Higgs + Jet Production at NLO with full top quark mass dependence



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Motivation

Higgs physics has transformed from discovery to precision study

Data are becoming more precise also for more differential observables

CMS 17: Search for boosted $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

 $p_T > 450 \text{ GeV}$

$$\sigma(H \to b\bar{b}) = 74 \pm 48(\text{stat})^{-10}_{+17}(\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$



CMS 17



At moderate/large pT:

- Particles in the loop can be resolved
- May disentangle modified top quark Yukawa coupling from (BSM) point-like *ggH* coupling
- Top quark mass can be important

HJ Production History

1. LO (full m_T dependence)

Ellis, Hinchliffe, Soldate, van der Bij 87 Baur, Glover 89

2. NLO

Heavy Top Quark Limit

de Florian, Grazzini, Kunszt 99; Glosser, Schmidt 02; Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven 02

Approximate m_T dependence

Harlander, Neumann, Ozeren, Wiesemann 12; Neumann, Wiesemann 14; Frederix, Frixione, Vryonidou, Wiesemann 16; Neumann, Williams 16; Caola, Forte, Marzani, Muselliand, Vita 16; Braaten, Zhang, Zhang 17; Lindert, Kudashkin, Melnikov, Wever 18; Neumann 18;

Top quark/Bottom quark interference

(Lindert,) Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever 16, 17; Caola, Lindert, Melnikov, Monni, Tancredi, Wever 18

3. NNLO Heavy Top Quark Limit

Boughezal, Caola, Melnikov, Petriello, Schulze 13, 14 Chen, (Martinez,) Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier 14, 16 Boughezal, Focke, Giele, Liu, Petriello 15 K≈1.2

K≈1.8







The Challenge

Heavy top quark limit (HTL): $m_T ightarrow \infty$

Introduces effective tree-level coupling between Higgs and gluons



HTL valid for: $s \ll 4m_T^2$

May not describe well high p_T or invariant mass region

Full NLO Calculation

2-loops 4 scales (s, t, m_T, m_H) Involved integral reduction Complicated integrals



Analytic results (so far)

 $(k_2+p_1)^2$

 $(k_2+p_1)^2(k_1-p_3)^2$

 $(k_1 - p_3)^2$

Planar integrals contributing to HJ at 2-loop are known analytically Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, Henn, Moriello, Smirnov 16

Most integrals:

- Canonical basis found
- \log, Li_2 up to weight 2
- 1-fold integrals at weights 3,4
- Alphabet with 3 variables, 49 letters, many square roots

Two sectors expressed in terms of $\boxed{}$ $\boxed{}$ $\boxed{}$ $\boxed{}$ $\boxed{}$ $\frac{}{}$ $\frac{}{$

- 2- and 3-fold iterated integrals
- Elliptic kernel

Non-planar integrals not currently known analytically, but subject to ongoing work by other group(s) Bonciani, Del Duca, Frellesvig, Henn, Moriello, Smirnov, ...

Expansion results

Alternatively can consider Higgs boson & top quark masses as small Introduce variables:

$$\eta = -\frac{m_H^2}{4m_T^2}, \quad \kappa = -\frac{m_T^2}{s}, \quad z = \frac{u}{s}$$

Expand integrals to $\mathcal{O}(\eta^0\kappa^1)$ justified for $m_H^2,m_T^2\ll |s|\sim |t|\sim |u|$, For example at large $\,p_T^2=ut/s\,$

Kudashkin, Melnikov, Wever 17



Expanded 2-loop virtuals can be combined with full reals to predict Higgs boson p_T distribution above top threshold

$$\frac{K^{\rm SM}}{K^{\rm HTL}} = 1.04\dots1.06$$

Lindert, Kudashkin, Melnikov, Wever 18

Form Factor Decomposition (Gluon)

Expose tensor structure:
$$\mathcal{M} = \epsilon_{\mu}(p_{1})\epsilon_{\nu}(p_{2})\epsilon_{\tau}(p_{3})\mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu\tau}$$

