# Two-loop amplitude generation in OpenLoops 

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## OpenLoops



OpenLoops is a fully automated numerical tool for the tree and one-loop computation of hard scattering amplitudes required in Monte-Carlo simulations

- Full NLO QCD and NLO EW corrections available
- Strong CPU performance and excellent numerical stability

Available from https://gitlab.com/openloops/OpenLoops.git or https://openloops.hepforge.org

Scattering probability densities in perturbation theory from sums of $L$-loop Feynman diagrams ( $\mathrm{L}=0,1$ ):


Automation at NNLO highly desirable $\rightarrow$ Goal: Two-loop OpenLoops

## Outline

I. The OpenLoops algorithm at tree level and one loop
II. Requirements for two-loop automation
III. New algorithm to construct two-loop tensor coefficients in OpenLoops
IV. Numerical stability
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## I. The OpenLoops algorithm at tree level

Tree-level amplitudes constructed recursively from sub-trees (starting from external lines)

For example

$\rightarrow$ split into sub-trees

Numerical recursion step:

 $=\underbrace{\frac{X_{\beta \gamma}^{\alpha}\left(k_{b}, k_{c}\right)}{k_{a}^{2}-m_{a}^{2}}}_{\text {universal building block }} w_{b}^{\beta} w_{c}^{\gamma}$ from Feynman rules

Generic depiction:
 ( $k_{i}$ external momenta)

Highly efficient: Sub-trees constructed only once for multiple tree and loop diagrams

## I. The OpenLoops algorithm at one loop

High complexity in loop diagram $\Gamma$ due to analytical structure in loop momentum $q$


Scalar propagators $D_{i}(q)=\left(q+p_{i}\right)^{2}-m_{i}^{2}$

Factorisation into colour factor $\mathcal{C}_{1, \Gamma}$ and loop segments


Universal building block $\times$ sub-tree(s)

Open loop diagram at $D_{0} \rightarrow$ Dress chain of segments (open loop) recursively:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{N}_{k}(q) & =\prod_{i=1}^{k} S_{i}(q)=\mathcal{N}_{k-1}(q) S_{k}(q)= \\
& =\sum_{r=0}^{k} \mathcal{N}_{\mu_{1} \ldots \mu_{r}}^{(k)} q^{\mu_{1}} \ldots q^{\mu_{r}} \quad \underbrace{D_{1}}_{\beta_{0}} \underbrace{w_{1}}_{D_{2}} \underbrace{w_{k+1}}_{\text {dressed segments }}
\end{aligned}
$$

Completely generic and highly efficient algorithm
Implemented at the level of tensor integral coefficients $\mathcal{N}_{\mu_{1} \ldots \mu_{r}}^{(k)}$

## II. Requirements for NNLO automation

NNLO scattering probability density: $\quad \mathcal{W}_{\text {NNLO }}^{\text {virtual }}=\underset{\text { hel col }}{\sum} \sum_{\text {col }}\left(2 \operatorname{Re}\left[\mathcal{M}_{0}^{*} \mathcal{M}_{2}\right]+\left|\mathcal{M}_{1}\right|^{2}\right)$


- $\left|\mathcal{M}_{1}\right|^{2}, \mathcal{W}_{\text {NNLO }}^{\text {real-virtual }}, \mathcal{W}_{\text {NNLO }}^{\text {real-real }}$ available in OpenLoops [Buccioni, Lang, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini, Zhang, M.z.]
- Amplitude of a two-loop diagram $\Gamma$ :

$$
\mathcal{M}_{2, \Gamma}=\underbrace{\mathcal{C}_{2, \Gamma}}_{\text {colour }} \sum_{r_{1}=0}^{R_{1}} \sum_{r_{2}=0}^{R_{2}} \underbrace{\mathcal{N}_{\mu_{1} \cdots \mu_{r_{1}} \nu_{1} \cdots \nu_{r_{2}}}}_{\text {tensor coefficient }} \underbrace{\int \mathrm{d}^{D} q_{1} \int \mathrm{~d}^{D} q_{2} \frac{q_{1}^{\mu_{1}} \cdots q_{1}^{\mu_{r_{1}}} q_{2}^{\nu_{1}} \cdots q_{2}^{\nu_{r_{2}}}}{\mathcal{D}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)}}_{\text {tensor integral }}
$$

- Numerical construction of tensor coefficients in four dimensions $\rightarrow$ this talk
- Restoration of $(D-4)$-dimensional numerator parts and renormalisation through UV and rational counterterms $\rightarrow$ Hantian Zhang's talk on Friday
- Remaining tasks: Tensor integrals, treatment of IR divergences


## III. New algorithm to construct two-loop tensor coefficients in OpenLoops

Amplitude of irreducible two-loop diagram $\Gamma$ (1PI on amputation of all external subtrees):


Exploit factorisation of numerator $\mathcal{N}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{3} \mathcal{N}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right){ }_{j=0}^{1} \mathcal{V}_{j}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)$

