

Scattering Amplitudes with Open Loops

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Outline of the talk

1. NLO calculations: challenges, techniques
2. Treatment of colours, helicities and loop momenta
3. Open loops generator
4. Implementation and benchmark results

Multi-particle processes at NLO

Various general techniques to perform NLO calculations

- exist since decades but badly fail when applied to multi-particle processes

Important $2 \rightarrow 4$ processes at the LHC (2005/2007 Les Houches priority list)

$$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}, \quad t\bar{t}jj, \quad VVb\bar{b}, \quad VVjj, \quad Vjjj, \quad b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$$

Multi-particle challenges at one loop

- *AUTOMATION* and *FLEXIBILITY*: max applicability/min man power
- *SPEED*: avoid big clusters
- *STABILITY*: avoid Gram determinants

The “NLO revolution”

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$	[Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, S.P. ‘09] [Bevilacqua, Czakon, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Worek ‘09]
$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}jj$	[Bevilacqua, Czakon, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Worek ‘10]
$pp \rightarrow WWb\bar{b}$	[Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, S.P. ‘11] [Bevilacqua, Czakon, van Hameren, Papadopoulos, Worek ‘11]
$pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$	[Greiner, Guffanti, Reiter, Reuter ‘11]
$pp \rightarrow WWjj$	[Melia, Melnikov, Rontsch, Zanderighi ‘10] [Greiner, Heinrich, Mastrolia, Ossola, Reiter, Tramontano ‘12]
$pp \rightarrow W/Z + 3j$	[Ellis, Melnikov, Zanderighi ‘09] [Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Maitre ‘09–‘10]
$pp \rightarrow W/Z + 4j$	[Berger, Bern, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Forde, Gleisberg, Ita, Kosower, Maitre ‘11]
$pp \rightarrow 4j$	[Bern, Diana, Dixon, Febres Cordero, Hoeche, Kosower, Ita, Maitre, Ozeren ‘11]
$pp \rightarrow W\gamma\gamma j$	[Campanario, Englert, Rauch, Zeppenfeld ‘11]
$e^+e^- \rightarrow 7j$	[Becker, Goetz, Reuschle, Schwan, Weinzierl ‘11]

Main one-loop approaches

$$\text{Diagram} = \sum_i d_i \text{Diagram}_1 + \sum_i c_i \text{Diagram}_2 + \sum_i b_i \text{Diagram}_3 + \sum_i a_i \text{Diagram}_4$$

Standard

On-shell

Reduction to SIs

tensor integrals

on-shell/OPP

Amplitudes

loop diagrams

tree amplitudes

mostly algebraic

mostly numerical

Max. multiplicity

$2 \rightarrow 4$

$2 \rightarrow 5$

Speed for $n_{\text{part}} \leq 6$

very high

slower

Automation ($n_{\text{part}} > 5$)

very large codes

highly automatic

Stability

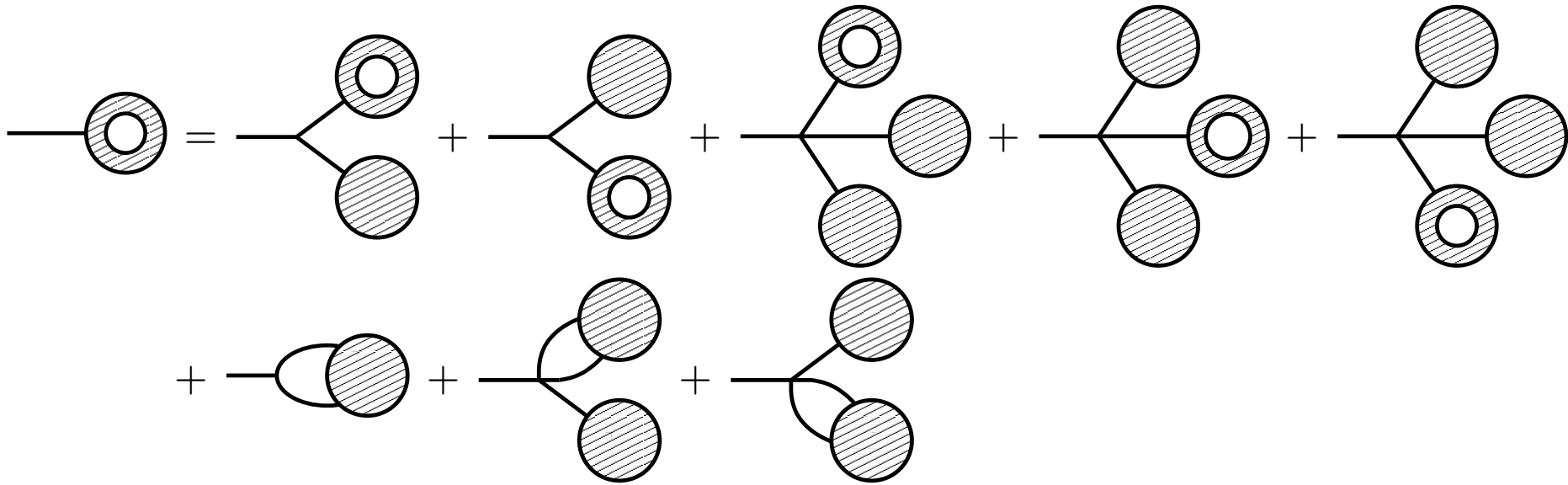
stable expansions

quadruple precision

Main one-loop approaches

$$\text{Diagram} = \sum_i d_i \text{Square} + \sum_i c_i \text{Triangle} + \sum_i b_i \text{Circle} + \sum_i a_i \text{Circle}$$

	Standard	Open Loops	On-shell
Reduction to SIs	tensor integrals	tensor int. & OPP	on-shell/OPP
Amplitudes	loop diagrams	open loops	tree amplitudes
	mostly algebraic	numerical recursion	mostly numerical
Max. multiplicity	$2 \rightarrow 4$	$2 \rightarrow 4(5)$	$2 \rightarrow 5$
Speed for $n_{\text{part}} \leq 6$	very high	very high	slower
Automation ($n_{\text{part}} > 5$)	very large codes	highly automatic	highly automatic
Stability	stable expansions	stable with TIs	quadruple precision



A. van Hameren, **JHEP** 0907 (2009) 088

- numerical 1-loop recursion
- off-shell currents and tensor integrals
- only colour-ordered N -gluon amplitudes

faster than on-shell approach for $n_{\text{gluons}} \leq 10!$

Open Loops

- diagrammatic recursion
- fully general
- tensor-integral or OPP reduction

(2) Colours, helicities and loop momenta

(2.1) Diagrams and colour

Tree amplitudes and one-loop corrections as *sums of diagrams*

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_d \mathcal{M}^{(d)}, \quad \delta\mathcal{M} = \sum_{d'} \delta\mathcal{M}^{(d')} \quad (\text{up to } 10^4 \text{ loops})$$

Scattering probability densities involve *colour* and *helicity* sums

$$\mathcal{W} = \sum_{\text{hel,col}} |\mathcal{M}|^2, \quad \delta\mathcal{W} = \sum_{\text{hel,col}} 2 \text{Re}(\mathcal{M}^* \delta\mathcal{M})$$

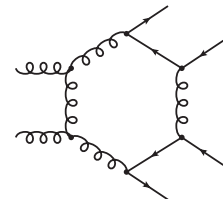
Colour sums at **zero cost** exploiting *factorisation of individual diagrams* into simple *colour factors* and *colour-stripped amplitudes*

$$\mathcal{M}^{(d)} = \mathcal{A}^{(d)} \mathcal{C}^{(d)}, \quad \delta\mathcal{M}^{(d')} = \delta\mathcal{A}^{(d')} \mathcal{C}^{(d')}$$

Algebraic colour reduction and sums once and for all after diagram generation.
Everything else is done numerically.

