

# NNLO zero-jettiness soft function

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# Introduction and motivation

# Motivation

- Differential calculation require a good handle of IR divergences, many schemes exist at NNLO
- Slicing scheme seems to be more feasible at N3LO due to non existence of subtraction schemes

$$\sigma(O) = \int_0^{\tau_0} d\tau \frac{d\sigma(O)}{d\tau} = \int_0^{\tau_0} d\tau \frac{d\sigma(O)}{d\tau} + \int_{\tau_0}^{\infty} d\tau \frac{d\sigma(O)}{d\tau}$$

- $q_T$  slicing scheme
- N-jettiness slicing scheme

[Catani, Grazzini '07]

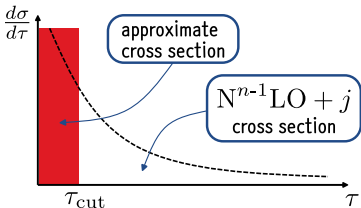
[Boughezal et al. '15][Gaunt et al. '15]

- SCET factorization theorem motivates us to consider jettiness as a convenient slicing variable for processes with jets in the final state

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} d\sigma(O) = B_\tau \otimes B_\tau \otimes S_\tau \otimes H_\tau \otimes d\sigma_{LO}$$

# Slicing scheme ingredients

- A phase space is split according to a slicing variable
- Possible to use any lower order calculation with additional jet in the  $\tau > \tau_{\text{cut}}$  region



To apply at the NNNLO level:

- Existing NNLO+j calculations
- Many efficient NNLO subtraction schemes

- Approximate cross section in the singular region from the factorisation formula

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} = H_\tau \otimes \{B_\tau\} \otimes \{J_\tau\} \otimes S_\tau \otimes \frac{d\sigma_0}{d\tau} + \mathcal{O}(\tau)$$

- Hard function  $H_\tau$
- Beam function  $B_\tau$ , jet function  $J_\tau$
- Soft function  $S_\tau$

# Zero-jettiness measurement function

- For two hard partons with momenta  $p_a$  and  $p_b$ , jettiness is defined as follows

$$\mathcal{T}_0 = \sum_{i=1}^m \min \left\{ \frac{2p_a \cdot k_i}{Q}, \frac{2p_b \cdot k_i}{Q} \right\}, \quad k_i - \text{are soft partons}$$

- It is possible to rescale  $p_a = \frac{\sqrt{s_{ab}}}{2} n$ ,  $p_b = \frac{\sqrt{s_{ab}}}{2} \bar{n}$  and go to the frame where  $n$  and  $\bar{n}$  are back-to-back
- Eikonal factors  $E(k, l)$  have uniform scaling: rescale integration momenta  $q_i = q'_i \frac{Q\tau}{\sqrt{s_{ab}}}$ ,  $q_i \in \{k, l\}$

$$S(\tau) \sim \int \underbrace{[d^d k]^m}_{\text{ext}} \underbrace{[d^d l]^n}_{\text{loop}} \delta(\tau - \mathcal{T}_0) E(k, l) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\tau} \left( \frac{s_{ab}}{Q^2 \tau^2} \right)^{\varepsilon(m+n)} \int [d^d k']^m [d^d l']^n \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \min\{\alpha_i, \beta_i\} \right) E(k', l')$$

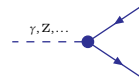
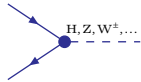
## Sudakov decomposition

$$k_i = \frac{\alpha_i}{2} n + \frac{\beta_i}{2} \bar{n} + k_{i,\perp}, \quad k_i \cdot n = \beta_i, \quad k_i \cdot \bar{n} = \alpha_i, \quad n \cdot \bar{n} = 2, \quad n^2 = \bar{n}^2 = 0$$

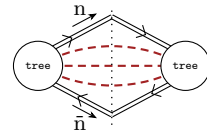
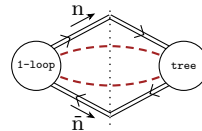
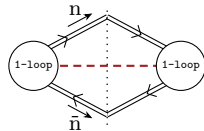
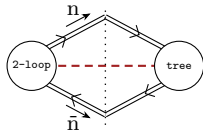
Ingredients of the final result

# What is actually calculated?

- 0-jettiness in hadronic collisions is equal to Thrust or 2-jettiness in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation or Higgs decay



- The limit  $\tau \rightarrow 0$  corresponds to the soft limit of the squared amplitude - **eikonal Feynman rules**
- Need to include all possible **real** and **virtual** corrections to the amplitude squared



- Possible to combine different measurement function terms into **unique configurations**
- Perform integration over highly non-trivial region - all kinds of divergencies are possible



# From measurement function to configurations

- Minimum function is a problem for analytic calculation
- Definition which is more friendly for phase-space integration generates many configurations

$$\delta\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \min\{\alpha_i, \beta_i\}\right) = \delta(1 - \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \dots)\theta(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)\theta(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)\cdots + \delta(1 - \beta_1 - \alpha_2 - \dots)\theta(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)\theta(\beta_2 - \alpha_2)\dots$$

