QCD scattering amplitudes at the precision frontier

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hadron collider predictions



precision QCD predictions $+\alpha_s d\sigma^{\rm NLO}$ $\left|\alpha_s^2 d\sigma^{\rm NNLO}\right|$ $d\sigma = d\sigma^{\rm LO}$ +~10-30 % ~1-10 % Bernhard (d) σ N3LO (2 \rightarrow I) Mistlberger's talk [Anasastiou, Duhr, Dulat, Furlan, Gehrmann, Herzog, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger] bottleneck $N^{3}LO$ [Berhing, Melnikov, Rietkerk, Tancredi, Wever] $VVV+VV \times V$ [Dulat, Mistlberger, Pelloni] [Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger] loops NNLO VVR+(VR)² towards d σ N3LO 2 \rightarrow 2 $VV+V^2$ $S_i^{(2)}, \, C_{ij}^{(2)}$ 3-loop 4-point amplitudes NLO VR VRR [Ahmed, Henn, Mistlberger] V $S_{ij}^{(1)}, \, C_{ijk}^{(1)}$ $S_i^{(1)}, C_{ii}^{(1)}$ [lin, Luo] [Caola, von Manteuffel, Tancredi] LO R \mathbf{RR} RRR $d\sigma$ NNLO (fully differential $2\rightarrow 3$) В $S_{ij}^{(0)}, C_{ijk}^{(0)}$ $S_i^{(0)}, C_{ij}^{(0)}$ $S_{ijk}^{(0)}, C_{ijkl}^{(0)}$ $qq \rightarrow 3\gamma$ [Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet] [Kallweit, Sotnikov, Wiesemann] legs $qq \rightarrow \gamma \gamma j$ [Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet]

complicated phase-space

complicated integrals

don't forget! (N)NLO EW, mass effects, resummation, showers...

 $pp \rightarrow 3j$ [Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet]

precision frontier: 2 \rightarrow 3 scattering (2 \rightarrow 3)/(2 \rightarrow 2) ratio (2 \rightarrow 3)/(2 \rightarrow 3

process	precision observables
$pp \rightarrow 3j$	jet multiplicity ratios, α_s at high energies, 3-jet mass
$pp \rightarrow \gamma \gamma + j$	background to Higgs p_T , signal/background interference effects
$pp \rightarrow H + 2j$	Higgs p_T , Higgs coupling through vector boson fusion (VBF)
$pp \rightarrow V + 2j$	Vector boson p_T , W^+/W^- ratios and multiplicity scaling
$pp \rightarrow VV + j$	backgrounds to p_T spectra for new physics decaying via vector boson





infrared subtraction problem is highly non-trivial, plenty of new ideas needed here too of course!

bottlenecks

many channels, colour, helicity configurations: high level of automation required!

> large intermediate expressions: new methods needed to overcome algebraic complexity



complicated function spaces: efficient and stable numerical evaluation required. need to overcome analytic complexity





Abreu, Agarwal, SB, Brønnum-Hansen, Buccioni, Chawdhry, Chicherin, Czakon, Dixon, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Gehrmann, Hartanto, Heinrich, Henn, Herrmann, Ita, Kraus, Kryś, Lo Presti, Mitev, Mitov, Mogull, Ochirov, O'Connell, Page, Papadopoulos, Pascual, Peraro, Poncelet, Ruf, Sotnikov, Tancredi, Tommasini, von Manteuffel, Wasser, Wever, Zeng, Zhang, Zoia, ...

new results!

massless 5-particle scattering

a basis of pentagon functions identified!

Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti (2018)

Chicherin, Henn, Mitev (2018)

Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, Zoia (2020)

Abreu, Dixon, Herrmann, Page, Zeng (2020)

efficient numerical evaluations for all master integrals

Sotnikov, Chicherin (2020)

fast numerical codes for evaluation in physical region



Abreu, Febres-Cordero, Ita Page, Sotnikov [2102.13609]

pp**→γγ** +j

Agarwal, Buccioni, von Manteuffel, Tancredi [2102.01820]

> Chawdhry, Czkaon, Mitov Poncelet [2103.04319]



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Abreu, Page, Pascual, Sotnikov [2010.15834]



Agarwal, Buccioni, von Manteuffel, Tancredi [2105.04585]



SB, Brønnum-Hansen, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Hartanto, Henn, Marcoli, Marzucca, Moodie, Peraro, Krys, Zoia [2106.08664]

new results! 5-particle scattering with an off-shell leg

analytic finite remainders. numerical evaluation with generalised series expansions

leading colour, on-shell W, massless b

> SB, Hartanto, Zoia [2102.02516]

 $pp \to H b \overline{b}$

200000 0000 00000 0000 leading colour, massless b

SB, Hartanto, Kryś, Zoia [2107.14733]

new results!

analytic scattering amplitudes with massive propagators

well studied process fully analytic form still challenging

numerical solutions very successful

[Baernreuther, Czakon, Chen, Fiedler, Poncelet (2008-2018)]

analytic solutions for qq→tt and all non-elliptic sectors

of gg→tt known [Bonciani, Ferroglia, Gehrmann, Studerus, von Manteuffel, Di Vita, Laporta, Mastrolia, Primo, Schubert, Becchetti, Casconi, Lavacca (2009-2019)] $gg \rightarrow t \overline{t}$ leading colour helicity amplitudes with topquark loops

SB, Chaubey, Hartanto, Marzucca [2102.13450]

 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

complete analytic form

Bonciani, Broggio, Di Vita, Ferroglia, Mandal, Mastrolia, Mattiazzi, Primo, Ronca, Schubert, Torres Bobadilla, Tramontano [2106.13179]

bare amplitudes
$$A^{(L),4-2\epsilon} = \sum_{i} c_i(\epsilon, \{p\}) \mathcal{F}_i(\epsilon, \{p\})$$

rational functions

integrals/special functions

universal IR/UV poles

[Catani (1998)][Becher, Neubert (2009)] [Magnea, Gardi (2009)]

Feynman diagrams not very elegant but...

helicity amplitudes expose **on-shell** simplicity

(physical) projectors [e.g. Binoth, Glover, Marquard, van der Bij (2002)] [Peraro, Tancredi (2019,2020)][Chen (2020)] unitarity cuts [Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower (1994)]

(also generalised unitarity, numerical unitarity, prescriptive unitarity...)

off-shell recursion etc. [Berends-Giele, OpenLoops]

integration-by-parts identities

[Chetyrkin, Tkachov (1981)]

Algorithmic solution: large linear algebra problem [Laporta (2000)]

avoid large intermediate expressions with finite field arithmetic

[von Mantueffel, Schabinger (2014)] [Peraro (2016, 2018)]

FiniteFlow, FinRed, Fire6, Kira+FireFly, ...

efficient solutions using computational algebraic geometry: [Gluza, Kajda, Kosower, Schabinger, Larsen, Johansson, Ita, Abreu, Febres Cordero, Jaquier, Page, Zeng, Bosma, Boehm, Georgoudis, Schulze, Schoenemann, Zhang,...]

differential equations

Kotikov (1991), Bern, Dixon, Kosower (1993), Remiddi (1997), Gehrmann, Remiddi (2000), Henn (2013)

'canonical form' $\frac{d}{ds}\vec{MI}(s,\epsilon) = \epsilon A(s).\vec{MI}(s,\epsilon)$

iterated integrals

poly-logarithms?

computational framework

QGRAF + FORM/MATHEMATICA + rational phase-space (Momentum Twistors) colour ordered helicity amplitudes

$$M^{(2)}(\{p\},\epsilon) = \sum_{i} c_{i}(\{p\},\epsilon)\mathcal{F}_{i}(\{p\},\epsilon)$$

$$|BPs| = \sum_{i} d_{i}(\{p\},\epsilon)MI_{i}(\{p\},\epsilon)$$

$$M^{(2)}(\{p\},\epsilon) = \sum_{i} d_{i}(\{p\},\epsilon)MI_{i}(\{p\},\epsilon)$$

