# ADVENTURES IN PHASE SPACE INTEGRATION ELLIPTICS IN HIGGS PRODUCTION

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- Predictions for the LHC require calculations of cross sections
- Perturbative description of scattering of non-perturbative protons
- Specify certain observables that we want to measure: total production rate, production rate as a function of transverse momentum, etc.

$$\sigma = \int dx_1 dx_2 f_i(x_1) f_j(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij}(x_1, x_2) \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/Q) \right)$$

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- Quantum mechanics requires averaging over unobserved degrees of freedom
- Integrate over the momenta of unmeasured particles
- Two types of unresolved momentum integrals:
  - ► Loop integrals: Virtual particles, off-shell momenta  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3,1}} \frac{d^4 \ell}{\ell^2 (\ell + p_1)^2 \dots}$
  - Phase-space integrals: Real particles, physical momentum constraints, on-shell  $\int dLips(\ell) |\mathcal{M}(\ell)|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3,1}} d^4\ell \, \delta^+(\ell^2 - m^2) \, (\dots)$



- Integrals require parametrization in unconstrained variables
- Loop integrals: Feynman parametrization, unconstrained integrals over Feynman parameters

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{(d-1),1}} \frac{d^d \ell_1 \dots d^d \ell_L}{\ell^2 (\ell+p_1)^2 \dots} \propto \int [d^n \vec{x}] \frac{\mathcal{U}^{N_\nu - (L+1) d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{N_\nu - L d/2}}$$

- Phase space integrals: On-shell delta-functions introduce non-linear constraints:
- No-generally applicable parametrization to remove nonlinear constraints



Can parametrize on-shell particles with energies and angles, but introduces non-linear gram determinant constraints

$$d\Phi_{N-1}(D) = \mathcal{N}_{N-2}(D)\bar{z}^{(N-2)(D-2)-1}\left(\prod_{\substack{1 \le i,j \le N\\ i \ne j,(i,j) \ne (1,2)}} ds_{ij}\right)$$
$$\times \delta\left(1 - \sum_{i=3}^{N} (s_{1i} + s_{2i}) + (1-z)\sum_{i=3}^{N} \sum_{j=3}^{i-1} s_{ij}\right) G_N(\{s_{ij}\})^{\frac{D-N-1}{2}} \Theta[G_N(\{s_{ij}\})]$$

$$G_N(\{s_{ij}\}) = \det(s_{1i}s_{2j} + s_{1j}s_{2i} - s_{ij})_{3 \le i,j \le N}$$

[Anastasiou, Duhr, FD, Mistlberger]

- Remaining delta function introduces non-linear relation between all integration variables
- Vanishes in the soft limit

Possible to find phase space parameterizations in specific cases, but usually algebraic  $s\bar{z}^2x_1\bar{x}_1x_2$ 

$$s_{34} = \frac{s\bar{z}^2 x_1 \bar{x}_1 x_2}{z + x_1 \bar{z}}$$

$$s_{134} = -s\bar{z}x_1$$

$$s_{234} = -s\bar{z}\bar{x}_1 \left[\frac{z + x_1 \bar{x}_2 \bar{z}}{z + x_1 \bar{z}}\right]$$

$$s_{23} = -s\bar{z}\bar{x}_1 x_3$$

$$s_{24} = -s\bar{z}\bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_3$$

$$\int d\Phi_3 = \frac{(2\pi)^{-3+2\epsilon}}{16\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 dx_4 \left(\frac{s\bar{z}^3 x_1 \bar{x}_1}{z+x_1\bar{z}}\right) \left(\frac{s^2 \bar{z}^4 x_1^2 \bar{x}_2^2 x_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3 \sin^2(\pi x_4)}{z+x_1\bar{z}}\right)^{-\epsilon}$$

