

# Scattering Amplitudes with OpenLoops2

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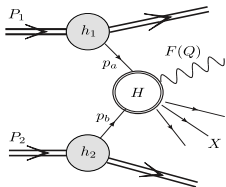
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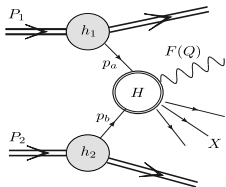
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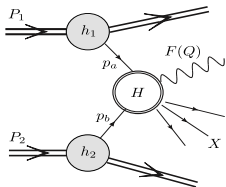
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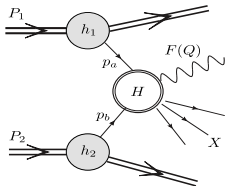
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$\mathcal{M}$  itself is expanded in  $\alpha_s$ .  $\mathcal{M}$  is expressed in terms of **Feynman diagrams**

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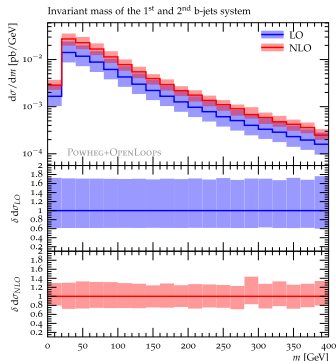
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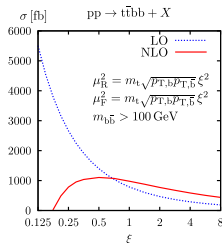


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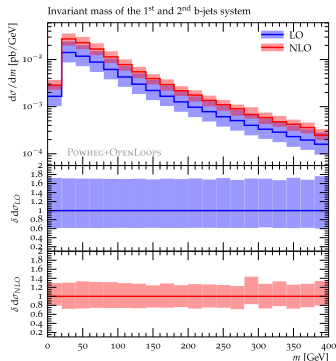
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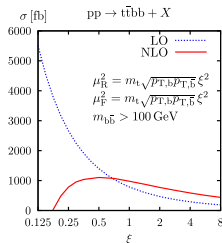
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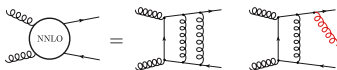
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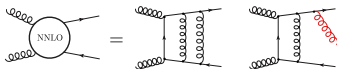
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## OpenLoops

- Fully automated numerical algorithm for tree and one-loop amplitudes [Cascioli, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini]
- hybrid tree-loop recursion  $\Rightarrow$  very high speed
- NLO QCD and NLO EW corrections are fully implemented
- Mathematica for process generation and analytic/algebraic manipulation
- Fortran 90 for the numerical computation
- C++ and Python for the interfaces

Successful applications:

- NLO calculations with up to  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  loop diagrams/channel, e.g.  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + 3$  jets
- used in several NNLO calculations e.g.  $(pp \rightarrow V_1 V_2, H H)$ ,  $V_i = \gamma, Z, W$
- interfaced to Montecarlos: Sherpa, Powheg, Herwig, Whizard, Munich, Matrix

Publicly available at [openloops.hepforge.org](https://openloops.hepforge.org)

## OpenLoops: Tree Level Algorithm

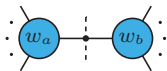
Tree level and one-loop amplitudes as sums of individual Feynman diagrams

$$\mathcal{M}_l = \sum_d \mathcal{M}_l^{(d)}, \quad l = 0, 1$$

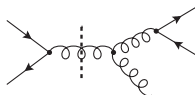
$\mathcal{M}_l^{(d)}$  factorizes into a **colour factor** and a **colour stripped amplitude**

$$\mathcal{M}_l^{(d)} = C_l^{(d)} \mathcal{A}_l^{(d)}$$

Each  $\mathcal{A}_0^{(d)}$  is split into subtrees by cutting an internal line



for example



**Numerical** merging of subtrees performed **recursively** .  $X_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha$  universal kernels

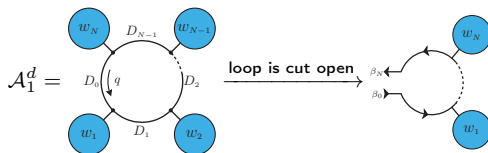
$$\Rightarrow w_a^\alpha(k_a, h_a) = \frac{X_{\beta\gamma}^\alpha(k_b, k_c)}{k_a^2 - m_a^2} w_b^\beta(k_b, h_b) w_c^\gamma(k_c, h_c)$$

