

Fixed Order Calculations

part 3

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Subtractions – an example



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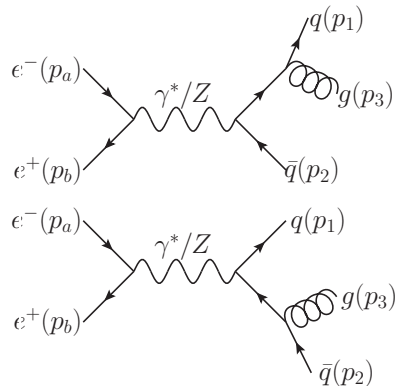
- Stick to our theme example: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$
- To set up subtractions need to know singular regions:

$$\frac{1}{2E_i E_j (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \xrightarrow{E_i \rightarrow 0} & \text{soft ,} \\ \xrightarrow{E_j \rightarrow 0} & \text{soft ,} \\ \xrightarrow{\theta_{ij} \rightarrow 0} & \text{collinear .} \end{cases}$$



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$$\left| \mathcal{M}_{e^+ e^- \rightarrow q \bar{q} g}^{(0)} \right|^2 \rightarrow \begin{cases} g \rightarrow 0 & g \text{ soft ,} \\ q \parallel g & q, g \text{ collinear ,} \\ \bar{q} \parallel g & \bar{q}, g \text{ collinear} \end{cases}$$



Subtractions – an example

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 - In a **unified** way a'la Catani-Seymour
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- Last two terms: limits are **overlapping** \Rightarrow have to avoid double counting

$$\int d\Phi_3^{(d)} \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \int d\Phi_3^{(4)} \left(\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{S}_g - \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} - \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right)$$



Subtractions – an example

- The full NLO correction is combination of real (\mathcal{R}) and virtual (\mathcal{V}) emissions:

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \int d\Phi_3^{(d)} \mathcal{R} + \int d\Phi_2^{(d)} \mathcal{V}$$

- Via subtractions we add zero:

$$\int d\Phi_3^{(4)} \left(\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{S}_g - \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} - \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right) + \int d\Phi_2^{(d)} \mathcal{V} + \int d\Phi_3^{(d)} \left(\mathcal{S}_g + \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} + \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right)$$

- Subterms needs to be partially integrable analytically:

$$\int d\Phi_3^{(4)} \left(\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{S}_g - \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} - \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right) + \int d\Phi_2^{(d)} \mathcal{V} + \int_1 \int d\Phi_2^{(d)} \left(\mathcal{S}_g + \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} + \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right)$$



Subtractions – an example

- The second instances of subterms can be combined with the virtual:

$$\int d\Phi_3^{(4)} \left(\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{S}_g - \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} - \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right) + \int d\Phi_2^{(d)} \left[\nu + \underbrace{\int_1 \left(\mathcal{S}_g + \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} + \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right)}_{\mathcal{I}^{(1)}} \right]$$

- Integrated subterms cancel poles of the virtual:

$$\int d\Phi_3^{(4)} \left(\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{S}_g - \mathcal{C}_{qg}^{\text{hc}} - \mathcal{C}_{\bar{q}g}^{\text{hc}} \right) + \int d\Phi_2^{(4)} \left[\nu + \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \right]$$

⇒ Separately finite, can be delegated to MC!



Subtractions – an example

No subterm:

430.282664 +/- 113.967916
863.479534 +/- 416.143910
2153.29605 +/- 1523.17197
1693.97151 +/- 1142.45845
1397.71728 +/- 913.977829
1214.47253 +/- 761.770102
1077.28686 +/- 652.998983
1001.59986 +/- 571.960136
914.445041 +/- 508.417978
843.204778 +/- 457.580479

With subterms:

-0.66552 +/- 0.52457E-3
-0.66759 +/- 0.63545E-3
-0.66691 +/- 0.51648E-3
-0.66680 +/- 0.52139E-3
-0.66598 +/- 0.53662E-3
-0.66752 +/- 0.63090E-3
-0.66672 +/- 0.56636E-3
-0.66724 +/- 0.52904E-3
-0.66671 +/- 0.63949E-3
-0.66849 +/- 0.66734E-3



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Subtractions – an example

The general NLO case:

- For an observable O the NLO calculation takes the form of:

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}(O) = \int d\Phi_{n+1}^{(4)} \left(\mathcal{R} \cdot O(\Phi_{n+1}) - K^{(1)}(O) \right) + \int d\Phi_n^{(4)} \left[\mathcal{V} + \mathcal{I}^{(1)} \right] O(\Phi_n)$$

- In the subterms multiple phase spaces can be present \Rightarrow many calls to evaluate $O \Rightarrow$ complicated analysis is slow!



