Unitarity Techniques for QCD

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QCD Matrix Elements

- -QCD matrix elements are an important part of calculating the QCD background for processes at LHC
- -NLO calculations (at least!) are needed for precision

- apply to 2g → (n-2)g -this talk about one-loop n-gluon scattering n>5



-using analytic unitarity methods

Passarino-Veltman reduction of 1loop $I_n[F^m(l)] = \sum c_i I_{n-1}^i [F^{m-1}(l)]$

Decomposes a n-point integral into a sum of (n-1) integral functions obtained by collapsing a propagator

$$A_n^{1-loop} = \sum c_i I_4^i + \sum_i d_i I_3^i + \sum_i e_i I_2^i + R$$

-coefficients are rational functions of |ki§ using spinor helicity

Organisation: Supersymmetric Decomposition

Supersymmetric gluon scattering amplitudes are the linear combination of QCD ones+scalar loop

$$A_n^{\mathcal{N}=4} \equiv A_n^{[1]} + 4A_n^{[1/2]} + 3A_n^{[0]}$$
$$A_n^{\mathcal{N}=1 \text{ vector}} \equiv A_n^{[1]} + A_n^{[1/2]}$$
$$A_n^{\mathcal{N}=1 \text{ chiral}} \equiv A_n^{[1/2]} + A_n^{[0]}$$

-this can be inverted

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$$A_n^{[1]} = A_n^{\mathcal{N}=4} - 4A_n^{\mathcal{N}=1 \text{ chiral}} + A_n^{[0]}$$
$$A_n^{[1/2]} = A_n^{\mathcal{N}=1 \text{ chiral}} - A_n^{[0]}$$

$$A_n^{1-loop} = \sum c_i I_4^i + \sum_i d_i I_3^i + \sum_i e_i I_2^i + R$$

$$N=4 \qquad N=1$$

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One-Loop QCD Amplitudes

One Loop Gluon Scattering Amplitudes in QCD

- -Four Point : Ellis+Sexton, Feynman Diagram methods
- -Five Point : Bern, Dixon,Kosower, String based rules

-Six-Point and beyond--- present problem

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Unitarity Methods

 $C_2 = \int dLIPS(l_1, l_2) M(l_1, \cdots, l_2) \times M(-l_2, \dots, -l_1)$



-look at the two-particle cuts

 $= \sum c_i I_4^i |_{disc} + \sum_i d_i I_3^i |_{disc} + \sum_i e_i I_2^i |_{disc}$

-use this technique to identify the coefficient

Topology of Cuts

-look when K is timelike, in frame where $K=(K_0,0,0,0)$

I₁ and I₂ are back to back on surface of imposing an extra condition

$$0 = (l - Q)^2 \longrightarrow l \cdot Q = Q^2$$

Generalised Unitarity -use info beyond two-particle cuts

 $C_3 = \int dLIPS \quad M(l_1, \cdots, l_2) \times$

 $M(-l_2,\cdots,l_3)\times M(-l_3,\cdots,-l_1)$

$$= \sum c_i I_4^i |_{disc} + d_i I_3^i |_{disc}$$

Box-Coefficients Britto, Cachazo, Feng



-works for massless corners (complex momenta))0/28 D Dunbar, Loops

Canonical Basis of Terms in Cut

-expand cut as a sum of simple forms whose effect is

$$A^{tree} \times A^{tree} = \sum_i c_i F_i$$

-look at quad cuts for boxes,triple cut for triangles, double cut for bubbles

$$A^{tree} \times A^{tree} \times A^{tree} = \sum_i c_i F_i$$

-relate to four dimensional covariant integrals

-can also use two-dimensional fermionic integration

Britto, Buchbinder Cachazo

-can relate to real 1+2 dimensional integratio Pritto, Felignastrolia

-see also talk by Papadopoulos D Dunbar, Loops Forde

Canonical Basis of Terms for Bubble Coefficients

$$H_1 = \frac{\langle al \rangle}{\langle bl \rangle}$$
 in the two-particle cut

$$H_1 = \frac{[b|l|a\rangle}{(l+k_b)^2}$$



-linear triangle $^{\kappa_{t}}$ $l \longrightarrow l + k_{b}a_{1} + Pa_{2}$ $H \longrightarrow [b|P|a\rangle I_{3}[a_{2}] \longrightarrow \frac{[b|P|a\rangle}{[b|P|b\rangle} I_{2}$

