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SUSY-QCD corrections to squark  
production at LHC in the MSSM with  
general quark-flavour mixing



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# Introduction



- The LHC has restarted its collisions with a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV on its way to discover new physics
- The observed Higgs boson has confirmed the SM as a very well working low energy theory
- Nevertheless we have many reasons to believe that it needs a generalisation. The measured Higgs mass does not give us a hint about it - it neither favours nor disfavors SUSY
- Although there is no sign of new particles yet, the MSSM is still favoured as a discoverable theory beyond the SM and will be searched with high priority at CMS and ATLAS
- The MSSM has been studied a lot (as much as it could be due to its many free parameters). Nevertheless it has yet unstudied potential related to more general treatment of its squark sector parameters
- Despite the stringent constraints from B and K physics, such parameters can lead to quark-flavour violation (QFV) and can change the phenomenological observables significantly
- We study the impact of QFV on the squark production at hadron colliders, taking into account the next-to-leading order SUSY-QCD corrections in the MSSM with general quark flavour-mixing

# General quark-flavour mixing in the MSSM

- In the SM all QFV terms are proportional to the CKM matrix
- In the general MSSM there are two concepts:
  - \* **Minimal quark flavour violation** - no new sources of QFV, in the super-CKM basis the squarks undergo the same rotations like the quarks, all flavour-violating entries are related to the CKM matrix (e.g.  $\tilde{\chi}_l^\pm \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j \sim V_{q_i q'_j}$ )
  - \* **Non-minimal quark flavour violation** - new sources of QFV, independent on the CKM, considered as free parameters in the theory
- In the following we assume non-minimal quark flavour violation



# General quark-flavour mixing in the MSSM

- The flavour-violating terms are contained in the mass matrices of the squarks at the electroweak scale

$$\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q},LL}^2 & \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q},LR}^2 \\ \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q},RL}^2 & \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q},RR}^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q = u, d$$

- The 3x3 soft SUSY-breaking matrices can introduce QFV (off-diagonal) terms, e.g. in the up-squark sector

$$(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{u},LL}^2)_{\alpha\beta} = (M_Q^2)_{\alpha\beta} + \left[ \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \cos 2\beta m_Z^2 + (\hat{m}_u^2)_\alpha \right] \delta_{\alpha\beta},$$

$$(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{u},RR}^2)_{\alpha\beta} = (M_U^2)_{\alpha\beta} + \left[ \left( \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \right) \cos 2\beta m_Z^2 + (\hat{m}_u^2)_\alpha \right] \delta_{\alpha\beta},$$

$$(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{u},RL}^2)_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{2}} (T_U)_{\alpha\beta} - (\hat{m}_u)_\alpha \mu^* \cot \beta \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

- The mass eigenstates are obtained after diagonalization with a 6x6 rotation matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}_1 \\ \tilde{u}_2 \\ \tilde{u}_3 \\ \tilde{u}_4 \\ \tilde{u}_5 \\ \tilde{u}_6 \end{pmatrix} = R^{\tilde{u}} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{u}_L \\ \tilde{c}_L \\ \tilde{t}_L \\ \tilde{u}_R \\ \tilde{c}_R \\ \tilde{t}_R \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{d}_1 \\ \tilde{d}_2 \\ \tilde{d}_3 \\ \tilde{d}_4 \\ \tilde{d}_5 \\ \tilde{d}_6 \end{pmatrix} = R^{\tilde{d}} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{d}_L \\ \tilde{s}_L \\ \tilde{b}_L \\ \tilde{d}_R \\ \tilde{s}_R \\ \tilde{b}_R \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} R^{\tilde{u}} \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{u}}^2 U^{\tilde{u}\dagger} &= \text{diag}(m_{\tilde{u}_1}^2, \dots, m_{\tilde{u}_6}^2) \\ R^{\tilde{d}} \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{d}}^2 U^{\tilde{d}\dagger} &= \text{diag}(m_{\tilde{d}_1}^2, \dots, m_{\tilde{d}_6}^2) \end{aligned}$$

# General quark-flavour mixing in the MSSM

- Dimensionless QFV parameters are introduced in the up-type sector ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ )

$$\delta_{\alpha\beta}^{LL} \equiv M_{Q\alpha\beta}^2 / \sqrt{M_{Q\alpha\alpha}^2 M_{Q\beta\beta}^2} ,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha\beta}^{uRR} \equiv M_{U\alpha\beta}^2 / \sqrt{M_{U\alpha\alpha}^2 M_{U\beta\beta}^2} ,$$

$$\delta_{\alpha\beta}^{uRL} \equiv (v_2 / \sqrt{2}) T_{U\alpha\beta} / \sqrt{M_{U\alpha\alpha}^2 M_{Q\beta\beta}^2}$$

- And in the down-type sector

$$\delta_{\alpha\beta}^{dRR} \equiv M_{D\alpha\beta}^2 / \sqrt{M_{D\alpha\alpha}^2 M_{D\beta\beta}^2}$$