## OpenLoops: One Loop Algorithm

Colour stripped one-loop amplitudes  $\mathcal{A}_1^{(d)}$ : **tensor coefficients**  $\times$  **tensor integral**

$$\mathcal{A}_1^d = \int d^D q \frac{\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{I}_N; q)}{D_0 D_1 \cdots D_{N-1}} = \sum_{r=0}^N \mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_r} \underbrace{\int d^D q \frac{q^{\mu_1} \cdots q^{\mu_r}}{D_0 D_1 \cdots D_{N-1}}}_{\text{fed to a tensor integral reduction library}}$$

The  $\mathcal{N}_{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_r}$  are built numerically in recursive way: **hybrid tree-loop recursion**



**Master Formula:**  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\beta(\mathcal{I}_N; q) = \mathcal{X}_{\gamma\delta}^\beta(q) w^\delta(i_N) \mathcal{N}_\alpha^\gamma(\mathcal{I}_{N-1}, q)$

- $\mathcal{X}_{\gamma\delta}^\beta(q) \sim$  Feynman rules of the theory (full SM implemented)
- $q$  dependence fully retained  $\Rightarrow$  **Model and process independent algorithm**

## OpenLoops: One Loop Algorithm

Observation: numerator  $\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\beta(\mathcal{I}_N; q)$  **factorizes into segments**  $\mathcal{S}(q, h)$  ( $h \rightarrow$  helicity)


$$[\mathcal{S}_i(q, h_i)]_{\beta_{i-1}}^{\beta_i} \equiv \mathcal{X}_{\delta\beta_{i-1}}^{\beta_i}(q) w_i^\delta(h_i)$$

$\Rightarrow$  **segment** = external subtree + 1-loop vertex + propagator

$$\mathcal{N}_\alpha^\beta(\mathcal{I}_N; q; h) = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{S}_i(q, h_i) \right]_\alpha^\beta = [\mathcal{S}_1(q, h_1)]_{\beta_0}^\beta [\mathcal{S}_1(q, h_1)]_{\beta_1}^{\beta_0} \dots [\mathcal{S}_N(q, h_N)]_\alpha^{\beta_N}$$

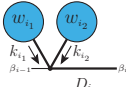
e.g.: in the SM a **segment** is a  $q$ -polynomial of rank  $r \leq 1$

3-point segment  $[\mathcal{S}_i(q, h_i)]_{\beta_{i-1}}^{\beta_i}$



$$= [\mathcal{Y}_{\sigma_i} + Z_{\mu, \sigma_i} q^\mu]_{\beta_{i-1}}^{\beta_i} w_i^{\sigma_i}(k_i, h_i)$$

4-point segment  $[\mathcal{S}_i(q, h_i)]_{\beta_{i-1}}^{\beta_i}$

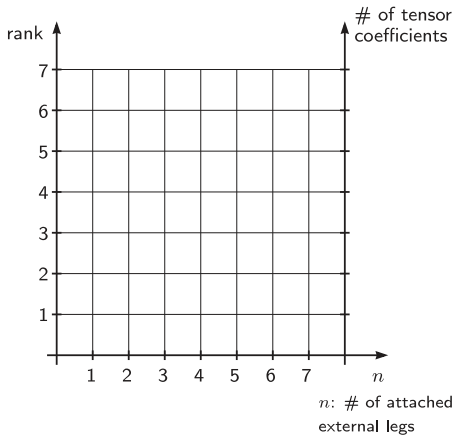


$$= [\mathcal{Y}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}]_{\beta_{i-1}}^{\beta_i} w_{i1}^{\sigma_1}(k_{i1}, h_{i1}) w_{i2}^{\sigma_2}(k_{i2}, h_{i2})$$

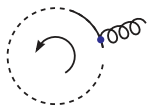
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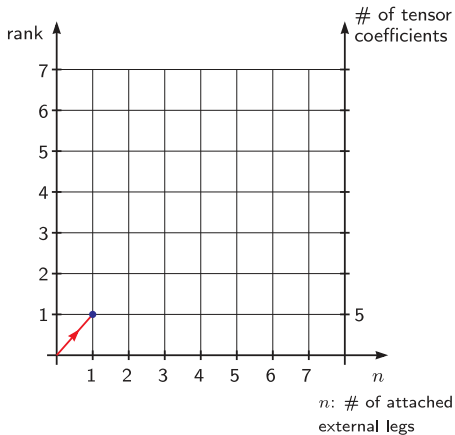
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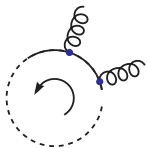