Extend the canonical form

 $H_n = \frac{\langle a_1 l \rangle \cdots \langle a_n l \rangle}{\langle b_1 l \rangle \cdots \langle b_n l \rangle}$

 $= \sum_{i} c_i \frac{\langle a_1 l \rangle}{\langle b_i l \rangle} \longrightarrow \sum_{i} c_i H_1(b_i, a_1)$

 $\sum_{i} \frac{\prod_{j < n} \left\langle B_{j} A_{i} \right\rangle \left\langle B_{n} | P | A_{i} \right]}{\prod_{j \neq i} \left\langle A_{j} A_{i} \right\rangle \left\langle A_{i} | P | A_{i} \right]}$ $c_{i} = \frac{\prod_{j < n} \left\langle B_{j} A_{i} \right\rangle}{\prod_{j \neq i} \left\langle A_{j} A_{i} \right\rangle}$

Fermionic Unitarity

$\int dLIPSF = \int \langle \lambda, d\lambda \rangle [\overline{\lambda}, d\overline{\lambda}] F(\lambda, \overline{\lambda})$

Cachazo, Svecek, Witten

Britto,Feng,Mastrolia,Yang

-try to use analytic structure to identify terms within two-particle cuts

$$\int \langle \lambda, d\lambda \rangle [\bar{\lambda}, d\bar{\lambda}] \frac{H(\lambda)}{[\lambda|P|\lambda\rangle^2} \longrightarrow \text{bubbles}$$

-gives same result although we are trying to work using loop momenta

more canonical forms $G_0 = \frac{[A|l|a\rangle}{(l+Q)^2}$

Use identity,

 $\frac{[Al]}{(l+Q)^2} = \frac{1}{(l+Q)^2} \frac{[A|P(P+Q)Q|l\rangle}{\langle l|PQ|l\rangle} - \frac{[A|P|l\rangle}{\langle l|PQ|l\rangle}$ $G_0 \equiv \frac{\langle l|a\rangle\langle l|P|A]}{\langle l|PQ|l\rangle} \sim H_2(\hat{P}, \hat{Q}, a, P|A])$

 $\hat{P} = P + xQ, \hat{P}^2 = 0 \quad P^2 x = -P \cdot Q + \sqrt{\Delta_3}$

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-better to recombine and rationalise

 $\frac{\langle a \, l_1 \rangle \, \langle b \, l_1 \rangle}{\langle l_1 | PQ | l_1 \rangle} \longrightarrow \frac{\langle a | (PQ - QP) | b \rangle}{2 \Delta_3}$

$G_1(A; b, c; d; Q; l_1) = \frac{1}{(l_1 + Q)^2} \frac{[A|l_1|b\rangle \langle l_1 c\rangle}{\langle l_1 d\rangle}$

 $\frac{[A|P[P,Q]|D\rangle\langle B|[P,Q]|C\rangle}{4\Delta_{3}\langle D|PQ|D\rangle} + \frac{[A|P|D\rangle}{2\langle D|PQ|D\rangle} \left(\frac{(\langle B D \rangle \langle C|P|D] + B \leftrightarrow C}{\langle D|P|D]}\right)$

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Canonical Basis of Terms for Triple Cut

$$H_1 = \frac{\langle al \rangle}{\langle bl \rangle}$$

$$= \frac{[b|l|a\rangle}{(l+k_b)^2}$$



-Linear box

-need formulae to generate triangle coefficient

Canonical Basis of Terms: Triple Cut



Example:use this to obtain three Mass triangle for n-point NMHV, N=1

$$\frac{-i}{K_3^2 \prod_{i \neq r,s,t} \langle i \, i + 1 \rangle} \sum_{y \in Y_6} \frac{\langle m_1^{32} \, y \rangle \langle m_2^{32} \, y \rangle \langle m_2^{31} \, y \rangle \langle m_3 \, y \rangle \langle m_3^{31} \, y \rangle}{\prod_{z \in Y_6, z \neq y} \langle z \, y \rangle} \times \left(\frac{\langle m_1 | [K_1, K_2] | y \rangle \langle X | [K_1, K_2] | X \rangle}{2\Delta_3 \langle y | K_1 K_2 | y \rangle} + \frac{\langle y \, X \rangle \langle y \, m_1 \rangle \langle X | [K_1, K_2] | y \rangle}{2\langle y | K_1 K_2 | y \rangle^2} \right).$$