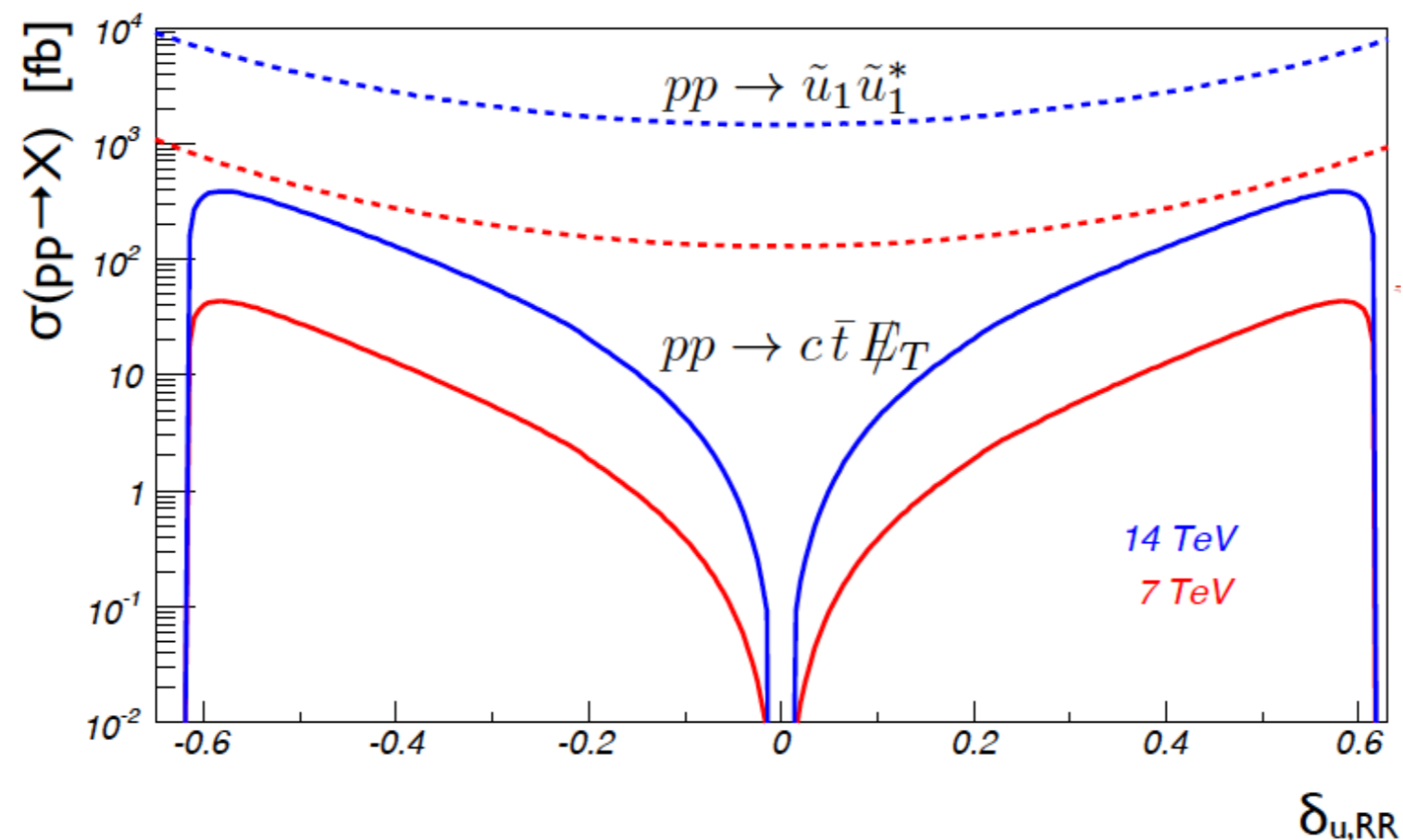
$$\delta_{\alpha\beta}^{dRL} \equiv (v_1 / \sqrt{2}) T_{D\alpha\beta} / \sqrt{M_{D\alpha\alpha}^2 M_{Q\beta\beta}^2}$$



$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j^*$$

## the process

- The tree-level squark production cross section at LHC was previously studied in the context of QFV subsequent squark decays  
[A. Bartl, H. Eberl, B. Herrmann, K. Hidaka, W. Majerotto, W. Porod, Phys.Lett.B698:380-388,2011]
- It was shown that the quark flavour-mixing can influence squark masses, their flavour-decomposition and the production cross section, as well as to open new decay channels, non existing in the SM, nor in the QFC MSSM, characteristic signatures
- The study also showed that the dependence on the QFV parameters can be recognisable already at tree-level - a good motivation to study the leading 1-loop contributions



$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$$

the process

- #1 We study: squark-antisquark pair production in proton collisions
- #2 Next step: squark pair production, straight forward once #1 is completed
- The matrix elements squared are generated with FeynArts/FormCalc (axial gauge)
- The counterterms are missing there, own calculation
- Everything is implemented in an own Fortran code



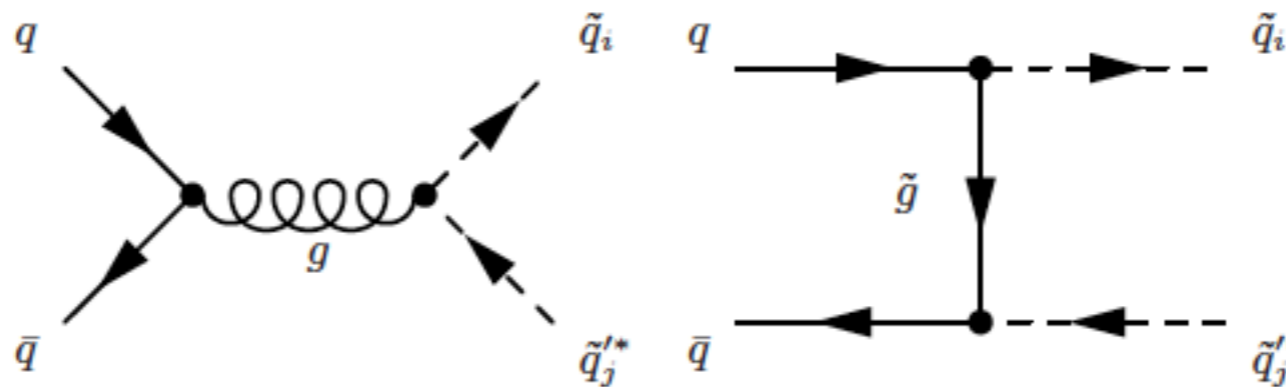


$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$  the process - tree-level