Observables



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Observables

- Not any observable will do for fixed order calculations (beyond LO)!
- It should be **infra-red finite**!

$$O_{n+1}(\underbrace{\{p_1, \dots, p_i, \dots, p_j, \dots, p_{n+1}\}}_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{i||j} O_n(\underbrace{\{p_1, \dots, p_{ij}, \dots, p_{n+1}\}}_n),$$

$$O_{n+1}(\underbrace{\{p_1, \dots, p_i, \dots, p_{n+1}\}}_{n+1}) \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow 0} O_n(\underbrace{\{p_1, \dots, \cancel{p_i}, \dots, p_{n+1}\}}_n)$$

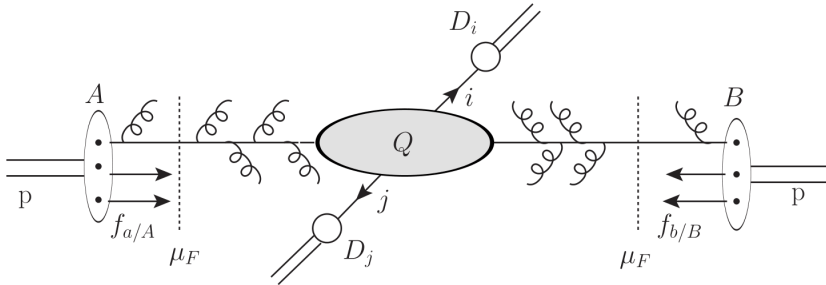
⇒ Otherwise the result can be anything!



Hadron collisions

Hadron collisions

- Same particles can be created but initial state is more complicated:



Hadron collisions

- Hadrons collide but actual collision happens between partons:

$$\sigma_{AB \rightarrow n} = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_{a/A}(x_a) f_{b/B}(x_b) \sigma_{ab \rightarrow n}(x_a x_b S)$$

- Always taking a look at hadrons at some energy scale μ_F , probabilities will depend:

$$\sigma_{AB \rightarrow n} = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_a dx_b f_{a/A}(x_a, \mu_F) f_{b/B}(x_b, \mu_F) \sigma_{ab \rightarrow n}(x_a x_b S, \mu_F)$$



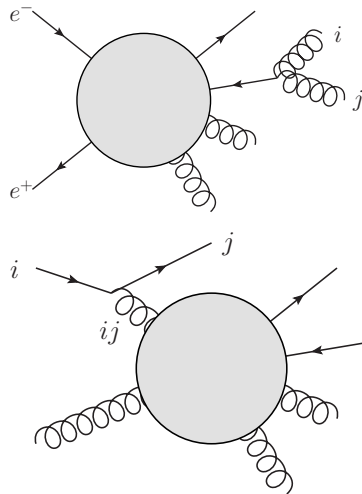
Hadron collisions

Implications for fixed order calculations?

- New singularities associated to initial state
- ⇒ Methods designed for $e^+ e^-$ collisions need extension
- Analysis and PDF evaluation should be run multiple times per event
- ⇒ Extra constraint on PDF provider (need to be fast)



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Hadron collisions

- PDFs are **integral part** of the calculations!
- Obtained from fitting to data using standard processes (Drell-Yen, etc.)

⇒ Get associated to orderedness in perturbation theory:

$$\sigma^{\text{LO}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{LO PDF},$$

$$\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} + \sigma_{\text{NLO}} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{NLO PDF},$$

$$\sigma^{\text{NNLO}} = \sigma_{\text{LO}} + \sigma_{\text{NLO}} + \sigma_{\text{NNLO}} \quad \Leftarrow \quad \text{NNLO PDF},$$

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- Your NLO prediction will not become better if you use an NNLO PDF, it becomes **worse!**



Scales



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Scales

- Performing perturbative expansion of cross section:

$$\sigma = \sigma_{\text{LO}} + \sigma_{\text{NLO}} + \sigma_{\text{NNLO}} + \dots$$

- Not all orders are considered!

