# Numerical Integration of Loop Amplitudes in Momentum Space

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### Predictions for hadron collisions

$$\sigma \sim \sum_{ab} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a(x_1) f_b(x_2) d\Pi O(\Pi) |\mathcal{A}|^2 \qquad \mathcal{A}^{(l)} \sim \int_{arclytical}^{numerical!} dk_1 \dots dk_l \mathcal{A}^{(l)} \mathcal{A}^{(l)} \mathcal{A}^{(l)} \sim \int_{arclytical}^{numerical!} dk_1 \dots dk_l \mathcal{A}^{(l)} \mathcal{A}^{(l$$

### two-loop amplitude:

many two-loop integrals

- IBP reduction to master integrals <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> large systems of equations
- solve master integrals (in dimensional regularisation)
  - analytically: solving differential equations using knowledge about • function space: class of multiple polylogs (MPLs) な new (elliptic) classes at two loops
  - numerically: solving differential equations using power series Monte Carlo integration over Feynman parameters <sup>4</sup> automatable / efficient enough?

 $\rightarrow$  sidestep using direct numerical integration?



## Monte Carlo integration of loop integrals in momentum space?



go to d = 4 dimensions

remove UV and IR singularities



- causal prescription
- implement causal prescription for numerical integration?

al UV counterterms:		[Chetyrkin, T	[Bogoliubov, Parasiuk, Hepp, Zimm kachov, Smirnov] [Herzog, Ruijl: 1703
al IR counterterms:	one loop:	[	[Nagy, Soper: hep-ph/0 Assadsolimani, Becker, Weinzierl: 09 <sup>-</sup>
	two loop:	[Anastasio	u, Haindl, Sterman, Yang, Zeng: 2008 [Anastasiou, Sterman: 2212
al IR cancellations between real & virtual:			[Soper: hep-ph/9804454, hep-ph/9 [Capatti, Hirschi, Pelloni, Ruijl: 2010

### **4** poles in the integration domain

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## Loop-Tree Duality (residue theorem for loop energies)





$$\frac{1}{2 + i\epsilon} \frac{(k - p_2)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}{(k - p_2)^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$
$$\frac{1}{(k^0 - p_2^0) - E_2} \frac{1}{(k^0 - p_2^0) + E_2}$$
$$E_1 = \sqrt{(\vec{k} + \vec{p}_1)^2 + m^2 - i\epsilon}$$

$$E_2 = \sqrt{\left(\vec{k} - \vec{p}_2\right)^2 + m^2 - \mathrm{i}\epsilon}$$

$$E_3 = \sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2 - i\epsilon}$$



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cut into a single tree

🛆 no loops 🛆





▲ no forest ▲



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## Loop-Tree Duality beyond one loop

Loop integral 
$$I = \int \prod_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{d} k_{j}}{(2\pi)^{d}} \frac{N}{\prod_{i \in \mathbf{e}} D_{i}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{LTD} \\ I = (-\mathbf{i})^n \int \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\mathrm{d}^{d-1}\vec{k}_j}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \sum_{\mathbf{b} \in \mathscr{B}} \mathrm{Res}_{\mathbf{b}}[\mathscr{F}] \\ \mathrm{Ioop\ momentum\ basis} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{Dual\ integrand\ (residue)} \\ \mathsf{Res}_{\mathbf{b}}[\mathscr{F}] = \frac{1}{\prod_{i \in \mathbf{b}} 2E_i} \frac{N}{\prod_{i \in \mathbf{e} \setminus \mathbf{b}} D_i} \bigg|_{\substack{\mathsf{sign\ of\ on-shell\ energy\ (cut\ structure)}} \\ \{q_j^0 = \sigma_j^{\mathbf{b}} E_j\}_{j \in \mathbf{b}} \end{array} \right|$$





Feynman propagator

$$D_i = q_i^2 - m_i^2 + \mathbf{i}\epsilon$$

causal prescription

Dual integrands depend on integration order, contour closure, momentum routing but their sum (i.e. the LTD expression) is independent



## Monte Carlo integration of LTD? ! Remaining singularities!





### Monte Carlo numerical integratio



**on with poles** 
$$\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \int_0^1 \frac{6x^3 dx}{x - \frac{1}{2} + i\epsilon} = 5 - \frac{3}{4}i\pi$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} = PV \frac{1}{x - x_0} - i\pi \delta(x_0)$$
 & evaluate Cauchy Principal V

$$f_{\rm ct}(x) = \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{x - \frac{1}{2}}$$
  $PV \int_0^1 f_{\rm ct}(x) \, \mathrm{d}x$ 

## Contour deformation in the spatial momenta



in 4 dim: one loop: [Gong, Nagy, Soper: 0812.3686] [Becker, Weinzierl: 1211.0509] multi-loop: one loop: [Buchta, Chachamis, Draggiotis, Rodrigo: 1510.00187] in 3 dim: [Kromin, Schwanemann, Weinzierl: 2208.01060] [Capatti, Hirschi, DK, Pelloni, Ruijl: 1912.09291] multi-loop:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{C}_{i} - i\epsilon \text{ where } \epsilon > 0 \\ \vec{k} \to \vec{k} - i\vec{\kappa}(\vec{k}) \text{ where } \vec{\kappa}(\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \mathscr{C}_{i} > \\ \vec{\kappa} = \lambda(\vec{k}) \Big( \begin{array}{c} (\vec{k} - \vec{s}_{1}) & T(\mathscr{C}_{4}) \\ + (\vec{k} - \vec{s}_{2}) & T(\mathscr{C}_{1})T(\mathscr{C}_{4}) \end{array} \Big) \end{aligned}$$

