

Four-dimensional regularization (FDR)



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Outline

- 1 Intro and motivations
- 2 UV divergences
- 3 IR infinities

Dealing with infinities is **costly**:

- Regularization
- Renormalization
- Counterterms
- Subtractions . . .

A great deal of intermediate steps!

The aim of **FDR** is to provide a shortcut to the physical answer, avoiding the avoidable steps of the calculation

- R.P., [arXiv:1208.5457](#) (first paper)
- A.M. Donati and R.P., [arXiv:1302.5668](#)
(1-loop **EW** in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- R.P., [arXiv:1307.0705](#)
(1-loop massless **QCD** in $H \rightarrow gg$)
- A.M. Donati and R.P., [arXiv:1311.5500](#)
(2-loop **QCD** in $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)
- R.P., [arXiv:1408.5345](#)
(integration-by-parts identities)

UV

Imagine to **define** a **four-dimensional** multi-loop integration

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$$

- **coinciding** with normal integration for UV finite integrals
- always **UV finite**
- **independent of any UV cutoff**, but dependent on the (arbitrary) renormalization scale μ_R

IF such a definition fulfills

i) **Invariance under shift of any integration variable:**

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell) = \int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(q_1 + p_1, \dots, q_\ell + p_\ell)$$

ii) **Simplifications among numerators and denominators:**

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] \frac{\bar{q}_i^2 - m_i^2}{(\bar{q}_i^2 - m_i^2)^m \dots} = \int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] \frac{1}{(\bar{q}_i^2 - m_i^2)^{m-1} \dots}$$

$$(\bar{q}^2 = q^2 + i0 \equiv q^2 - \mu^2)$$

then Gauge Invariance (and other symmetries of the **QFT**) are guaranteed **because**

- usual manipulations hold at the integrand level
- any graphical proof of Ward-Identities holds

IF such a definition exists **UNLIKE*** other four-dimensional approaches (*Pauli-Villars, Implicit Regularization, Dimensional Reduction, FDH...*)

Regularization \Leftrightarrow Renormalization

- **QFT** renormalized by re-interpreting loop integrals
- μ_R drops after fixing free parameters in \mathcal{L} in terms of observables (**finite renormalization**)

* Due to the absence of UV cutoff

Such a definition exists

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{1}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^2} \equiv \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbf{R}} d^4 q \left(\frac{1}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^2} - \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] \right) \Big|_{\mu = \mu_R}$$

$$= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4 q \left(\frac{M^2}{\bar{q}^4 (\bar{q}^2 - M^2)} + \frac{M^2}{\bar{q}^2 (\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^2} \right) \Big|_{\mu = \mu_R}$$

- Induced IR divergence **provisionally** regulated by

$$\bar{q}^2 = q^2 + i0 \equiv q^2 - \mu^2$$

- Dependence on UV regulator **R** canceled by **Partial Fractioning (FDR defining expansion)**

$$\frac{1}{\bar{q}^2 - M^2} = \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2} + \frac{M^2}{\bar{q}^2 (\bar{q}^2 - M^2)}$$

- $\mu \rightarrow \mu_R$ possible at the **integrand level** (e.g. for numerical evaluations)

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{1}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^2}$$

$$\equiv \int_{\mathbf{R}} d^4 q \left(\frac{1}{(q^2 - M^2)^2} - \left[\frac{1}{(q^2 - \mu_R^2)^2} \right] \right)$$

UV **finite** four-dimensional integral

Renormalization scale

- **In general:** take the **integrand** of an ℓ -loop function

$$J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell) = [J_{\text{INF}}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)] + J_{\text{F},\ell}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$$

- The divergent loop **integrands** in $[J_{\text{INF}}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)]$ allowed to depend on μ , **but not on physical scales**

$$\Rightarrow \text{physics in } J_{\text{F},\ell}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$$

- The FDR integral over $J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$ is **defined** as

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell) \equiv \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4 q_1 \dots d^4 q_\ell J_{\text{F},\ell}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$$

A two-loop FDR defining expansion with $\bar{D}_i = \bar{q}_i^2 - m_i^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} = \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right] && (q_{12} = q_1 + q_2) \\
 + & m_1^2 \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right] + \frac{m_1^4}{(\bar{D}_1 \bar{q}_1^4)} \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_2^4} \right] - m_1^4 \frac{q_1^2 + 2(q_1 \cdot q_2)}{(\bar{D}_1 \bar{q}_1^4) \bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \\
 + & m_2^2 \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 \bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right] + \frac{m_2^4}{(\bar{D}_2 \bar{q}_2^4)} \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4} \right] - m_2^4 \frac{q_2^2 + 2(q_1 \cdot q_2)}{\bar{q}_1^4 (\bar{D}_2 \bar{q}_2^4) \bar{q}_{12}^2} \\
 + & m_{12}^2 \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^4} \right] + \frac{m_{12}^4}{(\bar{D}_{12} \bar{q}_{12}^4)} \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4} \right] - m_{12}^4 \frac{q_{12}^2 - 2(q_1 \cdot q_{12})}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^2 (\bar{D}_{12} \bar{q}_{12}^4)} \\
 + & \frac{m_1^2 m_2^2}{(\bar{D}_1 \bar{q}_1^2) (\bar{D}_2 \bar{q}_2^2) \bar{q}_{12}^2} + \frac{m_1^2 m_{12}^2}{(\bar{D}_1 \bar{q}_1^2) \bar{q}_2^2 (\bar{D}_{12} \bar{q}_{12}^2)} + \frac{m_2^2 m_{12}^2}{\bar{q}_1^2 (\bar{D}_2 \bar{q}_2^2) (\bar{D}_{12} \bar{q}_{12}^2)} \\
 + & \frac{m_1^2 m_2^2 m_{12}^2}{(\bar{D}_1 \bar{q}_1^2) (\bar{D}_2 \bar{q}_2^2) (\bar{D}_{12} \bar{q}_{12}^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

“Sub-vacua” must be canceled by one-loop counterterms!