At parton level proceeds from:

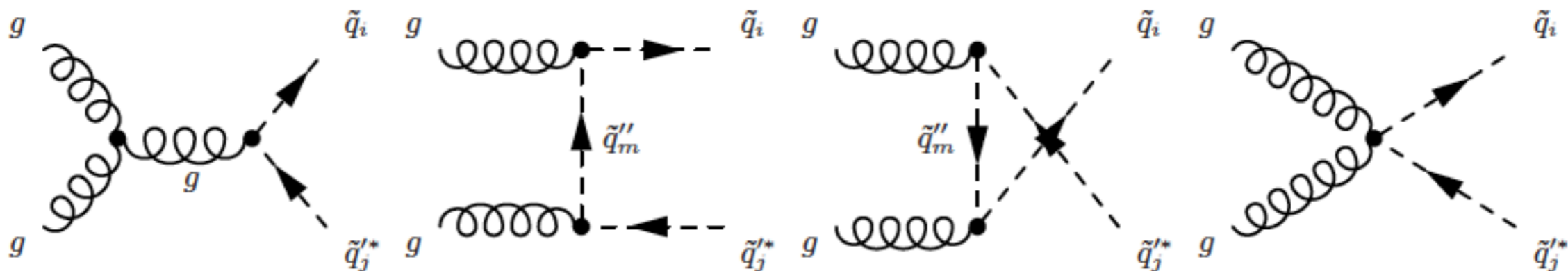
- quark-antiquark initial state

$$q(p_a) \bar{q}'(p_b) \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i(p_1) \tilde{q}_j'^*(p_2)$$



- gluon-gluon initial state

$$g(p_a) g(p_b) \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i(p_1) \tilde{q}_j'^*(p_2)$$



$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$  the process - tree-level

- from quark-antiquark initial state: matrix elements squared of the s- and t-channel, and interference term

$$|M_{q,s}^B|^2 = (n_c^2 - 1) \frac{2g_s^4}{s^2} (ut - m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2 m_{\tilde{q}_j}^2) \delta_{qq'} \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}'_j} ,$$

$$|M_{q,t}^B|^2 = (n_c^2 - 1) \frac{g_s^4}{t_{\tilde{g}}^2} \left[ \left( |R_{i1} R'_{j1}|^2 + |R_{i2} R'_{j2}|^2 \right) \left( ut - m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2 m_{\tilde{q}_j}^2 \right) \right. \\ \left. + m_{\tilde{g}}^2 s \left( |R_{i2} R'_{j1}|^2 + |R_{i1} R'_{j2}|^2 \right) \right] \delta_{q\tilde{q}} \delta_{q'\tilde{q}'_j} ,$$

$$2\text{Re}\{M_{q,s}^B M_{q,t}^{B*}\} = -\frac{n_c^2 - 1}{n_c} \frac{2g_s^4}{st_{\tilde{g}}} \left( ut - m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2 m_{\tilde{q}_j}^2 \right) \times \\ \text{Re}\{R_{i1} R'_{j1}^* + R_{i2} R'_{j2}^*\} \delta_{qq'} \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}'_j}$$



$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$  the process - tree-level

- from gluon-gluon initial state: matrix elements squared of the s-, t- and u-channel, 4-point interaction, as well as the interference terms

$$|M_{g,s}^B|^2 = (n_c^2 - 1)n_c \frac{g_s^4}{s^2} \left[ 8m_{\tilde{q}_i}^4 - t^2 - u^2 - 6tu - r\varepsilon(t-u)^2 \right] \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j'} ,$$

$$|M_{g,t}^B|^2 = \frac{(n_c^2 - 1)^2}{n_c} \frac{g_s^4}{t_{\tilde{q}_i}^2} (t + m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2)^2 \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j'} ,$$

$$|M_{g,u}^B|^2 = \frac{(n_c^2 - 1)^2}{n_c} \frac{g_s^4}{u_{\tilde{q}_i}^2} (u + m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2)^2 \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j'} ,$$

$$|M_{g,4}^B|^2 = (2 - r\varepsilon) \frac{(n_c^2 - 1)(n_c^2 - 2)}{n_c} g_s^4 \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j'} ,$$

$$2\text{Re}\{M_{g,s}^B M_{g,t}^{B*}\} = - (n_c^2 - 1)n_c \frac{g_s^4}{4st_{\tilde{q}_i}} \left[ 4(t^2 + m_{\tilde{q}_i}^4) + s^2 - 8m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2(s+t) \right] \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j'} ,$$

$$2\text{Re}\{M_{g,s}^B M_{g,u}^{B*}\} = - (n_c^2 - 1)n_c \frac{g_s^4}{4su_{\tilde{q}_i}} \left[ 4(u^2 + m_{\tilde{q}_i}^4) + s^2 - 8m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2(s+u) \right] \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j'} ,$$

$$2\text{Re}\{M_{g,s}^B M_{g,4}^{B*}\} = 0 ,$$

$$2\text{Re}\{M_{g,t}^B M_{g,u}^{B*}\} = \frac{n_c^2 - 1}{n_c} \frac{-g_s^4}{2t_{\tilde{q}_i} u_{\tilde{q}_i}} s^2 \delta_{\tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j'} ,$$