Form Factors (Contain integrals)
 $\mathcal{M}_{physical}^{\mu\nu\tau} = F_{212}T_{212}^{\mu\nu\tau} + F_{332}T_{332}^{\mu\nu\tau} + F_{311}T_{311}^{\mu\nu\tau} + F_{312}T_{312}^{\mu\nu\tau}$
Choose tensor basis (constructed from external momenta & metric):
 $T_{212}^{\mu\nu\tau} = (s_{12}g^{\mu\nu} - 2p_{2}^{\mu}p_{1}^{\nu})(s_{23}p_{1}^{\tau} - s_{13}p_{2}^{\tau})/(2s_{13})$
 $T_{312}^{\mu\nu\tau} = (s_{13}g^{\nu\tau} - 2p_{3}^{\nu}p_{2}^{\tau})(s_{13}p_{2}^{\mu} - s_{12}p_{3}^{\mu})/(2s_{12})$
 $T_{311}^{\mu\nu\tau} = (s_{13}g^{\tau\mu} - 2p_{1}^{\tau}p_{3}^{\mu})(s_{12}p_{3}^{\nu} - s_{23}p_{1}^{\nu})/(2s_{23})$
 $T_{312}^{\mu\nu\tau} = \left(g^{\mu\nu}(s_{23}p_{1}^{\tau} - s_{13}p_{2}^{\tau}) + g^{\nu\tau}(s_{23}p_{2}^{\mu} - s_{12}p_{3}^{\mu}) + g^{\tau\mu}(s_{12}p_{3}^{\nu} - s_{23}p_{1}^{\nu}) + 2p_{3}^{\mu}p_{1}^{\nu}p_{2}^{\tau} - 2p_{2}^{\mu}p_{3}^{\nu}p_{1}^{\tau}\right)/2$
Build projectors P such that: $P_{\mu\nu\tau}^{212} \mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu\tau} = F_{212}$, etc...
With this choice form former are course invariant and related by online perpertutions.

With this choice form factors are gauge invariant and related by cyclic permutations:

 $F_{311}(s_{23}, s_{12}, s_{13}) = F_{332}(s_{13}, s_{23}, s_{12}) = F_{212}(s_{12}, s_{13}, s_{23})$ $F_{312}(s_{23}, s_{12}, s_{13}) = F_{312}(s_{13}, s_{23}, s_{12}) = F_{312}(s_{12}, s_{13}, s_{23})$

Note: Need to generate code only for 2 form factors and use it to compute all In reality we generate code for all form factors and use this symmetry as a cross-check

Form Factor Decomposition (Quark)

We compute $q\bar{q}gH$ and obtain other channels by crossing

Form Factors (Contain integrals) \checkmark \checkmark $\mathcal{M}^{\mu}_{\beta\alpha} = F_1 T^{\mu}_{1,\beta\alpha} + F_2 T^{\mu}_{2,\beta\alpha}$

Choose basis:

$$T_{1,\beta\alpha}^{\mu} = \left(\bar{v}_{\beta}(p_{2}) \not\!\!p_{3} u_{\alpha}(p_{1}) p_{1}^{\mu} - \bar{v}_{\beta}(p_{2}) \gamma^{\mu} u_{\alpha}(p_{1}) p_{1} \cdot p_{3} \right)$$
$$T_{2,\beta\alpha}^{\mu} = \left(\bar{v}_{\beta}(p_{2}) \not\!\!p_{3} u_{\alpha}(p_{1}) p_{2}^{\mu} - \bar{v}_{\beta}(p_{2}) \gamma^{\mu} u_{\alpha}(p_{1}) p_{2} \cdot p_{3} \right)$$

Build projectors P such that: $(P^1_{\alpha\beta})_{\mu}\mathcal{M}^{\mu}_{\beta\alpha} = F_1, \ (P^2_{\alpha\beta})_{\mu}\mathcal{M}^{\mu}_{\beta\alpha} = F_2$ Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier, Koukoutsakis 11



Integral Families

All 2-loop HJ integrals can be written in terms of 3 integral families:

	F1	F2	F3
D_1	$k_1^2 - m_T^2$	k_{2}^{2}	$k_1^2 - m_T^2$
D_2	$(k_1 + p_1)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_2 + p_1)^2$	$(k_1 + p_1)^2 - m_T^2$
D_3	$(k_1 - p_2)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_2 - p_2)^2$	$(k_1 - p_2 - p_3)^2 - m_T^2$
D_4	$(k_1 - p_2 - p_3)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_2 - p_2 - p_3)^2$	$k_2^2 - m_T^2$
D_5	$k_{2}^{2} - m_{T}^{2}$	$k_1^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_2 + p_1)^2 - m_T^2$
D_6	$(k_2 + p_1)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_1 + p_1)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_2 - p_3)^2 - m_T^2$
D_7	$(k_2 - p_2)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_1 - p_2)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_1 - k_2)^2$
D_8	$(k_2 - p_2 - p_3)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_1 - p_2 - p_3)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_1 - k_2 - p_2)^2$
D_9	$(k_1 - k_2)^2$	$(k_1 - k_2)^2 - m_T^2$	$(k_1 - k_2 - p_2 - p_3)^2$

Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever 16

Integrals written as:

$$I_{\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_9}^{F_j} = \int \mathrm{d}^d k_1 \int \mathrm{d}^d k_2 \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_9^{\alpha_9}}$$

Integral Families (II)



Integral Reduction

Full IBP reduction achieved with (modified) Reduze2

Chetyrkin, Tkachov 81; Laporta 01; von Manteuffel, Studerus 12

Unreduced Amplitude

- 3767 Integrals
- Up to 3 inverse propagators for 7-propagator integrals
- Up to 4 inverse propagators for factoring 6-propagator integrals

Reduced Amplitude

- 458 Integrals
- Up to 6 master integrals per sector, e.g:



Sector also known to be elliptic Frellesvig, Loops & Legs 2018

IBP reduction allows us to choose a basis of master integrals

We choose quasi-finite master integrals

Panzer 14; von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger 15

Integral Reduction (II)

Reduze2 Modifications:

- Change order of solving system of equations, sort by number of unreduced integrals (prefer fewer)
- Specify list of required integrals, consider only equations containing these integrals
- Prefer solving smaller equations first
- Improve mechanism for pausing/resuming reductions

Reduction achieved using 2 different setups:

Symbolic mass dependence

Reduction directory size: **1.1 TB** Can include m_B, Γ_T setups: uses only this result Fix mass ratio $\frac{m_H^2}{m_T^2} = \frac{12}{23} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} m_H = 125 \text{ GeV} \\ m_T = 173.055 \text{ GeV} \end{array}$ Reduction directory size: 0.25 TB Can not include m_B, Γ_T

Current calculation

Sector Decomposition

 Feynman parametrise integral and compute momentum integrals
 Apply sector decomposition to factorize overlapping singularities Hepp 66; Denner, Roth 96; Binoth, Heinrich 00



- 3) Subtract poles and expand in ϵ
- 4) Use contour deformation (analytic continuation to physical region) Soper 99; Binoth, Guillet, Heinrich, Pilon, Schubert 05; Nagy, Soper 06; Anastasiou, Beerli, Daleo 07; Beerli 08; Borowka, Carter, Heinrich 12; Borowka 14;
- 5) Numerically integrate resulting parameter integrals

All master integrals processed with SecDec interface to amplitude based on calculation of HH production Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, SJ, Kerner, Schlenk, Schubert, Zirke 16

Finite Basis

Always possible to pick finite basis of integrals using:

- Dimension Shifts Tarasov 96; Lee 10
- Dots

Panzer 14; von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger 15

Finding finite integrals and basis change implemented in Reduze2.1

Finite basis greatly improves numerical performance (but requires reduction of integrals with up to 2 inverse props and 2 dots)

	Finite Basis		Conventional				
	$(6-2\epsilon)$	201 s	2.34×10^{-4}	$(4-2\epsilon)$	384 s	8.12×10^{-4}	
Two-loop	$(6-2\epsilon)$	150 s	4.83×10^{-4}	$(4-2\epsilon)$	56538 s	1.67×10^{-2}	
EW-QCD	$(6-2\epsilon)$	280 s	1.00×10^{-3}	$(4-2\epsilon)$	214135 s	8.29×10^{-3}	
Drell-Yan	$(6-2\epsilon)$	294 s	1.21×10^{-3}	$(4-2\epsilon)$	3484378 s	30.9	
von Manteuffel, Schabinger 17	$(4-2\epsilon)$	91 s	3.76×10^{-4}	$(4-2\epsilon)$	87 s	3.76×10^{-4}	
Schabinger 17	$(0-2\epsilon)$	17 s	5.15×10^{-4}	$(4-2\epsilon)$	20 s	1.95×10^{-4}	← Rel. Err.
	$(6-2\epsilon)$	119 s	2.32×10^{-3}	$(4-2\epsilon)$ (s)	118 s	2.12×10^{-3}	
	Total/Max:	3995 s	5.84×10^{-3}	Total/Max:	5136862 s	30.9	

