



Parallel Session

High-Energy Electroweak Physics

# Unitarity Cuts and Reduction of Master Integrals for One-Loop Amplitudes

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Constructing Loop Amplitudes From Tree Amplitudes

## LHC might see the emergence of new physics

- At least the Higgs boson will be found
- New heavy particles give complex final states in terms of leptons and jets
- Standard Model physics gives significant background
- Precise understanding of the background is beneficial both for searching for the signal and after the discovery of new physics
- New technical challenge: calculate differential cross-section of 5,6,... leg processes in NLO accuracy in QCD pertrubation theory

At LO very useful software packages

**MADGRAPH, ALPGEN, HELAC, CompHEP, ...**

The ultimate goal is to get similar software packages with NLO QCD and perhaps EWK corrections. DREAMS?

# Wishes vs. Realities at NLO

## Status of the theoretical calculations

All  $2 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $2 \rightarrow 2$ ,  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes are calculated or feasible to calculate

“Traditional Feynman diagram technique”

$pp \rightarrow ttj$  *dittmaier, uwer, weinzierl*

“Fully automated numerical Feynman diagram technique”:

$pp \rightarrow ZZZ$  *Lazopoulos, Melnikov, Petriello*

“Semi-numerical Feynman diagram technique” for virtual corrections

*Ellis, Giele, Zanderighi*

Other approaches:

*Grace, Nagy, Soper, Binoth et.al. ...*

*automated generation of Feynman diagrams, numerical evaluation of tensor integrals, subtraction method, sector decomposition*

## Wish list of experimentalists

1.  $p+p \rightarrow V+V+\text{jet}$
2.  $p+p \rightarrow V+V+V$
3.  $p+p \rightarrow 4\text{jets}$
4.  $p+p \rightarrow V+3\text{jets}$
5.  $p+p \rightarrow V+V+2\text{jets}$
6.  $p+p \rightarrow V+V+b+b$
7.  $p+p \rightarrow t+t+2\text{jets}$
8.  $p+p \rightarrow t+t+b+b$
9.  $p+p \rightarrow t+t+V+V$

# Unitarity cut methods for one-loop calculations

One loop amplitudes in terms of tree amplitudes of physical states

□ Four dimensional unitarity cut method + structure of the collinear limit  
*bern dixon kosower: pp → W, Z + 2 jets (1998)*

□ D=4-2ε dimensional unitarity cut method

*van Nerveen, Bern, Morgan, Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower*

*four dimensional unitarity cut – dispersion integrals are convergent, subtraction terms are related to ultraviolet behaviour*

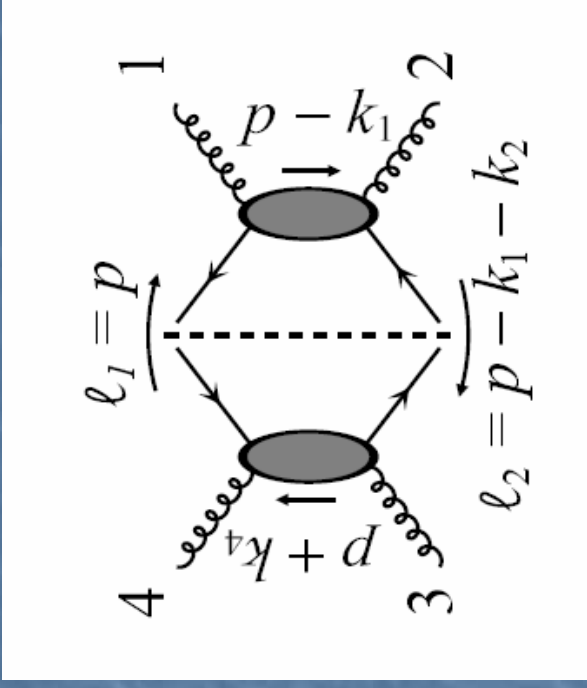
Cut-constructible parts and rational parts

*D-dimension integrals are convergent but one has to use D-dimensional states, “tree level input” is more complicated*