Proof of shift-invariance and num/den simplifications

i)

FDR integrals as finite differences of **shift invariant** UV divergent integrals

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(\{q_i\})$$

$$= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \mu_R^{-\ell\epsilon} \int d^n q_1 \dots d^n q_\ell \left(J(\{q_i\}) - [J_{\text{INF}}(\{q_i\})] \right)$$

r.h.s. regulated in DR (but any regulator **R** would give same result)

ii)

Provided any q_i^2 appearing in the numerator from Feynman rules is also shifted $q_i^2 \rightarrow \bar{q}_i^2$ (*Global Prescription*). For instance

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{\bar{q}^2 - M^2}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} = \int [d^4 q] \frac{1}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^2} \quad (1)$$

Extra integrals containing μ^2 appear, and Eq. (1) holds **only if** the **same** subtraction is performed in front of μ^2 **as if it was** $q^\alpha q^\beta$

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{\mu^2}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} \equiv \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbf{R}} d^4 q \left(\frac{\mu^2}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} - \left[\frac{\mu^2}{\bar{q}^6} \right] \right) = \frac{i\pi^2}{2}$$

Manipulating FDR integrals

Need to reduce the problem to simpler **Master Integrals** (MIs)

- **Tensor reduction** ($\bar{D}_0 = \bar{q}^2 - m_0^2$) compatible with **consistency conditions**

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{\bar{D}_0^3} = \frac{g^{\alpha\beta}}{4} \int [d^4 q] \frac{q^2}{\bar{D}_0^3} = \frac{g^{\alpha\beta}}{4} \int [d^4 q] \frac{1}{\bar{D}_0^2}$$

- **Integration-by-parts identities** ($\bar{D}_1 = (q+p)^2 - m_1^2 - \mu^2$)

$$0 = \int [d^4 q] \frac{\partial}{\partial q^\alpha} \frac{q^\alpha}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1} = \int [d^4 q] \left\{ \frac{4}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1} - 2 \frac{q^2}{\bar{D}_0^2 \bar{D}_1} - 2 \frac{q^2 + (q \cdot p)}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1^2} \right\}$$

In both cases $q^2 = \bar{D}_0 + m_0^2 + \mu^2$ needed to simplify with \bar{D}_0 and

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{\mu^2}{\bar{D}_0^3} = \int [d^4 q] \frac{\mu^2}{\bar{D}_0^2 \bar{D}_1} = \int [d^4 q] \frac{\mu^2}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1^2} = \frac{i\pi^2}{2}$$

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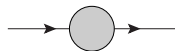
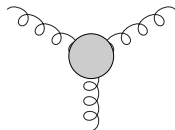
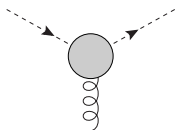
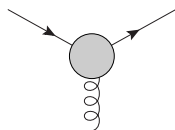
- ① The **FDR** approach to the **UV** problem defines a **four-dimensional and finite loop-integration** in a way compatible with shift and gauge invariance

- ② This is achieved by

encoding the UV subtraction
in the definition of the loop integrals

- ③ **Algebraic integrand manipulations** are allowed to reduce FDR integrals to MIs **without using their explicit definition**:
No reference to $[J_{\text{INF}}] \Rightarrow$ subtracted integrands **“irrelevant”**

Two-loop off-shell QCD amplitudes in FDR

WORK IN PROGRESS (Page, R.P.): G_1^{2-loop}  G_2^{2-loop}  G_3^{2-loop}  G_4^{2-loop}  G_5^{2-loop}  G_6^{2-loop}

- The splitting $J(q_1, q_2) = [J_{\text{INF}}(q_1, q_2)] + J_{\text{F}}(q_1, q_2)$ can be thought **both** as a way of extracting UV infinities in **DR** and as the starting point to define the **FDR** integration

- **FDR must** be equivalent to a particular **DR** renormalization scheme formulated in terms of **CTs** ($Z_G, Z_{Gh}, Z_\Psi, Z_{\alpha_S}, Z_m$)
- This happens **IF** 2-loop “sub-vacua” are canceled by 1-loop CTs
- We find



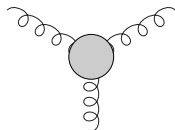
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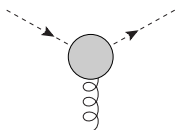
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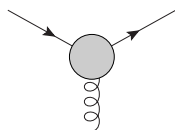
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* require the addition of extra-integrals – readable from the original 2-loop integrand – to maintain **consistency conditions**

IR (virtual)

 μ^2 in propagators also regulates IR infinities

- **CL/UV** singularities compensate each other

$$B^{\text{FDR}}(p^2 = 0, 0, 0) = \int [d^4 q] \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2((q+p)^2 - \mu^2)} = \mathbf{0}$$

- Due to a **full** cancellation between **CL** and **UV** regulators

$$B^{\text{FDR}}(p^2, 0, 0) = -i\pi^2 \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx [\ln(\mu^2 - p^2 x(1-x)) - \ln(\mu^2)]$$