$$|IR/UV \text{ sub + expansion to function basis}$$

$$F^{(2)}(\{p\}) = \sum_{i} e_{i}(\{p\}) \text{mon}_{i}(f_{j}^{(w)})$$

$$|Inear \text{ relations, univariate apart, polynomial reconstruction}}$$

complete reduction setup implemented in FINITEFLOW

IBPs generated with help from LITERED/ FINITEFLOW

 $gg \rightarrow \gamma \gamma g$

SB, Brønnum-Hansen, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Hartanto, Henn, Marcoli, Moodie, Peraro, Zoia [2106.08664]

$$\mathcal{A}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma) = g_s g_e^2 \left(Q_u^2 N_u + Q_d^2 N_d \right) f^{a_1 a_2 a_3} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left(n_\epsilon \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^\ell A^{(\ell)}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A^{(1)}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma) &= A_1^{(1)}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma) ,\\ A^{(2)}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma) &= N_c A_1^{(2)}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{N_c} A_2^{(2)}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma) + n_f A_3^{(2)}(1_g, 2_g, 3_g, 4_\gamma, 5_\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

permutations: 84 18 120 21 IBPs with LITERED/FINITEFLOW. Syzygy relations for planar sectors

analytic reconstruction

polynomial degrees in momentum twistor parametrisation

finite remainder	original	stage 1	stage 2	stage 3^*	stage 4^*
$F_{1;1}^{(2)}(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+)$	69/60	28/20	24/0	19/10	11/5
$F_{1;0}^{(2)}(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+)$	78/69	44/35	43/0	21/10	16/9
$F_{1;1}^{(2)}(1^-, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^+)$	59/55	30/27	29/0	18/15	17/4
$F_{1;0}^{(2)}(1^-, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^+)$	89/86	38/36	38/0	20/16	17/3
$F_{1;1}^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-)$	40/42	25/27	25/0	15/18	15/0
$F_{1;0}^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-)$	66/66	32/33	32/0	13/13	12/3
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linear relation	าร		univari	ate apa	art
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numerical performance

complete colour and helicity summed hard functions

100,000 points over physical phase-space

C++ code available at <u>https://bitbucket.org/njet/njet</u>

average evaluation time including stability tests and higher precision corrections ~ 26s per point

Aside: framework also used to compute leading colour $pp \to 3j$

full agreement with 2102.13609v2

will be included in next NJET version

 $pp \to Wbb$

SB, Hartanto, Zoia [2102.02516]

two leading order diagrams

background to associated HW production

$$\bar{d}(p_1) + u(p_2) \to b(p_3) + \bar{b}(p_4) + W^+(p_5)$$

6 scalar invariants

 $s_{12} = (p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad s_{23} = (p_2 - p_3)^2, \quad s_{34} = (p_3 + p_4)^2,$ $s_{45} = (p_4 + p_5)^2, \quad s_{15} = (p_1 - p_5)^2, \quad s_5 = p_5^2.$ (4)

special functions

58 letters including 3 square roots

function basis

- use master integral components as function basis $\Rightarrow MI_i^{(k)}$ for the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^k)$ component of the i^{th} master integral
- high precision evaluation of GPL form (~1000 digits)
 ⇒ analytic boundaries via PSLQ
- determine relations between integral components by solving linear system $\Rightarrow f_i^{(k)}$ for the function at weight k
- derive **new differential equation** for independent integral components
- find analytic cancellation of IR poles

numerical evaluation

gen. series exp. only with f_i^(k) in finite remainder

evaluate with DIFFEXP [Hidding (2020)]