- Configurations can be mapped to the minimal set due to symmetries of Eikonal factor and  $\delta(1 - \{\alpha, \beta\})$
- RRV single configuration with  $\delta(1 - k \cdot n)$ , trivial phase-space integration
  - Two-loop soft current is known [Duhr, Gehrmann'13]
- RRV two configurations  $nn$  and  $n\bar{n}$ 
  - Emission of gluons and quark pair [Chen et al.'22] [Baranowski et al.'24]
- RRR two configurations  $nnn$  and  $nn\bar{n}$ 
  - Same hemisphere gluon emission [Baranowski et al.'22]
  - Different hemispheres configuration  $nn\bar{n}$  and quark pair emission in  $nnn$  configuration - **this work**

# Calculation strategy

1. There are many highly non-trivial integrals, which we can calculate with direct integration

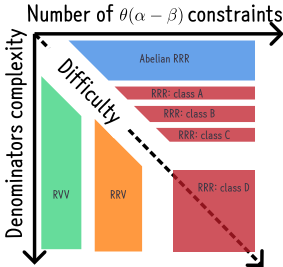
- All integrations are divergent at the boundaries only
- All integrals are linear reducible, GPLs only at all steps
- Once there is a way to subtract divergencies integrals calculated with `HyperInt`

[Panzer '15]

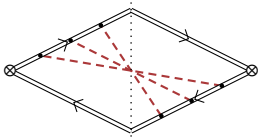
2. Utilization of the modern multi-loop calculation techniques to reduce the problem to (1)

- Reduction of integrals to the minimal set of master integrals
- Differential equations for integrals at the expense of introducing new parameters
- Symmetry relations between integrals
- Input expression organization in "diagram"-like structures

# Relative complexity of ingredients



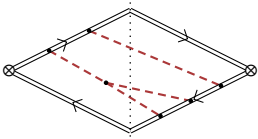
- For each soft emission we have one  $\theta$ -function in the measurement function making integration more complicated
- For complicated **denominators** in the RRR case make direct integration is impossible
- Complicated **one-loop sub-integrals** in the RRV make direct integration impossible
- Unregulated divergencies in the RRR case



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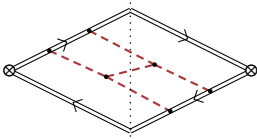
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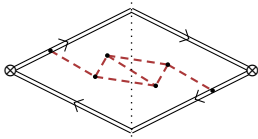
$$B \sim \frac{1}{k_1 \cdot k_2}$$

RRV  
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$$C \sim \frac{1}{(k_1 \cdot k_2)(k_1 \cdot k_3)}$$

RRR  
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$$D \sim \frac{1}{(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)^2}$$

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# RVV corrections

Two-loop corrections  $r_S^{(2)}$  to single gluon emission soft current are known exactly in  $\epsilon$

[Duhr, Gehrmann '13]

$$\text{Diagram} = r_S(k) \left( \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \right), \quad r_S(k) = 1 + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} A_s^l \left[ \frac{-(n \cdot \bar{n})}{2(k \cdot n)(k \cdot \bar{n})} \right]^{l\epsilon} r_S^{(1)}$$

Two contributions from different hemisphere emissions need to be integrated,  $S_g^{(3)} = s_{2,0} + s_{1,1} + s_{0,2}$

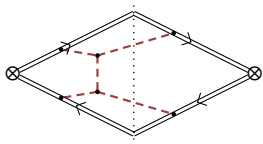
$$s_{l,m} = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta^+(k^2) [\delta(1 - k \cdot n) \theta(k \cdot \bar{n} - k \cdot n) + \delta(1 - k \cdot \bar{n}) \theta(k \cdot n - k \cdot \bar{n})] w_{L,M}(k)$$

$$w_{L,M}(k) = \text{Re} [J_L^\dagger(k) J_M(k)] = \text{Diagram}$$

- Linear propagators only
- Factorisation of  $k$ -dependent part of soft current

One-loop corrections with two soft emissions

# One-loop corrections with double emission



- RRV squared amplitudes generated from scratch
- Results for one-loop soft current are known
- RRV result for  $gg$  final state were computed earlier
- Recalculation in the unified way including  $q\bar{q}$  final state

[Zhu'20][Czakon et al.'22]

[Chen,Feng,Jia,Liue'22]

[Baranowski et al.'24]

## Multi-loop calculations inspired approach

- Reduction to the minimal set of master integrals with loop and phase-space integration
- Differential equations from IBP reduction - parameter to differentiate is needed

# Modified reverse unitarity to deal with $\theta$ -integrals

- In dimensional regularisation system of IBP equation can be constructed by differentiation under integral sign

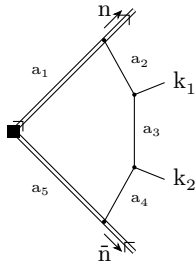
$$\int d^d l \frac{\partial}{\partial l_\mu} [v_\mu \cdot f(\{l\})], \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial k \cdot \bar{n}} \theta(k \cdot \bar{n} - k \cdot n) = \delta(k \cdot \bar{n} - k \cdot n)$$

