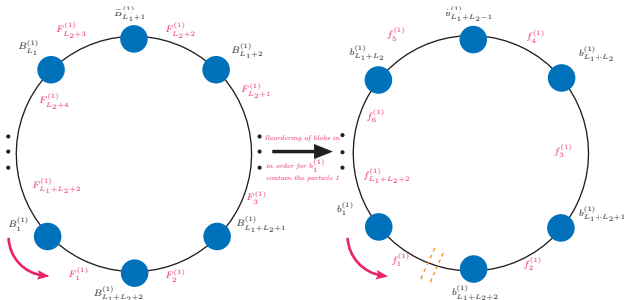
$$\sum_{\sigma, \sigma'} A_{\sigma}^* C_{\sigma, \sigma'} A_{\sigma'}$$

$$C_{\sigma, \sigma'} \equiv \sum_{\{i\}, \{j\}} \delta_{i_{\sigma_1} j_1} \delta_{i_{\sigma_2} j_2} \dots \delta_{i_{\sigma_k} j_k} \delta_{i_{\sigma'_1} j_1} \delta_{i_{\sigma'_2} j_2} \dots \delta_{i_{\sigma'_k} j_k} = N_C^{m(\sigma, \sigma')}$$

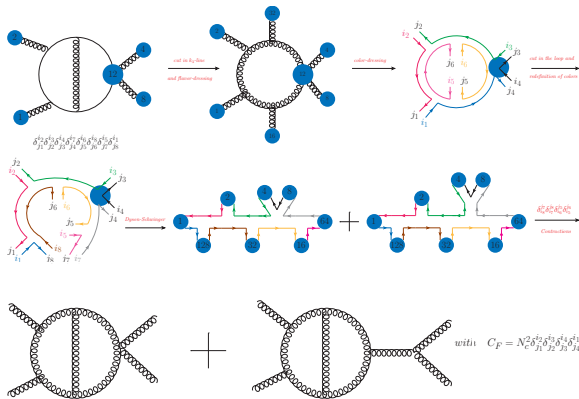
Colour-flow Feynman rules







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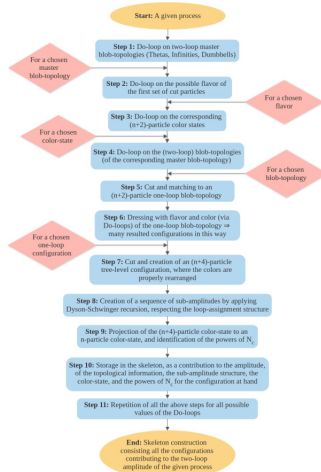


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Remark: Skeleton knows nothing about d : it can be used in $d = 4$ or any other dimension including $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$.



<i>Process</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Loop-Flavors</i>	<i>Color</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Crea.Time</i>	<i>Nums</i>
$gg \rightarrow gg$	2	$\{g, c, \bar{c}\}$	Lead.	8.9 MB	15.017s	4560
$gg \rightarrow gg$	2	$\{g, q, \bar{q}, c, \bar{c}\}$	Full	110.6 MB	6m 54.574s	89392
$gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}$	2	$\{g, q, \bar{q}, c, \bar{c}\}$	Full	16.1 MB	3m 14.509s	13856
$gg \rightarrow ggg$	2	$\{g, c, \bar{c}\}$	Lead.	300.0 MB	21m 42.609s	81480
$gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$	2	$\{g, q, \bar{q}, c, \bar{c}\}$	Full	686.1 MB	400m 31.591s	318964
$gg \rightarrow gg$	1	$\{g, q, \bar{q}, c, \bar{c}\}$	Full	537.8 kB	2.386s	768
$gg \rightarrow ggg$	1	$\{g, q, \bar{q}, c, \bar{c}\}$	Full	15.1 MB	8m 53.349s	11496
$gg \rightarrow gggg$	1	$\{g, c, \bar{c}\}$	Lead.	394.0 MB	104m 14.95s	19680

TABLE: Table containing information for the skeleton of some QCD processes at one- and two-loop. Therein, the column *#* refers to the number of loops, *Loop-Flavors* denotes the flavor of the particles included in the loops, and *Color* indicates the color order, with Lead. and Full referring to leading- and full-color approximation, respectively. The columns *Size* and *Crea.Time*, indicate the size of the skeleton and the real-time consumed for its construction, respectively. The last column (*Nums*) signifies the number of separate contributions (numerators) to the amplitude. These results have been obtained running 1-core on a laptop (i7 processor, 8-core, 24GB RAM).