 $p_{3} = \frac{x_{1}\sqrt{s}}{2} (1, 1, 0, 0) ,$ $p_{4} = \frac{x_{2}\sqrt{s}}{2} (1, \cos \theta, -\sin \phi \sin \theta, -\cos \phi \sin \theta)$ $p_{5} = \sqrt{s} (1, 0, 0, 0) - p_{3} - p_{4} ,$

$$\cos \theta = 1 + \frac{2}{x_1 x_2} \left(1 - x_1 - x_2 - \frac{m_W^2}{s} \right)$$
$$s = 1, m_W^2 = 0.1, \phi = 0.1, x_1 = 0.6$$

evaluation time~ 260s per point

 $\rightarrow Hbb$

SB, Hartanto, Kryś, Zoia [2107.14733]

$$\begin{split} A^{(0)}(1^+_{\bar{b}}, 2^+_{b}, 3^+_{g}, 4^+_{g}, 5_H) &= \frac{s_5}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 41 \rangle}, \\ A^{(0)}(1^+_{\bar{b}}, 2^+_{b}, 3^-_{g}, 4^-_{g}, 5_H) &= -\frac{[12]^2}{[23][34][41]}, \\ A^{(0)}(1^+_{\bar{b}}, 2^+_{b}, 3^+_{g}, 4^-_{g}, 5_H) &= \frac{\langle 24 \rangle \langle 4|5|1]^2}{s_{234} \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 2|5|1]} - \frac{s_5[13]^3}{s_{134}[14][34] \langle 2|5|1]}, \end{split}$$

complete set of leading colour two-loop helicity amplitudes (incl n_f terms)

 $0 \to \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + g(p_3) + g(p_4) + H(p_5),$ $0 \to \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + \bar{q}(p_3) + q(p_4) + H(p_5),$ $0 \to \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + \bar{b}(p_3) + b(p_4) + H(p_5),$

- <u> </u> <u> </u>	helicity configurations	$r_i(x)$	independent $r_i(x)$	partial fraction in x_5	number of points
$F^{(2),1}$	++++	63/57	52/46	20/6	3361
	+++-	135/134	119/120	28/22	24901
	++	105/111	105/111	22/12	4797
$F^{(2),n_{f}}$	++++	45/41	45/41	16/6	1381
	+++-	94/95	94/95	17/6	1853
	++	89/95	62/69	18/3	2492
$F^{(2),n_{f}^{2}}$	++++	12/8	9/7	0/0	3
	+++-	11/16	11/16	3/0	22
	++	12/20	8/16	8/0	242

 $pp \rightarrow Hbb$

finite remainder basis functions

7 letters drop out in finite remainders

$188 \rightarrow 23 \text{ weight 4 functions}$

(same basis for $pp \rightarrow Wbb$)

analytic subtraction of IR/UV poles

UV counter-terms required to renormalise Yukawa coupling

$pp \to H b \bar{b}$

channel	$\operatorname{Re} \mathcal{H}^{(2),1}$	Re $\mathcal{H}^{(2),n_f}$	$\operatorname{Re} \mathcal{H}^{(2),n_f^2}$
gg	156680.6267	-41215.80337	405.9379563
${f q}{f q}$	0.09391314268	-0.02045942258	-0.004225713438
$ar{\mathbf{q}}\mathbf{q}$	0.3494872243	-0.08069122736	-0.004225713438
${ m b}ar{ m b}$	48640.80398	-26530.01855	2458.442153
$ar{\mathbf{b}}\mathbf{b}$	-141130.5373	42183.03094	3711.445449
${f bb}/ar{f b}ar{f b}$	-53679.25708	1988.662899	894.7895467

$$\begin{split} p_1 &= \frac{y_1 \sqrt{s}}{2} \left(1 \,, 1 \,, 0 \,, 0 \right) \,, \\ p_2 &= \frac{y_2 \sqrt{s}}{2} \left(1 \,, \cos \theta \,, -\sin \theta \sin \phi \,, -\sin \theta \cos \phi \right) \\ p_3 &= \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \left(-1 \,, 0 \,, 0 \,, -1 \right) \,, \\ p_4 &= \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \left(-1 \,, 0 \,, 0 \,, 1 \right) \,, \end{split}$$