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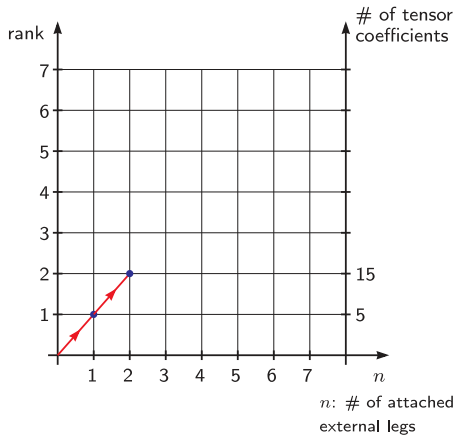




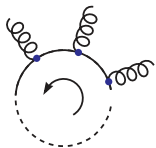
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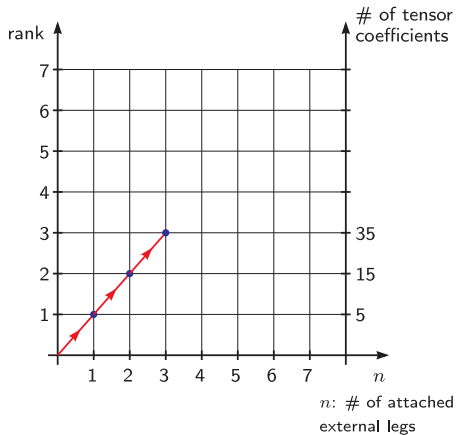
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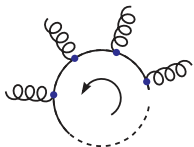
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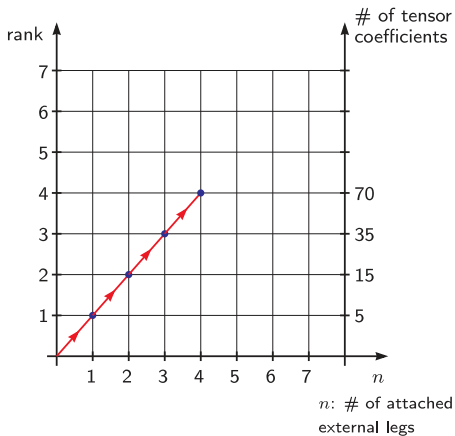
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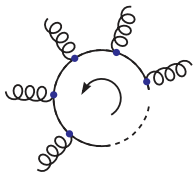
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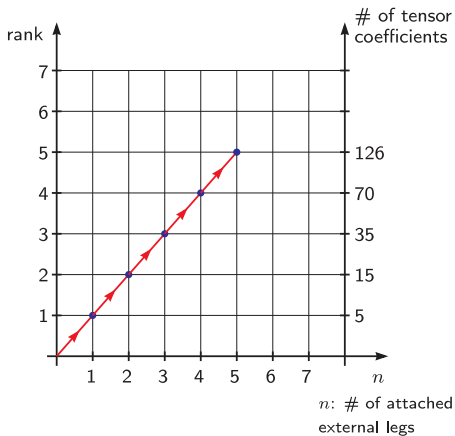
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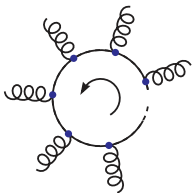
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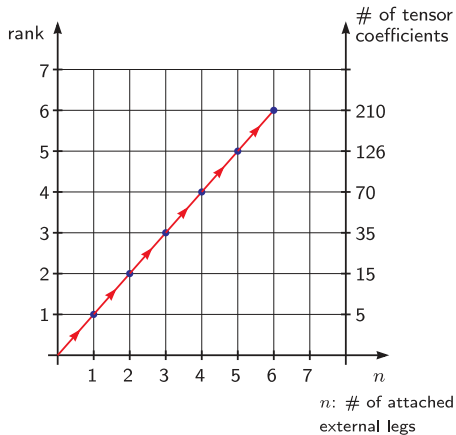
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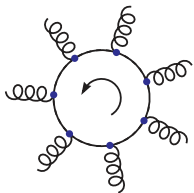
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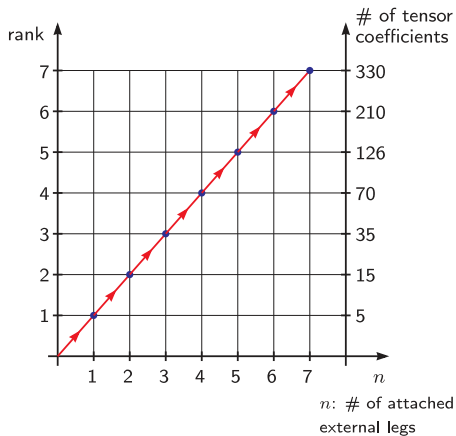
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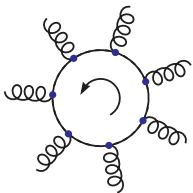
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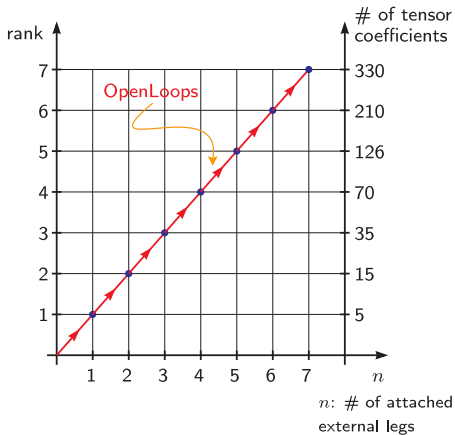