[Herzog]

$$s_{13} = -s\bar{z}x_1 \left[ x_3\bar{x}_2 + \frac{x_2\bar{x}_3}{z + x_1\bar{z}} - 2\cos(\pi x_4)\sqrt{\frac{x_2\bar{x}_2x_3\bar{x}_3}{z + x_1\bar{z}}} \right]$$
  
$$s_{14} = -s\bar{z}x_1 \left[ \bar{x}_3\bar{x}_2 + \frac{x_2x_3}{z + x_1\bar{z}} + 2\cos(\pi x_4)\sqrt{\frac{x_2\bar{x}_2x_3\bar{x}_3}{z + x_1\bar{z}}} \right]$$

- Phase space integrals often not discussed in the amplitudes / multiloop community
- Come with their own set of challenges
- Phase space integrals can be elliptic too!
- Phase space integrals are often done numerically





 $\hat{\sigma} = \alpha_s^2 \sigma^{\text{LO}} + \alpha_s^3 \sigma^{\text{NLO}} + \alpha_s^4 \sigma^{\text{NNLO}} + \alpha_s^5 \sigma^{\text{N3LO}}$ 

- Goal: Analytic calculation of the N3LO gluon fusion cross section
- Many possible infrared (soft and collinear) and ultraviolet divergences
- Dimensional regularization used to render integrals finite
- Requires analytic calculation



[Anastasiou, Duhr, FD, Furlan, Gehrmann, Herzog, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger; Mistlberger]





### NLO computed in the early 90s



[Djouadi, Spira, Zerwas]

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- NNLO corrections are not known in closed form
- Two-loop Higgs+3-parton amplitudes involve elliptic topologies





Second order differential equation:

$$\partial_{\alpha}^{2} h_{1}^{(i)}(\alpha) + p_{1}(\alpha) \partial_{\alpha} h_{1}^{(i)}(\alpha) + q_{1}(\alpha) h_{1}^{(i)}(\alpha) = r_{1}^{(i)}(\alpha)$$

$$y_1(\alpha) = K\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{k(\alpha)}{2}\right), \qquad y_2(\alpha) = K\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{k(\alpha)}{2}\right)$$

Solutions are integrals over products of complete elliptic integrals and polylogarithms  $\int_{0}^{1} \mathcal{G}(t) \mathcal{E}^{(\sigma)}(t) \tilde{K}_{i}^{(-\sigma)}(t) dt$ 

- Many examples of elliptic integrals with internal masses known in the literature
- Let's consider integrals without integral masses:
- Higgs production in heavy top approximation



[Anastasiou, Duhr, FD, Furlan, Gehrmann, Herzog, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger; Mistlberger]









No kinematic dependence

Loop integrals evaluate to zeta values

Triple virtual

[Gehrmann, Glover, Huber, Ikizlerli, Studerus]



- Interference of two one-loop four point amplitudes and phase space integral over a two-loop four-point amplitude.
- Combined phase space and loop integrals evaluate to HPLs with indices {0,1,-1}.



Double-virtual real

[Anastasiou, Duhr, FD, Herzog, Mistlberger]



Higgs+4-parton phase space integral over one-loop five-point amplitude

Direct integration unfeasible

$$\int d\Phi_3 = \frac{(2\pi)^{-3+2\epsilon}}{16\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)} \int_0^1 dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 dx_4 \left(\frac{s\bar{z}^3 x_1 \bar{x}_1}{z+x_1\bar{z}}\right) \left(\frac{s^2 \bar{z}^4 x_1^2 \bar{x}_2^2 x_2 x_3 \bar{x}_3 \sin^2(\pi x_4)}{z+x_1\bar{z}}\right)^{-\epsilon}$$

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- Differential equations in the Higgs mass in canonical form
- Decoupled order-by-order in epsilon

Algebraic alphabet

$$\mathfrak{A} = \left\{ z, 1 - z, 1 + z, 1 + \sqrt{z}, 1 + \sqrt{1 + 4z}, 2 - z + \sqrt{z(z - 4)} \right\}$$

- Differential equations solved in terms of Chen-iterated integrals in z
- Practical evaluation: Expand Chen iterated integrals in around z=1 to arbitrary order