(2.2) Loop-momentum dependence

Structure of colour-stripped loop diagram


$$= \int \frac{d^D q \mathcal{N}(q)}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}} = \sum_{r=0}^R \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} \int \frac{d^D q q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r}}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}}$$

$$D_i = (q + p_i)^2 - m_i^2$$

Treatment of $\mathcal{N}(q)$ polynomial

- separate loop momenta from helicity-dependent coefficients $\mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$
- recursive numerical algorithm for $\mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$ (see later)

(2.2) Loop-momentum dependence

Structure of colour-stripped loop diagram

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram: A loop with 6 external lines (3 incoming, 3 outgoing) and n internal propagators.} \end{array} = \int \frac{d^D q \mathcal{N}(q)}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}} = \sum_{r=0}^R \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} \int \frac{d^D q q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r}}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}}$$

Usual $\mathcal{N}(q)$ from Feynman rules

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{N}(q) &= g_S^6 [\bar{u}_3 \gamma^{\nu_1} (\not{p}_4 + \not{k}_4 + m_t) \gamma^\alpha v_4] [\bar{u}_5 \gamma^{\nu_2} (\not{p}_2 - \not{k}_2 - m_b) \gamma^\alpha v_6] g^{\rho_1 \rho_2} \\
 &\times \varepsilon_1^{\mu_1} [g_{\mu_1 \nu_1} (p_1 - q - k_5)_{\rho_1} + g_{\nu_1 \rho_1} (2q + k_5)_{\mu_1} - g_{\rho_1 \mu_1} (p_1 + q)_{\nu_1}] \\
 &\times \varepsilon_2^{\mu_2} [g_{\mu_2 \nu_2} (p_2 + q + k_1)_{\rho_2} - g_{\nu_2 \rho_2} (2q + k_1)_{\mu_2} - g_{\rho_2 \mu_2} (p_2 - q)_{\nu_2}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Separation of q -monomials

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{N}(q) &= \sum_{r=0}^R \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r} \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{n_0 \dots n_3=0 \\ n_0+n_1+n_2+n_3 \leq R}} \mathcal{N}_{n_0 \dots n_3} \underbrace{q^0 \dots q^0}_{n_0} \dots \underbrace{q^3 \dots q^3}_{n_3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Systematic symmetrisation

only $\binom{R+4}{4}$ symm. $\mathcal{N}_{n_0 \dots n_3}$ components

R	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\binom{R+4}{4}$	1	5	15	35	70	126	210


 6 particles

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 \end{aligned}$$

(A) Recursive reduction of **tensor integrals** to scalar integrals [Denner/Dittmaier '05]

$$= \int d^D q \left[\sum_{i_1} \frac{a_{i_1}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}}{D_{i_1}} + \sum_{i_1, i_2} \frac{b_{i_1 i_2}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2}} + \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3} \frac{c_{i_1 i_2 i_3}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2} D_{i_3}} + \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4} \frac{d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2} D_{i_3} D_{i_4}} \right] + R_1^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$$

- numerical output with $0 \leq \mu_1 \dots \mu_r \leq 3$ indices
- R_1 terms \iff D -dimensional relations between UV-divergent integrals
- avoid instabilities with Gram-determinant (and other) expansions

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 \end{aligned}$$

Extra rational terms from $3 < \mu_1, \dots, \mu_r \leq D - 1$

$$R_2 = \sum_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r = 0}^{D-1} \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} \Big|_{D=4-2\epsilon}^{T_{UV}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}} - \sum_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r = 0}^3 \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} \Big|_{D=4}^{T_{UV}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}}$$

From catalogue of 2-, 3- and 4-point 1PI diagrams (depends only on model)

$$\left(\text{Diagram} \right)_{R_2} = \text{Diagram} = -\frac{g_S^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \gamma^\mu (g_V^Z - g_A^Z \gamma_5) \quad \text{etc.}$$

(2.2) Loop-momentum dependence

Structure of colour-stripped loop diagram

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram} &= \underbrace{\int \frac{d^D q \mathcal{N}(q)}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}}}_{\delta \mathcal{A}^{(d)}=} = \sum_{r=0}^R \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} \int \frac{d^D q q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r}}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(B) Direct **OPP reduction** at the amplitude level [Ossola, Papadopolous, Pittau '07]

$$= \int d^D q \left[\sum_{i_1} \frac{a_{i_1}}{D_{i_1}} + \sum_{i_1, i_2} \frac{b_{i_1 i_2}}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2}} + \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3} \frac{c_{i_1 i_2 i_3}}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2} D_{i_3}} + \sum_{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4} \frac{d_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}}{D_{i_1} D_{i_2} D_{i_3} D_{i_4}} \right] + R_1$$

- **repeated $\mathcal{N}(q)$ evaluations** at on-shell multiple cuts (complex q)
- **very efficient with $\mathcal{N}(q) = \sum \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r}$ construction** [see also tensorial reconstruction [Heinrich, Ossola, Reiter, Tramontano '10](#)]
- same R_2 terms
- numerical instabilities require quadruple precision

(2.3) Commuting helicity summation and tensor reduction

Separation of **helicity** and **loop-momentum** dependence very useful

$$\delta\mathcal{M}^{(d')} = \mathcal{C}^{(d')} \int \frac{d^D q}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}} \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^R \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r} \right\}$$

No CPU expensive helicity-by-helicity reduction: first sum and then reduce only once

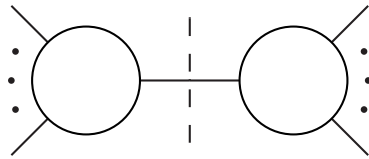
$$\sum_{\text{hel, col}} \left[\mathcal{M}^* \delta\mathcal{M}^{(d')} \right] = \int \frac{d^D q}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}} \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^R \sum_{\text{hel, col}} \left[\mathcal{M}^* \mathcal{C}^{(d)} \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r} \right] q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r} \right\}$$

Saves lot of CPU, works also with OPP reduction \Rightarrow **further strong OPP speed-up!**

(3) Tree and open-loops generator

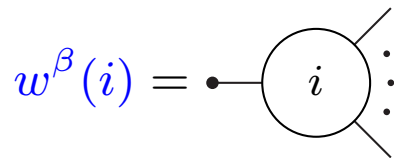
(3.1) Tree generator

Colour-stripped **tree diagrams** are built by *merging sub-trees*



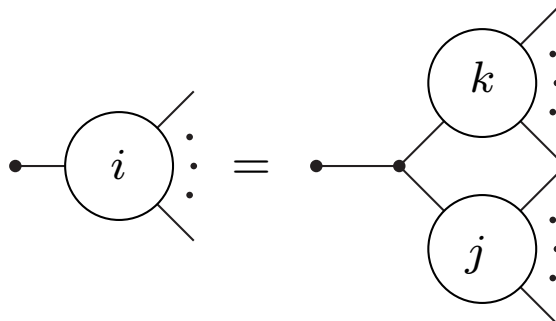
individual tree diagram

Sub-tree amplitudes are handled as *numerical n-tuples*



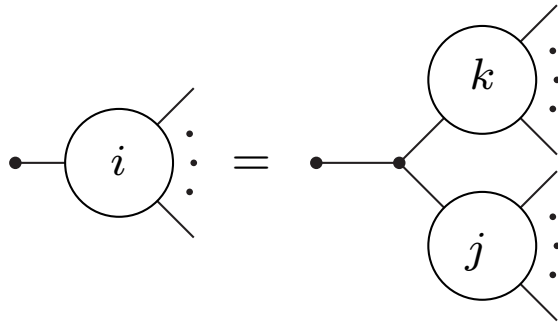
$\beta \leftrightarrow$ off-shell line spin

and *recursively merged* by attaching **vertices and propagators**



$$w^\beta(i) = \frac{X_{\gamma\delta}^\beta(i, j, k)}{p_i^2 - m_i^2} w^\gamma(j) w^\delta(k)$$

(sub-tree = individual topology with off-shell line \neq off-shell current)



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Example

$$w_\alpha(1) = \bullet \longrightarrow = \bar{u}_\alpha(p_1, \lambda_1)$$

$$w_\mu(2) = \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = \epsilon_\mu^*(p_2, \lambda_2)$$

$$w_\beta(12) = \bullet \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \searrow \text{---} \end{array} = \frac{g_S [(\not{p}_{12} + m)\gamma^\mu]_{\alpha\beta}}{p_{12}^2 - m^2} w_\alpha(1) w_\mu(2)$$

$$w_\nu(3) = \bullet \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} = \epsilon_\nu^*(p_3, \lambda_3)$$

$$w_\gamma(123) = \bullet \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \searrow \text{---} \nearrow \text{---} \text{---} \\ \quad \searrow \text{---} \end{array} = \frac{e [(\not{p}_{123} + m)\gamma^\nu(1 - \gamma_5)]_{\beta\gamma}}{2\sqrt{2}s_W(p_{123}^2 - m^2)} w_\beta(12) w_\nu(3)$$

etc...