□ Use all information provided by perturbation theory

# Basic setup

$$T^\dagger - T = -2iT^\dagger T$$



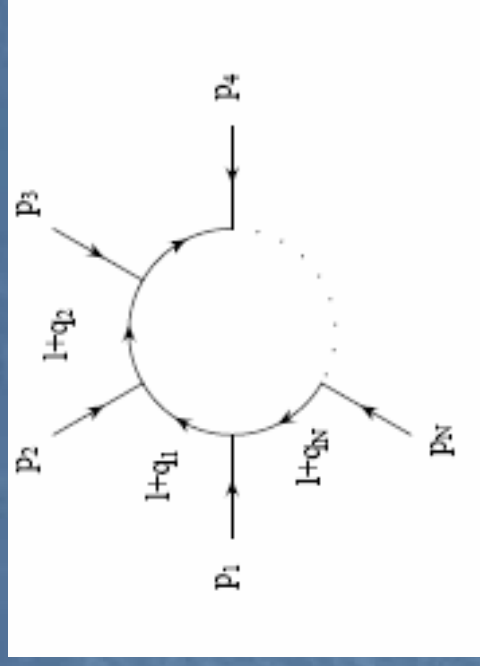
$$-i \text{Disc } A_4(1, 2, 3, 4) \Big|_{s\text{-cut}} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} 2\pi\delta^{(+)}(\ell_1^2 - m^2) 2\pi\delta^{(+)}(\ell_2^2 - m^2) \times A_4^{\text{tree}}(-\ell_1, 1, 2, \ell_2) A_4^{\text{tree}}(-\ell_2, 3, 4, \ell_1),$$

Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower; Bern, Morgan;

# Unitarity cut method: recent developments

- i) Twistors and use of complex kinematics  
**Witten; Cachazo, Witten**
- ii) On-shell recursion relations for tree amplitudes  
**Britto, Feng, Cachazo; Britto, Feng, Cachazo, Witten**
- iii) Generalized unitarity:  
**more than two internal particles are on-shell**  
**Britto, Cachazo, Feng; Brandhuber, Spencer, Travagiani**
- iv) Spinorial integration  
**Cachazo, Witten, Britto, Feng, Mastrolia, Svrcek (D=4)**  
**Anastasiou, Britto, Feng, Kunszt (D=4-2 $\epsilon$ )**
- v) On shell recursion relation for loop amplitudes  
**Bern, Dixon, Kosower**
- vi) Algebraic tensor reduction  
**Ossala, Pittau, Papadopoulos**

# 1. Representation of one-loop N-point amplitude in terms of master integrals



$$A_N(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N) = \int d^l l \frac{\mathcal{N}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N; l)}{d_1 d_2 \dots d_N}$$

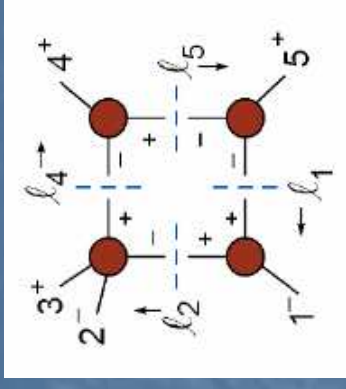
$$d_i = (l + q_i)^2 - m_i^2 = (l + \sum_{j=1}^i p_j)^2$$

$$A_N(\{p_i\}) = \sum d_i \left[ \text{box diagram} + \text{triangle diagram} + \text{bubble diagram} \right] + \sum b_i \left[ \text{bubble diagram} \right]$$

Representation of integrand in terms of four, three, two poles

## 2. Generalized unitarity to read out coefficients

$$T^\dagger - T = -2iT^\dagger T$$



Britto, Cachoz, Feng

$$A(\{p_i\}) = \sum_{ijk} d_{ijk} + \sum_{ij} c_{ij} + \sum b_i + \text{[Diagram: a circle with two external lines]}$$

$$\frac{i}{(l+P_i)^2} \rightarrow (2\pi)\delta((l+P_i)^2), \quad d_0 = d_i = d_j = d_k = 0$$

## 3. Factorized expression for the cut diagrams

$$d_{ijk} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^2 A_1(l_{ijk;\alpha}) A_2(l_{ijk;\alpha}) A_3(l_{ijk;\alpha}) A_4(l_{ijk;\alpha})$$



# Twistors, complex momenta

Short hand notation for Weyl-spinors, related to particle  $i$  with momentum  $p_i$ :

$$\lambda_i^\alpha = \bar{u}_-(p_i)_\alpha = \langle i- |, \quad \bar{\lambda}_{i,\dot{\alpha}} = \bar{u}_+(p_i)_{\dot{\alpha}} = \langle i- |$$

$$\lambda_{i,\alpha} = u_+(p_i)_\alpha = |i+\rangle, \quad \bar{\lambda}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} = u_-(p_i)^{\dot{\alpha}} = |i-\rangle$$

We can reconstruct the momenta from the spinors as

$$(\sigma^\mu p_{i,\mu})_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = u_+(p_i)\bar{u}_+(p_i)_{\dot{\alpha}} = \lambda_\alpha \bar{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

$$\langle j| = \lambda_j^\alpha \lambda_{l,\alpha}, \quad [j| = \bar{\lambda}_{j,\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\lambda}_l^{\dot{\alpha}}$$