[Anastasiou, Duhr, FD, Herzog, Mistlberger; Mistlberger]



- Higgs+5-parton phase space integral over tree amplitudes
- Direct integration impossible in closed form

$$d\Phi_{H+m} = \frac{d^d p_h}{(2\pi)^d} (2\pi)\delta_+ (p_h^2 - m_h^2) (2\pi)^d \delta^d \left( p_1 + p_2 + p_h + \sum_{i=3}^{m+2} p_i \right) \prod_{i=3}^{m+2} \frac{d^d p_i}{(2\pi)^d} (2\pi)\delta_+ (p_i^2)$$

- ► Possible to derive differential equations for phase space integrals  $\delta_+(p^2 - m^2) \rightarrow \left[\frac{1}{p^2 - m^2}\right]$
- Treat delta-functions as residues of propagators
- Differential equation not in canonical form, but can be expanded around z=1 [Anastasiou, Duhr, FD, Herzog, Mistlberger]



550 master integrals for RRR

System of differential equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\vec{I}(z) = A(z,\epsilon)\vec{I}(z)$$

► Goal is to find a transformation such that  $\vec{I}(z) = T\vec{I'}(z).$   $\epsilon A'(z,\epsilon) = T^{-1}A(z,\epsilon)T - T^{-1}\frac{\partial}{\partial z}T.$  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\vec{I'}(z) = \epsilon A'(z,\epsilon)\vec{I'}(z).$   $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} A'(z,\epsilon) = \text{const.}$ 

System can then be solved order-by-order in epsilon

$$\vec{I'}(z) = \left[\mathbb{I} + \epsilon \int^z dz' A'(z',\epsilon) + \epsilon^2 \int^z dz' \int^{z'} dz'' A'(z',\epsilon) A'(z'',\epsilon) + \dots\right] \vec{I'_0}$$



Boundary constant I' is determined by an expansion around z=1 (soft expansion).

- Main work in solving the system is finding the transformation T.
- Algorithmic methods exist when T is rational in z and [Barkatou, Pflügel; Moser; Lee]
- Some sub-systems are algebraic in z.
- Necessary to find a transformation to rationalize before algorithm can be applied.



There is a 4x4 system that cannot be solved this way.  $E_i = \int d\Phi_{H+3} \frac{n_i}{p_{145}^2 p_{235}^2 p_{1245}^2 p_{1235}^2}$  $n_1 = \frac{zs^3}{\epsilon(p_{12345}^2 - sz)}.$  $n_2 = -\frac{s}{16}(p_{14}^2 + p_{23}^2 + p_{35}^2).$  $J = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \vec{E} = A_0(z)\vec{E} + \epsilon A_1(z,\epsilon)\vec{E} + \vec{y}(z)$  $A_0(z) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{11-2z}{z^2-11z-1} & 0 & 0 & \frac{3-z}{z^2-11z-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{z} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 



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For ep=0 the system becomes a coupled 2x2 system

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \begin{pmatrix} E_4^0 \\ E_1^0 \end{pmatrix} = A_T \cdot \begin{pmatrix} E_4^0 \\ E_1^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{z} \\ \frac{3-z}{z^2 - 11z - 1} & \frac{11 - 2z}{z^2 - 11z - 1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} E_4^0 \\ E_1^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Finding a transformation that removes the ep=0 part of the system amounts to finding the homogeneous solution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_4^0 \\ E_1^0 \end{pmatrix} = T_E \cdot \begin{pmatrix} E_4'^0 \\ E_1'^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11}(z) & t_{12}(z) \\ t_{21}(z) & t_{22}(z) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} E_4'^0 \\ E_1'^0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \begin{pmatrix} E_4'^0 \\ E_1'^0 \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} T_E = A_T \cdot T_E.$$

[Mistlberger]



Coupled 2x2 system can be transformed into a second order differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} E_4^0 + \frac{\left(3z^2 - 22z - 1\right)}{z\left(z^2 - 11z - 1\right)} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_4^0 + \frac{(z - 3)}{z\left(z^2 - 11z - 1\right)} E_4^0 = 0.$$
$$E_1^0 = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_4^0.$$

Differential equation was solved directly by Stefan Weinzierl in terms of complete elliptic integrals



- Alternative: The leading singularity of a Feynman integral has to satisfy the same homogeneous differential equation as the full Feynman integral
- Compute leading singularity and normalize Feynman integral to have unit leading singularity
- System of differential equations should decouple order by order in ep.
- This normalization will not be algebraic.