Integrand reduction

→ Talk in GGI 2024: → [click to link](#)

A generic 2-loop integrand can be written using the following scalar product set:

$$\{p_i \cdot p_j, k_i \cdot k_j, k_i \cdot p_j, k_i \cdot \eta_j\}$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\mathcal{N}}{\mathcal{D}} = \frac{\sum_a c_a (z_1^{(a)})^{\beta_1} \dots (z_{n_a}^{(a)})^{\beta_N}}{D_1 \dots D_{N_p}}$$

where the z_i are any of the scalar products in the set.

Define \bar{z}_i as the scalar products that cannot be eliminated by being written as linear combinations of D_i appearing in the denominator, known as irreducible scalar products (ISPs) and the transverse $k_i \cdot \eta_j$, if any.

$$\mathcal{N} = P_{max-cut} + \sum_i P_{n-to-max-cut} D_i + \sum_{ij} P_{n-n-to-max-cut} D_i D_j + \dots$$

where all the P are polynomials in the so-called irreducible and transverse scalar products.

- Identify at each step the set of loop propagators we have to set to zero and solve the equations that put all of them on shell simultaneously (cut equations)

For instance the 7-cut:

$$\left\{ k_1 \cdot k_1 \rightarrow 0, k_1 \cdot k_2 \rightarrow 0, k_1 \cdot p_1 \rightarrow 0, k_1 \cdot p_2 \rightarrow -\frac{s}{2}, k_2 \cdot k_2 \rightarrow 0, k_2 \cdot p_2 \rightarrow \frac{s}{2} - k_2 \cdot p_1, k_2 \cdot p_3 \rightarrow -\frac{s}{2} \right\}$$

- Write the equations of the coefficients

$$N|_{cut} = \sum_i c_i m_i, \quad m_i = \prod (k_1 \cdot p_j)^{\alpha_{ij}} (k_2 \cdot p_j)^{\beta_{ij}} (k_1 \cdot \eta)^{\gamma_i} (k_2 \cdot \eta)^{\delta_i}$$

- Solve the system of equations for \vec{c} , subtract the on-shell expression from the original off-shell one, and move on to the next cut(s), where one less propagator is put on shell, AKA a sub-topology.
- Do this for all sub-topologies (usually up to 2 propagators ones for massless QCD), and the reduction is complete

This is an algebraic procedure that holds for any loop order.

- What do we expect at the end?

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_i c_i F_i$$

c_i depends on the external world

F_i are Feynman integrals of the form

$$F_i \equiv F_{a_1 \dots a_N} = \int d^d k \frac{\overbrace{(D_{m+1})^{a_{m+1}} \dots (D_N)^{a_N}}^{ISP}}{\underbrace{(D_1)^{a_1} \dots (D_m)^{a_m}}_{RSP}}$$

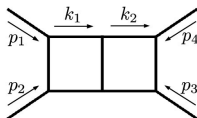
$a_1, \dots, a_m \rightarrow 1$ (2) $a_{m+1}, \dots, a_N \rightarrow R_{cut} < R$: tensor rank

that through IBP tables will be expressed in terms of Master Integrals.

→ full numerical evaluation of pole and finite-remainder terms

2-LOOP REDUCTION EXAMPLE

Let's look at a specific $2 \rightarrow 2$ topology example, all gluons:



In $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$, there are 11 degrees of freedom: 8 from the components of 2 loop 4-momenta, and 3 for $\mu_{11}, \mu_{22}, \mu_{12}$ the ϵ part of k_1^2 , k_2^2 and $k_1 \cdot k_2$ respectively.

With 7 cut equations, we have a remainder of 4 free parameters.

The right hand side of the OPP equation for the maximal cut has a total of 70 monomials, i.e. 70 coefficients to be fitted.

Use the 4 free parameters to get 70 sets of solutions in order to solve the system.

Challenge: Get a set of solutions to the cut equations which give an **M** matrix of rank 70.

Success! We have completed a Mathematica simulation of this fit, for all sub-topologies and get agreement with the known results from Caravel.

→ S. Abreu *et al.*, arXiv:2009.11957 [hep-ph].