⇒ Truncation introduce dependence on non-physical scales cancelling only when whole series is considered

$$\sigma(\mu_R, \mu_F) = \sigma_{\text{LO}}(\mu_R, \mu_F) + \sigma_{\text{NLO}}(\mu_R, \mu_F) + \sigma_{\text{NNLO}}(\mu_R, \mu_F) + \dots$$



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$$\sigma^{\text{LO}}(\mu_R, \mu_F) = \sigma_{\text{LO}}(\mu_R, \mu_F),$$

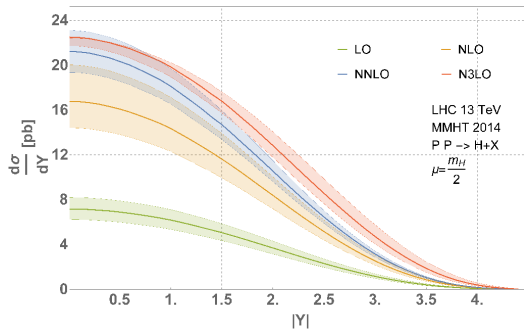
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Scales

- Scale dependence **hints** on missing higher-order corrections
- Beware of **new channels** at higher orders!
- LO cross section gives just the **order of magnitude**
 - Still useful for BSM
 - Can we have enough events?
 - Is there any hope to see it?
- **Precision** starts at NLO



Dulat et al., arXiv:1710.03016



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Glimpse beyond NLO

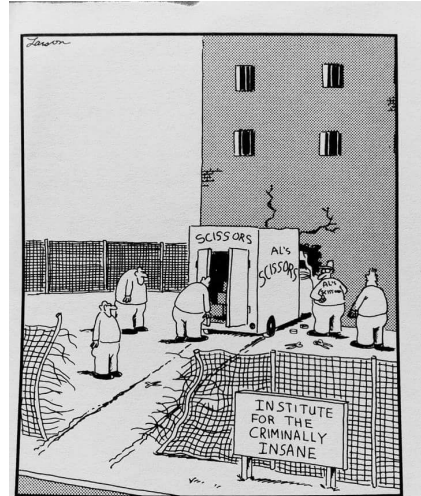


Glimpse beyond NLO

- At NNLO up to **three partons** can become unresolved
- **More complicated** singularity structure
- ⇒ **More subtractions**
- ⇒ **More stress** on numerical cancellations
- ⇒ CPU time drastically increases



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And then Al realized his problems were much bigger than just a smashed truck.

Glimpse beyond NLO

- Much richer singularity structure:

- NLO:

soft : $E_i \rightarrow 0$,

collinear : $i||j$

- NNLO:

double – soft : $E_i, E_j \rightarrow 0$,

triple – collinear : $i||j||k$,

soft – collinear : $E_i \rightarrow 0, j||k$,

double – collinear : $i||j, k||l$

- NNNLO:

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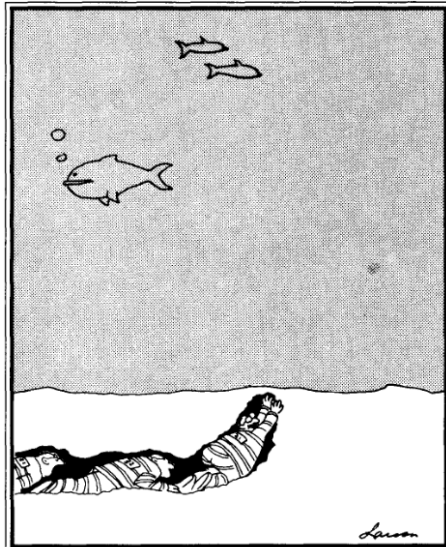
Glimpse beyond NLO

- Good news: NNLO calculations are so complicated experimentalists seldom do them themselves
- ⇒ Loan machines to theorists
- Next five years should witness a change in this trend...

Glimpse beyond NLO



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"We're almost free, everyone! . . . I just felt the first drop of rain."

Thank you for your attention!