The Feynman integrals are dimension 3x4 - 4 = 8

It is only possible to take a codimension 7 residue

Leading Singularity 
$$(E_4) \sim \int dx \frac{\theta \left( (x-z) \left( x^3 - x^2 z + 2x^2 + 2xz + x - z \right) \right)}{\sqrt{(x-z) \left( x^3 - x^2 z + 2x^2 + 2xz + x - z \right)}}$$

- The root in the denominator has four distinct roots
- The leading singularity is elliptic



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The leading singularity can be computed in terms of complete elliptic integrals  $I_1 = \int_{r_2}^{r_3} dx \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x-r_1)(x-r_2)(x-r_3)(x-r_4)}}$ 

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The coefficients can be determined by equating expansions but are complex and unwieldy.

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- The only obstruction to solving the entire system is the need for a non-algebraic transformation to decouple the system in the ep=0 limit.
- The homogeneous solution of the 2x2 system is such a transformation.

[Mistlberger]

By definition, the rotated system is decoupled order-by-order:

$$E_1 = t_{22}E'_1 + t_{21}E'_4,$$
  

$$E_4 = t_{11}E'_4 + t_{12}E'_1,$$

The price to pay is the introduction of integrals over the unknown functions  $t_{ij}(z)$ 

$$\vec{I'}(z) = \left[\mathbb{I} + \epsilon \int^z dz' A'(z',\epsilon) + \epsilon^2 \int^z dz' \int^{z'} dz'' A'(z',\epsilon) A'(z'',\epsilon) + \dots\right] \vec{I'_0}$$

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Such a solution is useless unless we can evaluate the functions  $t_{ij}(z)$ 

▶ Use differential equations to obtain power series for the  $t_{ij}(z)$ 

$$t_{ij}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \bar{z}^n b_{ij}^{(n)} \qquad t_{ij}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n c_{ij}^{(n)} + \log(z) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_{ij}^{(n)} z^n$$
$$T_E = e^{-\log(\bar{z}) \lim_{z \to 1} \bar{z}A_T} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} t_{11}^1 & t_{12}^1 \\ t_{21}^1 & t_{22}^1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t_{11}^1 & t_{12}^1 \\ t_{21}^1 & t_{22}^1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\bar{z}^1).$$
$$T_E = e^{\log(z) \lim_{z \to 0} zA_T} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} t_{01}^0 & t_{02}^0 \\ t_{21}^0 & t_{22}^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t_{01}^0 & t_{02}^0 \\ t_{21}^0 & t_{22}^0 \end{pmatrix} + \log(z) \begin{pmatrix} t_{21}^0 & t_{22}^0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(z^1)$$

Plugging in the Ansatz yields difference equations for the coefficients

$$b_{11}^{(n+2)} = \frac{(n+1)b_{11}^{(n+1)}}{n+2} - \frac{b_{21}^{(n+1)}}{n+2}.$$
  
$$b_{21}^{(n+2)} = \frac{b_{11}^{(n)}}{11(n+2)} + \frac{2b_{11}^{(n+1)}}{11(n+2)} + \frac{1}{11}b_{21}^{(n)} + \frac{9}{11}b_{21}^{(n+1)}$$