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$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$  the process - tree-level

- Here

$r = 0$  :  $\overline{\text{DR}}$  scheme

$r = 1$  :  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{\bar{\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln 4\pi - \gamma$$

$$D = n = 4 - 2\epsilon$$



$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$  the process - tree-level

- Summing up and taking  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  we get the 4-dimensional result in agreement with the limiting cases

W. Beenakker, R. Hopker, M. Spira, and P. M. Zerwas, “Squark and gluino production at hadron colliders,” *Nucl. Phys.* **B492** (1997) 51–103, [arXiv:hep-ph/9610490](#).

T. Gehrmann, D. Maitre, and D. Wyler, “Spin asymmetries in squark and gluino production at polarized hadron colliders,” *Nucl. Phys.* **B703** (2004) 147–176, [arXiv:hep-ph/0406222](#).

G. Bozzi, B. Fuks, and M. Klasen, “Non-diagonal and mixed squark production at hadron colliders,” *Phys. Rev.* **D72** (2005) 035016, [arXiv:hep-ph/0507073](#).

G. Bozzi, B. Fuks, B. Herrmann, and M. Klasen, “Squark and gaugino hadroproduction and decays in non-minimal flavour violating supersymmetry,” *Nucl. Phys.* **B787** (2007) 1–54, [arXiv:0704.1826 \[hep-ph\]](#).

- Next we have to integrate the spin and colour averaged squared matrix elements over the phase space to get the partonic cross section

$$\hat{\sigma}(s) = \frac{1}{2s} \int_{-1}^1 \overline{\sum} |M|^2 d \cos \theta$$

- And then we have to integrate the partonic cross section over the PDFs to get the hadronic cross section

$$\sigma(ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}_k \tilde{q}_l) = \int_0^1 f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) \hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow \tilde{q}_k \tilde{q}_l; s = x_1 x_2 S) dx_1 dx_2$$

$\{i, j\} = \{q, \bar{q}\}, \{g, g\}$

$$\underline{pp} \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \bar{\tilde{q}}_j$$

the process -1-loop

- 1-loop calculations introduce UV and IR divergences: require renormalisation, most involving part of the project
- Present status:

UV problem - solved! Our code is already UV convergent!

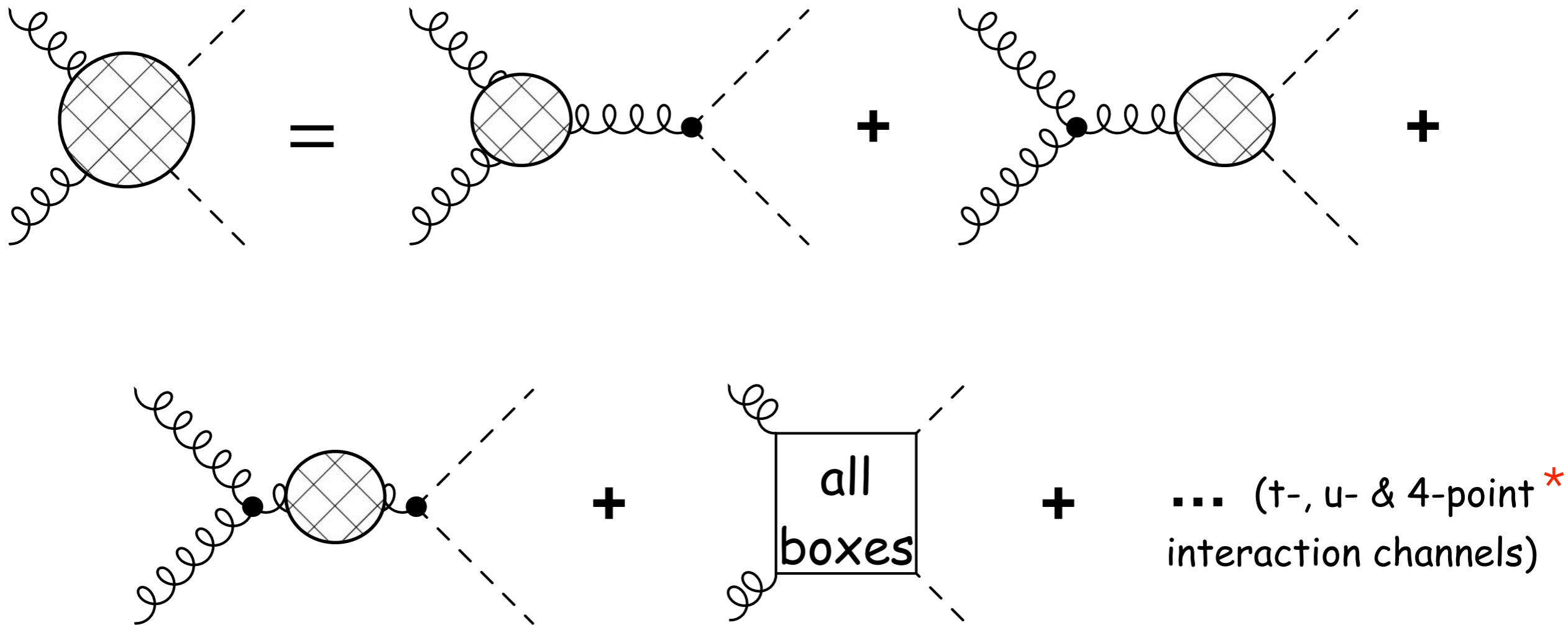
A stylized graphic of the word "Awesome!" in a bold, blue, bubbly font with a white outline and a black drop shadow. The exclamation point is also in the same style.