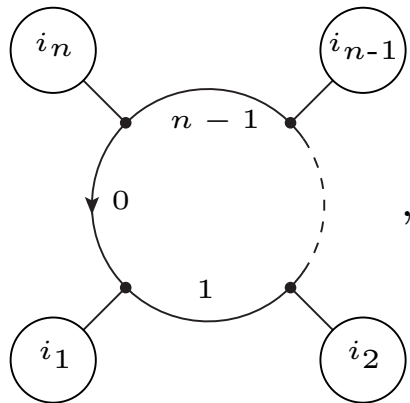
... until sub-trees cover full set of Feynman diagrams for given process

Completely generic and automatic (similar to Madgraph and HELAS)

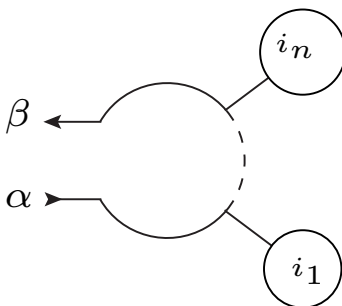
- many diagrams *related* by presence of *common sub-trees* \Rightarrow **strong speed-up!**

(3.2) Cut loops and Open loops

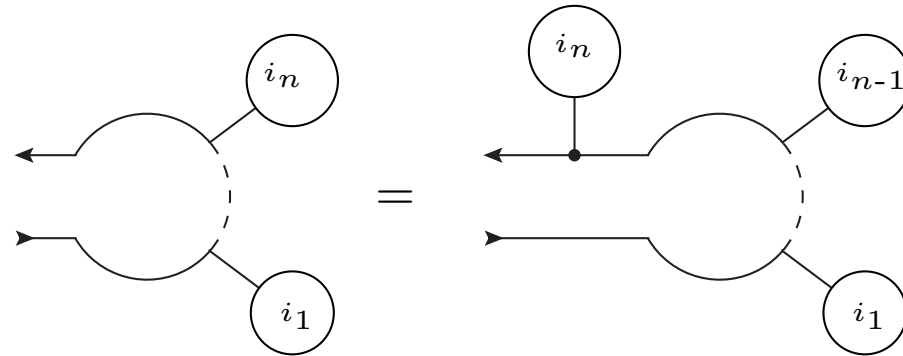
A colour-stripped n -point **loop diagram** is an **ordered set of n sub-trees** connected by loop propagators $D_i = (q + p_i)^2 - m_i^2 + i\varepsilon$

$$\int \frac{d^D q \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_n; q)}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{n-1}} = \text{Diagram} , \quad \mathcal{I}_n = \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$$


The **OPP-reduction** input $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_n; q)$ can be obtained by constructing **cut loops with tree-like generators**

$$\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n; q) = \text{Diagram} , \quad \sum_\alpha \mathcal{N}_\alpha^\alpha(\mathcal{I}_n; q) = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_n; q)$$


Sub-trees along the loop are recursively attached to each other



Standard cut-loop construction

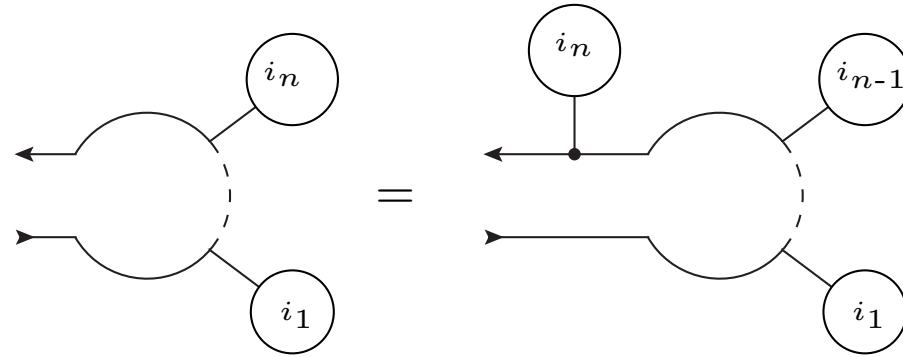
Build n -point cut loops by **merging lower-point cut loops and sub-trees**

$$\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n; q) = X_{\gamma\delta}^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n, i_n, \mathcal{I}_{n-1}) \mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}; q) w^\delta(i_n)$$

applying **conventional tree recursion**

- very high one-loop automation level in **Helac-NLO** (off-shell-current recursion), **MadLoop** (Feynman diagrams)
- CPU expensive OPP evaluations at multiple q -values since *tree algorithms conceived for fixed momenta*

Nature of loop amplitudes requires loop-momentum *functional dependence!*



Open-loops construction

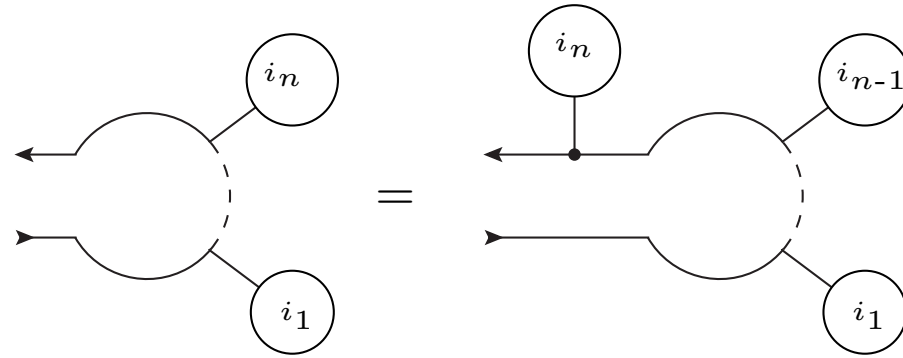
Handle building blocks of recursion as *polynomials in the loop momentum q*

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n; q)}_{\sum_{r=0}^n \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r; \alpha}^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n) q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r}} = \underbrace{X_{\gamma\delta}^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n, i_n, \mathcal{I}_{n-1})}_{Y_{\gamma\delta}^\beta + q^\nu Z_{\nu; \gamma\delta}^\beta} \underbrace{\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}; q)}_{\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r; \alpha}^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}) q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r}} w^\delta(i_n)$$

and construct polynomial coefficients with

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r; \alpha}^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n)}_{\text{"open loop"}} = \left[Y_{\gamma\delta}^\beta \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r; \alpha}^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}) + Z_{\mu_1; \gamma\delta}^\beta \mathcal{N}_{\mu_2 \dots \mu_r; \alpha}^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}) \right] w^\delta(i_n)$$

encodes full q -dependence of cut loop



Open-loops construction

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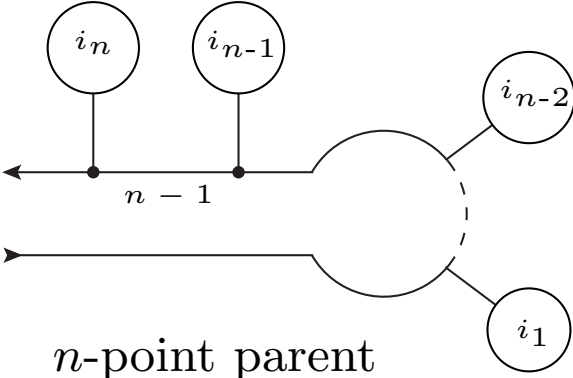
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- fast OPP reduction of $\mathcal{N}(q)$ or tensor integrals with $\mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}$
- combines *tree-recursion* and *tensor-integral* language
- simple concept but entirely new generator (fully flexible and automatic)