- Three chains, each depending on a single loop momentum $q_{i}(i=1,2,3)$ with chain numerators factorising into loop segments $\mathcal{N}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right)=S_{0}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right) \cdots S_{N_{i}-1}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right)$
$\rightarrow$ Same structure as one-loop chain
- Two connecting vertices $\mathcal{V}_{0}, \mathcal{V}_{1}$
- Chain denominators $\mathcal{D}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right)=D_{0}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right) \cdots D_{N_{i}-1}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right)$ where $\quad D_{a}^{(i)}\left(q_{i}\right)=\left(q_{i}+p_{i a}\right)^{2}-m_{i a}^{2}$ (External momenta $p_{i a}$ and masses $m_{i a}$ along $i$-th chain)


## Building blocks of two-loop amplitudes

 can be constructed recursively, multiplying one chain segment or vertex $\mathcal{V}_{j}$ per recursion step.

## Observations:

- Chains have same complexity as one-loop chains
- Higher complexity in steps connecting $\mathcal{V}_{j}$ due to dependence on $q_{1}, q_{2}$ and three open Lorentz/spinor indices $\beta_{k}^{(i)}$
- Each chain segment or vertex $\mathcal{V}_{j}$ increases helicity d.o.f.
 by those of its external subtree(s) and the rank in a $q_{i}$ by 0 or 1
- Number of independent tensor coefficients $\mathcal{N}_{\mu_{1} \cdots \mu_{r_{1}} \nu_{1} \cdots \nu_{r_{2}}}$ increases exponentially with ranks $r_{1}, r_{2}$ in $q_{1}, q_{2}$

Naive algorithm: Dress all chains first, then connect $\mathcal{V}_{0,1}$, interfer with Born and sum over helicities

Number of tensor components

| $r_{2}{ }_{2}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 35 |
| 1 | 5 | 25 | 75 | 175 |
| 2 | 15 | 75 | 225 | 525 |
| 3 | 35 | 175 | 525 | 1225 |
| 4 | 70 | 350 | 1050 | 2450 |
| 5 | 126 | 630 | 1890 | 4410 |

$\rightarrow$ Would be inefficient due to expensive last steps

## Connecting the building blocks of two-loop amplitudes

Final result: Helicity and colour-summed interference with Born $\mathcal{U}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)$
with segment helicities $h_{k}^{(i)} \rightarrow$ chain helicities $h^{(i)}=\underset{k=0}{N_{i}-1} h_{k}^{(i)} \rightarrow$ global helicity $h=\sum_{i=1}^{3} h^{(i)}$
Algorithm will consist of $N$ recursion steps: $\mathcal{N}_{n}=\mathcal{N}_{n-1} \cdot S_{n}, \quad(n=1, \ldots, N)$
with partially dressed numerators $\mathcal{N}_{n}$ and building blocks $S_{n} \in\left\{S_{k}^{(i)}, \mathcal{V}_{j}, \mathcal{N}^{(i)}, \mathcal{M}_{0}^{*} C_{2, \Gamma}\right\}$.
CPU cost of step $n \sim$ number of multiplications
$\rightarrow$ dependent on structure of $S_{n}$ and number of components of $\mathcal{N}_{n}$
$=\left(\right.$ number of tensor components in $\left.q_{i}\right) \times($ helicitiy d.o.f. $) \times 4^{(\text {number of open Lorentz/spinor indices) }}$
$\Rightarrow$ Most efficient algorithm found through cost simulation of possible candidates for a wide range of QED and QCD Feynman diagrams

## New two-loop algorithm

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Order of chains and of two-loop vertices $\mathcal{V}_{0}, \mathcal{V}_{1}$ has major impact on efficiency

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- Shortest chain $\Rightarrow$ Low number of helicity d.o.f. $\hat{h}_{n}^{(3)}=\hat{h}_{n-1}^{(3)}+h_{n}^{(3)}$ and low rank in $q_{3}$
- Partial chains $\mathcal{N}_{n}^{(3)}$ computed only once for multiple diagrams
$\Rightarrow$ Only a small number of low-complexity steps for the full process


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## Example:



$$
\mathcal{Y}\left(q_{1}, q_{3}, h^{(2)}\right)=\sum_{h^{(3)}} \mathcal{U}^{(1)}\left(q_{1}, h-h^{(1)}\right) \mathcal{N}^{(3)}\left(q_{3}, h^{(3)}\right) \mathcal{V}_{1}\left(q_{1}, q_{3}\right)
$$

On-the-fly summation of chain helicity $h^{(3)}$ (and potential subtree helicity at $\mathcal{V}_{1}$ )
$\Rightarrow$ Partial diagram depends on undressed chain helicity $h^{(2)}$
$\Rightarrow$ Intermediate object depends on three open indices and two loop momenta