IR problem - main part solved! Still some work to do

- Now details

$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j^*$$

1-loop UV renormalisation

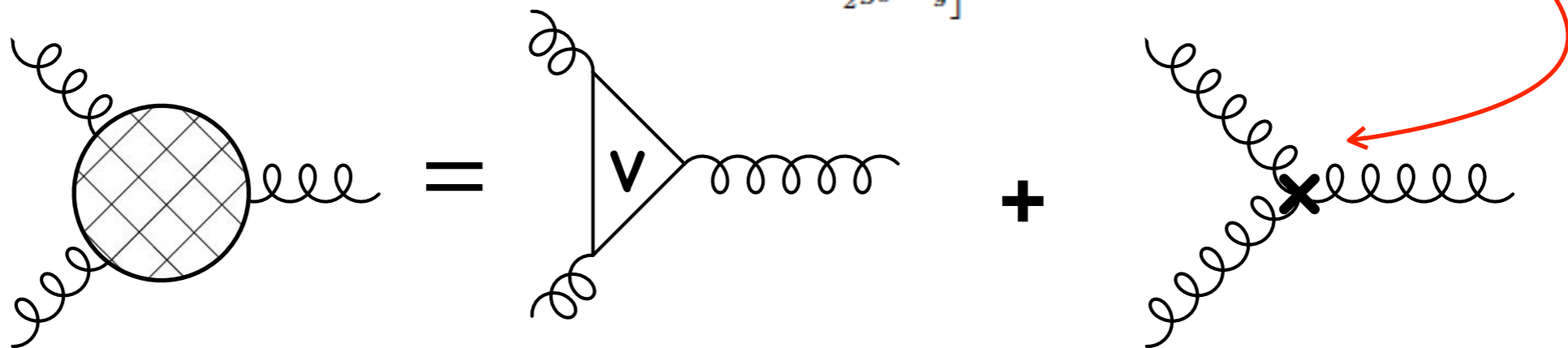


<sup>\*</sup>  = renormalised

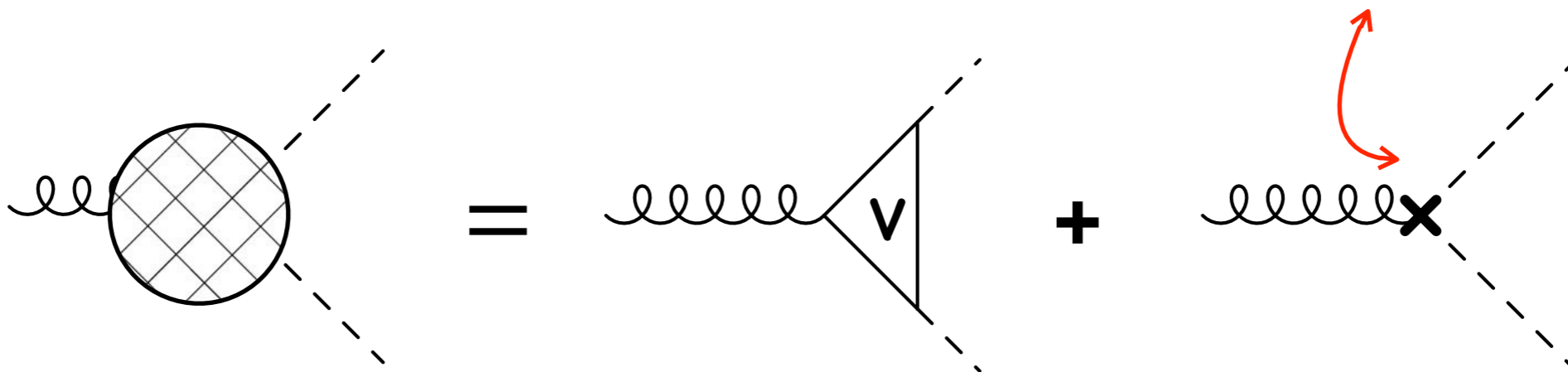
$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$$

# 1-loop UV renormalisation

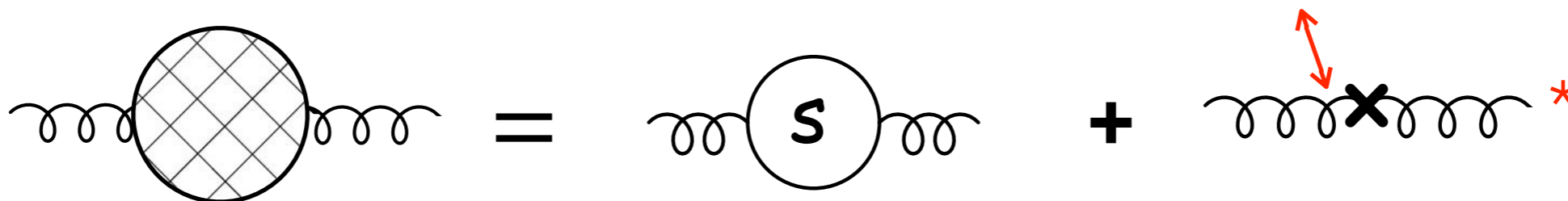
$$f_{abc} \left[ (p_1 - p_2)^\rho \eta^{\mu\nu} + (p_3 - p_1)^\nu \eta^{\rho\mu} + (p_2 - p_3)^\mu \eta^{\nu\rho} \right] \left[ \delta g_s + \frac{3}{2} g_s \delta Z_g \right]$$



$$i(p_3^\mu - p_2^\mu) \left[ \delta g_s \delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} g_s ((\delta Z_{\tilde{q}} + \delta Z_{\tilde{q}}^\dagger)_{ij} + \delta Z_g \delta_{ij}) \right] T_{mn}^a$$



$$-i \delta_{ab} \delta Z_g (p^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} - p^\mu p^\nu)$$