2-LOOP REDUCTION EXAMPLE: 4-DIMENSIONS

In 4-dimensions, we begin with 8 degrees of freedom which we can use to construct solutions to the cut equations, so after imposing the on-shell condition only 1 parameter is left to build solutions with.

Problem!: Cut solution sets with 1 free parameter cannot generate a matrix of rank 70.

Success! In 4-dimensions though, we should use Gram determinant relations to reduce the number of coefficient we need to fit.

→ S. Badger, H. Frellesvig and Y. Zhang, JHEP **04** (2012), 055 [arXiv:1202.2019 [hep-ph]].

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Indeed after taking into account the Gram determinant relations we find 28 for the example of the $2 \rightarrow 2$ double-box maximal cut.

Completed a Mathematica simulation for the double-box and for all sub-topologies up to 2 propagators, as before.

- Amplitude reduction in 4 dimensions

- Cut equations → find systematically all solutions
- Integrand basis → systematically include gram-determinant relations
- R_1 terms → $\mu_{11}, \mu_{12}, \mu_{22}$, 3 μ -parameters instead of one @1L
- R_2 terms

→ S. Pozzorini, H. Zhang and M. F. Zoller, [arXiv:2001.11388 [hep-ph]].

→ J. N. Lang, S. Pozzorini, H. Zhang and M. F. Zoller, [arXiv:2007.03713 [hep-ph]].

- $R \stackrel{?}{=} R_1 + R_2$

Amplitude reduction in $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ requires reconstructing the dimensionally regulated numerator \mathcal{N} .

- Numerical Unitarity: gluing tree amplitudes in different integer dimensions $\rightarrow D_s$

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Calculating the dimensionally regulated numerators with HELAC

$$\bar{q} = q + \tilde{q}, \quad \bar{\gamma}^\mu = \gamma^\mu + \tilde{\gamma}^\mu, \quad \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu}$$

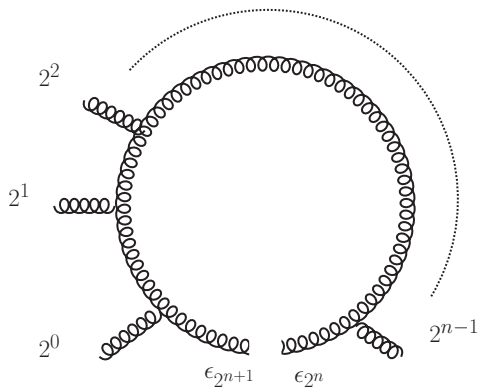
$$\mu = \tilde{q} \cdot \tilde{q} = \tilde{q}^2$$

$$d - 4 = \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \tilde{\gamma}^\mu \tilde{\gamma}_\mu$$

Back to one loop: how to compute

$$\tilde{N}(q, \tilde{q}^2, \epsilon)$$

HELAC aficionados:



knowing that in the numerator:

$$q^2 X \rightarrow \mu X$$

$$\sum_{\lambda} \varepsilon_{L_1} \cdot \varepsilon_{L_2} X \rightarrow (d - 4) X$$

$$\sum_{\lambda} (\varepsilon_{L_1} \cdot q) (\varepsilon_{L_2} \cdot q) X \rightarrow \mu X$$

to get X 's from recursive equations ?

$$J_N^\mu, J_N [q], J_N [\varepsilon_{2^n}]; J_N^\mu [\varepsilon_{2^n} \cdot q], Y_N [q]$$

satisfying the following recursive equations:

$$J_N^\mu = V^\mu (J_{N_1}, p_{N_1}; J_{N_2}, p_{N_2}) + (c_1 + 2c_2) J_{N_2}^\mu J_{N_1} [q]_\mu$$

$$J_N [q] = (c_1 - c_2) J_{N_1} \cdot J_{N_2} - (2p_{N_1} + p_{N_2}) \cdot J_{N_2} J_{N_1} [q]$$

$$J_N [\varepsilon_{2^n}] = \begin{cases} -(2p_{N_1} + p_{N_2}) \cdot J_{N_2} J_{N_1} [\varepsilon_{2^n}] & N < 2^{n+2} - 2 \\ (p_{N_1} - p_{N_2})^\mu J_{N_1} [\varepsilon_{2^n}] & N = 2^{n+2} - 2 \end{cases}$$

$$Y_N [q] = J_{N_1} [\varepsilon_{2^n} \cdot q] \cdot J_{N_2} - (2p_{N_1} + p_{N_2}) \cdot J_{N_2} Y_{N_1} [q]$$

where $p_{N_1} = c_1 q + p_{N_1,ext}$ and $p_{N_2} = c_2 q + p_{N_2,ext}$ and V represents the three-gluon vertex.