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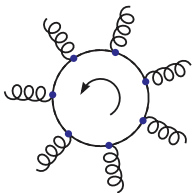


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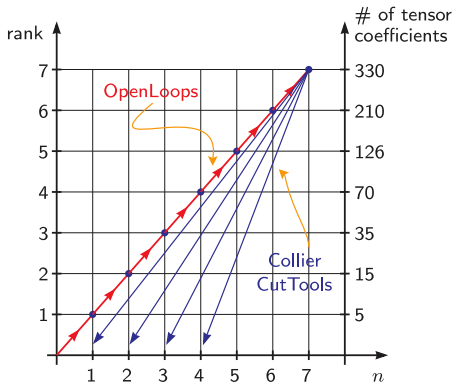


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$n$ : # of attached  
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Numerical **tensor integral reduction** to scalar integrals





# OpenLoops 2

## on-the-fly Reduction

[F.B., Pozzorini, Zoller 1710.1145]

- exploits factorization properties of OpenLoops recursion
- performs on-the-fly integrand reduction during amplitude construction
- keeps the rank  $\leq 2$  at any stage of the calculation

## On-the-fly reduction of open loops

We exploit the factorization of  $\mathcal{N}(q)$  into segments  $\rightarrow$  **integrand reduction**

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}(q)}{D_0 D_1 \dots D_{N_1}} = \frac{S_1(q) S_2(q)}{D_0 D_1 D_2 D_3} \times \frac{\prod_{i=3}^N S_i(q)}{D_4 \dots D_{N-1}} \quad \text{independent of future segments}$$

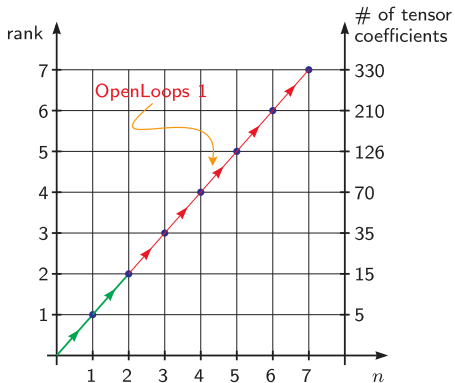
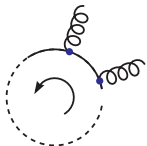
Valid for  $\geq 3$ -point function of rank  $r \geq 2$  [del Aguila, Pittau '05]

$$q^\mu q^\nu = A^{\mu\nu} + B_\lambda^{\mu\nu} q^\lambda = \left[ A_{-1}^{\mu\nu} + A_0^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{D}_0 \right] + \left[ B_{-1,\lambda}^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{k=0}^3 B_{k,\lambda}^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{D}_k \right] q^\lambda$$