\* v = vertices, s = self energies, x = counter terms



# $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$ 1-loop UV renormalisation

- Field renormalisation: bare fields as functions of the renormalised ones

$$g_b^\mu = \sqrt{Z_g} g^\mu \simeq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_g\right) g^\mu ,$$

$$q_{b,f}^L = \left(\sqrt{Z_q^L}\right)_{ff'} q_{f'}^L \simeq \left[\delta_{ff'} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta Z_q^L\right)_{ff'}\right] q_{f'}^L ,$$

$$q_{b,f}^R = \left(\sqrt{Z_q^R}\right)_{ff'} q_{f'}^R \simeq \left[\delta_{ff'} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta Z_q^R\right)_{ff'}\right] q_{f'}^R ,$$

$$\tilde{g}_b^L = \sqrt{Z_{\tilde{g}}^L} \tilde{g}^L \simeq \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^L\right] \tilde{g}^L ,$$

$$\tilde{g}_b^R = \sqrt{Z_{\tilde{g}}^R} \tilde{g}^R \simeq \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^R\right] \tilde{g}^R ,$$

$$\tilde{q}_{b,i} = \left(\sqrt{Z_{\tilde{q}}}\right)_{ij} \tilde{q}_j \simeq \left[\delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\delta Z_{\tilde{q}}\right)_{ij}\right] \tilde{q}_j ,$$



# $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$ 1-loop UV renormalisation

- Parameter renormalisation: shifts quark, squark and gluino masses

$$\left(m_{q,b}\right)_{ff'} = \left(m_{q,b}\right)_f \delta_{ff'} \simeq \left(m_q + \delta m_q\right)_{ff'} = m_q \delta_{ff'} + \left(\delta m_q\right)_{ff'} ,$$

$$\left(m_{\tilde{q},b}^2\right)_{ii'} = m_{\tilde{q}_i,b}^2 \delta_{ii'} \simeq \left(m_{\tilde{q}}^2 + \delta m_{\tilde{q}}^2\right)_{ii'} = m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2 \delta_{ii'} + \left(\delta m_{\tilde{q}}^2\right)_{ii'} ,$$

$$m_{\tilde{g},b} \simeq m_{\tilde{g}} + \delta m_{\tilde{g}} ,$$

- requires redefinition of the squark mixing matrices

$$\left(R^{\tilde{q}}\right)_{ij} \simeq \left(R^{\tilde{q}}\right)_{ij} + \left(\delta R^{\tilde{q}}\right)_{ij} ,$$

- and shifts the strong coupling constant

$$g_{s,b} \simeq g_s + \delta g_s$$

**DONE**

- All the renormalisation constants and parameter shifts are calculated, everything works good, the process is UV convergent!

$$\underline{pp} \rightarrow \underline{\tilde{q}_i \bar{\tilde{q}}_j}$$

1-loop IR problem

$$\sigma^{\text{ren}} = \sigma^{\text{tree}} \checkmark + \sigma^{\text{virt}} \checkmark (\Delta_{IR}, \Delta_{IR}^2) + \sigma^{\text{real}} \times (\Delta_{IR}, \Delta_{IR}^2, \Delta E_g)$$

- For the real radiation part we use phase space slicing technique

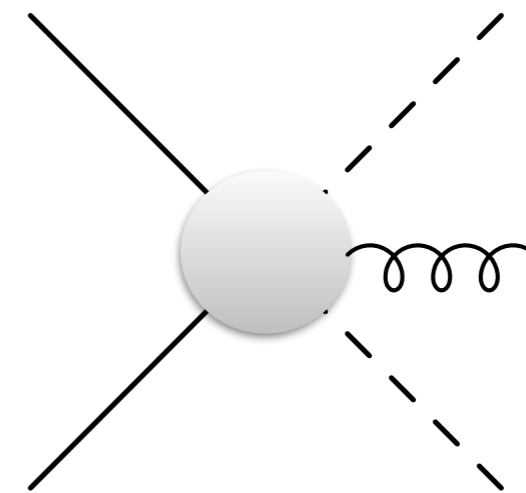
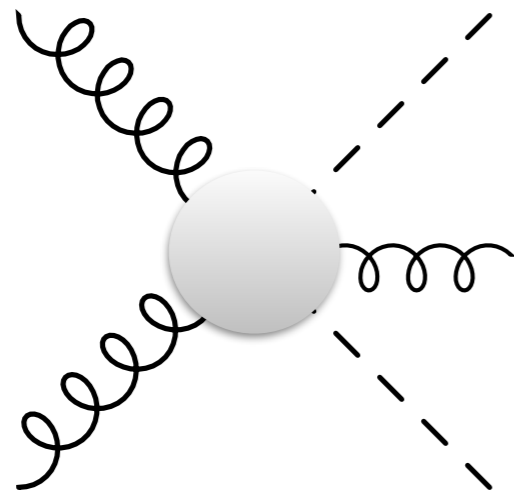
$$\sigma^{\text{real}} = \sigma^{\text{3,hard}} \checkmark (\Delta_{IR}, \Delta E_g) + \sigma^{\text{soft}} \times (\Delta_{IR}, \Delta_{IR}^2, \Delta E_g) + \sigma^{\text{coll}} \times (\Delta_{IR}, \Delta E_g)$$