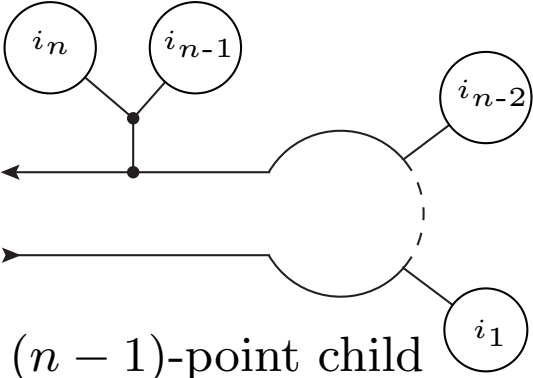
(3.3) Recursive construction of higher-point open loops

Construct n -point “parent diagrams” from pre-computed parts of $(n - 1)$ -point “child diagrams” using **pinch relations**

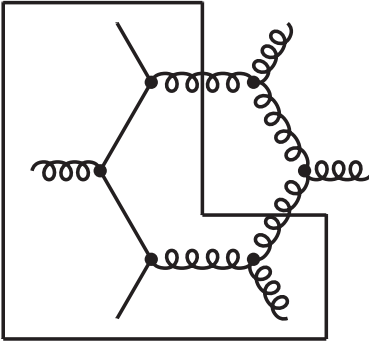


recycle \mathcal{I}_{n-2} open loop

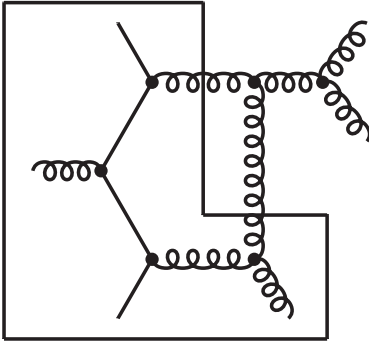
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Example



6-point parent

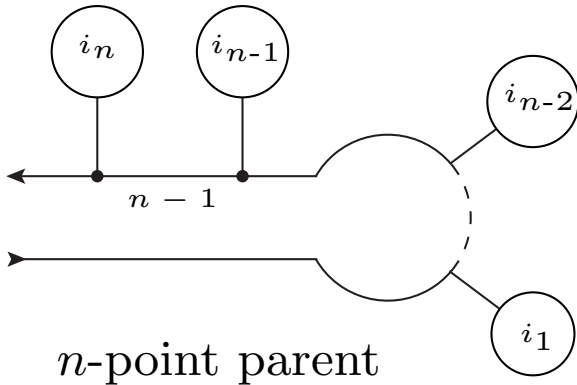


5-point child

Complicated diagrams require only “last missing piece” (always works in QCD!)

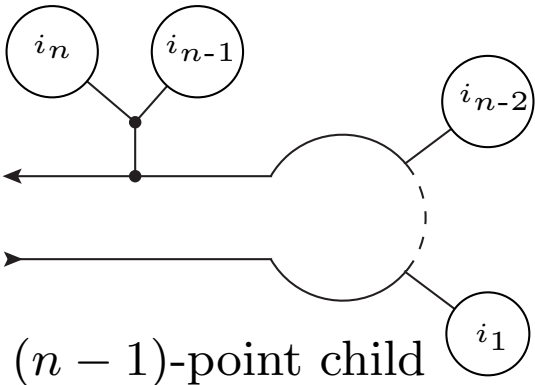
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Pinch-invariant cut rule

Recycling of \mathcal{I}_{n-2} guaranteed by invariance of cut wrt $i_n \oplus i_{n-1}$ merging

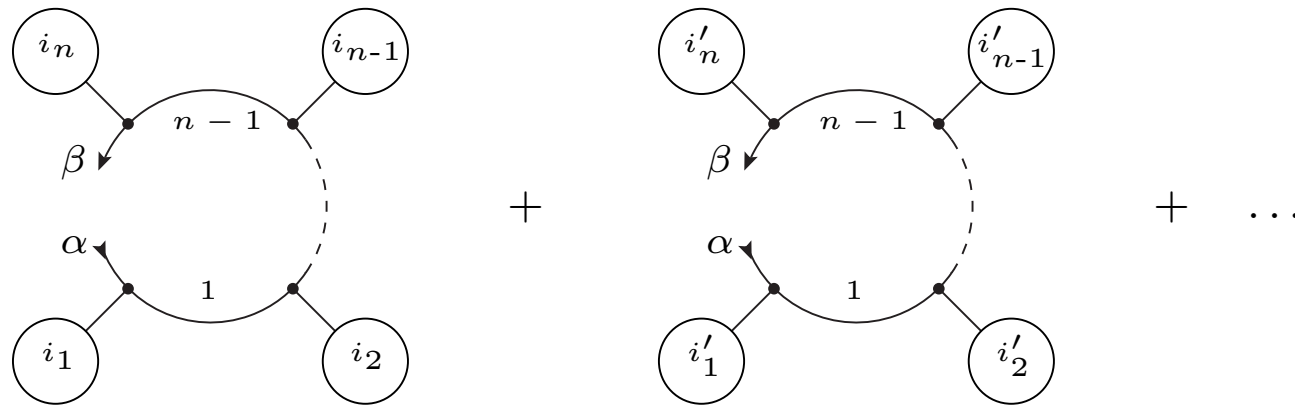
- ordering function $i_k \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(i_k) > 0$ with $\mathcal{S}(i_k \oplus i_l) > \max\{\mathcal{S}(i_k), \mathcal{S}(i_l)\}$
- choice of contiguous sub-trees i_1, i_n (cut position and direction) such that

$$\mathcal{S}(i_k) > \mathcal{S}(i_1) \quad \forall \quad k > 1, \quad \mathcal{S}(i_n) > \mathcal{S}(i_2)$$

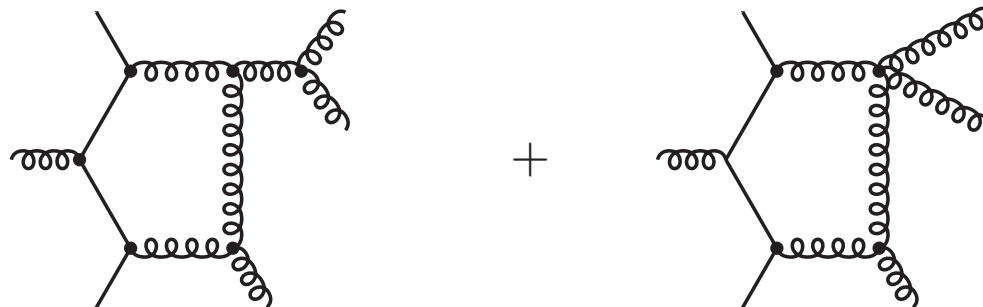
Additional rule (gluon cut priority) permits to **avoid “childless” diagrams in QCD**
 \Rightarrow **optimal efficiency**

Tensor integral or OPP reduction only once per 1-loop topology

Diagrams with identical 1-loop topology are interfered with Born, summed over col/hel, combined in a single open loop \Rightarrow CPU expensive reduction only once



Example



(4) Implementation and benchmark results

OpenLoops Implementation

Full automation of 1-loop QCD corrections to SM processes

- process-definition file \Rightarrow Fortran 90 tree & 1-loop matrix elements
- R_2 and UV counterterms, IR subtraction terms (CS I -operator)
- Checks: UV/IR cancellations, Ward identities, cut loops \equiv open loops

Internal structure of the program

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| (1) | Topologies, field insertions | FeynArts |
| (2) | Skeleton of recursion, colour, code generation | OpenLoops (Mathematica) |
| (3) | Merging of sub-trees and open loops | OpenLoops (Fortran 90) |
| (4) | Tensor-integral reduction | COLLIER (Denner/Dittmaier/Hofer) |
| | OPP reduction | CutTools 1.6.5 / Samurai 1.0 |

Speed and stability studies

Four families of $2 \rightarrow 2, 3, 4$ reactions with $n = 0, 1, 2$ gluons

- $u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t} + ng$
- $u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+W^- + ng$
- $u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+g + ng$
- $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t} + ng$

Aim of technical studies

- performance for non-trivial processes of Les Houches priority list
- scaling with particle multiplicity

Standard processor and compiler

- single Intel i5-750 core (not a cluster!)
- ifort 10.1 (similar performance with gfortran)

Automation and flexibility

Process	size [MB]	t_{code} [s]
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	0.1	2.2
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+W^-$	0.1	7.2
$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+g$	0.1	4.2
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	0.2	5.4
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}g$	0.4	12.8
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+W^-g$	0.4	39.8
$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+gg$	0.5	22.9
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}g$	1.2	52.9
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	3.6 (200)*	236 ($\sim 10^6$)*
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+W^-gg$	2.5 (1000)*	381.7 ($\sim 10^6$)*
$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ggg$	4.2	366.2
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	16.0	3005

Size of matrix-element routines

- 100 kB to few MB (object files)

Code generation/compilation time

- few seconds to minutes
(lot of room for improvement)

Improvement for 2 \rightarrow 4 processes

- $\mathcal{O}(10^2-10^3)$ code compression!
- $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ code-generation speed-up!