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(q, \tilde{q}^2, \epsilon) &= J_{2^{n+2}-2} \cdot \epsilon_1 + Y_{2^{n+1}-2}[q] (p_{2^{n+1}-2} - p_{2^{n+1}}) \cdot \epsilon_1 \\
 &\quad - \left(J_{2^{n+1}-2}[\epsilon_{2^n} \cdot q] \right) \cdot \epsilon_1 + (d - 4) \left(J_{2^{n+2}-2}[\epsilon_{2^n}] \right) \cdot \epsilon_1
 \end{aligned}$$

Similar equations hold for all possible currents, including four-gluon vertices, quarks and ghosts. Details on the numerical reconstruction of the amplitude in $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions will appear in a forthcoming publication.

- Implemented and tested for gluons, fermions and (anti-)ghosts running in the loop, for up to 6-gluon amplitudes
- Recursive equations for amplitudes with external fermion have been established → implementation & testing is underway
- Extending to two loops

Remark: Even the one-loop reduction is now different → no need to separately compute R_1 and R_2 terms.

Current:

- Integrand construction @2L \rightarrow solved and implemented
- Cut equations @2L: determining on-shell loop momenta \rightarrow solved, implementation in progress
- Integrand basis construction and fitting @2L \rightarrow solved, implementation in progress [→V. Sotnikov, doi:10.6094/UNIFR/151540](#)
- $d = 4 - 2\epsilon \rightarrow$ implementation in progress for 1 loop

Near future:

- $d = 4 - 2\epsilon \rightarrow$ to be extended to 2 loops
- R_1 and R_2 terms @2L, if needed, and address $R \stackrel{?}{=} R_1 + R_2$.
- IBP reduction tables and MI numerical evaluation

[→ D. Chicherin and V. Sotnikov, JHEP 20 \(2020\), 167](#)

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Next-to-near future: automated 2-loop amplitude evaluation

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Backup slides

2-LOOP REDUCTION EXAMPLE: 4-DIMENSIONS WITH BasisDet

$$k_1 \cdot k_1 \rightarrow (k_1 \cdot \eta)^2 + \frac{t(k_1 \cdot p_1)^2}{s^2 + s t} + \frac{s(k_1 \cdot p_3)^2}{s t + t^2} + (k_1 \cdot p_2)^2 \left(\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{t} \right) \\ + k_1 \cdot p_1 \left(\frac{2k_1 \cdot p_2}{s} - \frac{2k_1 \cdot p_3}{s + t} \right) + \frac{2k_1 \cdot p_2 k_1 \cdot p_3}{t} + \mu_{11}$$

momenta : $P = p_1, p_2, p_3, \eta$

– level 7

$$x_{1i} = k_1 \cdot P_i \quad x_{2i} = k_2 \cdot P_i$$

$$\left\{ x_{11} \rightarrow 0, x_{22} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(s - 2x_{21}), x_{12} \rightarrow -\frac{s}{2}, x_{23} \rightarrow -\frac{s}{2} \right\}$$

$$\{x_{14}, x_{24}, x_{13}, x_{21}\}$$

$$\#ISP : 4 \quad \{k_1 \cdot p_3, k_2 \cdot p_1, k_1 \cdot \eta, k_2 \cdot \eta\}$$

$$g_7 = \left\langle \{D_i\}_{i=1}^7 \right\rangle_{RSP} = \left\{ G_i^{(7)}(ISP) \right\}_{i=1}^{\dim[g_7]}$$

$$D_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim[g_7]} b_{ij} G_j^{(7)}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 7 \quad \text{is there an inverse relation? Yes : } G_j^{(7)} = \sum_{i=1}^7 b'_{ji} D_i$$

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^{\dim[g_7]} N_i G_i^{(7)} + P_{cut-7}$$