- **FDR scale-less UV divergent integrals vanish** (as in DR)

- Overlapping **Soft/CL** infinities at one loop

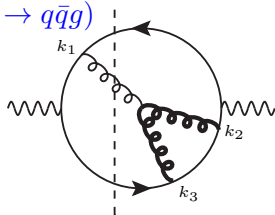
If $\bar{D}_i = (q + p_i)^2 - \mu^2$ with $p_i^2 = 0$ and $s = -2(p_1 \cdot p_2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(s) &= \int [d^4q] \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4q \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2} \\
 &= \frac{i\pi^2}{s} \left[\frac{\ln^2(\mu^2/s) - \pi^2}{2} + i\pi \ln(\mu^2/s) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

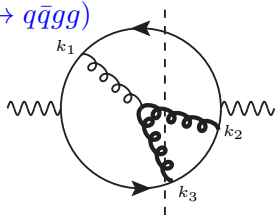
IR (real)

How $\mu^2 \rightarrow \mu^2 - i\epsilon$ regulator in virtuals matches the reals?

$V(\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}g)$



$R(\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}gg)$

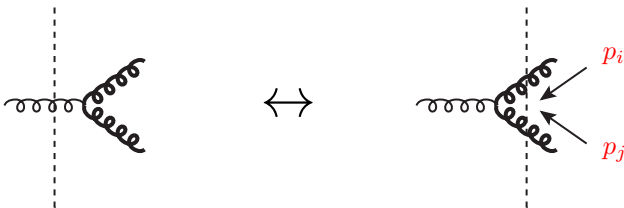


$$V = - \int 2\pi\delta_+(k_1^2) \frac{-i}{\bar{k}_2^2 - i\epsilon} \frac{-i}{\bar{k}_3^2 - i\epsilon} f(k_j) \delta^4(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) dk_1^0 dk_2^0 dk_3^0$$

$$R = \int \frac{i}{k_1^2 + i\epsilon} 2\pi\delta_-(\bar{k}_2^2) 2\pi\delta_-(\bar{k}_3^2) f(k_j) \delta^4(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) dk_1^0 dk_2^0 dk_3^0$$

One proves that **IR logs** match and cancel in $(V+R)$ via

$$\frac{1}{k_1^2 + i\epsilon} = -2\pi i \delta_+(k_1^2) + \left(\frac{1}{k_1^2 - i\epsilon k_1^0} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad 2\pi i \delta_-(\bar{k}_{2,3}^2) = \frac{1}{\bar{k}_{2,3}^2 - i\epsilon} - \left(\frac{1}{\bar{k}_{2,3}^2 - i\epsilon k_{2,3}^0} \right)$$



$$\frac{1}{q^2 - \mu^2} \leftrightarrow \delta(q^2 - \mu^2)$$

- $p_{i,j}^2 = \mu^2 \rightarrow 0$ in Phase-Space boundaries (μ -massive PS)
- The massless (gauge invariant) $|M|_{\mathbb{R}}^2(\{\hat{p}_i\})$ has to be integrated over a μ -massive PS. E.g. with **fudge factors**

$$\frac{1}{2(\hat{p}_i \cdot \hat{p}_j)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2(\hat{p}_i \cdot \hat{p}_j)} \left[\frac{2(\hat{p}_i \cdot \hat{p}_j)}{(p_i + p_j)^2} \right] \quad (\hat{p}_{i,j}^2 = 0)$$

- **Unobserved (Virtual or Real) particles are given a mass μ**

Two general treatments of IR infinities at NLO

- ① $\ln \mu^2$ terms extracted **analytically** from virtuals and matched with logs obtained **numerically** from reals

(as Phase-Space slicing but **no analytic subtraction of $1/\epsilon$ IR poles needed nor approximations in Soft/CL regions**)

WORK IN PROGRESS (Donati, Moretti, Piccinini, R.P.):

- ② **Disintegrating** the virtuals by rewriting $\ln \mu^2$ s appearing there as **local** counterterms of the reals

(**counterterms** automatically generated during the computation of the loop part. Once added to reals **$\mu \rightarrow 0$ possible in μ -massive PS**)

- **Soft/CL** counterterms **directly read** from virtuals

$$\int d\Phi_2 \mathcal{R}e \left(\int [d^4 q] \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2} \right) = \int_{\mu} d\Phi_3 \frac{1}{s_{13} s_{32}}$$

which means to rewrite the virtual $\ln^2 \mu^2$ as

$$\ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{s_{ijk}} - \pi^2 = \frac{8s}{\pi^2} \int_{\mu} d\Phi_3 \frac{1}{s_{ij} s_{jk}}$$

In practice one sets $\int [d^4 q] 1/(\bar{q}^2 \bar{D}_i \bar{D}_k) = 0$ and compensates by subtracting $1/(s_{ij} s_{jk})$ in the real part

- **CL** s_{ij}^n/s_{ik} counterterms determined by universal collinear behavior encoded in the Altarelli-Parisi splitting functions

The knowledge of the coefficients of the IR divergent 1-loop 3-point functions is enough to construct **all** the local counterterms

- Numerical stability of this approach **under study**
- Extension to initial state radiation **under construction**

The aim is to extend this treatment to NNLO and construct a general fully four-dimensional and local subtraction scheme for IR divergences

Summary and outlook

- 1 QFT renormalized by **defining** a new mathematical object (**FDR** integral) compatible with shift and gauge invariance
- 2 Results of renormalizable QFT reproduced, only **finite** and **global** renormalization needed, \mathcal{L} **untouched**, no order-by-order **UV** counterterms
- 3 **IR** divergences naturally fit the **FDR** scheme
- 4 Investigation under way on the numerical stability and speed of the four-dimensional local **FDR** subtraction of the **IR** infinities at one loop
- 5 Work in progress toward **numerical** applications at two loops fully exploiting the four-dimensionality of **FDR**

Thank you!