* $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ & $WWb\bar{b}$ (Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit and S.P. '09-'11)

Speed of one-loop amplitudes with **tensor integrals**

Process	$t_{\text{pol}}^{\text{TI}}$ [ms]	n_{hel}	$t_{\text{unpol}}^{\text{TI}}$ [ms]
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	0.25	2	0.27
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+W^-$	0.25	2	0.28
$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+g$	0.39	2	0.43
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	0.89	4	1.16
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}g$	3.5	4	4.2
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+W^-g$	2.7	4	3.6
$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+gg$	5.3	4	6.7
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}g$	13.6	8	23.4
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	56.2	8	88.4 (180)*
$u\bar{u} \rightarrow W^+W^-gg$	65.6	8	96.4 (180)*
$u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ggg$	134.5	8	190.5
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}gg$	335.0	16	725.0

(W/t decays to massless fermions)

Timings including col/hel sums

- $2 \rightarrow 2$: $t_{\text{unpol}} \lesssim 1$ ms/point
- $2 \rightarrow 4$: $t_{\text{unpol}} \lesssim 0.1\text{--}1$ s/point

unprecedented speed!

Efficient helicity summation

- for $2 \rightarrow 4$ processes saves factor

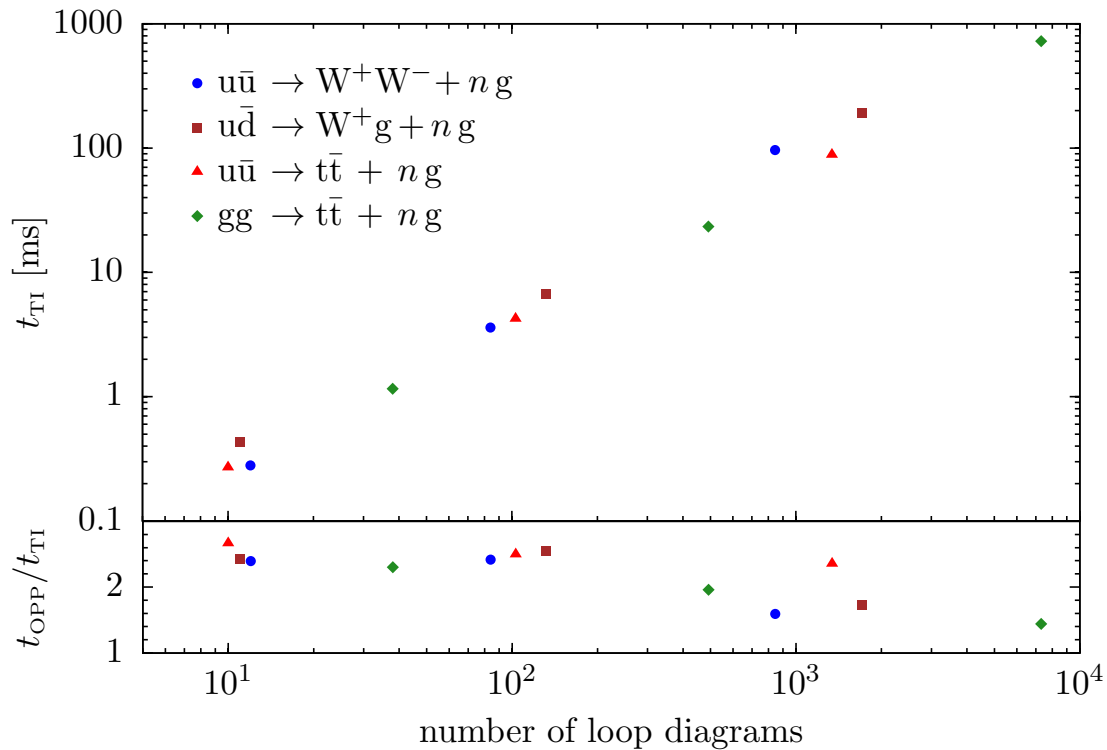
$$\frac{n_{\text{hel}} t_{\text{pol}}}{t_{\text{unpol}}} \simeq 5\text{--}7$$

* $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ & $WWb\bar{b}$ (Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit and S.P '09/'10)

Scaling with diagram/particle number & OPP vs TIs

Colour/helicity summed timings with tensor integrals

- linear scaling with n_{diag} up to $n_{\text{diag}} = \mathcal{O}(10^4)$ $\Rightarrow n_{\text{diag}} = \mathcal{O}(10^5)$ feasible
- $t_{2 \rightarrow 2} : t_{2 \rightarrow 3} : t_{2 \rightarrow 4} \lesssim 1 : 20 : 600$ $\Rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 5$ feasible



OPP reduction

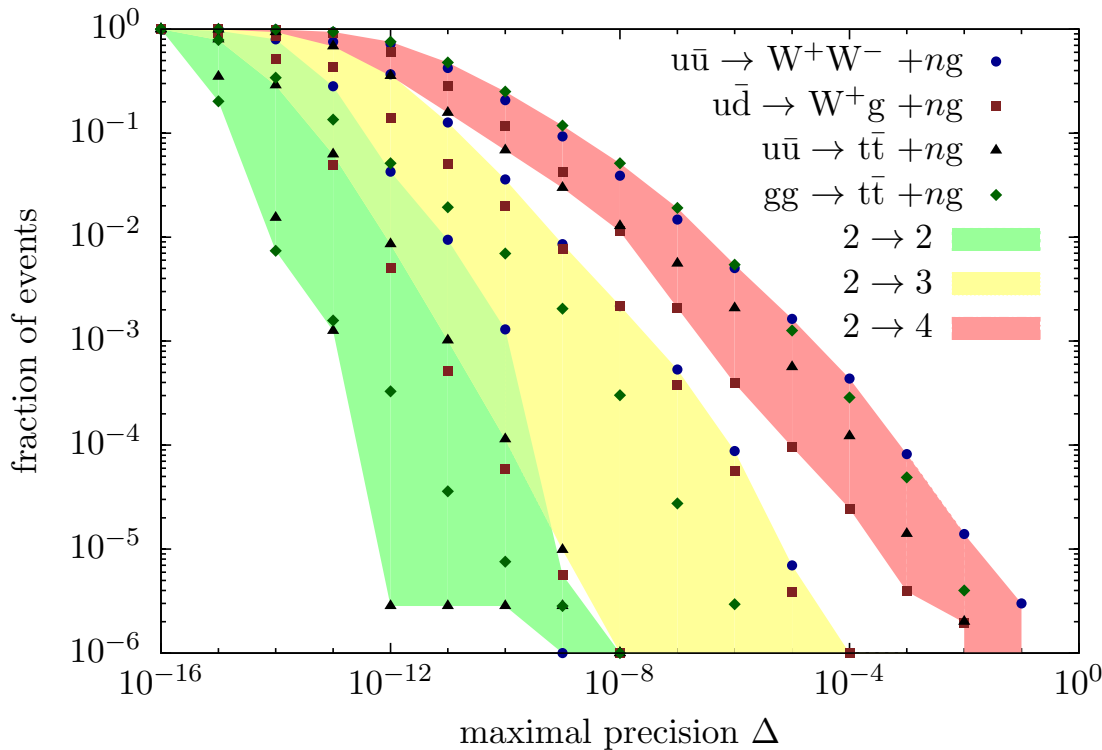
- $t_{\text{OPP}}/t_{\text{TI}} \simeq 1$ thanks to open loops!
- CutTools 1.6.5 (double precision); similar speed with Samurai 1.0