- IBP for integrals with  $\theta$ -functions generate **new auxiliary topologies**, partial fractioning required

$$\frac{\theta(k \cdot \bar{n} - k \cdot n)}{(k \cdot \bar{n})^a (k \cdot n)^b} \rightarrow \frac{\delta(k \cdot \bar{n} - k \cdot n)}{(k \cdot \bar{n})^a (k \cdot n)^b}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 - \text{RRR } \underbrace{\theta\theta\theta}_{\text{Level 3}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta\theta\theta + \theta\delta\theta + \theta\theta\delta}_{\text{Level 2}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta\delta\theta + \delta\theta\delta + \theta\delta\delta}_{\text{Level 1}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta\delta\delta}_{\text{Level 0}} \\
 - \text{RRV } \underbrace{\theta\theta}_{\text{Level 2}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta\theta + \theta\delta}_{\text{Level 1}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\delta\delta}_{\text{Level 0}}
 \end{array}$$

# RRV master integrals calculation



- Number of MIs after IBP reduction of both configurations in RRV case

$\delta\delta$	$\delta\theta + \theta\delta$	$\theta\theta$
8	36	15

- Direct integration possible, except pentagon and box with  $a_3 = 0$
- DE in auxiliary parameters for most complicated integrals

## Original integrals from DE solution

- Additional parameter  $z$  is not needed - utilize variables from integral representation
- To recover integrals of interest  $I$  instead of taking limit  $I = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} J(z)$  we integrate  $I = \int dz J(z)$



# RRV master integrals from differential equations

- For  $\delta\delta$  integrals we introduce auxiliary parameter  $x$  and solve DE system  $\partial_x J(x) = M(\varepsilon, x)J(x)$

$$I_{\delta\delta} = \int d(k_1 \cdot k_2) f(k_1 \cdot k_2) = \int_0^1 dx \int d(k_1 \cdot k_2) \delta(k_1 \cdot k_2 - \frac{x}{2}) f(k_1 \cdot k_2) = \int_0^1 J(x) dx$$

- For  $\delta\theta$  and  $\theta\delta$  we use integral representation for  $\theta$ -function and solve DE system  $\partial_z J(z) = M(\varepsilon, z)J(z)$

$$\theta(b-a) = \int_0^1 b \delta(zb-a) dz, \quad I_{\delta\theta} = \int_0^1 J(z) dz$$

- For  $\theta\theta$  integrals PDE system in two variables  $z_1, z_2$ , no IBP reduction with  $\theta$ -functions needed

$$I_{\theta\theta} = \int_0^1 dz_1 \int_0^1 dz_2 J(z_1, z_2)$$



# Summary: real-real-virtual contributions

- IBP reduction of integrals with  $\theta$ -functions and loop integration can be efficiently implemented
- Differential equations for auxiliary integrals can be constructed and solved analytically
- Auxiliary integrals are simplified in the limit, and all required boundary constants can be calculated

Triple real soft emissions

# Triple real emissions

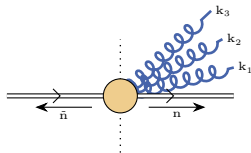
Recalculated input for eikonal factors with partial fractioning and topology mapping

- $ggg = ggg + gc\bar{c}$ , coincides with the known expression in physical gauge
- $gq\bar{q}$  in agreement with

[Catani, Colferai, Torrini '19]

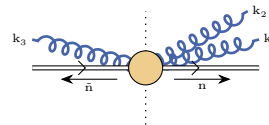
[Del Duca, Duhr, Haindl, Liu '23]

## Same hemisphere



$$\delta(\tau - \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3)$$

## Different hemispheres

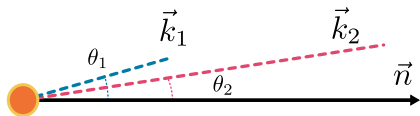


$$\delta(\tau - \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \alpha_3)$$

- Same hemisphere result for  $ggg$  final state is known

[Baranowski et al. '22]

# Divergences unregulated dimensionally



- Same hemisphere emission of  $k_1, k_2$  partons
- Integration in the region  $\underbrace{\beta_1}_{\sim \lambda} \ll \underbrace{\alpha_1, \beta_2}_{\sim 1} \ll \underbrace{\alpha_2}_{\sim 1/\lambda}$
- Both are close to the  $\vec{n}$  direction  $\cos \theta_1 \sim \cos \theta_2 \sim 1 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$
- And large energies difference  $\omega_1 \sim 1 \ll \omega_2 \sim 1/\lambda$

## Possible cases for integrals in the potentially unregulated region

- Integrals in the region with scaleless integrations safe
- Integrals with zero sum of two contributions from  $\theta_1 > \theta_2$  and  $\theta_1 < \theta_2$  parts safe
- Rare cases of integrals with non-trivial region contribution Additional regulator needed