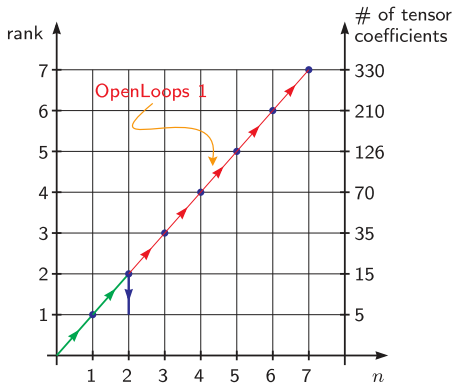
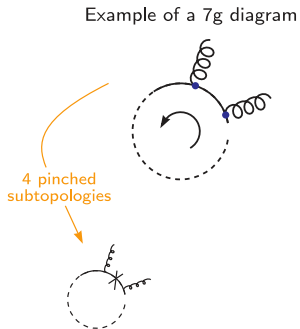
- $r = 2$  monomials are reduced to  $r = 1$  on-the-fly, i.e. at any OL construction step  $\Rightarrow$  complexity associated with high tensor remains always low!
- $q$ -dependence reconstructed in terms of denominators  $\Rightarrow$  pinched subtopologies
- $q^\mu$  decomposed onto a basis of lightlike momenta  $l_i^\mu$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$

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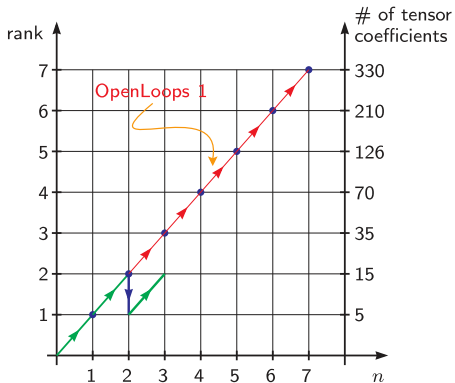
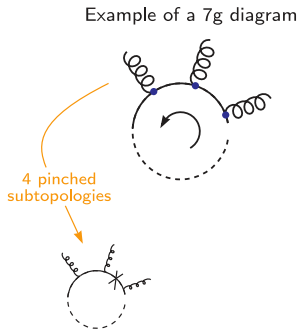
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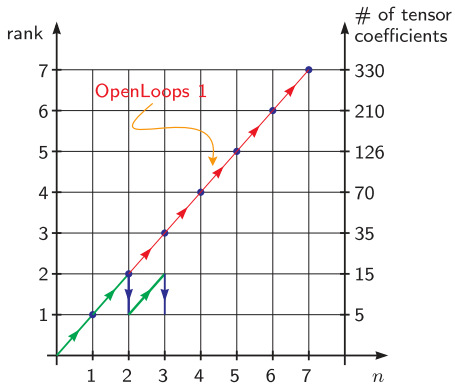
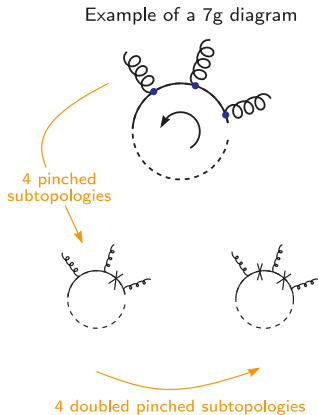
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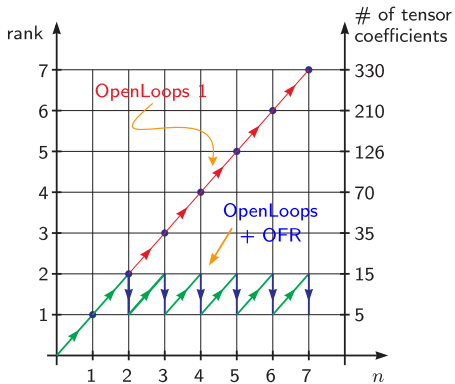
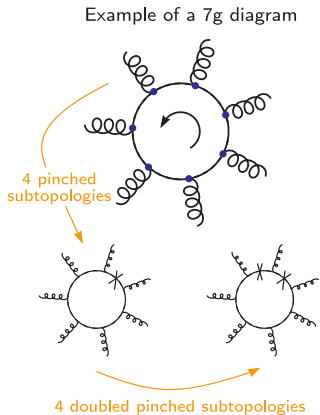
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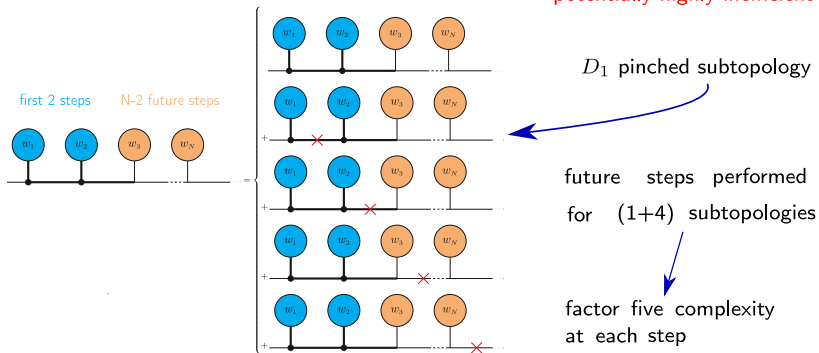
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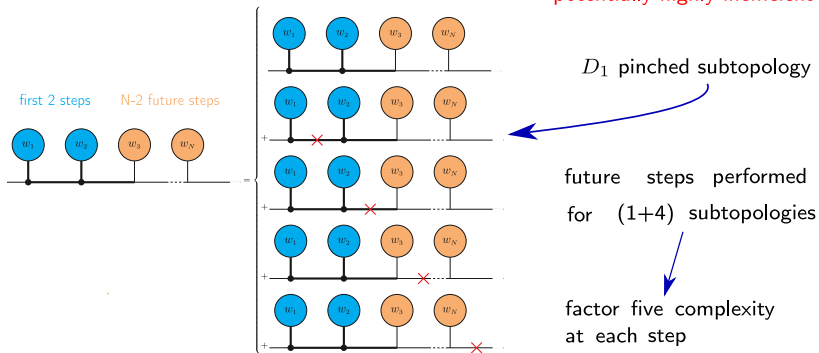