- we have 2 cuts in the game:  $\Delta E_g, \Delta \cos\theta$
- but effectively only 1:  $\Delta E_g$

B. W. Harris and J. F. Owens, Phys. Rev. D 65 (2002) 094032 [arXiv:hep-ph/0102128]

$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$  1-loop IR problem - hard radiation

- Real radiation contributions for each squark sector up/down



- \* s-channel: 7 graphs
- \* t-channel: 7 graphs
- \* u-channel: 7 graphs
- \* 4-point interaction: 4 graphs

- \* s-channel: 6 graphs
- \* t-channel: 5 graphs

**DONE**

# $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$ 1-loop IR problem - soft radiation

- The  $2 \rightarrow 3$  contributions to the partonic cross section

$$\sigma = \sigma_H + \sigma_S = \frac{1}{2\Phi} \int \overline{\sum} |M_3|^2 d\Gamma_3$$

$$\sigma_H = \frac{1}{2\Phi} \int_H \overline{\sum} |M_3|^2 d\Gamma_3$$

$$\sigma_S = \frac{1}{2\Phi} \int_S \overline{\sum} |M_3|^2 d\Gamma_3$$

- The soft region is defined in terms of gluon energy in the rest frame of the incoming partons

$$0 \leq E_5 \leq \delta_s \sqrt{s_{12}}/2 = \Delta E_g$$

- We parametrise the divergences using dimensional regularisation  
[B. W. Harris, J. F. Owens, PhysRevD.65.094032]

- The result in  $n (=D)$  dimensions

$$d\sigma_S = \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \left( \frac{4\pi\mu_r^2}{s_{12}} \right)^\epsilon \right] \sum_{f,f'=1}^4 d\sigma_{ff'}^0 \int \frac{-p_f \cdot p_{f'}}{p_f \cdot p_5 p_{f'} \cdot p_5} dS$$

# $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$ 1-loop IR problem - soft radiation

- where  $d\sigma_{ff'}^0 = \frac{1}{2\Phi} \sum \overline{M_{ff'}^0} d\Gamma_2$

are the colour linked Born amplitudes in  $n (=D)$  dimensions

- and  $\int \frac{-p_f \cdot p_{f'}}{p_f \cdot p_5 p_{f'} \cdot p_5} dS$

are the eikonal integrals in  $n (=D)$  dimensions

## Status:

- The colour linked Born amplitudes in for quark-antiquark initial state are calculated and checked
- We have derived all eikonal integrals using the integrals of t'Hooft Veltman and making the transformation  $\ln \lambda^2 \rightarrow -\Delta + \ln \mu^2$

[t'Hooft, Veltman, Nucl. Phys B153 (1979) 365]

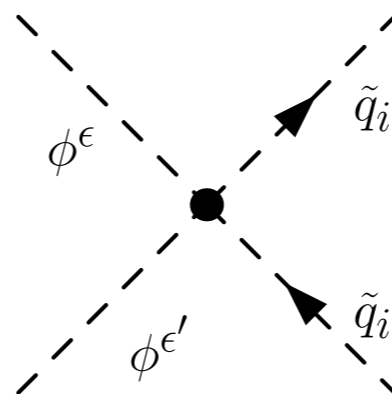
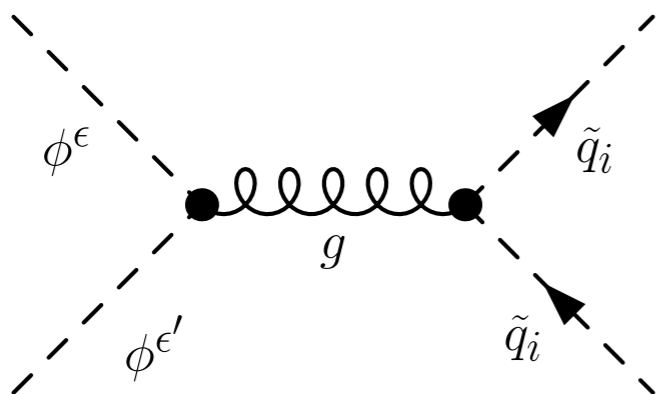
- Still unfinished - the colour linked Born amplitudes in  $n (=D)$  dimensions for gluon-gluon initial state and the cross-check of the eikonal integrals

# $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \bar{\tilde{q}}_j$ 1-loop IR problem - collinear divergences

- When a gluon is radiated off in the same direction - parameterised with the angle between the initial and the radiated gluons
- The problem requires mass factorisation - in principle can be done in DREG and in DRED schemes
- We work in DRED - 4-dimensional gluon, does not break SUSY, but additional epsilon scalars contributions have to be calculated

$$|\mathcal{M}_{GG}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{gg}|^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{\phi\phi}|^2$$


- These are two graphs



# $pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$ 1-loop IR problem - collinear divergences

- Their contribution gives

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\phi\phi}|^2 = \varepsilon (n_c^2 - 1) g_s^4 \left( \frac{(t-u)^2}{s^2} + \frac{n_c^2 - 2}{n_c} \right)$$