# Additional regulator in action

- Example region  $k_1, k_2$ :  $\beta_1 \sim \lambda$  and  $\alpha_2 \sim 1/\lambda$  change of variables  $\beta_1 = \xi_1 \alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2 = \beta_2 / \xi_2$
- Our choice for regulator to modify integration measure for each  $dk_i \theta(a_i - b_i) \rightarrow dk_i \theta(a_i - b_i) b_i^\nu$

$$\int \frac{d\alpha_1 d\beta_1 d\alpha_2 d\beta_2 (\beta_1 \beta_2)^\nu}{(\alpha_1 \beta_1 \alpha_2 \beta_2)^\varepsilon} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \int d\alpha_1 d\beta_2 dx d\xi_2 \frac{(\alpha_1 \beta_2)^{1-2\varepsilon+\nu}}{\xi_2^{1-\nu} x^{\varepsilon-\nu}} & , \xi_1 < \xi_2, \xi_1 = x\xi_2 \\ \int d\alpha_1 d\beta_2 dx d\xi_1 \frac{(\alpha_1 \beta_2)^{1-2\varepsilon+\nu}}{\xi_1^{1-\nu} x^{2-\varepsilon}} & , \xi_2 < \xi_1, \xi_2 = x\xi_1 \end{cases}$$

- Additional complications due to a new regulator
  - More complicated reduction due to an additional parameter in the problem
  - Master integrals calculation is more difficult due to the need to consider the double limit  $\varepsilon, \nu \rightarrow 0$

# Reduction of $\nu$ -regulated integrals

## Approaches to $\nu$ -dependent IBP reduction problem (IBP with $\nu$ is available)

1. **Direct  $\nu$ -dependent reduction** with additional variable
  - ✗ Time consuming and not flexible especially if basis change needed
  - ✓ Minimal set of master integrals and full  $\nu$ -dependent solution
  
2. **Filtering** - remove all equations with potentially divergent integrals from the IBP system
  - ✓ Very fast compared to the full  $\nu$ -dependent reduction
  - ✗ Potentially unreduced integrals, needs divergencies analysis for **all** integrals in the IBP system
  
3. **Expansion** - rewrite IBP system as a new system for  $1/\nu$  expansion coefficients of integrals
  - ✓ Fast reduction with control of divergencies
  - ✗ Additional divergent parts of integrals from the intermediate steps of IBP reduction can appear



# Importance of a good master integrals basis

- From the analysis of possible divergencies we consider ansatz  $J_a = \sum_{k=k_0}^{\infty} J_a^{(k)} \nu^k$  with  $k_0 = -1$
- Solution of the IBP reduction problem for regular- $\nu$  integrals  $I_a$  has the form

$$I_a^{(0)} = R_{ab} J_b^{(0)} + D_{ab} \tilde{J}_b^{(-1)}$$

- We require a "good" basis to fulfill the following conditions:
  - Coefficients in front of master integrals do not contain  $1/\nu$  poles
  - Each master integral is a member of only one set  $J_b$  or  $\tilde{J}_b$
  - Candidates for the set  $J_b$  can be found from the  $\nu = 0$  reduction
- Regular integrals  $J_b^{(0)}$  are calculated in a standard way, calculation of needed divergent parts  $\tilde{J}_b^{(-1)}$  is simplified, since only specific regions contribute

# DE for RRR integrals with auxiliary mass

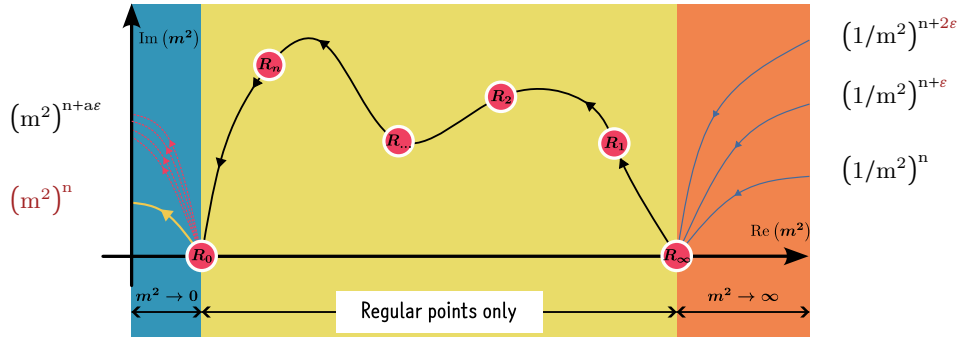
- Integrals for both  $nnn$  and  $nn\bar{n}$  configurations with denominator  $1/k_{123}^2$  are difficult to calculate
- Since integrals are single scale, auxiliary parameter is needed to construct the system of DE  $I \rightarrow J(m^2)$
- We modify the most complicated propagator  $\frac{1}{(k_1+k_2+k_3)^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(k_1+k_2+k_3)^2+m^2}$
- Calculation of boundary conditions is possible in the limit  $m^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , but still very difficult
- Massless integrals  $I$  are obtained from the solution for  $J(m^2)$  in the limit  $m^2 \rightarrow 0$ , which is not trivial

## Difficulties of the chosen strategy

- Both points  $m^2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $m^2 \rightarrow \infty$  are singular points of the DE system
- Solution of the DE for integrals with massive denominator is only possible numerically