 $\lambda(k)$  such that deformation does not cross x branch cuts (from square roots) × other poles in the complex plane

- solution relies on identification of **all overlaps** of ellipsoids  $\rightarrow$  computationally expensive, efficiency depends on PS point
- generalised to arbitrary multi-loop configurations
- difficult to determine **optimal** direction and magnitude







## Integrand along deformed contour



### threshold singularities of a box diagram

integrand along line segment using contour deformation

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— Im	

### Subtraction of threshold singularities

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{LTD}}(\vec{k}) = \frac{F(\vec{k})}{\mathscr{C}} \qquad \vec{k} = r\hat{u}$$
  
Idea
$$r^{2}\mathcal{F}_{\text{LTD}}(r\hat{u}) = \frac{R_{\mathscr{C}}(\hat{u})}{r - r^{*}(\hat{u})} + \mathcal{O}\left((r - r^{*}(\hat{u}))\right)$$
$$\underbrace{\sim \text{CT}_{\mathscr{C}}(r,\hat{u})}$$

$$\frac{1}{x - x_0 + i\epsilon} = PV \frac{1}{x - x_0} - i\pi\delta(x_0) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \int dr \operatorname{CT}_{\mathscr{C}}(r, \hat{u}) = -i\pi\delta(x_0)$$

$$\operatorname{Re} I = -\int_{S^{3n-1}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3n-1}\hat{u}}{(2\pi)^{3n}} \int_0^\infty \mathrm{d} r \left( r^{3n-1} \mathscr{I}_{\mathrm{LTD}}(r\hat{u}) - \sum_{\mathscr{C} \in E_0} \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{C}}(r\hat{u}) \right)$$

$$\operatorname{Im} I = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{S^{3n-1}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3n-1}\hat{u}}{(2\pi)^{3n-1}} \sum_{\mathscr{C} \in E_O} R_{\mathscr{C}}(\hat{u}) \qquad \text{! residue } \Leftrightarrow$$

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representation depends on parameterisation

only valid if poles **never pinch** the *r*-contour

in particular if origin of spherical coordinates inside all ellipsoids



### Overlaps of threshold singularities

Construct a counterterm for each threshold

$$CT_{0} \propto \frac{\operatorname{Res}_{0}[\mathscr{I}]}{r - r_{0}^{*}} \quad CT_{0} \propto \frac{\operatorname{Res}_{0}[\mathscr{I}]}{r - r_{0}^{*}}$$

Real Part (Cauchy Principal Value)





### Imaginary Part (integrated couterterms)





### no locally pinched poles





### locally pinched poles



## What to do if there is no single overlap?

centre outside overlap  $\Rightarrow$  pinched poles but inconvenient integrable singularities

### **Observations**

- not all intersections are double poles
  - $\rightarrow$  group thresholds accordingly (only E-surfaces that share a LMB)
- using partial fractioning, TOPT, CFF to separate groups







## Comparison of threshold subtraction & contour deformation



different maximal deformation magnitude 16



Threshold subtraction is stable for high multiplicities of external legs	Topology	Kin.	$N_{E}$	$N_{G}$	$N_{G}^{\max}$	$N_{P}$	Phase	Exp.	Reference	Numerical	$\Delta$ $[\sigma]$	Δ [%]
	Triacontagon	1L30P.I	5	1	1	10 <sup>9</sup>	Re	-02	-1.007398	-1.007449 +/- 0.001467	0.035	0.005
						10 <sup>9</sup>	Im		3.175180	3.175183 +/- 0.000085	0.030	8e-05
		1L30P.II	6	1	1	10 <sup>9</sup>	Re	-12	-4.166377	-4.165527 +/- 0.006697	0.127	0.020
						10 <sup>9</sup>	Im		3.413930	3.413917 +/- 0.000075	0.182	4e-04
		1L30P.III	408	15	354	10 <sup>9</sup>	Re	-09	-2.991654	-2.984733 +/- 0.026977	0.257	0.231
						10 <sup>9</sup>	Im		-0.000000	-0.000001 +/- 0.003831	3e-04	
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Two loop  $N_f$ 





### Conclusion

Gained understanding of threshold singularity structure and cancellation mechanisms in loop integrals at  $\mathscr{A}$ -level and cross sections at  $|\mathscr{A}|^2$ -level

Presented tools to tackle challenging multi-loop integrals, amplitudes (and fully inclusive) cross sections) with Monte Carlo numerical integration

- (causal) Loop-Tree Duality, TOPT, CFF ullet $\rightarrow$  convenient threshold structure
- Threshold subtraction
  - $\rightarrow$  flat integrand and efficient integration
- $\rightarrow$  improvements & extensions necessary for differential cross sections
- $\rightarrow$  ready for uncharted territory of two-loop amplitudes

 $\rightarrow$  locally finite optical theorem (access to direct numerical integration of cross sections)



Thank you!