Numerical stability with **tensor integrals** (double precision)

Study stability of 12 processes via rescaling of dimensionful parameters

$$\{p_i, m_j, \mu\} \rightarrow \{\xi p_i, \xi m_j, \xi \mu\}, \quad \delta\mathcal{W} \rightarrow \delta\mathcal{W}' = \xi^K \delta\mathcal{W}, \quad \Delta_S = \frac{\xi^{-K} \delta\mathcal{W}' - \delta\mathcal{W}}{\delta\mathcal{W}}$$

Samples of 10^6 **homog. dist. points** ($\sqrt{\hat{s}} = 1 \text{ TeV}$, $p_T > 50 \text{ GeV}$, $\Delta R_{ij} > 0.5$)



Average number of digits

- 11-15

Digits of best 99.9% (99.99%) points

$$2 \rightarrow 2 \quad -\log_{10}(\Delta_S) > 10 \text{ (9)}$$

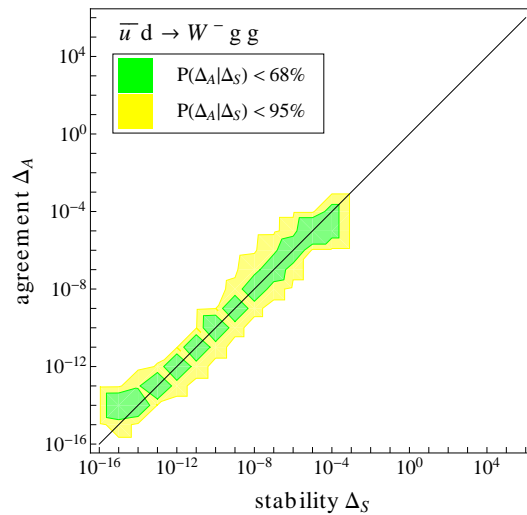
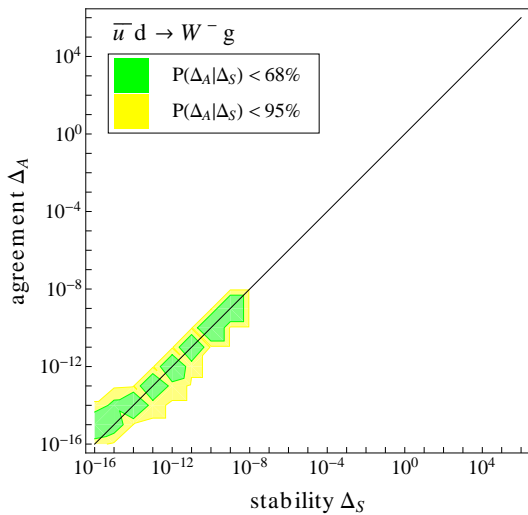
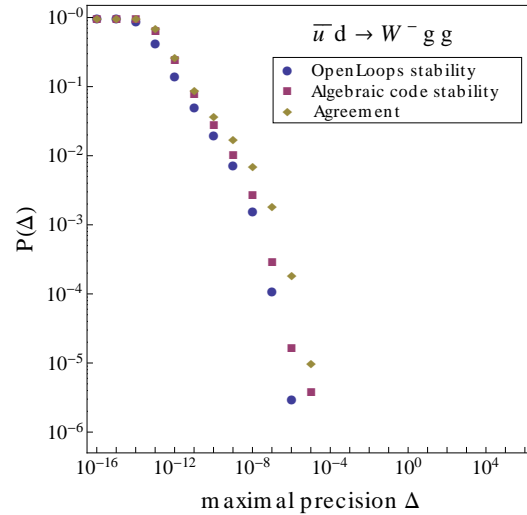
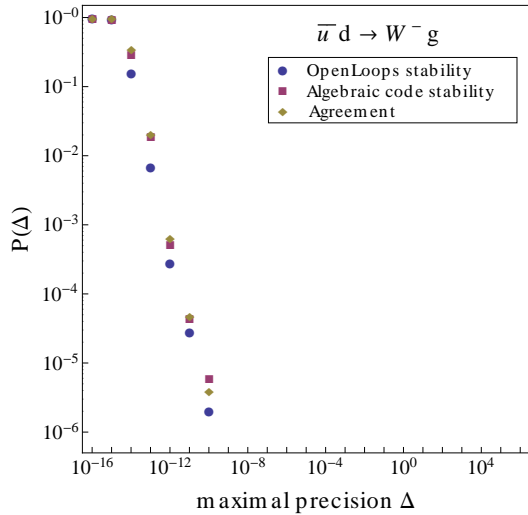
$$2 \rightarrow 3 \quad -\log_{10}(\Delta_S) > 7 \text{ (6)}$$

$$2 \rightarrow 4 \quad -\log_{10}(\Delta_S) > 5 \text{ (3)}$$

i.e. probability of < 5 digits $\simeq 10^{-3}$!

Stability issues increase with n_{part} but remain **well under control** for $n_{\text{part}} \leq 6$

Example of ongoing OpenLoops Validation ($\bar{u}d \rightarrow W + ng$)



Agreement of OpenLoops with in-house “algebraic” 1-loop generator

$$\Delta_A = \frac{\delta\mathcal{W}_{\text{OpenLoops}}}{\delta\mathcal{W}_{\text{algebraic}}} - 1$$

compared to **intrinsic stability** Δ_S of individual codes

Probabilities $P(\Delta_A)$ and $P(\Delta_S)$ consistent within ± 1 digit

Conditional probability $P(\Delta_A|\Delta_S)$ of agreement Δ_A given stability Δ_S : **1-2 digit correlation at 95% CL**

Speed of OpenLoops \Rightarrow extensive high-statistics studies \Rightarrow solid stability understanding

Summary and conclusions

New 1-loop generator

- numerical, recursive, diagrammatic
- **open loops** (loop-momentum polynomials) instead of trees with fixed kinematics
- interfaced with **tensor-integral and OPP reduction** in a natural way

Automation and flexibility

- **full automation**: input file \Rightarrow very compact code within seconds/minutes
- SM processes with QCD corrections, **up to $\mathcal{O}(10^4-10^5)$ diagrams**

Speed and Stability

- **very fast** (100–1000 ms/point in $2 \rightarrow 4$), also with OPP thanks to open loops!
- tensor integrals **very stable** (OPP to be studied)

We are looking forward to apply OpenLoops to phenomenology

BACKUP SLIDES

Colour reduction and colour sums

Reduction to **colour basis** $\{\mathcal{C}_i\}$, Born colour vector

$$\mathcal{C}^{(d)} = \sum_i c_i^{(d)} \mathcal{C}_i, \quad \mathcal{M} = \sum_i \mathcal{M}_i \mathcal{C}_i, \quad \mathcal{M}_i = \sum_d c_i^{(d)} \mathcal{A}^{(d)}$$

Colour sums encoded into colour-interference matrix \mathcal{K}_{ij} (once per process)

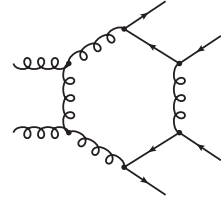
$$\sum_{\text{col}} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \sum_{i,j} \mathcal{M}_i^* \underbrace{\left(\sum_{\text{col}} \mathcal{C}_i^* \mathcal{C}_j \right)}_{\mathcal{K}_{ij}} \mathcal{M}_j, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_j := \sum_{\text{col}} \mathcal{M}^* \mathcal{C}_j = \sum_i \mathcal{M}_i^* \mathcal{K}_{ij}$$

Colour sums for loop-Born interference

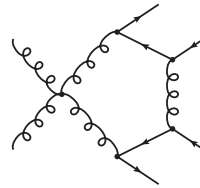
$$\sum_{\text{col}} 2 \operatorname{Re} (\mathcal{M}^* \delta \mathcal{M}) = \sum_{d'} 2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \underbrace{\left(\sum_{\text{col}} \mathcal{M}^* \mathcal{C}^{(d')} \right)}_{\sum_j c_j^{(d')} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_j} \delta \mathcal{A}^{(d')} \right\}$$