# From boundaries at $m^2 \rightarrow \infty$ to $m^2 \rightarrow 0$ solution



- Sum of all regions at  $m^2 \rightarrow \infty$  to get high precision numerical solution at the first regular point  $R_\infty$
- High precision numerical solution of the DE between sequence of regular point  $R_\infty \rightarrow R_1 \dots R_n \rightarrow R_0$
- **Final result** - Taylor branch of the generalized  $m^2 \rightarrow 0$  expansion gives the required result

# Nice features of the DE and its solution

- Numerical DE solution at finite  $m^2$ 
  - Independent numerical checks at finite  $m^2$
- Local Fuchsian form of the DE near singular points  $m^2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $m^2 \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - Matrix solution and generalized power series expansions
  - Minimal set of independent boundary constants to calculate
- Self-consistency checks of the DE solution and boundaries
  - Unphysical branches disappear after boundaries substitution
  - On the real axis  $m^2 \in (0, \infty)$  all integrals have zero imaginary parts
- Relations between specific branch expansion coefficients and IBP reduction of boundary constants
- Massless integrals **we are interested in** are extracted from the **specific branch** of  $m^2 \rightarrow 0$  DE solution

# Boundaries at $m^2 \rightarrow \infty$ and series expansions

- Local Fuchsian form of the transformed DE with  $\vec{f} = T\vec{g}$  and  $y = y(m^2)$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{g}}{\partial y} = \left[ \frac{A_0}{y} + \sum_i \frac{A_i}{P_i(y)} \right] \vec{g}, \quad P_i(0) \neq 0$$

- Leading order matrix solution  $\vec{g}(y) = U(y)\vec{B}$  directly read from the Fuchsian DE:  $U(y \rightarrow 0) \sim y^{A_0}$

Specific branch  $y^\lambda$  expansions,  $\lambda = b\varepsilon$

$$J_1^{(\lambda)} = y^{a_1+\lambda} \left( c_{1,0}^\lambda + c_{1,1}^\lambda y^1 + c_{1,2}^\lambda y^2 + \dots \right)$$

$\vdots$

$$J_n^{(\lambda)} = y^{a_n+\lambda} \left( c_{n,0}^\lambda + c_{n,1}^\lambda y^1 + c_{n,2}^\lambda y^2 + \dots \right)$$

- We are interested in  $y = m^2$  and  $y = 1/m^2$
- Minimal vector  $\vec{B}$  is a **subset** of  $\bigcup_\lambda \{c_{1,0}^\lambda, \dots, c_{n,0}^\lambda\}$
- All  $c_{i,j}^\lambda$  with  $j > 0$  through subset of  $c_{i,0}^\lambda$
- Reducible integrals **expansion coefficients reduction**

# IBP reduction of boundary constants at $m^2 \rightarrow \infty$

Local Fuchsian form  $\Rightarrow$  Matrix series solution  $\Rightarrow$  IBP for constants

1. Available IBP reduction tables for massive integrals  $X_i = \sum_k R_{i,k}(m^2) J_k$
2. Deep enough  $1/m^2$  expansions for master integrals  $J_k$  due to possible poles/zeros in  $R_{i,k}(m^2)$
3. Substitution of expanded MIs and unknown integrals  $X_i = \sum_\lambda X_i^{(\lambda)}$  to IBP tables provides relations between leading expansion coefficients  $x_{i,0}^\lambda$  and  $c_{j,0}^\lambda$  valid for each branch  $(m^2)^\lambda$  independently

$$X_i^{(\lambda)} = (m^2)^{a_1+\lambda} \left( x_{i,0}^\lambda + \frac{x_{i,1}^\lambda}{m^2} + \frac{x_{i,2}^\lambda}{m^4} + \dots \right)$$

- In each region additional boundary constants calculated and checked against reduction prediction
- Due to huge difference in calculation complexity possible to select simpler/less divergent integrals

# Boundary integrals simplification

- Main difficulty comes from the dependence of  $k_{123}^2 + m^2$  on three angles, but in specific regions simplifications occur

$$k_{123}^2 + m^2 = \sum_{i \neq j} \alpha_i \beta_j - \sqrt{\alpha_i \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_j} \cos(k_{i,\perp}, k_{j,\perp}) + m^2$$

- Region  $(m^2)^{-\varepsilon}$ , single large parameter e.g.  $\alpha_1 \sim m^2$

$$k_{123}^2 + m^2 \rightarrow \alpha_1 (\beta_2 + \beta_3) + m^2$$

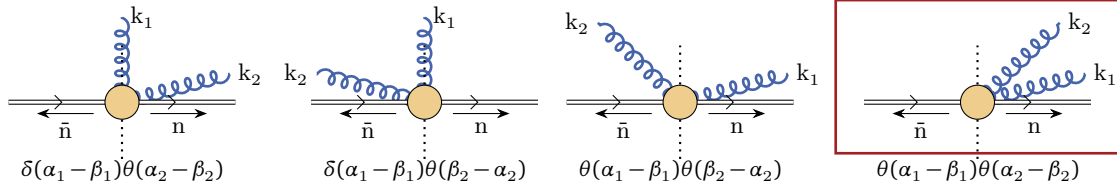
- Region  $(m^2)^{-2\varepsilon}$ , pair of large parameters e.g.  $\alpha_1 \sim \alpha_2 \sim m^2$ , angle dependence remains since  $k_1 \cdot k_2 \sim m^2$

$$k_{123}^2 + m^2 \rightarrow k_{12} + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \beta_3 + m^2$$