2-LOOP REDUCTION EXAMPLE: 4-DIMENSIONS WITH BasisDet

$$N_1 = N - P_{cut-7}$$

- level 6

- cut 1

$$\left\{ x_{22} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(s - 2x_{21}), x_{12} \rightarrow -\frac{s}{2}, x_{23} \rightarrow -\frac{s}{2} \right\}$$

$$\{x_{14}, x_{24}, x_{13}, x_{11}, x_{21}\}$$

$$\#ISP : 5 \quad \{k_1 \cdot p_3, k_2 \cdot p_1, k_1 \cdot p_1, k_1 \cdot \eta, k_2 \cdot \eta\}$$

$$g_6^{(1)} = \langle \{D_i\}_{i=2}^7 \rangle = \left\{ \left(G_6^{(1)} \right)_i (ISP) \right\}_{i=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(1)} \right]}$$

$$D_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(1)} \right]} b_{ij} \left(G_6^{(1)} \right)_j, \quad i = 2, \dots, 7 \quad \text{is there an inverse relation? Yes}$$

$$D_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(1)} \right]} b_{1j} \left(G_6^{(1)} \right)_j + R_1 \quad R_1 \neq 0$$

$$N_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(1)} \right]} N_{1,j} \left(G_6^{(1)} \right)_j + \widehat{P}_{cut-6}^{(1)}$$

$$g_6'^{(7)} = \langle \{D_i\}_{i=1}^7 \rangle_{RSP} = \left\{ \left(G_6'^{(7)} \right)_i (ISP) \right\}_{i=1}^{\dim \left[g_6'^{(7)} \right]}$$

2-LOOP REDUCTION EXAMPLE: 4-DIMENSIONS WITH BasisDet

$$\widehat{P}_{cut-6}^{(1)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim[\xi_6^{(1)}]} p_j \left(G_6^{(1)} \right)_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim[\xi_6^{(1)}]} p_j \sum_{i=1}^7 b'_{ji} D_i = P_{cut-6}^{(1)} D_1 + O(D_i)$$

$$\text{but } N_1 = P_{cut-6}^{(1)} D_1 + O(D_i)$$

$$R_1 = -2k_1 \cdot p_1 = -2x_{11}$$

$$x_{11} = k_1 \cdot p_1$$

$$\widehat{P}_{cut-6}^{(1)} \Big|_{x_{11}=0} = 0$$

what is $\frac{N_1}{D_1}$ on the 6 - cut (#1) \rightarrow is a polynomial = $P_{cut-6}^{(1)}$

2-LOOP REDUCTION EXAMPLE: 4-DIMENSIONS WITH BasisDet

– cut 7
 #ISP : 5 { $k_1 \cdot p_3, k_2 \cdot p_1, k_2 \cdot p_2, k_1 \cdot \eta, k_2 \cdot \eta$ }

$$g_6^{(7)} = \langle \{D_i\}_{i=1}^6 \rangle = \left\{ \left(G_6^{(7)} \right)_i (ISP) \right\}_{i=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(7)} \right]}$$

$$D_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(7)} \right]} b_{ij} \left(G_6^{(7)} \right)_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, 6 \quad \text{is there an inverse relation? Yes}$$

$$D_7 = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(7)} \right]} b_{ij} \left(G_6^{(7)} \right)_j + R_7 \quad R_7 \neq 0$$

$$N_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6^{(7)} \right]} N_{1,j} \left(G_6^{(7)} \right)_j + \widehat{P}_{\text{cut}-6}^{(7)}$$

$$g_6'^{(7)} = \langle \{D_i\}_{i=1}^7 \rangle = \left\{ \left(G_6'^{(7)} \right)_i (ISP) \right\}_{i=1}^{\dim \left[g_6'^{(7)} \right]}$$

$$\widehat{P}_{\text{cut}-6}^{(7)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6'^{(7)} \right]} p_j \left(G_6'^{(7)} \right)_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\dim \left[g_6'^{(7)} \right]} p_j \sum_{i=1}^7 b'_{ji} D_i = P_{\text{cut}-6}^{(7)} D_7 + O(D_i)$$

2-LOOP REDUCTION EXAMPLE: 4-DIMENSIONS WITH BasisDet

$$\text{but } N_1 = P_{\text{cut}-6}^{(7)} D_7 + O(D_i)$$
$$R_7 = s - 2k_2 \cdot p_1 - 2k_2 \cdot p_2 = s - 2x_{21} - 2x_{22}$$

$$\widehat{P}_{\text{cut}-6}^{(7)} \Big|_{x_{22} = \frac{s-2x_{21}}{2}} \neq 0$$

what is $\frac{N_1}{D_7}$ on the 6 - cut (#7) \rightarrow is not a polynomial ? $\neq P_{\text{cut}-6}^{(7)}$