Amplitude Evaluation

Use Quasi-Monte Carlo (QMC) integration $\mathcal{O}(n^{-1})$ error scaling Li, Wang, Yan, Zhao 15; Review: Dick, Kuo, Sloan 13;

Implemented in OpenCL, evaluated on GPUs

Entire 2-loop amplitude evaluated with a single code

$$F = \sum_{i} \left(\sum_{j} C_{i,j} \epsilon^{j} \right) \left(\sum_{k} I_{i,k} \epsilon^{k} \right) = \epsilon^{-2} \left[C_{1,-2}^{(L)} I_{1,0}^{(L)} + \ldots \right]$$

coeff. integral
$$+ \epsilon^{-1} \left[C_{1,-1}^{(L)} I_{1,0}^{(L)} + \ldots \right] + \ldots$$

Dynamically set target precision for each sector, minimising time:

$$T = \sum_{i} t_{i} + \bar{\lambda} \left(\sigma^{2} - \sum_{i} \sigma_{i}^{2} \right), \quad \sigma_{i} \sim t_{i}^{-e}$$

- $\bar{\lambda}$ Lagrange multiplier
- σ precision goal
- σ_i error estimate

Comparison of HJ and HH

	HJ production	HH production
#Form factors	4+2	2
Full reduction	\checkmark	only planar
(quasi-) finite basis	\checkmark	only planar
#Master integrals including crossings	458	327*
#Master integrals neglecting crossings	120	215*
#Integrals after sector decomposition and expansion in ϵ	22675	11244
Code size coefficients	~340 MB	~80 MB
Code size integrals	~330 MB	~580 MB
Compile time coefficients	~ 2 weeks	few days
Compile time integrals	~4 hours	~1-2 days
Time for linking the program	~3-4 days	few hours

Slide: Matthias Kerner, Radcor 2017

* HH Non-planar not fully reduced

Phase-Space & Real Radiation

Real Radiation

Known analytically Del Duca, Kilgore, Oleari, Schmidt, Zeppenfeld 01

We use an upgraded GoSam setup: Cullen et al. 14

- Generate quadruple precision copy of the code
- Rescues unstable points on-the-fly with Ninja (quad)
- Mastrolia, Mirabella, Peraro 12; Peraro 14

• OneLoop for scalar integrals van Hameren 11

Implemented in POWHEG-BOX-V2, uses FKS subtraction Nason 04; Frixione, Nason Oleari 07; Alioli, Nason, Oleari, Re 10; Frixione, Kunszt, Signer 96

Virtual Phase Space

1. Apply VEGAS algorithm to LO matrix element

2. Using LO events generate unweighted events via accept/reject For p_T distribution we include a reweighing factor to sample sufficiently also at large transverse momenta



Results: Total Cross Section

$$\begin{split} m_{H} &= 125 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_{T} &= \sqrt{23/12} \ m_{H} \approx 173.05 \text{ GeV} \\ p_{T,j} &> 30 \text{ GeV}, \text{ anti} - k_{T} \ R &= 0.4, \\ \mu &= \frac{H_{T}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{m_{H}^{2} + p_{t,H}^{2}} + \sum_{i} |p_{t,i}| \right) \\ \texttt{PDF4LHC15_nlo_30_pdfas} \end{split}$$

Butterworth et al. 16; Dulat et al. 16; Harland-Lang et al. 15; Ball et al. 15

$\mathrm{d}\sigma_{\mathrm{NLO}}^{\mathrm{FT}_{\mathrm{approx}}} = \int \mathrm{d}\phi_2 \left(\mathrm{d}\sigma_B + \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_B}{\mathrm{d}\sigma_B^{\mathrm{HEFT}}}\mathrm{d}\sigma_{\mathrm{V}}^{\mathrm{HEFT}}\right)$
$+\int \mathrm{d}\phi_3 \mathrm{d}\sigma_\mathrm{R}$
FT_{approx} :
Full Born & Reals

Reweight virtuals event-by-event

THEORY	LO [pb]	NLO [pb]
HEFT:	$\sigma_{\rm LO} = 8.22^{+3.17}_{-2.15}$	$\sigma_{\rm NLO} = 14.63^{+3.30}_{-2.54}$
FT_{approx} :	$\sigma_{\rm LO} = 8.57^{+3.31}_{-2.24}$	$\sigma_{\rm NLO} = 15.07^{+2.89}_{-2.54}$
Full:	$\sigma_{\rm LO} = 8.57^{+3.31}_{-2.24}$	$\sigma_{\rm NLO} = 16.01^{+1.59}_{-3.73}$