$$\begin{split} c_{11}^{(n+2)} &= \frac{c_{11}^{(n)}}{(n+2)^2} - \frac{3c_{11}^{(n+1)}}{(n+2)^2} + \frac{c_{21}^{(n)}}{n+2} - \frac{11c_{21}^{(n+1)}}{n+2} - \frac{2d_{11}^{(n)}}{(n+2)^3} \\ &+ \frac{6d_{11}^{(n+1)}}{(n+2)^3} - \frac{d_{21}^{(n)}}{(n+2)^2} + \frac{11d_{21}^{(n+1)}}{(n+2)^2}. \\ c_{21}^{(n+2)} &= \frac{c_{11}^{(n)}}{n+2} - \frac{3c_{11}^{(n+1)}}{n+2} + c_{21}^{(n)} - 11c_{21}^{(n+1)} - \frac{d_{11}^{(n)}}{(n+2)^2} + \frac{3d_{11}^{(n+1)}}{(n+2)^2}. \\ d_{11}^{(n+2)} &= \frac{d_{11}^{(n)}}{(n+2)^2} - \frac{3d_{11}^{(n+1)}}{(n+2)^2} + \frac{d_{21}^{(n)}}{n+2} - \frac{11d_{21}^{(n+1)}}{n+2}. \\ d_{21}^{(n+2)} &= \frac{d_{11}^{(n)}}{n+2} - \frac{3d_{11}^{(n+1)}}{n+2} + d_{21}^{(n)} - 11d_{21}^{(n+1)}. \end{split}$$

[Mistlberger]

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(m)

(m + 1)

- The difference equations can be solved to any required order to obtain power series solutions for the DE.
- The boundary conditions for the Boundary condition b coefficients can be 1.5 Differential equation determined from the 1.0 knowledge of the system at z=1. 0.5 Hard to compute the associator

0.0

-0.2

0.2

0.0

0.6

0.4

1.0

0.8

1.2

to determine the boundary values at z=0.

[Mistlberger]



- Expansion around z=1 has a radius of convergence of 1
- Expansion around z=0 has a radius of convergence of ~0.09
- ▶ In the interval (0,0.09) the two expansions overlap.
- Approximation of the associator can be obtained by matching both expansions at a point in the interval.
- ▶ Possible to evaluate the functions  $t_{ij}(z)$  to arbitrary precision. [Mistlberger]

- The system of differential equations is decoupled orderby-order in epsilon.
- We can evaluate the homogeneous solutions to arbitrary precision.

$$\vec{I'}(z) = \left[ \mathbb{I} + \epsilon \int^z dz' A'(z',\epsilon) + \epsilon^2 \int^z dz' \int^{z'} dz'' A'(z',\epsilon) A'(z'',\epsilon) + \dots \right] \vec{I'_0}$$

The system can now be solved order-by-order in terms of Chen iterated integrals.

$$J(\vec{\omega}, z) = J(\omega_n(z), \dots, \omega_1(z), z) = \int_0^z dz' \omega_n(z') J(\omega_{n-1}(z'), \dots, \omega_1(z'), z') dz'$$

$$\left\{ 1, \frac{1}{1-z}, \frac{1}{z}, \frac{1}{z+1}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-z}\sqrt{z}}, \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}\sqrt{z+4}}, \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{z+4}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4z+1}}, \frac{\sqrt{4z+1}}{z}, t_{11}, t_{12}, t_{21}, t_{22}, \frac{t_{11}}{1-z}, \frac{t_{11}}{z}, \frac{t_{11}}{z+1}, \frac{t_{12}}{1-z}, \frac{t_{12}}{z}, \frac{t_{12}}{z+1}, \frac{t_{21}}{z}, \frac{t_{22}}{z} \right\}.$$
[Mistlberger]

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Chen iterated integrals can be shuffle regulated in the usual fashion

$$J\left(\omega_n(z),\ldots,\omega_1(z),\frac{1}{z};z\right) = \log(z)J\left(\omega_n(z),\ldots,\omega_1(z);z\right) - J\left(\omega_n(z),\ldots,\omega_2(z),\frac{1}{z},\omega_1(z);z\right) + \ldots$$