Backup slides

- Notice that $J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$ can also be a **tensor**. E. g.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int [d^4 q] \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} \\
 & \equiv \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbf{R}} d^4 q \left(\frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} - \left[\frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{\bar{q}^6} \right] \right) \\
 & = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4 q q^\alpha q^\beta \left(\frac{M^2}{\bar{q}^6 (\bar{q}^2 - M^2)} + \frac{M^2}{\bar{q}^4 (\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^2} + \frac{M^2}{\bar{q}^2 (\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Dependence on μ of FDR integrals

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(\{q_i\})$$

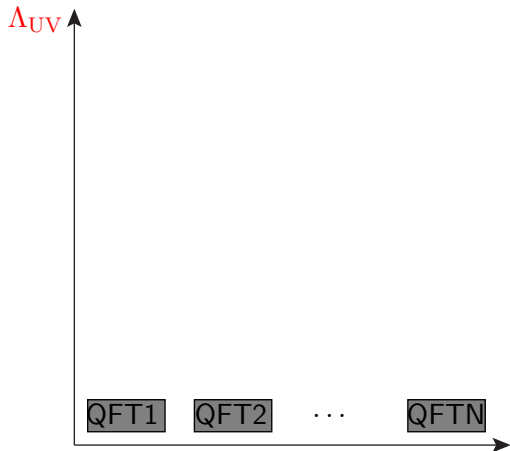
$$= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \mu_R^{-\ell\epsilon} \int d^m q_1 \dots d^m q_\ell \left(J(\{q_i\}) - [J_{\text{INF}}(\{q_i\})] \right)$$

- ① First term in r.h.s. independent of μ ($\mu \rightarrow 0$ in *integrand*)
- ② Polynomially divergent integrals in $[J_{\text{INF}}]$ **do not contribute** (proportional to positive powers of μ)
- ③ $\ln(\mu/\mu_R)$ s **generated by log divergent integrals in $[J_{\text{INF}}]$** :
 - FDR integrals depend on μ *logarithmically*
 - By sidestepping the subtraction of the $\ln(\mu/\mu_R)$ s, $\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0}$ formally taken by trading $\ln(\mu)$ for $\ln(\mu_R)$

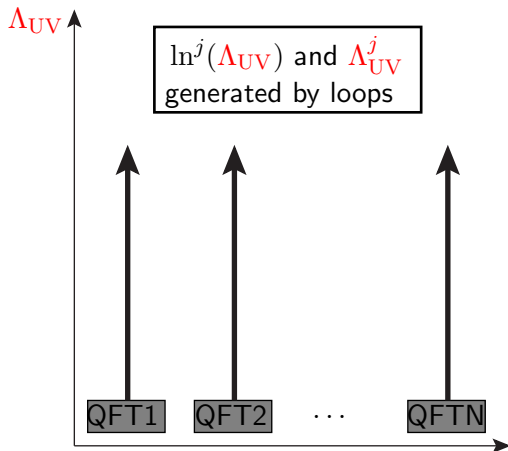
FDR integrals do not depend on any cutoff but only on the renormalization scale μ_R

Renormalization in FDR

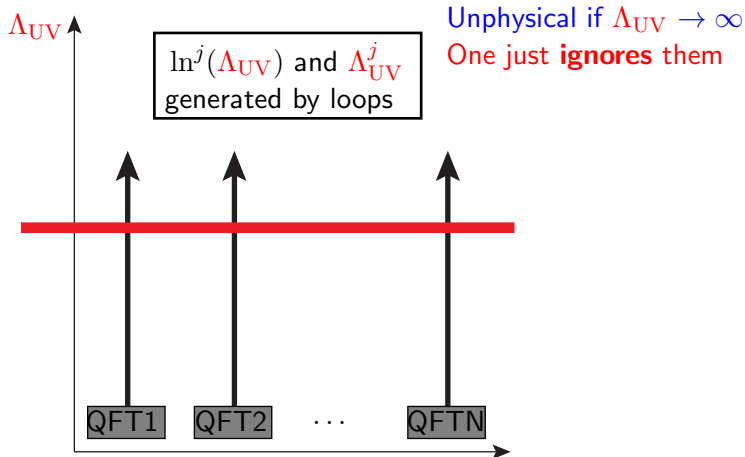
QFTs vs UV cutoff (I)



QFTs vs UV cutoff (II)



QFTs vs UV cutoff (III)



The right question is not “Where do the infinities go?” but

What is the cost of **ignoring** infinities?