Example: $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$

Factorisation of colour structures (3 contributions per quartic vertex)



$$= \mathcal{A}^{(d)} f^{a_1 b d} f^{a_2 c d} (T^b T^e)_{i_3 i_4} (T^c T^e)_{i_5 i_6}$$



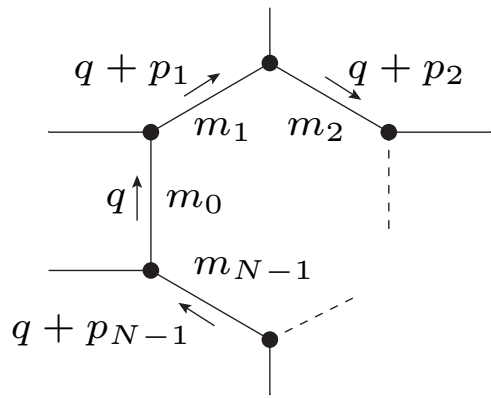
$$= [\mathcal{A}^{(d_1)} f^{a_1 b d} f^{a_2 c d} + \mathcal{A}^{(d_2)} f^{a_1 c d} f^{a_2 b d} + f^{a_1 a_2 d} f^{b c d} \mathcal{A}^{(d_3)}] (T^b T^e)_{i_3 i_4} (T^c T^e)_{i_5 i_6}$$

Fully automatic colour reduction with well-known $SU(N)$ identities

$$f^{abc} T^c = -i[T^a, T^b], \quad T_{ij}^a T_{kl}^a = \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta_{il} \delta_{kj} - \frac{1}{N_c} \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \right), \quad \text{etc.}$$

Colour interference and summation once and for all at the level of colour basis

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_1 &= T_{i_3 i_4}^{a_1} T_{i_5 i_6}^{a_2}, & \mathcal{C}_2 &= \delta_{i_3 i_4} (T^{a_1} T^{a_2})_{i_5 i_6}, & \mathcal{C}_3 &= \delta_{i_3 i_4} (T^{a_2} T^{a_1})_{i_5 i_6}, \\ \mathcal{C}_4 &= T_{i_5 i_6}^{a_1} T_{i_3 i_4}^{a_2}, & \mathcal{C}_5 &= \delta_{i_5 i_6} (T^{a_1} T^{a_2})_{i_3 i_4}, & \mathcal{C}_6 &= \delta_{i_5 i_6} (T^{a_2} T^{a_1})_{i_3 i_4}, \\ \mathcal{C}_7 &= T_{i_3 i_6}^{a_1} T_{i_5 i_4}^{a_2}, & \mathcal{C}_8 &= \delta_{i_3 i_6} (T^{a_1} T^{a_2})_{i_5 i_4}, & \mathcal{C}_9 &= \delta_{i_3 i_6} (T^{a_2} T^{a_1})_{i_5 i_4}, \\ \mathcal{C}_{10} &= T_{i_5 i_4}^{a_1} T_{i_3 i_6}^{a_2}, & \mathcal{C}_{11} &= \delta_{i_5 i_4} (T^{a_1} T^{a_2})_{i_3 i_6}, & \mathcal{C}_{12} &= \delta_{i_5 i_4} (T^{a_2} T^{a_1})_{i_3 i_6}, \\ \mathcal{C}_{13} &= \delta^{a_1 a_2} \delta_{i_3 i_4} \delta_{i_5 i_6}, & \mathcal{C}_{14} &= \delta^{a_1 a_2} \delta_{i_3 i_6} \delta_{i_5 i_4}. \end{aligned}$$



$$T_N^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_P} = \int d^D q \frac{q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_P}}{D_0 \dots D_{N-1}}, \quad D_i = (q + p_i)^2 - m_i^2 + i\epsilon$$

$$T_{1,2,3,4,\dots} = A, B, C, D, \dots$$

Recursive reduction to scalar integrals ($N \leq 4, P = 0$)

Collection of methods developed for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow 4f$ [Denner/Dittmaier '05]

(A) **Space-time 4-dimensionality** ($N \geq 5$)

Melrose '65 Denner/Dittmaier '02-'05

Binoth/Guillet/Heinrich/Pilon/Schubert '05

(B) **Lorentz invariance** ($N \leq 4$)

Passarino/Veltman '79

(C) **Expansions to cure $\det(Z)$ -instabilities**

Denner/Dittmaier '05

(A) Space-time 4-dimensionality for $N \geq 5$ [Binoth et al. '05; Denner, Dittmaier '05]

Linear dependence in $D = 4$ of *hexagon* external momenta p_1, \dots, p_5 yields

$$\mathcal{F}^\mu = \begin{vmatrix} q^\mu & 2qp_1 & \dots & 2qp_5 \\ p_1^\mu & 2p_1p_1 & \dots & 2p_1p_5 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_4^\mu & 2p_4p_1 & \dots & 2p_4p_5 \\ 0 & f_1 & \dots & f_5 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad 2qp_i = D_i - D_0 - f_i$$

Rank- $(P + 1)$ hexagon \rightarrow **rank- P pentagon** reduction expanding along 1st row

$$\int \frac{q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_P}}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_5} \mathcal{F}^\mu = \begin{vmatrix} F^{\mu\mu_1 \dots \mu_P} & \Delta E^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_P}(1) & \dots & \Delta E^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_P}(5) \\ p_1^\mu & 2p_1p_1 & \dots & 2p_1p_5 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_4^\mu & 2p_4p_1 & \dots & 2p_4p_5 \\ 0 & f_1 & \dots & f_5 \end{vmatrix} = \mathcal{O}(D - 4)$$

- qualitatively similar reduction for all $N \geq 5$
- simultaneous N, P reduction until $N \leq 4$ and $P \leq 4$

(B) Tensor integrals with $N = 4, 3$ [Passarino/Veltman '79; Denner '93]

Rank reduction via contractions

$$2p_i^\mu q_\mu = -f_i + D_i - D_0, \quad g^{\mu\nu} q_\mu q_\nu = m_0^2 + D_0$$

Covariant decomposition

$$T_N^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_P} = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_P=0}^{N-1} T_{i_1 \dots i_P}^{(P)} \{g \dots p\}_{i_1 \dots i_P}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_P}$$

General solution

$$2(D + P - N - 1) T_{00i_3 \dots i_P}^{(P)} = \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} f_k T_{ki_3 \dots i_P}^{(P-1)} + 2m_0^2 T_{i_3 \dots i_P}^{(P-2)} + \text{lower-point}$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} Z_{mn} T_{ni_2 \dots i_P}^{(P)} = -2 \sum_{r=2}^P \delta_{mi_r} T_{00i_2 \dots \hat{i}_r \dots i_P}^{(P)} - f_m T_{i_2 \dots i_P}^{(P-1)} + \text{lower-point}$$

- R_1 rational terms from catalogue of UV residues

$$(D - 4) T_{00i_3 \dots i_P}^{(P)} = R_{00i_3 \dots i_P}^{(P)}$$

- unstable Gram-matrix inversion in $\det(Z) \rightarrow 0$ regions

$$Z_{kl} = 2p_k p_l, \quad (Z)_{kl}^{-1} = \frac{\tilde{Z}_{lk}}{\det(Z)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{X}_{0j} T_{i_1 \dots i_P}^{(P)} &= \det(Z) T_{ji_1 \dots i_P}^{(P+1)} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \tilde{Z}_{jn} \sum_{r=1}^P \delta_{ni_r} T_{00i_1 \dots \hat{i}_r \dots i_P}^{(P+1)} + \text{lower-point} \\
2\tilde{Z}_{kl} T_{00i_2 \dots i_P}^{(P+1)} &= \left\{ -\det(Z) T_{kli_2 \dots i_P}^{(P+1)} + 2m_0 \tilde{Z}_{kl} T_{i_2 \dots i_P}^{(P-1)} + \sum_{n,m=1}^{N-1} \left[f_n f_m T_{i_2 \dots i_P}^{(P-1)} + 2 \sum_{r=2}^P (f_n \delta_{mi_r} + f_m \delta_{ni_r}) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \times T_{00i_2 \dots \hat{i}_r \dots i_P}^{(P)} + 4 \sum_{\substack{r,s=2 \\ r \neq s}}^P \delta_{ni_r} \delta_{mi_s} T_{0000i_2 \dots \hat{i}_r \dots \hat{i}_s \dots i_P}^{(P+1)} \right] \tilde{Z}_{(kn)(lm)} + \text{lower-point} \right\} (D+1+P-N + \sum_{r=2}^P \bar{\delta}_{i_r 0})^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