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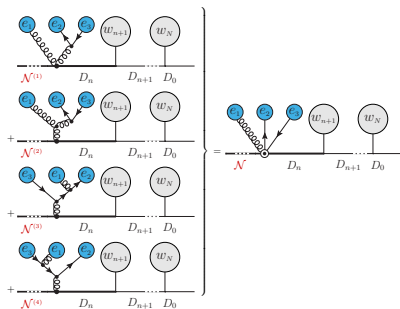
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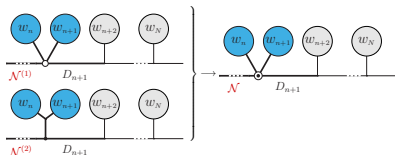
Partially constructed and helicity-summed open loops are merged. Criteria:

- **same topology**  $\{D_0, \dots, D_{N-1}\}$
- **same future segments**  $S_{n+1}, \dots, S_N$

Recursive steps for  $S_{n+1}, \dots, S_N$  only on the merged object  $\Rightarrow$  # operations reduced



Merge all pinched and unpinched diagrams with same topology and future segments



- **No extra cost** for pinched topologies
- **Significant efficiency improvement**

## Potential Problem n-2: Numerical Instabilities

$$q^\mu q^\nu = A_{-1}^{\mu\nu} + A_0^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{D}_0 + \left[ B_{-1,\lambda}^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{k=0}^3 B_{k,\lambda}^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{D}_k \right] q^\lambda$$

$q^\mu$  decomposed onto a basis of light-like momenta  $l_i^\mu$  computed out of external  $p_1^\mu, p_2^\mu$

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$$\Rightarrow A^{\mu\nu} = \gamma^{-1} a^{\mu\nu}, \quad B_{i,\lambda}^{\mu\nu} = \gamma^{-2} [b_{i,\lambda}^{(-2)}]^{\mu\nu} + \gamma^{-1} [b_{i,\lambda}^{(-1)}]^{\mu\nu}$$

**Spurious singularities for  $\Delta(p_1, p_2) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  Severe numerical instabilities!**