Note: Non-negligible contribution from top-bottom interference known at NLO but not included here

(Lindert,) Melnikov, Tancredi, Wever 16, 17

Results: Higgs Boson pT (I)



 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Confirm expected scaling of } {\rm d}\sigma/{\rm d}p_T^2 \\ \mbox{in HEFT and full theory at NLO} \\ \sim p_T^{-2} \mbox{ in HEFT } & \mbox{Forte, Muselli 15; Caola,} \\ \sim p_T^{-4} \mbox{ in full theory } & \mbox{Vita 16;} \end{array}$



 FT_{approx} predicts similar p_T distribution shape to full theory

Full theory predicts nearly flat K factor at large p_T

~8% increase in tail by including top quark mass dependence in virtuals

Results: Different Scale Choices



With fixed scale ${\rm FT}_{\rm approx}$ has different shape to full theory (overestimates tail)

Note: K-factor only flat for dynamic scale choice, not for fixed scale

Numerical Stability

Numerical evaluation of virtual amplitude:

- accuracy goal: 0.5% for each form factor
- wall-clock limit: 2d GPU-time (Tesla K20X GPU)

Thanks: MPCDF



Accuracy reached for $|\mathcal{M}|^2$

- Better than per-mill for most points below $m_{hj} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$
- Region $m_{hj} \ge 2 \text{ TeV}$ numerically challenging
- Forward region challenging

Run time per point:

- Minimum: 1.3h
- Median: 15h

Improving Numerical Stability

MI Basis Change:

- Consider quasi-finite integrals (prefer finite integrals)
- Brute force combinations of masters, factor denominators and check that dimension factorises (achieved)
- Prefer simple denominator factors
- Prefer computing fewer orders in epsilon for each master
- Prefer simpler numerators (check number of terms/file size)

See: Matthias Kerner, Loops and Legs Proceedings 2018

Numerical Improvements:

- Improve modular arithmetic implementation (needed for larger lattices)
- Do not try to further evaluate integrals if rel. err. $< 10^{-14}$
- Adjust time spent integrating when iteration may exceed wall clock limit

Improved Numerical Stability



Before basis change:

After basis change:

Phase-space points significantly more stable:

- Good accuracy around top quark threshold
- Huge improvement in accuracy at larger invariant mass (2-3 TeV)
- Improvement in the forward region

Coefficient code size: 340 MB → 100 MB

Results: Higgs Boson pT (II)

After basis change:



Recomputing unstable points improves fluctuations in tail Low fraction of points excluded 3/2004Median run time per point $15h \rightarrow 2h$

Ongoing Work

Starting to look at other distributions...

Basis change improves numerical stability of invariant mass distribution



Note:

- Produced with fairly low statistics (817 points)
- No scale variations yet

Conclusion

Higgs + Jet

- Computed at NLO with full top quark mass dependence
- 2-loop virtual amplitude calculated numerically
- Discussed basis choice which improves numerical performance

Future

- Need detailed comparison with expanded result
- Complete more distributions (e.g. invariant mass)
- Produce 2D grid of results (similar to hhgrid)
- Combine with a parton shower (Sherpa, POWHEG-BOX)
- Combination with NNLO HTL (similar to recent HH combination)

Grazzini, Heinrich, SJ, Kallweit, Kerner, Lindert, Mazzitelli 18

Thank you for listening!

Backup

Amplitude Structure

Write integrals with r propagators and s inverse propagators as

Arbitrary scale

$$I_{r,s}(\hat{s}, \hat{t}, m_h^2, m_t^2) = (M^2)^{-L\epsilon} (M^2)^{2L-r+s} I_{r,s} \left(\frac{\hat{s}}{M^2}, \frac{\hat{t}}{M^2}, \frac{m_h^2}{M^2}, \frac{m_t^2}{M^2}\right)$$