Letters that are divergent for z=0 are regulated as

$$J\left(\omega_n(z),\ldots,\omega_1(z),\frac{f(z)}{z};z\right) = J\left(\omega_n(z),\ldots,\omega_1(z),\frac{f(z)-f(0)}{z};z\right) + f(0)J\left(\omega_n(z),\ldots,\omega_1(z),\frac{1}{z};z\right)$$

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$$J(\vec{\omega}, z) = J(\omega_n(z), \dots, \omega_1(z), z) = \int_0^z dz' \omega_n(z') J(\omega_{n-1}(z'), \dots, \omega_1(z'), z')$$

$$\begin{cases} 1, \frac{1}{1-z}, \frac{1}{z}, \frac{1}{z+1}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-z}\sqrt{z}}, \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1-z}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}\sqrt{z+4}}, \frac{\sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{z+4}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4z+1}}, \frac{\sqrt{4z+1}}{z}, \\ t_{11}, t_{12}, t_{21}, t_{22}, \frac{t_{11}}{1-z}, \frac{t_{11}}{z}, \frac{t_{11}}{z+1}, \frac{t_{12}}{1-z}, \frac{t_{12}}{z}, \frac{t_{12}}{z+1}, \frac{t_{21}}{z}, \frac{t_{22}}{z} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

The iterated integrals are not pure

- ► The iterated integrals fulfill more identities than just shuffle  $\sum c_i a_i(\bar{z}) J(\vec{\omega}_i, \bar{z}) = 0, \quad , c_i \in \mathbb{Q},$
- The coefficients can be determined, by expanding the iterated integrals and prefactors to sufficiently high order in z and demanding that every power in z vanishes separately

$$J\left(t_{11}, \frac{t_{12}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right) = J\left(t_{12}, \frac{t_{11}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right) - J\left(t_{21}, \frac{t_{12}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right) - \frac{11}{5}J\left(\frac{t_{21}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{t_{12}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right) + J\left(t_{22}, \frac{t_{11}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right) + \frac{11}{5}J\left(\frac{t_{22}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{t_{11}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right) + \frac{1}{5}\left(5\bar{z} - 16\right)t_{11}J\left(\frac{t_{12}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right) - \frac{1}{5}\left(5\bar{z} - 16\right)t_{12}J\left(\frac{t_{11}}{1-\bar{z}}, \frac{1}{1-\bar{z}}\right).$$
[Mistlberger]

- With this all ingredients are in place to cross section
- Differential equations are solved in terms of Chen iterated integrals with algebraic and non-algebraic letters
- Iterated integrals can be regulated and identities can be resolved by match power series
- How do we numerically evaluate the result?
- In principle each length-n iterated integral can be evaluated as an n-dimensional integral (with eg. Monte Carlo)
- Not very fast, stable or efficient :(

- More efficient to derive series expansions around several points
- Critical points of the cross section:  $\begin{cases}
  \frac{1}{2}(11+5\sqrt{5}), 4, 1, 0, \frac{1}{2}(11-5\sqrt{5}), -\frac{1}{4}, -1, -4 \\
  \sim \{11.0902, 4, 1, 0, -0.0901699, -\frac{1}{4}, -1, -4 \}.
  \end{cases}$ Derive expansions around  $\{z = 0, z = \frac{1}{2}, z = 1\}$
- Associated radii of convergence  $\{r_0 = |\frac{1}{2}(11 5\sqrt{5})| \sim 0.09, r_{1/2} = \frac{1}{2}, r_1 = 1\}$
- Sufficient to cover the entire interval (0,1)
- Allows for relative precision better than  $10^{-10}$



- Many sources of elliptic structures in Higgs production
  - Massive internal lines in the full standard model
  - Complicated massless phase space integrals
- Possible to solve large systems of DEs with elliptic subsystems
- Crucial to approximate associators by matching series expansions
- This technique does not actually rely on knowledge about elliptic functions, maybe generalizable to higher functions?
- Even more elliptic structures in Higgs production if we introduce more constraints (differential Higgs)