# OpenLoops2. On-the-fly Reduction

## Solution to numerical instabilities

**Box Reduction:** avoid small rank-two Gram Determinant via the permutation

$$\{D_1, D_2, D_3\} \rightarrow \{D_{i_1}, D_{i_2}, D_{i_3}\} \quad \text{basis built out of **only two momenta!**}$$

The criterion for the choice of the reduction basis is such that  $p_{i_1}$  and  $p_{i_2}$  give

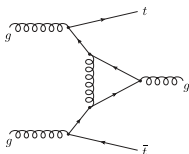
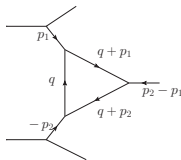
$$\frac{|\Delta_{i_1 i_2}|}{Q_{i_1 i_2}^4} = \max \left\{ \frac{|\Delta_{12}|}{Q_{12}^4}, \frac{|\Delta_{13}|}{Q_{13}^4}, \frac{|\Delta_{23}|}{Q_{23}^4} \right\}, \quad Q_{ij}^2 = \max(|p_i \cdot p_j|), \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3.$$

**Triangle Reduction:** excluding IR regions, small  $\Delta_{12}$  arise from topology like

$$p_1^2 = -p^2, \quad p_2^2 = -p^2(1 + \delta)$$

$$(p_2 - p_1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Delta = \frac{p^4}{2} \delta^2, \quad \gamma = -p^2 \delta^2$$



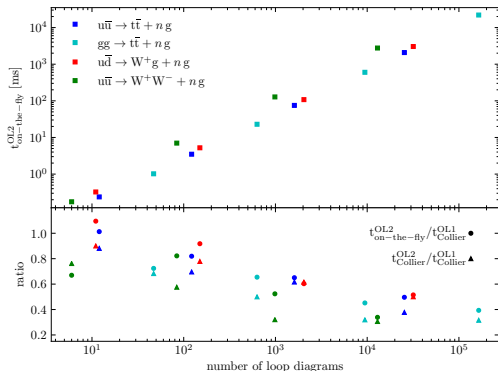
In this special configuration we use **analytic** integral reduction formulas.

If  $\delta \ll 1$  perform dedicated "all-orders"  $\delta$ -expansions.

## Performances of OpenLoops2

Runtime per phase space point for the calculation of one-loop amplitudes.

$t$  quarks and  $W^\pm$  bosons are taken on-shell.



Speed has been measured on a single Intel i7-4790K core with gfortran-4.8.5.

# of Feynman diagrams ranges from  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  to  $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$

**OpenLoops2 is up to a factor 3 faster than OpenLoops1!**

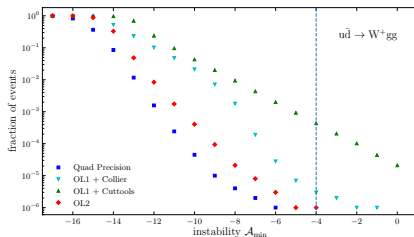
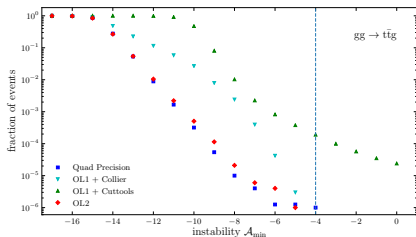
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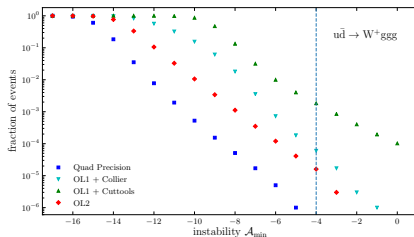
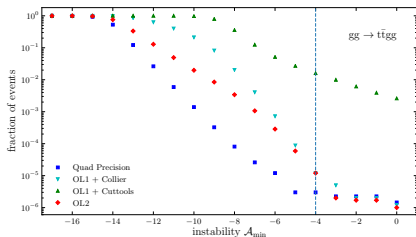
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- **Coming soon**: **new OpenLoops2** code release. Stay tuned!
- Implementation of **adaptive "all-orders"  $\Delta$ -expansions** for full QP accuracy.
- first real life application to **challenging pheno-projects**:  $2 \rightarrow 5$  @ NLO
- Investigations of **IR/unresolved regions**  $\Rightarrow$  numerical stability very promising  
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