- No cost for polynomially divergent infinities (decoupling)
- Only logarithmic infinities influence the physical spectrum ($\ln \mu_R$ pops up in $J_{F,\ell}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$ when separating them)
- Physics at Λ_{UV} scale manifests itself only logarithmically at lower energies

Polynomial divergences are unobservable

Global Finite Renormalization

Consider the Lagrangian of a renormalizable QFT dependent on m parameters p_i ($i = 1 : m$)

$$\mathcal{L}(p_1, \dots, p_m)$$

Before an observable $\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}$ can be calculated, p_i must be fixed by means of m measurements

$$\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{TH}}(p_1, \dots, p_m) = \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{EXP}}$$

which determine p_i in terms of observables $\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{EXP}}$ and corrections computed at the loop level ℓ one is working:

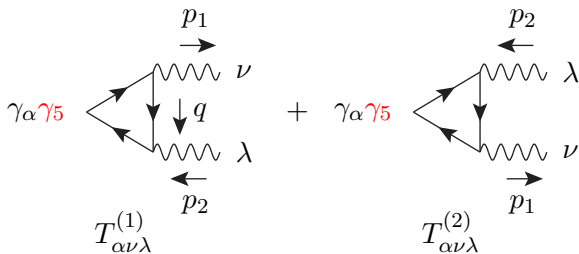
$$p_i = p_i^{\ell\text{-loop}}(\mathcal{O}_1^{\text{EXP}}, \dots, \mathcal{O}_m^{\text{EXP}}) \equiv \bar{p}_i$$

Then

$$\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m) \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m)}{\partial \mu_R} = 0$$

is a **prediction** of the QFT

A 1-loop warm-up: The ABJ anomaly



$$p^\alpha T_{\alpha\nu\lambda} = -i \frac{e^2}{4\pi^4} \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \not{p}_2 \gamma_\lambda \gamma_\nu \not{p}_1] \int [d^4 q] \mu^2 \frac{1}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2}$$

$$p^\alpha T_{\alpha\nu\lambda} = \frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \not{p}_2 \gamma_\lambda \gamma_\nu \not{p}_1]$$

A 2-loop warm-up: LL γ self-energy in QED

It is obtained by squaring the diagram

$$\begin{array}{c} p \\ \rightarrow \\ \text{wavy line } \alpha \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{wavy line } \beta \end{array} = i T_{\alpha\beta} \Pi(p^2) \quad T_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} p^2 - p_\alpha p_\beta$$

$$\Pi(p^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Pi_{-1} + \Pi_0 + \epsilon \Pi_1$$

In DR, one-loop UV counterterms are needed to avoid $\Pi_{-1}\Pi_1$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line } \alpha \quad \text{circle} \quad \text{wavy line } \beta \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line } \alpha \quad \bullet \quad \text{wavy line } \beta \end{array} = i T_{\alpha\beta} \Pi_0 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Therefore, up to terms $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

$$\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} = iT_{\alpha\beta} \Pi_0^2$$

In FDR, the product of two one-loop diagrams **is the product of the two finite parts**, so that one obtains **without counterterms**

$$= iT_{\alpha\beta} \Pi_{\text{FDR}}^2(p^2)$$

with $\Pi_{\text{FDR}}(p^2) = \Pi_0 = \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \frac{m^2 - p^2 x(1-x)}{\mu_R^2}$

\Rightarrow No order-by-order renormalization in FDR

- The previous example also shows that **ℓ -loop integrals are directly re-usable in $(\ell+1)$ -loop calculations**
- For instance, the two-loop factorizable FDR integral

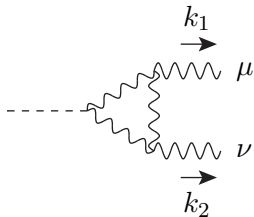
$$\int \frac{[d^4 q_1]}{(\bar{q}_1^2 - m_1^2)^\alpha} \times \int \frac{[d^4 q_2]}{(\bar{q}_2^2 - m_2^2)^\beta}$$

is simply the product of two one-loop FDR integrals

- That **is not** the case in DR, where further expanding in ϵ is in general required

Example 1: $H \rightarrow \gamma(k_1^\mu) \gamma(k_2^\nu)$ (generic R_ξ gauge)

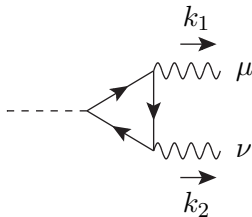
Alice M. Donati and R.P., arXiv:1302.5668



$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_W(\beta)$$

26 diagrams

$$\beta = \frac{4 M_W^2}{M_H^2}$$



$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_f(\eta)$$

2 diagrams

$$\eta = \frac{4 m_f^2}{M_H^2}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu}(\beta, \eta) = \left(\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_W(\beta) + \sum_f N_c Q_f^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_f(\eta) \right) T^{\mu\nu}$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = k_1^\nu k_2^\mu - (k_1 \cdot k_2) g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_W(\beta) = \frac{i e^3}{(4\pi)^2 s_W M_W} \left[2 + 3\beta + 3\beta(2 - \beta)f(\beta) \right]$$

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_f(\eta) = \frac{-i e^3}{(4\pi)^2 s_W M_W} 2\eta \left[1 + (1 - \eta)f(\eta) \right]$$

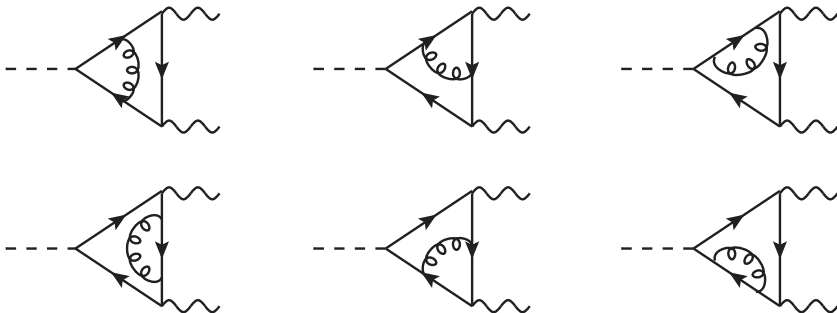
$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{4} \ln^2 \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - x + i\varepsilon}}{-1 + \sqrt{1 - x + i\varepsilon}} \right)$$