# Boundary constants in the region $(m^2)^{-\varepsilon}$

- Dependence on angles disappears in  $k_{123}^2 + m^2 \rightarrow \alpha_i (\beta_j + \beta_k) + m^2 \rightarrow \infty$  limit
- Only non-trivial scalar product for e.g.  $\alpha_1 \sim m^2$  is  $(k_2 \cdot k_3)$  and  $\theta(\alpha_1 - \beta_1) \rightarrow 1$
- Integration over the relative angle between soft partons in terms of  ${}_2F_1$ , function of argument dependent on  $r_i = \frac{\beta_i}{\alpha_i} \theta(\alpha_i - \beta_i) + \frac{\alpha_i}{\beta_i} \theta(\beta_i - \alpha_i)$
- For same-hemisphere emissions we split integration region into  $r_i > r_j$  and  $r_i < r_j$



# Boundary constants in the region $(m^2)^{-2\varepsilon}$

- For two large parameters, say  $\alpha_1 \sim \alpha_2 \sim m^2$  integrations become unconstrained  $\theta(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)\theta(\alpha_2 - \beta_2) \rightarrow 1$
- Turn boundary integrals into **ordinary PS integral**  $J$  using  $1 = \int dq \delta(q - k_1 - k_2)$  insertion

$$I_{-2\varepsilon} = \int \frac{dq dk_3 \delta(1 - \beta_q - \beta_3) \mathcal{C}_3}{q^2 + \alpha_q \beta_3 + m^2} \times \frac{1}{\prod_i D_i(\alpha_q, \beta_q, q^2, \alpha_3, \beta_3)} \times J_{a_1 \dots a_6}(\beta_3, \alpha_q, \beta_q, q^2)$$

$$J_{a_1 \dots a_6} = \int \frac{[dk_1][dk_2] \delta(k_1^2) \delta(k_2^2) \delta^{(d)}(q - k_1 - k_2)}{(k_1 \cdot n)^{a_1} (k_2 \cdot n)^{a_2} (k_1 \cdot \bar{n})^{a_3} (k_2 \cdot \bar{n})^{a_4} (k_1 \cdot n + \beta_3)^{a_5} (k_2 \cdot n + \beta_3)^{a_6}}$$

- IBP reduction possible, nontrivial part in the angular integral  $\Omega_n = \int \frac{d\Omega_k}{(k \cdot v_1)^{a_1} (k \cdot v_2)^{a_2} \dots (k \cdot v_n)^{a_n}}$
- After partial fractioning only  $\Omega_n$  with  $n = 1, 2$  and maximum single  $v_i^2 \neq 0$  and all other  $v_j^2 = 0$
- Trivial integration over large parameter  $\alpha_q \sim m^2$ , linear propagators simplified e.g.  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_1$

# Direct integration of MIs and boundary constants

- We have calculated  $\sim 130$  integrals without  $1/k_{123}^2$  denominator and  $\sim 100$  boundary conditions by direct integration with HyperInt [Panzer '15]
- Summary of used techniques

1. Change variables to satisfy all constraints from  $\delta$  and  $\theta$  functions
2. Perform as many integrations as possible in terms of  ${}_2F_1$  and  $F_1$  functions with known transformation properties
3. Perform remaining integrations in terms of  ${}_pF_q$  functions if possible
4. For the final integral representation with minimal number of integrations and minimal set of divergencies - construct subtraction terms
5. Integrand with all divergencies subtracted is expanded in  $\epsilon$  and integrated term by term with HyperInt
6. Subtraction terms are integrated in the same way

# Numerical checks of calculated integrals

- For integrals **without**  $1/k_{123}^2$  denominator use parametrisation similar to one used for analytical calculation
  - Straightforward hyper-cube parametrisation due to simple angle dependence of  $1/(k_i \cdot k_j)$  denominators only
  - Sector decomposition with remapping  $x \rightarrow 1$  divergencies to  $x' \rightarrow 0$  with `pySecDec` or `FIESTA`
  
- For integrals **with**  $1/k_{123}^2$  at  $m^2 = 0$  we avoid the need to use angles and construct Mellin-Barnes representation
  - Repeated application of  $(A + B)^\lambda \rightarrow \int A^{\lambda_1} B^{\lambda_2}$ , important to have  $A, B > 0$  at each step
  - Angle integration simplified until can be integrated in terms of gamma functions only
  - Analytical continuation with `MBresolve` and numerical integration with `MB`
  
- Integrals with  $1/k_{123}^2$  at **finite**  $m^2$ , which are **less divergent** due to mass regularization
  - Careful preselection of less divergent integrals using available reduction to prevent SD from complexity explosion
  - For finite integrals or integrals with factorized divergencies direct integration with subtraction
  - Midpoint splitting for  $x_i \rightarrow 1$  divergencies and sector decomposition for overlapping divergencies using `FIESTA`

