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General formulation of the sector improved residue subtraction

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The main theoretical tool to provide precise predictions for scattering cross sections of strongly interacting particles is perturbative QCD.

Starting at

next-to-leading order (NLO) the calculation suffers from unphysical IR-divergences that cancel in the final result. At NLO there exist general subtraction algorithms to treat these divergences during a calculation. Since the LHC demands for more precise theoretical predictions, general subtraction methods at next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) are needed.

This talk is about the four-dimensional formulation of the sector improved residue subtraction. I explain how the subtraction scheme STRIPPER can be extended to arbitrary multiplicities. Therefore, it furnishes a general framework for the calculation of NNLO cross sections in perturbative QCD.

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