NOTE:

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{\bar{q}^2 g_{\mu\nu} - 4q_\mu q_\nu}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} = \int [d^4 q] \frac{-\mu^2}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i\pi^2}{2} g_{\mu\nu}$$

Example 2: gluonic corrections to $\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$

Alice M. Donati and R.P., arXiv:1311.5500



12 diagrams

Important facts

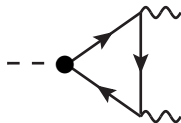
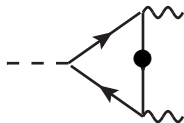
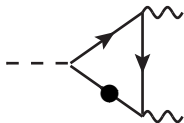
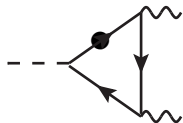


$$\mathcal{M}^{(2-loop)} = \underbrace{\mathcal{M}^{(1-loop)}}_{\frac{i\alpha}{3\pi v}} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi}\right) \quad (\text{when } m_{\text{top}} \rightarrow \infty)$$

- **No** integral by integral correspondence between FDR and DR and results coincide only at the very end
- If $m_{\text{top}} \rightarrow \infty$ **no** finite renormalization needed in FDR
- In DR no renormalization (of sub-divergences) with UV counterterms gives a **wrong** result

$$\text{---} \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \text{---} = -i \delta m$$

$$\text{---} \bullet \begin{cases} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{cases} = -i \frac{\delta m}{v}$$



$$= \begin{cases} 0 \times \delta m & \text{in FDR} & \text{with } \delta m \propto \ln \mu_R \\ \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \times \delta m & \text{in DR} & \text{with } \delta m \propto 1/\epsilon \end{cases}$$

Example 3: $\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg})$

R. P., arXiv:1307.0705

- **FDR** is used to compute the **NLO QCD** corrections to $\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}$ in the large top mass limit (effective ggH theory)
- The well known fully inclusive result

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) = \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(M_H^2)) \left[1 + \frac{95}{4} \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right]$$

is re-derived **both analytically and numerically**, where

$$\Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(M_H^2)) = \frac{G_F \alpha_S^2(M_H^2)}{36\sqrt{2}\pi^3} M_H^3$$

- **UV**, **Soft** and **CL** divergences, besides α_S **renormalization**

- One obtains

$$\Gamma_R(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ggg}) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S) \times \left[\ln^2 \frac{M_H^2}{\mu^2} - \pi^2 + \frac{73}{6} - \frac{11}{3} \ln \frac{M_H^2}{\mu^2} \right]$$

and (accounting for the finite renormalization term $(1 + \frac{11}{4} \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi})$ in the ggH effective coupling)

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) &= \Gamma_V(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) + \Gamma_R(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ggg}) \\ &= \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S) \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \left(\frac{95}{4} - \frac{11}{2} \ln \frac{M_H^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

α_S renormalization

- The residual μ^2 is a universal dependence on the renormalization scale ($\mu = \mu_R$)
- $\ln(\mu_R^2)$ can be reabsorbed in the gluonic running of the strong coupling constant (**Finite Global Renormalization**)

$$\Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S) \rightarrow \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(\mu_R^2))$$

$$\alpha_S(M_H^2) = \frac{\alpha_S(\mu_R^2)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \frac{11}{2} \ln \frac{M_H^2}{\mu_R^2}}$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) = \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(M_H^2)) \left[1 + \frac{95}{4} \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right]$$

quod erat demonstrandum

Looking inside the garbage bin

Independently of the number of external legs!

- ① $\left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right]$ is the only possible **subtracted** 1-loop **log divergent** scalar

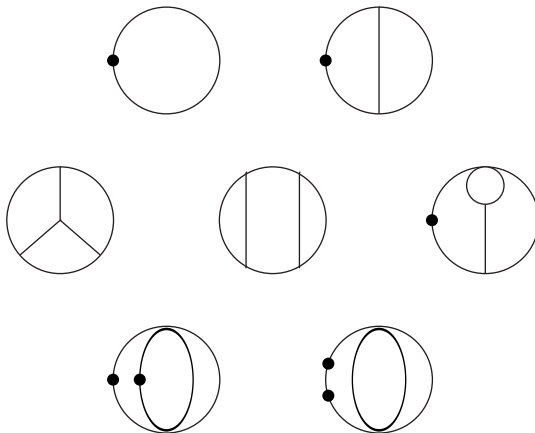
Vacuum Integrand \Leftrightarrow Vacuum Bubble

- ② At 2 loops $\left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right]$ is **log divergent**
- ③ Five additional **log divergent** vacuum integrands at 3 loops

$$\left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2 \bar{q}_{13}^2 ((q_2 - q_3)^2 - \mu^2)} \right] \quad \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_{12}^2 \bar{q}_{23}^2} \right]$$

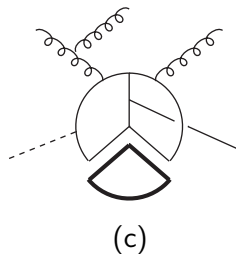
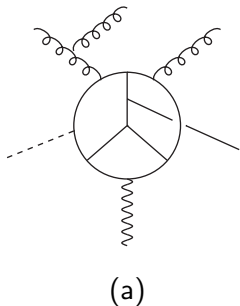
$$\left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2 \bar{q}_{123}^2} \right] \quad \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{123}^2} \right] \quad \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^6 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{123}^2} \right]$$

Corresponding 1-, 2- and 3-loop log topologies



By tensor reduction divergent tensors are reducible to combinations of those scalar topologies plus finite constants

Vacuum inside loops (pictorially)



(b) and (c) are **Vacuum Bubbles** generated by the generic diagram (a).
 They do not contribute to the interaction and are **discarded** (irrelevant!)