 $\rightarrow tt$

SB, Chaubey, Hartanto, Marzucca [2102.02516]

massive internal propagators have always challenged analytic methods

numerical solutions very successful even if computationally intensive [Baernreuther, Czakon, Chen, Fiedler, Poncelet (2008-2018)]

analytic solutions for qq→tt and all

non-elliptic sectors of gg→tt known

[Bonciani, Ferroglia, Gehrmann, Studerus, von Manteuffel, Di Vita, Laporta, Mastrolia, Primo, Schubert, Becchetti, Casconi, Lavacca (2009-2019)]

helicity amplitudes

include full top-quark decays efficiently

e.g. at one-loop [Melnikov, Schulze (2008)]

$$p^{\flat,\mu} = p^{\mu} - \frac{m^2}{2p.n} n^{\mu} \qquad \qquad u_+(p,m) = \frac{(\not p+m)|n\rangle}{\langle p^{\flat}n\rangle}, \qquad \qquad u_-(p,m) = \frac{(\not p+m)|n]}{[p^{\flat}n]} \\ v_-(p,m) = \frac{(\not p-m)|n\rangle}{\langle p^{\flat}n\rangle}, \qquad \qquad v_+(p,m) = \frac{(\not p-m)|n]}{[p^{\flat}n]}$$

$$A^{(L)}(1^{+}_{t}, 2^{+}_{t}, 3^{h_{3}}, 4^{h_{4}}; n_{1}, n_{2}) = m \frac{\Phi^{h_{3}h_{4}}}{\langle 1^{\flat}n_{1} \rangle \langle 2^{\flat}n_{2} \rangle} \left(\langle n_{1}n_{2} \rangle A^{(L),[1]}(1^{+}_{t}, 2^{+}_{t}, 3^{h_{3}}, 4^{h_{4}}) + \frac{\langle n_{1}3 \rangle \langle n_{2}4 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle} A^{(L),[2]}(1^{+}_{t}, 2^{+}_{t}, 3^{h_{3}}, 4^{h_{4}}) + \frac{\langle n_{1}3 \rangle \langle n_{2}4 \rangle}{\langle 34 \rangle} A^{(L),[2]}(1^{+}_{t}, 2^{+}_{t}, 3^{h_{3}}, 4^{h_{4}}) + \frac{s_{34} \langle n_{1}3 \rangle \langle n_{2}3 \rangle}{\langle 3|14|3 \rangle} A^{(L),[3]}(1^{+}_{t}, 2^{+}_{t}, 3^{h_{3}}, 4^{h_{4}}) + \frac{s_{34} \langle n_{1}3 \rangle \langle n_{2}4 \rangle}{\langle 4|13|4 \rangle} A^{(L),[4]}(1^{+}_{t}, 2^{+}_{t}, 3^{h_{3}}, 4^{h_{4}}) \right)$$

terms

master integrals

top-box integral recently computed analytically in terms of iterated integrals over **3 elliptic curves**

derived canonical form DE obtained **iterated integral form** and boundary constants

analytic finite remainders

direct reconstruction	of
finite remainders	

	monomials	monos. with rels.
amplitude	12025	11791
finite remainder	3586	3158

$$\begin{split} I(a_{3,3}^{(b)}, f, \ldots) &= \int a_{3,3}^{(b)} I(f, \ldots) & \text{ad} \\ &= \int d\left(\psi_1^{(b)} \frac{x(-1+y)}{\pi(-1+x)^2}\right) \cdot I(f, \ldots) & \text{ca} \\ &= \left[\psi_1^{(b)} \frac{x(-1+y)}{\pi(-1+x)^2} I(f, \ldots)\right]_{(0,1)}^{(x,y)} - I\left(\psi_1^{(b)} \frac{x(-1+y)}{\pi(-1+x)^2} f, \ldots\right) \end{split}$$

additional function relations necessary to cancel IR poles - beyond shuffle relations

- test evaluations match with previous numerical results
- analytic continuation of iterated integrals needs further investigation

lots more to understand! —

outlook

- techniques for multi-scale two-loop amplitudes reaching maturity
- modular arithmetic has played a key role in reducing complexity
- fast and reliable analytic expressions for many processes
- looking forward to phenomenological applications

a lot of progress since LH SMWG 2019! [2003.01700]