# Mellin-Barnes representation for angular integral

- First we convert complicated denominator  $1/k_{123}^2$  into product of scalar products

$$\frac{1}{(k_1 \cdot k_2 + k_2 \cdot k_3 + k_3 \cdot k_1)^\lambda} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{dz_1 dz_2}{(2\pi i)^2} \frac{\Gamma(\lambda + z_1 + z_2) \Gamma(-z_1) \Gamma(-z_2)}{(k_1 \cdot k_2)^{z_1 + z_2 + \lambda} (k_2 \cdot k_3)^{-z_1} (k_3 \cdot k_1)^{-z_2}}$$

- Introduce unit length vectors to make standard angular integral structure transparent

$$\frac{1}{(k_i \cdot k_j)^\lambda} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \frac{dz}{2\pi i} \Gamma(-z) \Gamma(\lambda + z) \frac{2^{-z} (\sqrt{\alpha_i \beta_j} - \sqrt{\alpha_j \beta_i})^{2z}}{(\alpha_i \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_j)^{z/2 + \lambda/2}} \frac{1}{(\rho_i \cdot \rho_j)^{z + \lambda}}, \quad \rho_i = \left(1, \frac{\vec{k}_{i,\perp}}{|\vec{k}_{i,\perp}|}\right)$$

- Final angles integration can be done in closed form well suited for subsequent MB integrations

$$\int \frac{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2 d\Omega_3}{(\rho_1 \cdot \rho_2)^{\lambda_1} (\rho_2 \cdot \rho_3)^{\lambda_2} (\rho_3 \cdot \rho_1)^{\lambda_3}} = \frac{\Gamma^3(1 - \varepsilon)}{\pi^{3/2} 2^{6\varepsilon + \lambda} \Gamma(1 - 2\varepsilon)} \frac{\Gamma(1 - 2\varepsilon - \lambda) \prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon - \lambda_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^3 \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \Gamma(1 - 2\varepsilon - \lambda_i - \lambda_j)}$$

# Finite mass integrals

Use angles between transverse momenta as parameters

$$(k_i \cdot k_j) = 1/2 \left( \sqrt{\alpha_i \beta_j} - \sqrt{\alpha_j \beta_i} \right)^2 + \sqrt{\alpha_i \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_j} \rho_{ij}$$

$$\rho_{12} = (1 - \cos \theta_1) \quad \rho_{13} = (1 - \cos \theta_2) \quad \rho_{23} = (1 - \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_3)$$

## Integral divergences analysis

- $x_i \in [0, 1] \rightarrow z_i \in [0, \infty)$ , div:  $\{z\} \rightarrow 0$  or  $\{z\} \rightarrow \infty$
- Possible subsets  $Z_0$  and  $Z_\infty$  of  $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$
- Do rescalings  $z_i \rightarrow \lambda z_i, z_i \in Z_0$  and  $z_i \rightarrow 1/\lambda z_i, z_i \in Z_\infty$
- Divergent if for  $\int \frac{dz}{z^a} \prod P(z)^b \rightarrow \lambda^w \int \frac{dz}{z^a} \prod P(z)^b$

$$w + \dim(Z_0) - \dim(Z_\infty) \leq 0$$

- For all integrals with  $Z_\infty \neq \emptyset$  split at point  $0 < p < \infty$

$$\int_0^\infty dz f(z) = p \int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{(1+z)^2} f\left(\frac{pz}{1+z}\right) + p \int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{z^2} f\left(\frac{p(1+z)}{z}\right)$$

- Select less divergent integrals determined by all  $Z_0$  sets

# Summary: triple-real contributions

- Additional regulator is required for correct IBP reduction
- Efficient techniques are developed to decrease the complexity of the reduction with additional regulator
- DE for auxiliary  $m^2$  dependent integrals with  $1/k_{123}^2$  propagator makes calculation possible
- DE in addition to numerical solution also provides many important consistency checks and relations
- Integrals are highly non-trivial for numerical checks

Final result and applications



# Laplace space and UV renormalization

- Final unrenormalized result for the NNNLO soft function is a sum over configurations  $C$

$$S_{\tau,B}^{\text{NNNLO}} = \sum_C S_{\tau,B}^{\text{RVV},C} + \sum_C S_{\tau,B}^{\text{RRV},C} + \sum_C S_{\tau,B}^{\text{RRR},C}$$

- For the renormalization we need the NNLO result expanded to higher orders in  $\epsilon$

[Baranowski '20]

$$S_{\tau,B} = \delta(\tau) + \frac{a_{s,B}}{\tau} \left( \frac{S_{ab}}{Q^2 \tau^2} \right)^\epsilon S_1 + \frac{a_{s,B}^2}{\tau} \left( \frac{S_{ab}}{Q^2 \tau^2} \right)^{2\epsilon} S_2 + \frac{a_{s,B}^3}{\tau} \left( \frac{S_{ab}}{Q^2 \tau^2} \right)^{3\epsilon} S_3 + \mathcal{O}(a_{s,B}^4)$$