- Infinities are put back into the vacuum, rather than absorbed in the parameter of the Lagrangian \mathcal{L}

*Order-by-order **vacuum redefinition*** instead of order-by-order redefinition of \mathcal{L}*

- This is possible because no cutoff is left in FDR integrals to be compensated by counterterms in \mathcal{L}

***dubbed Topological Renormalization**

FDR versus BPHZ

- 1 The FDR subtraction is obtained by a formal expansion of the original loop integrands **around poles in \bar{q}_i^2** , and not via a Taylor expansion in the external momenta
- 2 In FDR poles in \bar{q}_i^2 giving rise to UV divergences are subtracted **without any attempt of re-introducing them into the Lagrangian**
- 3 **Gauge invariance is automatically respected** in FDR, while it must be enforced by hand in BPHZ

Shift invariance of one-loop FDR integrals

Given

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{D} &= q^2 - M^2 - \mu^2 \\ \bar{D}_p &= (q+p)^2 - M^2 - \mu^2\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}I^{(0)} &= \int [d^4q] \frac{1}{\bar{D}^2}, & I_p^{(0)} &= \int [d^4q] \frac{1}{\bar{D}_p^2} \\ I^{(2)} &= \int [d^4q] \frac{1}{\bar{D}}, & I_p^{(2)} &= \int [d^4q] \frac{1}{\bar{D}_p}\end{aligned}$$

I prove that

$$I^{(0)} = I_p^{(0)} \quad \text{and} \quad I^{(2)} = I_p^{(2)}$$

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From the FDR defining expansions one obtains

$$\frac{1}{\bar{D}^2} = \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] + J_F^{(0)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\bar{D}_p^2} = \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] + J_{F,p}^{(0)}$$

Then

$$I^{(0)} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^n q \left(\frac{1}{\bar{D}^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right) = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^n q \left(\frac{1}{\bar{D}_p^2} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right) = I_p^{(0)}$$

$$I^{(2)} = I_p^{(2)}$$

From the FDR defining expansions one obtains

$$\frac{1}{\bar{D}} = \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^2} \right] + M^2 \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] + J_F^{(2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\bar{D}_p} = \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^2} \right] + (M^2 - p^2) \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] - 2p^\alpha \left[\frac{q_\alpha}{\bar{q}^4} \right] + 4p^\alpha p^\beta \left[\frac{q_\alpha q_\beta}{\bar{q}^6} \right] + J_{F,p}^{(2)}$$

Then

$$I^{(2)} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^n q \left(\frac{1}{\bar{D}} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2} - \frac{M^2}{\bar{q}^4} \right)$$

and

$$I_p^{(2)} = I^{(2)} + \underbrace{\int d^n q \left(\frac{p^2}{\bar{q}^4} + 2 \frac{(q \cdot p)}{\bar{q}^4} - 4 \frac{(q \cdot p)^2}{\bar{q}^6} \right)}_{=0}$$

This is because

$$\int d^n q \frac{1}{q^2 - \mu^2} = \int d^n q \frac{1}{(q+p)^2 - \mu^2} =$$

$$\int d^n q \frac{1}{q^2 - \mu^2} \left[1 - \underbrace{\left(\frac{p^2 + 2(q \cdot p)}{\bar{q}^2} - 4 \frac{(q \cdot p)^2}{\bar{q}^4} \right)}_{\propto p^2 \text{ when integrated}} + \mathcal{O}(p^3) \right]$$

Then

$$\int d^n q \left(\frac{p^2}{\bar{q}^4} + 2 \frac{(q \cdot p)}{\bar{q}^4} - 4 \frac{(q \cdot p)^2}{\bar{q}^6} \right) = 0$$

which can also be tested by a direct computation

Equivalence of FDR and DR (in $\overline{\text{MS}}$) at one loop

When computed in DR in $n = 4 + \epsilon$ dimensions, the subtracted one-loop tensors obey *gauge preserving consistency relations*

$$\int d^n q \left[\frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{\bar{q}^6} \right] = \frac{g^{\mu\nu}}{4} \int d^n q \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right]$$

$$\int d^n q \left[\frac{q^\mu q^\nu q^\rho q^\sigma}{\bar{q}^8} \right] = \frac{(g^{\mu\nu} g^{\rho\sigma} + g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} + g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\rho})}{24} \int d^n q \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right]$$

For **both** scalars and tensors $J_{\text{INF}}(q)$ is proportional to

$$\mu_R^{-\epsilon} \int d^n q \left[\frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] = i\pi^2 \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \gamma_E - \ln \pi - \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_R^2} \right)$$

In FDR all terms but $\ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_R^2}$ are subtracted, as in $\overline{\text{MS}}$