For real momenta  $\tilde{\lambda}$  is complex conjugate of  $\lambda$  and

$$\langle j| = \sqrt{s_j} e^{i\phi_j}, \quad [j| = \pm \sqrt{s_j} e^{-i\phi_j}$$

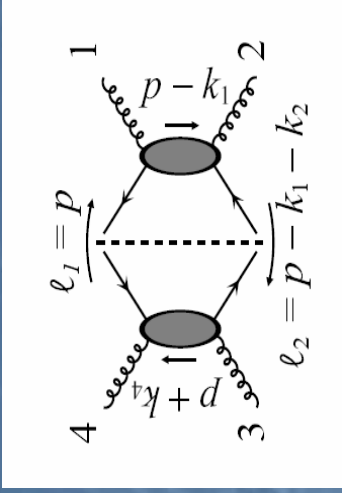
For complex momenta we can choose  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  proportional while their complex conjugates are not proportional and  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 0$ , the three point amplitudes

$$A_3^{\text{tree}}(1^-, 2^-, 3^+) = i \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle} \quad (31)$$

**may not be vanishing**

Witten

# Reduction at the integrand level I



Tensor cut loop integral requires reduction

Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau

Partial fractioning of the integrand and reading out residues

Numerical Unitarity Cut Method, W. Giele's talk at Les Houches

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_N(l) &= \frac{\mathcal{N}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N; l)}{d_1 d_2 \cdots d_N} \\
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < i_3 < i_4 \leq N} \frac{\bar{d}_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2} d_{i_3} d_{i_4}} + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < i_3 \leq N} \frac{\bar{c}_{i_1 i_2 i_3}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2} d_{i_3}} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq N} \frac{\bar{b}_{i_1 i_2}(l)}{d_{i_1} d_{i_2}} + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq N} \frac{\bar{a}_{i_1}(l)}{d_{i_1}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

# Reduction at the integrand level II

The residue is taken at special loop momentum defined by the generalized unitarity condition

The first terms on the RHS are given by factors of tree amplitudes at special cut-mom. configurations

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{ijk}(l) &= \text{Res}_{d_i=d_j=d_k=d_0=0} [ A_N(l) d_i d_j d_k d_0 ] \\
 \bar{c}_{ij}(l) &= \text{Res}_{d_i=d_j=d_0=0} \left( A_N(l) d_i d_j d_0 - \sum_{k \neq ij} \frac{\bar{d}_{ijk}(l)}{d_k(l)} \right) \\
 \bar{b}_i(l) &= \text{Res}_{d_i=d_0=0} \left( A_N(l) d_i d_0 - \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{\bar{c}_{ij}(l)}{d_j(l)} - \sum_{k \neq i} \frac{\bar{d}_{ijk}(l)}{d_j(l) d_k(l)} \right) \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Unitarity conditions are trivially fulfilled if we use van Neerven Vermaseren basis to parametrize  $l$

# vNV basis for tensor reduction

Instead of  $g_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $p_i$  use  $w^{\mu\nu}$  and  $v_i$  for expandig vectors and tensors

$$l^\mu = V_4^\mu + \alpha n^\mu$$

$$V_4^\mu = -\frac{1}{2}p_1^2 v_1^\mu - \frac{1}{2}(p_{12}^2 - p_1^2) v_2^\mu - \frac{1}{2}(p_{123}^2 - p_{12}^2) v_3^\mu$$

box

$$v_1^\mu = \frac{\delta^{\mu p_1 p_2 p_3}}{\delta p_1 p_2 p_3}; v_2^\mu = \frac{\delta^{\mu p_1 p_2 p_3}}{\Delta(p_1, p_2, p_3)}; v_3^\mu = \frac{\delta^{\mu p_1 p_2 p_3}}{\Delta(p_1, p_2, p_3)}; n_1^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu p_1 p_2 p_3}$$

$$w_\nu^\mu = \frac{n^\mu n_\nu}{\Delta(p_1, p_2, p_3)}$$

$$l_\pm^\mu = V_4^\mu \pm i\sqrt{V_4^2} \times n^\mu$$

$$l^\mu = V_3^\mu + \alpha_1 n_1^\mu + \alpha_2 n_2^\mu$$

$$V_2^\mu = -\frac{1}{2}p_1^2 v_1^\mu(p_1, p_2) - \frac{1}{2}(p_{12}^2 - p_1^2) v_2^\mu - \frac{1}{2}(p_{123}^2 - p_{12}^2) v_3^\mu$$

triangle

## Forde's (OPP) basis for triple cut

With three delta-functions containing  $l$ , only single free parameter remain for the loop integral denoted by  $t$ .