We renormalize strong coupling, a, in \overline{MS} scheme and top quark mass in OS scheme, each renormalized form factor can be written as:

$$F = a^{\frac{3}{2}} \left[F^{(1)} + a(\frac{n_g}{2} \delta Z_A + \frac{3}{2} \delta Z_a) F^{(1)} + a \delta m_t^2 F^{ct,(1)} + a F^{(2)} + O(a^2) \right]$$

$$F^{(1)} = \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{M^2}\right)^{\epsilon} \left[b_0^{(1)} + b_1^{(1)} \epsilon + b_2^{(1)} \epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \right] \quad \longleftarrow \text{ 1-loop}$$

$$F^{ct,(1)} = \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{M^2}\right)^{\epsilon} \left[c_0^{(1)} + c_1^{(1)} \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \right] \quad \longleftarrow \text{ Mass Counter-Terms}$$

$$F^{(2)} = \left(\frac{\mu_R^2}{M^2}\right)^{2\epsilon} \left[\frac{b_{-2}^{(2)}}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{b_{-1}^{(2)}}{\epsilon} + b_0^{(2)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right] \quad \longleftarrow 2\text{-loop}$$

Scale variations do not require any re-computation of red terms

pySecDec

pySecDec: a program to numerically evaluate dimensionally regulated parameter integrals (Rewrite of SecDec in python & c++)

https://github.com/mppmu/secdec/releases

Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, SJ, Kerner, Schlenk, Zirke

Supports:

Contour deformation, Arbitrary loops/legs (within reason) General parameter integrals (not just loop integrals) Arbitrary number of regulators (not just ϵ) Flexible numerators (contracted Lorentz vectors, inverse propagators) Generates c++ Library (can be linked to your own program)

Coming soon:

Quasi-Monte Carlo integration & CUDA GPU Support Li, Wang, Yan, Zhao 15; Review: Dick, Kuo, Sloan 13;

QMC (Rank 1 Shifted Lattices)

Efficient algorithm for numerical integration:



Precomputed generating vector \vec{z} chosen to minimise worst-case error, depends on number of lattice points nReview: Dick, Kuo, Sloan 2013

Error Estimate

Unbiased error estimate computed from random shifts:

$$\operatorname{Var}[\bar{Q}_{s,n,m}[f]] \approx \frac{1}{m(m-1)} \sum_{k=1}^{m} (Q_{s,n,k} - \bar{Q}_{s,n,m})^2$$

Shift k

Application of QMC/R1SL to sector decomposed functions suggested by: Li, Wang, Yan, Zhao 15

Example: Sector Decomposed Loop Integral



High Performance Computing

Accuracy limited by number of function evaluations Implemented in OpenCL 1.2 for CPU & GPU



Sector Decomposition (I)

One technique **Iterated Sector Decomposition** repeat: Binoth, Heinrich 00 $\int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{1} \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{2} \frac{1}{(x_{1} + x_{2})^{2 + \epsilon}} \quad \longleftarrow \text{ Overlapping singularity for } x_{1}, x_{2} \to 0$ $= \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{1} \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{2} \frac{1}{(x_{1} + x_{2})^{2+\epsilon}} (\theta(x_{1} - x_{2}) + \theta(x_{2} - x_{1}))$ $= \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{1} \int_{0}^{x_{1}} \mathrm{d}x_{2} \frac{1}{(x_{1} + x_{2})^{2+\epsilon}} + \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{2} \int_{0}^{x_{2}} \mathrm{d}x_{1} \frac{1}{(x_{1} + x_{2})^{2+\epsilon}}$ $= \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{1} \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}t_{2} \frac{x_{1}}{(x_{1} + x_{1}t_{2})^{2+\epsilon}} + \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{2} \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}t_{1} \frac{x_{2}}{(x_{2}t_{1} + x_{2})^{2+\epsilon}}$ $= \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x_1 \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}t_2 \frac{x_1^{-1-\epsilon}}{(1+t_2)^{2+\epsilon}} + \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}x_2 \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}t_1 \frac{x_2^{-1-\epsilon}}{(t_1+1)^{2+\epsilon}} - \mathbf{Singularities factorised}$

If this procedure terminates depends on order of decomposition steps An alternative strategy **Geometric Sector Decomposition** always terminates; both strategies are implemented in **pySecDec**. Kaneko, Ueda 10; See also: Bogner, Weinzierl 08; Smirnov, Tentyukov 09

Sector Decomposition (II)

Expand in ϵ (simple case a = -1 "Logarithmic Divergence"): $\int_{0}^{1} dx^{-1-b\epsilon} g(x) = \frac{g(0)}{-b\epsilon} + \int_{0}^{1} dx x^{-b\epsilon} \left[\frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x} \right] \leftarrow \text{Finite}$ Poles
`subtraction' of g(0)

By Definition: $g(0) \neq 0, g(0)$ finite

Can now numerically integrate

Key Point: Sector Decomposed integrals can be expanded in ϵ and numerically integrated