UV divergences versus $\ln(\mu_R)$ in FDR integrals

The absence of UV infinities in $[J_{\text{INF}}]$ is a sufficient **but not necessary** condition for the absence of $\ln(\mu_R)$ in $J_{\text{F},\ell}$. For instance

$$\int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \left(\frac{2}{\bar{D}_1^2 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} - \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^2 \bar{D}_2^2} + \frac{4m^2}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2^2} \right) = 2\pi^4 f$$

with $\bar{D}_i = \bar{q}_i^2 - m^2$ and $f = \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\text{Li}_2(e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}) - \text{Li}_2(e^{-i\frac{\pi}{3}}) \right)$. While

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu_R^{-2\epsilon} \int d^n q_1 d^n q_2 \left[\frac{2}{\bar{D}_1^2 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} - \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^2 \bar{D}_2^2} + \frac{4m^2}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2^2} \right]_{\text{INF}} \\ &= \pi^4 \left\{ -2 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \pi + \gamma_E + \ln \frac{m^2}{\mu_R^2} \right) - 3 + 2f \right\} \end{aligned}$$

IBP identity at two loops in FDR

- With $D_i = q_i^2 - m_i^2$ and $q_{12} = q_1 + q_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1^\alpha} \frac{q_1^\alpha q_1^\beta q_1^\gamma}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} \\
 &= \int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] q_1^\beta q_1^\gamma \left\{ \frac{6}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} - \frac{6q_1^2}{\bar{D}_1^4 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} - 2 \frac{(q_1 \cdot q_{12})}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}^2} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Naive treatment of scaleless integrals in DR

$$B^{\text{DR}}(p^2, 0, 0) = \int d^n q \frac{1}{q^2 (q+p)^2} \quad (p^2 = 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(q+p)^2} &= \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} - \left(\frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} - \frac{1}{(q+p)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} - \frac{M^2 + 2(q \cdot p)}{(q^2 - M^2)(q+p)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$B^{\text{DR}}(p^2, 0, 0) = \underbrace{\int d^n q \frac{1}{q^2 (q^2 - M^2)}}_{\text{defined if } \epsilon < 0} - \underbrace{\int d^n q \frac{M^2 + 2(q \cdot p)}{q^2 (q^2 - M^2)(q+p)^2}}_{\text{defined if } \epsilon > 0}$$

They cancel but **do they define** $B^{\text{DR}}(p^2, 0, 0)$?
(NO) ϵ can be found for which they simultaneously exist)

Non-renormalizable QFTs (an alternative view)

Extending the FDR framework to a non-renormalizable QFT described by a Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{NR}(p_1, \dots, p_m)$

R.P., arXiv:1305.0419

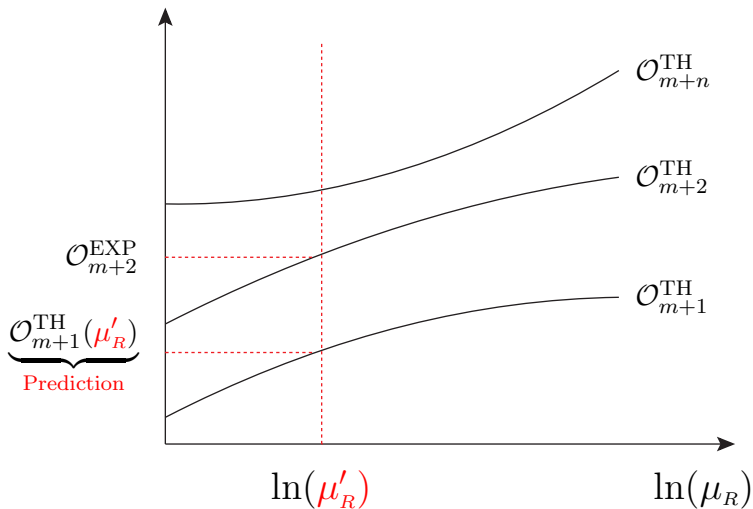
- 1 Now $\ln(\mu_R)$ *might* appear when computing observables

$$\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m, \ln(\mu_R))$$

- 2 However, combinations of observables in which μ_R disappears can be unambiguously predicted by \mathcal{L}_{NR} . E. g. (at one loop)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}} &= \alpha \ln(\mu_R) + k_1 \\ \mathcal{O}_{m+2}^{\text{TH}} &= \beta \ln(\mu_R) + k_2 \\ \mathcal{O}_{\text{Predictable}} &= \frac{\mathcal{O}_{m+1}}{\alpha} - \frac{\mathcal{O}_{m+2}}{\beta} = \frac{k_1}{\alpha} - \frac{k_2}{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

- 3 This is equivalent to extracting $\ln(\mu_R)$ from $\mathcal{O}_{m+2}^{\text{EXP}} = \mathcal{O}_{m+2}^{\text{TH}}$ and inserting it in $\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}$



- 4 **At any loop order just one** additional measurement needed to fix μ_R by solving

$$\mathcal{O}_{m+2}^{\text{EXP}} = \mathcal{O}_{m+2}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m, \ln(\mu'_R))$$

and setting $\mu_R = \mu'_R$ in $\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}, \dots, \mathcal{O}_{m+n}^{\text{TH}}$

- 5 **Predictivity** restored in the infinite loop limit (unlike in Weinberg's approach to QFTs)
- 6 Higher dimensional non-renormalizable interactions **solely generated by loops** (bare \mathcal{L}_{NR} frozen)
- 7 **The physical meaning of the extra measurement is**
disentangling from the physical spectrum the effects of the unknown UV completion of \mathcal{L}_{NR}