- In DRED for the subtracted hard scattering cross section at NLO, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int d\hat{\sigma}_{GG \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*G}^{\text{DRED}} &= \int d\sigma_{GG \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*G}^{\text{DRED}} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left( \right. \\ &\quad \int_0^{1-\delta} dx_1 \left( P_{g \rightarrow gg}(x_1) d\sigma_{gg \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*}(x_1 p_1, p_2) + P_{\phi \rightarrow \phi g}(x_1) d\sigma_{\phi\phi \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*}(x_1 p_1, p_2) \right) \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^{1-\delta} dx_2 \left( P_{g \rightarrow gg}(x_2) d\sigma_{gg \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*}(p_1, x_2 p_2) + P_{\phi \rightarrow \phi g}(x_2) d\sigma_{\phi\phi \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*}(p_1, x_2 p_2) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Here the  $x=1$  regions are missing
- As a cross-check we will do the whole IR renormalisation also in the dipole function formalism



$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{q}_i \tilde{q}_j$$

hadronic cross section

- When having everything done at parton level, we need to integrate over the PDFs to get the hadronic cross section
- In our approach with only one cut  $\Delta E_g$  this procedure reduces to the one in the tree-level case

HAPPY END

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Conclusions

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- We study squark production at LHC including next-to-leading order SUSY-QCD corrections within the MSSM with non-minimal flavour violation. The project is still on-going, at present:
- We already have a UV convergent result
- The process is still not completely free from IR divergences though
- For a complete result missing: color linked Born amplitudes for gluon-gluon and the cross-check of the eikonal integrals in D dimensions for the mass factorisation procedure
- We are soon to be ready with this job and make many beautiful plots for our paper, so stay tuned!!!

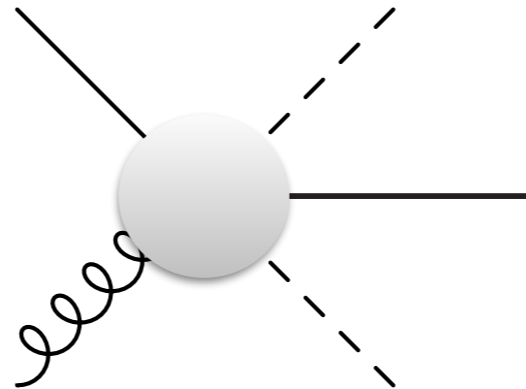


Thank you!



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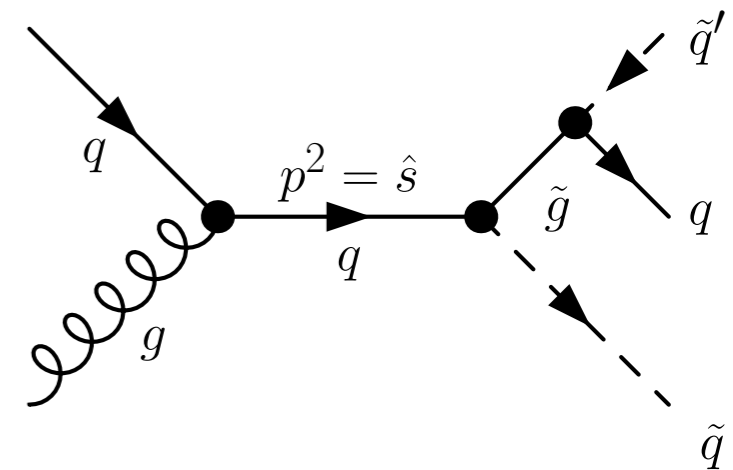
- For massless quarks we have an additional contribution from the kind



- Here we can only have collinear divergences

$$\sigma^{\text{real}} = \sigma^{\text{3,hard}}(\Delta_{IR}) + \sigma^{\text{coll}}(\Delta_{IR})$$

- There exists a resonant graph with gluino



- We have removed this contribution by requiring the following kinematic conditions to be true

$$\sqrt{\hat{s}} > m_{\tilde{g}} + m_{\tilde{q}}$$

$$m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{q}'}$$

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- We can write the phase space integrals as

[see 0102128 and therein Z. Kunszt and D. E. Soper, PRD 46 (1992) 192]

$$I = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left\{ \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x} x^\epsilon F(x) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} F(0) \right\}$$

where  $F(x)$  is related to the  $2 \rightarrow 3$  matrix element

- Phase space slicing method - the integration is divided in two parts  $0 < x < \delta$  and  $\delta < x < 1$  for  $\delta \ll 1$
- Maclaurin expansion of  $F(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left\{ \int_0^\delta \frac{dx}{x} x^\epsilon F(x) + \int_\delta^1 \frac{dx}{x} x^\epsilon F(x) - \frac{1}{\epsilon} F(0) \right\} \\ &= \int_\delta^1 \frac{dx}{x} F(x) + F(0) \ln \delta + \mathcal{O}(\delta) \end{aligned}$$

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- It is then simple to get the coefficient of the divergence:

$$I = F(0) \ln \delta_i + I(\delta_i) \quad \text{with} \quad I(\delta_i) = \int_0^\delta \frac{dx}{x} x^\epsilon F(x)$$

- For two small values we get the same integral

$$F(0) = \frac{I(\delta_2) - I(\delta_1)}{\ln \delta_1 - \ln \delta_2}$$

- We use this procedure to get rid of the second (cos theta) cut and to use one-cutoff technique in the mass factorisation