$$l^\mu = a_0^\mu t + \frac{1}{t} a_1^\mu + a_2^\mu$$

$$Disc_3(A) = \int dt J_t A_1 A_2 A_3 = \int J_t \sum_{i=0}^m f_i t^i + \sum_{\text{boxes}} d_l D_0^{\text{cut}}$$

$$C_{ij} = -[\text{Inf}_t A_1 A_2 A_3](t) t = 0$$

triangle

Direct numerical implementation ?

# Reduction at the integrand level III

Spurious terms: residual  $l$ -dependence

Finite number of spurious terms:  
1 (box), 6 (triangle) 8 (box)

$$\bar{d}_{ijk}(l) = d_{ijk} + \bar{d}_{ijk}\alpha$$

2 unknowns

$$\bar{c}_{ij}(l) = c_{ij} + \tilde{c}_{ijk}^{(1)}\alpha_1 + \tilde{c}_{ijk}^{(2)}\alpha_2 + \dots$$

7 unknowns

Factors of tree amplitudes

Suitable for numerical evaluation  
for cut-constructible part

# Unitarity cut in D-2ε and the rational part

Anastasiou, Britto, Feng, Mastroli, ZK

$$A = \int d^{4-2\epsilon} p \delta(p^2) \delta((K-p)^2) A_L(p) A_R(p)$$

$$A = \frac{\pi^{-\epsilon}}{\Gamma(-\epsilon)} \int d\mu^2 (\mu^2)^{-1-\epsilon} \int d^4 \tilde{l} \delta(\tilde{l}^2 - \mu^2) \delta((K-\tilde{l})^2 - \mu^2)$$

$$A_L(\tilde{l} + \vec{\mu}) A_R(\tilde{l} + \vec{\mu}).$$

Massive cut lines, with D=4 and integration over the mass parameter  $\mu$   
OPP-generalized unitarity cut reduction for the massive D=4 tensor integrals or reduction with spinorial integrals.

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# Cut tensor integrals and their reduction

$$\text{Bub}(n) = \int_0^1 du u^{-1-\epsilon} u^n \sqrt{1-u}$$

$$\text{Tri}(n) = \int_0^1 du u^{-1-\epsilon} u^n \ln \left( \frac{Z+\sqrt{1-u}}{Z-\sqrt{1-u}} \right)$$

$$\text{Box}(n) = \int_0^1 du u^{-1-\epsilon} \frac{u^n}{\sqrt{B-Au}} \times$$

$$\ln \left( \frac{D-Cu-\sqrt{1-u}\sqrt{B-Au}}{D-Cu+\sqrt{1-u}\sqrt{B-Au}} \right)$$

# Cut tensor integrals and their reduction

$$\text{Bub}^{(n)} = F_{2 \rightarrow 2}^{(n)} \text{Bub}^{(0)}$$

$$\text{Tri}^{(n)}(Z) = F_{3 \rightarrow 3}^{(n)}(Z) \text{Tri}^{(0)}(Z) + F_{3 \rightarrow 2}^{(n)}(Z) \text{Bub}^{(0)}$$

$$F_{2 \rightarrow 2}^{(n)} = \frac{(-\epsilon) 3^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(n-\epsilon) 3^{\frac{3}{2}}}, \quad F_{3 \rightarrow 3}^{(n)} = \frac{-\epsilon}{n-\epsilon} (1 - Z^2)^n$$

# Unitarity cut in $D-2\epsilon$ and the rational part

Reduction of  $f_i(u)$  to constant generates  $\epsilon$  dependence of the coefficient of the integral function

Rational part is given by the order  $\epsilon$  term of the box coefficient function

Massive cut lines,  $D$ -dimensional intermediate states

Numerical implementation ?

# Numerical Implementation of Unitarity Techniques

K.Ellis W. Giele, Z.K.

- Numerical program for 4,5,6 gluon one-loop amplitudes
- Comparisons to analytic 4,5,6 one-loop gluon amplitudes
- Time for 6 gluon: 107 secs/10,000 events

# Concluding Remarks

- Remarkable progress since 2004
- Cut constructible part: fast numerical implementations (OPP,EGK,...)  
numerical stability?
- Rational part: numerical implementation of recursive technique? (BDFK...)
  - i) A bit more than just tree amplitudes
  - ii) More traditional methods (Zhu, Binoth,Heinrich)