$$Y_6 = \{r, r+1, s^{32}, (s+1)^{32}, t^{31}, (t+1)^{31}\} \qquad |a^{ij}\rangle \equiv K_j K_i |a\rangle.$$

$$\sum_{h} A(l_1^{-h}, 1^-, 2^+, l_2^h) \times A(l_2^{-h}, 3^-, 4^+, 5^-, 6^+, l_1^h)$$

$$\begin{split} A(l_{2}^{-h}, 3^{-}, 4^{+}, 5^{-}, 6^{+}, l_{1}^{h}) = & \frac{[l_{2}|P_{456}|5\rangle^{2}[l_{1}|P_{456}|5\rangle^{2}}{t_{456}\left[l_{1} l_{2}\right]\left[l_{2} 3\right]\left\langle 4 5\right\rangle\left\langle 5 6\right\rangle\left[l_{1}|P_{456}|4\right\rangle\left[3|P_{456}|6\right\rangle\left(\frac{[l_{2}|P_{456}|5\rangle}{[l_{1}|P_{456}|5\rangle}\right)^{h}}\right.\\ & + \frac{[6|P_{l_{2}34}|3\rangle^{2}(\left\langle l_{2} 3\right\rangle\left[6 l_{1}\right])^{2}}{t_{l_{2}34}\left\langle l_{2} 3\right\rangle\left\langle 3 4\right\rangle\left[5 6\right]\left[6 l_{1}\right]\left[5|P_{34}|l_{2}\right\rangle\left[l_{1}|P_{56}|4\right\rangle\left(\frac{[6|P_{234}|3\rangle}{\left\langle l_{2} 3\right\rangle\left[6 l_{1}\right]}\right)^{h}}\right.\\ & + \frac{[4|P_{345}|l_{1}\rangle^{2}[4|P_{345}|l_{2}\rangle^{2}}{t_{345}\left\langle 6 l_{1}\right\rangle\left\langle l_{1} l_{2}\right\rangle\left[3 4\right]\left[4 5\right]\left[3|P_{345}|6\rangle\left[5|P_{345}|l_{2}\right\rangle\left(\frac{[4|P_{345}|l_{1}\rangle}{[4|P_{345}|l_{2}\rangle}\right)^{h}} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} cut = & \frac{\langle 1 \, l_2 \rangle}{\langle 1 \, 2 \rangle \, \langle 2 \, l_2 \rangle \, \langle l_2 \, l_1 \rangle} \times \frac{[l_2 | P_{456} | 5 \rangle [l_1 | P_{456} | 5 \rangle \, \langle 1 \, 2 \rangle^2 \, [2 | P_{456} | 5 \rangle^2}{t_{456} [l_1 \, l_2] \, [l_2 \, 3] \, \langle 4 \, 5 \rangle \, \langle 5 \, 6 \rangle \, [l_1 | P_{456} | 4 \rangle [3 | P_{456} | 6 \rangle} \\ & + \frac{\langle 1 \, l_2 \rangle}{\langle 1 \, 2 \rangle \, \langle 2 \, l_2 \rangle \, \langle l_2 \, l_1 \rangle} \times \frac{[6 | P_{l_2 3 4} | 3 \rangle \, [6 \, l_1] \, \langle X_{2a} \, l_2 \rangle^2}{t_{l_2 34} \, \langle 3 \, 4 \rangle \, [5 \, 6] \, [6 \, l_1] \, [5 | P_{34} | l_2 \rangle [l_1 | P_{56} | 4 \rangle} \\ & + \frac{\langle 1 \, l_2 \rangle}{\langle 1 \, 2 \rangle \, \langle 2 \, l_2 \rangle \, \langle l_2 \, l_1 \rangle} \times \frac{[4 | P_{345} | l_1 \rangle [4 | P_{345} | l_2 \rangle [4 | P_{345} | 2 \rangle^2 \, \langle l_1 \, l_2 \rangle^2}{t_{345} \, \langle 6 \, l_1 \rangle \, \langle l_1 \, l_2 \rangle \, [3 \, 4] \, [4 \, 5] \, [3 | P_{345} | 6 \rangle [5 | P_{345} | l_2 \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} c_{12} = & \frac{[2|P_{456}|5\rangle^2}{[1\,2]\,\langle 4\,5\rangle\,\langle 5\,6\rangle\,[3|P_{456}|6\rangle t_{456}} \times \overline{H}_3(1,3,P_{56}|4\rangle;2,P_{46}|5\rangle,P_{46}|5\rangle) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\langle 1\,2\rangle\,\langle 3\,4\rangle\,[5\,6]} \times G_3(2,P_{34}|5],P_{12}P_{56}|4\rangle;6;1,3,X_{2a},X_{2a};Q_{34}) \\ &+ \frac{[4|P_{345}|1\rangle^2}{\langle 1\,2\rangle\,[3\,4]\,[4\,5]\,[3|P_{345}|6\rangle t_{345}} \times H_3(2,6,P_{34}|5];1,P_{345}|4],P_{345}|4]) \end{split}$$