- Do strong coupling renormalization  $a_{s,B} = \mu^{2\epsilon} Z_{a_s} a_s(\mu)$  and do Laplace transform with parameter  $\bar{u} = u e^{\gamma_E}$

$$\tilde{S}_B(a_s(\mu), L_S) = \int_0^\infty d\tau e^{-\tau u} S_{\tau,B}(a_{s,B} \rightarrow \mu^{2\epsilon} Z_{a_s} a_s(\mu)), \quad L_S = \ln\left(\mu \bar{u} \frac{\sqrt{S_{ab}}}{Q}\right)$$

- Convenient to consider  $\tilde{S}_B$  because the renormalization in Laplace space is multiplicative

# Renormalization and checks from RG equation

- Multiplicative renormalization in the Laplace space with  $L_S$  dependent renormalization constant  $Z_s(a_s, L_S)$

$$\tilde{S}(a_s, L_S) = Z_s(a_s, L_S) \tilde{S}_B(a_s, L_S) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$$

- $L_S = \ln(\mu \tilde{u} \frac{\sqrt{s_{ab}}}{Q})$
- $\mu$  dependence in  $a_s(\mu)$  and  $L_S$

- $Z_s$  determined by the pole part of  $\tilde{S}_B$  satisfies RG equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial L_S} + \beta(a_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial a_s} \right) \ln Z_s(a_s, L_S) = \Gamma_s(a_s, L_S) = -4\gamma_{\text{cusp}}(a_s) L_S - 2\gamma_s(a_s)$$

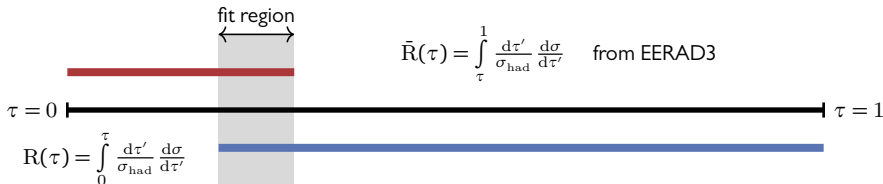
- $\Gamma_s$  is finite
- Known cusp an.dim  $\gamma_{\text{cusp}}$
- Known non-cusp an.dim  $\gamma_s$

- Possible to make prediction for the NNNLO pole part of  $\tilde{S}_B$  and therefore for  $S_{\tau, B}$  from the NNLO result
- Final form of the renormalized NNNLO soft function can be split into constant and  $L_S$  dependent parts

$$\ln(\tilde{S}(a_s, L_S)) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{2i} C_{ij} a_s^i L_S^j = \ln(\tilde{S}) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{2i} C_{ij} a_s^i L_S^j, \quad \tilde{S} = \tilde{S}(a_s, 0)$$



# Singular region cross section from MC simulation



- Fit in the region, where NNLO MC predictions and approximate factorization prediction overlap
- From the condition  $R(\tau) + \bar{R}(\tau) = 1$  and all  $C_i, G_{ij}$  except  $C_3$  known

$$R(\tau) = \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C_k \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^k \right) \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} G_{ij} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^i \ln^j \frac{1}{\tau} \right]$$

- Missing  $C_3$  in the parametrisation of dijet region for NNLO Thrust

[Monni, Gehrmann, Luisoni '11]

$$C_3 = -1050 \pm 180 \pm 500$$

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# From soft function to singular cross section

- Coefficient  $C_3$  is determined by constant parts of Hard(H), Jet(J) and Soft(S) functions
  - N3LO hard function is known  $c_3^H = 8998.08$  [Abbate,Fickinger,Hoang et al.'10]
  - N3LO jet function known  $c_3^J = -128.651$  [Brüser,Liu,Stahlhofen'18]
- From  $C_3$  value can determine  $c_3^S$ , since all other ingredients are known [Brüser,Liu,Stahlhofen'18]

$$c_3^S = \begin{cases} -19988 \pm 1440 \pm 4000 & \text{fit result} \\ -1369.57 & \text{this work, exact} \end{cases}$$

- Inverse of the relation with known  $c_3^S$  allows  $C_3$  color structures prediction [Monni,Gehrmann,Luisoni'11]

	$n_f^0 N^2$	$n_f^0 N^0$	$n_f^0 N^{-2}$	$n_f^1 N^1$	$n_f^1 N^{-1}$	$n_f^2 N^0$	sum
From $c_3^S$	2766.05	-60.1237	0.37891	-1581.01	18.4901	133.47	1277.25
Fit	$3541 \pm 51$	$-265 \pm 8$	$-71 \pm 3$	$-5078 \pm 145$	$236 \pm 7$	$95 \pm 120$	$-1543 \pm 195$

# Applications

- Thrust resummation for  $\alpha_s$  determination, missing ingredient  $c_3^S$  is now available

- $c_2^S$  numerical fit

[Becher, Schwartz '08]

- $c_3^H$  known, fitted  $c_3^J, c_3^S$

[Abbate, Fickinger, Hoang et al. '10]

- $c_3^H, c_3^J$  known, attempt to extract  $c_3^S$

[Bell, Lee, Makris et al. '23]

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[Ju, Xu, Yang, Zhou '23]

$$\tilde{s}_g = 1 - 2.36\alpha_s + 1.617\alpha_s^2 - \underbrace{(22.89 \pm 5.67)}_{\text{fit}}\alpha_s^3$$

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