(C) $\det(Z)$ -expansion for *tensor integrals* with $N = 4, 3$ [Denner/Dittmaier '05]

Iterative expansion with K adapted to $\det(Z)$ and target precision

$$T^{(P)} = T_K^{(P)} + \mathcal{O} \left[\det(Z)^{K+1} \right]$$

Various alternative methods: further expansions (\tilde{Z}_{kl} or $\tilde{X}_{0j} = -\sum_k \tilde{Z}_{jk} f_k$ small); modified set of MIs ($T_0 \rightarrow T_{00\dots 00}$); solutions of PV-identities with $\det(Z) \rightarrow \det(Y)$

General & robuts solution to instability problems (important for $2 \rightarrow 4!$)

Rational parts

$$K_{i_1 \dots i_P}(D) \underbrace{T_{i_1 \dots i_P}^{(N)}} \Rightarrow K'_{i_1 \dots i_P}(4) (R_1 + R_1) + \frac{1}{2} K''_{i_1 \dots i_P}(4) R_2 + \dots$$
$$\frac{R_1}{(D-4)} + \frac{R_1}{(D-4)} + \frac{R_2}{(D-4)^2} + \text{finite part}$$

When tensor integrals are combined with their D -dimensional coefficients

- UV and IR poles require $(D - 4)$ expansions (performed algebraically)
- this produces rational terms proportional to the pole residues

Rational terms of IR origin

- require the heaviest algebraic work but **cancel in any unrenormalized QCD amplitude** (proven in App. A of [arXiv:0807.1248](https://arxiv.org/abs/0807.1248))
- can thus be neglected from the beginning

Rational terms of UV origin

- extracted automatically by means of a catalogue of UV residues R_1
- after the relevant $(D - 4)$ -expansions we can continue the calculation in $D = 4$

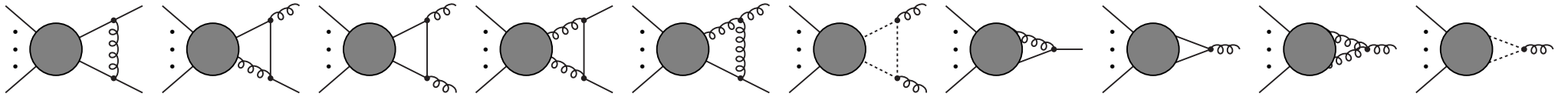
Cancellation of rational terms of IR origin: sketch of the proof ([arXiv:0807.1248](https://arxiv.org/abs/0807.1248))

Rational terms originate from D -dependent $g^{\mu\nu}$ -contractions of type $g_{\nu\lambda}\Gamma^{\nu\lambda}$

$$g_{\nu\lambda} g^{\nu\lambda} = D, \quad g_{\nu\lambda} \gamma^\nu \not{p} \gamma^\lambda = (2 - D)\not{p}, \dots$$

(1) **The tensor-reduction is free from IR rational terms** since in the soft and collinear regions ($q^\mu \rightarrow xp^\mu$) the tensor integrals cannot produce $g^{\mu\nu}$

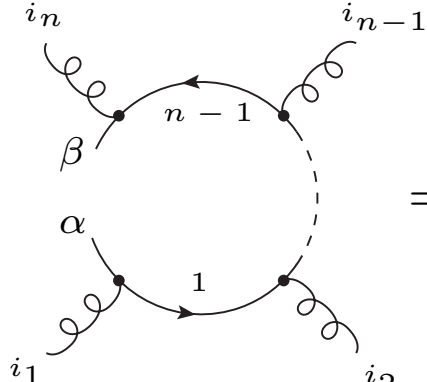
(2) **All possible diagrams involving IR-divergent integrals**



can be cast into a form where $g_{\nu\lambda}\Gamma^{\nu\lambda}$ **contractions cancel in IR regions**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram} &= \int \frac{d^D q}{q^2 (q+p)^2} \underbrace{\epsilon^{\mu*}(p) (2q+p)_\mu}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ in soft/coll. regions}} g_{\nu\lambda} \Gamma^{\nu\lambda}(q) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Example of Open Loops construction: fermion loop



$$\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n; q) = \text{Diagram} = g_S [(\not{p}_n + m)\gamma^\nu]_{\beta\gamma} \mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}; q) \varepsilon_\nu^*(p_n, \lambda_n)$$

- n -point open-loop coefficients of rank $r = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\mathcal{N}_{;\alpha}^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n) = g_S [(\not{p}_n + m)\gamma^\nu]_{\beta\gamma} \mathcal{N}_{;\alpha}^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}) \varepsilon_\nu^*(p_n, \lambda_n)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mu_1; \alpha}^\beta(\mathcal{I}_n) = g_S \left\{ [(\not{p}_n + m)\gamma^\nu]_{\beta\gamma} \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1; \alpha}^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}) + [\gamma_{\mu_1} \gamma^\nu]_{\beta\gamma} \mathcal{N}_{;\alpha}^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{n-1}) \right\} \varepsilon_\nu^*(p_n, \lambda_n)$$

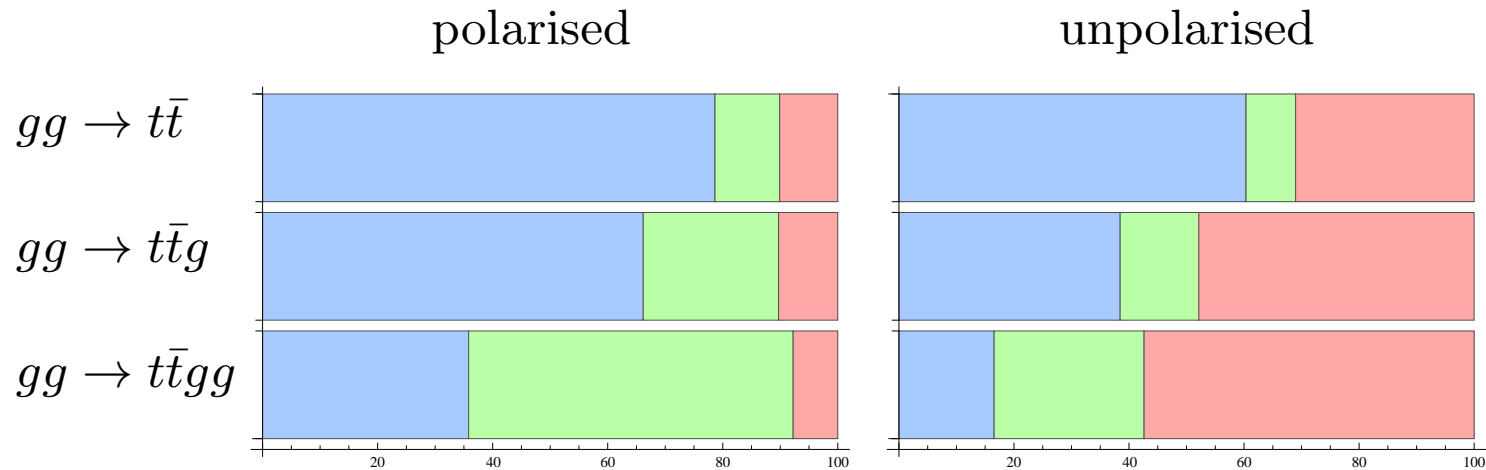
etc.

- initial condition for 0-point rank-0 open loop

$$\mathcal{N}_{;\alpha}^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_0) = \delta_\alpha^\gamma$$

- rank, i.e. complexity, increases with $n \Rightarrow$ symmetrised $\mu_1 \dots \mu_r$ components!

Detailed CPU budget (using tensor integrals)



runtime fractions for **scalar integrals**, **tensor reduction**, **open-loop coefficients**

- cost of coefficients for single helicity very low ($\lesssim 10\%$) wrt n_{hel} -independent remnant (90%) \Rightarrow helicity-summed coefficients only 30–60%
- total CPU time not far from scalar-integral cost (absolute minimum)