-compact rational form

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 $A(1^{-2}^{-3}^{+4}^{-5}^{+6}^{+7}^{+}) = c_2 I_2(s_{23}) + c_3 I_2(s_{34} + c_4 I_2(s_{45}) + c_7 I_2(s_{71}) + \sum_{i \neq 5} e_i I_2(t_{ii+1i+2}) + boxes + triangles$

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 $A(7^+, 1^-, l_2, l_1) \times A_7(l_1, l_2, 2^-, 3^+, 4^-, 5^+, 6^+)$

-need seven point tree... $A(I_1, I_2, 3^-, 4^+, 5^-, 6^+, 7^+)$..

$$\begin{split} T^B_{1a} = & \frac{[4|P_{234}|5\rangle^2 \left[2\,4\right]^2 \left\langle5\,1\right\rangle^2}{\left\langle5\,6\right\rangle \left\langle6\,7\right\rangle \left\langle7\,1\right\rangle \left[2\,3\right] \left[3\,4\right] t_{234} \left[2|P_{234}|5\right\rangle \left[4|P_{234}|1\right\rangle} \times \left(\frac{\left[2\,4\right] \left\langle5\,1\right\rangle}{\left[4|P_{234}|5\right\rangle}\right)^{2h} \\ T^B_{1b} = & \frac{-\left\langle2\,3\right\rangle \left\langle13\right\rangle^2 \left[4|P_{67}|1\right\rangle^4}{\left\langle6\,7\right\rangle \left\langle7\,1\right\rangle \left\langle12\right\rangle \left[4\,5\right] \left[5|P_{67}|1\right\rangle \left[4|P_{23}|1\right\rangle \left\langle1|P_{67}P_{45}|3\right\rangle \left\langle6|P_{45}P_{23}|1\right\rangle} \times \left(\frac{\left\langle13\right\rangle}{\left\langle2\,3\right\rangle}\right)^{2h} \\ T^B_{1c} = & \frac{t_{671} \left[2|P_{671}|1\right\rangle^2 \left\langle3\,5\right\rangle^4}{\left\langle6\,7\right\rangle \left\langle7\,1\right\rangle \left\langle3\,4\right\rangle \left\langle4\,5\right\rangle \left[2|P_{71}|6\right\rangle \left[2|P_{345}|5\right\rangle \left\langle1|P_{67}P_{45}|3\right\rangle t_{345}} \left(\frac{-\left[2|P_{671}|1\right\rangle}{t_{671}}\right)^{2h} \\ T^B_2 = & \frac{-\left[2\,7\right]^2 \left[1\,7\right] \left\langle3\,5\right\rangle^4}{\left[1\,2\right] \left\langle3\,4\right\rangle \left\langle4\,5\right\rangle \left\langle5\,6\right\rangle \left[2|P_{712}|6\right\rangle \left[7|P_{712}|3\right\rangle t_{712}} \times \left(-\frac{\left[2\,7\right]}{\left[1\,7\right]}\right)^{2h} \\ T^B_3 = & \frac{\left\langle1\,3\right\rangle^2 \left\langle2\,3\right\rangle^2 \left[7|P_{123}|5\right\rangle^4}{\left\langle1\,2\right\rangle \left\langle2\,3\right\rangle \left\langle4\,5\right\rangle \left\langle5\,6\right\rangle \left[7|P_{123}|3\right\rangle \left[7|P_{123}|4\right\rangle \left\langle1|P_{23}P_{45}|6\right\rangle t_{123}t_{456}} \times \left(\frac{\left\langle1\,3\right\rangle}{\left\langle2\,3\right\rangle}\right)^{2h} \\ T^B_4 = & \frac{-\left\langle1\,3\right\rangle^2 \left\langle2\,3\right\rangle^2 \left\langle5\,6\right\rangle^2 \left[6\,7\right]^3}{\left\langle1\,2\right\rangle \left\langle2\,3\right\rangle \left\langle3\,4\right\rangle \left\langle5\,6\right\rangle \left[7|P_{56}|4\right\rangle \left[5|P_{567}|1\right\rangle t_{567}s_{56}} \times \left(\frac{\left\langle1\,3\right\rangle}{\left\langle2\,3\right\rangle}\right)^{2h} \\ \end{split}$$