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## Example:



$$
\mathcal{U}_{-1}^{(2)}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}, h^{(2)}\right)=\left.\mathcal{Y}\left(q_{1}, q_{3}, h^{(2)}\right) \mathcal{V}_{0}\left(q_{1}, q_{1}\right)\right|_{q_{3} \rightarrow-\left(q_{1}+q_{2}\right)}
$$

- Partial diagram depends on undressed chain helicity $h^{(2)}$ and two open indices
- Exploit analytical $q_{i}$-structure, e.g. dependence of maximal rank $R_{2}$ in $q_{2}$ on rank $r_{1} \leq R_{1}$ in $q_{1}$ Example: $R_{2}\left(r_{1} \leq 3\right)=1$ and $R_{2}\left(r_{1}=4\right)=0 \Rightarrow$ No simple ( $R_{1}=4, R_{2}=1$ ) array
$\Rightarrow$ Use this partial diagram as initial object for the last chain dressing


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Example:

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n=0
$$

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Exploit diagram factorisation for full process:

$$
\mathcal{U}_{A}+\mathcal{U}_{B}=\left(\mathcal{U}_{A, n} \cdot S_{n+1} \cdots S_{N}\right)+\left(\mathcal{U}_{B, n} \cdot S_{n+1} \cdots S_{N}\right)=\left(\mathcal{U}_{A, n}+\mathcal{U}_{B, n}\right) \cdot S_{n+1} \cdots S_{N}
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Highly efficient and completely generic algorithm for two-loop tensor coefficients
Fully implemented for QED and QCD corrections to the SM

## IV. Numerical stability

## Pseudo-tree test

- Cut diagram at two propagators
- Saturate indices with random wavefunctions $e_{1}, \ldots, e_{4}$
- Fixed values for loop momenta $q_{1}, q_{2}$

$\Rightarrow$ Compute with well-tested tree-level algorithm and with new two-loop algorithm
$\rightarrow$ contract coefficients $\mathcal{N}_{\mu_{1} \cdots \mu_{r_{1}} \nu_{1} \cdots \nu_{r_{2}}}$ with fixed-value tensor integrand $\frac{q_{1}^{q_{1}} \ldots q_{1}^{\mu_{1}} q_{2}^{\nu_{1}} \ldots q_{2}^{\nu_{2}}}{\mathcal{D}\left(q_{1}, q_{2}\right)}$
Test several processes in double and quadruple precision for $10^{5}$ uniform random phase space points
Bulk of points has $14-16$ digits agreement (all points 12 or more digits) in double precision $\Rightarrow$ Implementation validated without computing two-loop tensor integrals

All points have more than 16 digits agreement in quad precision
$\Rightarrow$ Quad precision calculation as benchmark

## IV. Numerical stability

Two-loop algorithm with fixed $q_{1}, q_{2}$ and pseudo wavefunctions $e_{1}, \ldots, e_{4}$ for $10^{5}$ uniform random phase space points (psp). Numerical instability of double (dp) wrt quad precision (qp) calculation: $\mathcal{A}:=\frac{\left|\mathcal{W}_{02}^{(d p)}-\mathcal{W}_{02}^{(q p)}\right|}{\operatorname{Min}\left(\left|\mathcal{W}_{02}^{(d p}\right|,\left|\mathcal{W}_{02}^{(q p)}\right|\right)}$


$$
g g \rightarrow \bar{t} t
$$


$d \bar{d} \rightarrow u \bar{u} g$

## Excellent numerical stability

$\Rightarrow$ Important for full calculation (tensor integral reduction will be main source of instabilities)

## V. Timings for two-loop tensor coefficients

QED, QCD and SM (NNLO QCD) processes (single Intel i7-6600U @ $2.6 \mathrm{GHz}, 16 \mathrm{~GB}$ RAM, 1000 psp )


Strong CPU performance, comparable to real-virtual corrections in OpenLoops

## VI. Summary and Outlook

Numerical calculation of two-loop tensor coefficients in the OpenLoops framework

- Exploit factorisation of diagrams
$\rightarrow$ Highly efficient and completely generic recursive algorithm
- Fully implemented for NNLO QCD and NNLO QED corrections in the SM (irreducible and reducible two-loop diagrams)
- Excellent numerical precision
- Strong CPU performance ( $\sim 150 \mu s$ per diagram and psp) due to
- Efficient order of building blocks
- Exploitation of analytical structure in loop momenta
- On-the-fly helicity summation and diagram merging


## Short-term and mid-term projects:

- Implementation of two-loop UV and rational counterterms
- Automation of all one-loop and two-loop ingredients in a single interface
- Tensor integral reduction and evaluation (in-house framework or external tool or mixture thereof)

Backup

## Reducible two-loop diagrams

Amplitude of reducible diagram $\Gamma_{\text {red }}$ (1-particle-reducible after amputation of external subtrees):


Two factorised one-loop diagrams connected by a tree-like bridge $P$
$\Rightarrow$ Fully implemented