-this gives us the coefficient

$$\begin{split} &= \frac{1}{\langle 56 \rangle \langle 67 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle [34]} G_5(1,7,P_{12}P_{34}|5\rangle,P_{12}|3],P_{567}|4];4;2,5,5,X_{1a},X_{1a},P_{12}|4];Q_{567}) \\ &+ \frac{\langle 23 \rangle^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 67 \rangle [45]} \times H_6(1,7,P_{67}|5],P_{567}|4],P_{67}P_{45}|3\rangle,P_{4567}P_{45}|6\rangle;2,3,P_{67}|4],P_{67}|4],P_{67}|4],P_{67}|4],0 \\ &+ \frac{\langle 35 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 67 \rangle t_{345}} \sum_{\substack{a \in \{1,2\}\\b \in \{6,7\}}} [ab] H_5(2,a,b,P_{67}P_{345}|2\rangle,P_{67}P_{345}|2\rangle;1,7,P_{12}P_{345}|6\rangle,P_{12}P_{34}|5\rangle,P_{67}P_{45}|3\rangle) \\ &+ \frac{\langle 35 \rangle^4 [71]^2 \langle 12 \rangle^2}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle s_{12}[7|P_{712}|3\rangle t_{712}} \times H_2(2,P_{12}P_{712}|6\rangle;1,P_{12}|7]) \\ &+ \frac{[7|P_{123}|5\rangle^4 \langle 23 \rangle^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle [7|P_{123}|3\rangle [7|P_{123}|4\rangle t_{123}t_{456}} \times H_2(2,P_{123}P_{45}|6\rangle;1,3) \\ &+ \frac{[67]^3 \langle 23 \rangle^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle [56] t_{567}[7|P_{56}|4\rangle} \times H_2(1,P_{67}|5];2,3) \end{split}$$

-the other coefficients follow analogously giving the complete N=1 amplitude

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Spurious Singularities

-spurious singularities are singularities which occur in

Coefficients but not in full amplitude

-need to understand these to do recursion

-link coefficients together



$$L_0(r) = \frac{\ln(r)}{1-r}, \ K_0(r) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln(r)$$





=0 at singularity

-these singularities link different coefficients toget -use a basis where these cancel automatically Campbell Glover, Miller Bern, Dixon Kosower 27/28

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Conclusions

Unitarity looking competitive for NLO processes, 7pt N=1 example

-for pure gluon, massless QCD works very well Anastasiou, Britto, Feng, Kunszt, -important extensions to rational term , Mastrolia Britto, Feng, Yang; Badger massive particles,

-are there better basis of functions?

-automation?, already much progresss Bern,Berger,Dixon,Kosower, Febres Cordero,Forde, Ita, Mai Ellis,Giele, Kunszt; Maitre Mastrolia

-can use a variety of techniques : possible simultaneously