

NNLO antenna functions for heavy quark pair production

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Motivation

The exploration of heavy quark production, in particular $t\bar{t}$ and or single top production, is a central issue at high energy colliders

- ▶ Sensitivity to electroweak symmetry breaking
- ▶ Probe for new physics interactions at high scales.
 - ▶ For instance new heavy resonances decaying to $t\bar{t}$
- ▶ Background to various new physics searches
- ▶ ...

⇒ Next-to-next-to-leading order (NNLO) predictions for heavy quark pair production cross sections are desirable.

As a step towards a **fully differential NNLO** treatment of heavy $Q\bar{Q}$ production in **antenna subtraction framework** investigate

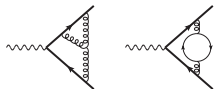
$$S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X \quad \text{at NNLO QCD}$$

with **uncolored initial state** S , e.g. $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma/Z \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X$ or $H \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X$.

Distributions for $S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X$: NNLO ingredients

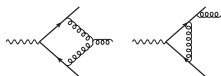
$$\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = \int_{\Phi_2} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VV}} + \int_{\Phi_3} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RV}} + \int_{\Phi_4} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{RR}}$$

- ▶ double virtual correction to $S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$: 2-loop \times Born and (1-loop)²



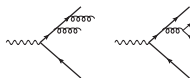
explicit infrared poles from loop integrals

- ▶ real virtual correction: One-loop correction to $S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}g$



explicit infrared poles from loop integral
implicit implicit poles from soft/collinear emission

- ▶ double real correction: Tree-level matrix elements for $S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}gg, Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}, Q\bar{Q}Q\bar{Q}$



implicit poles from double unresolved emission

Infrared (soft and collinear) poles only cancel in the sum (KLN-Theorem) .

Main Problem: Suitable methods to regularize and handle the infrared divergences

NNLO infrared subtraction

Generic structure of NNLO cross section with subtraction terms:

$$\begin{aligned}d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} &= \int_{\Phi_4} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{RR} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^S \right) \\ &+ \int_{\Phi_3} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{RV} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^T \right) \\ &+ \int_{\Phi_2} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{VV} + \int_{\Phi_3} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^T + \int_{\Phi_4} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^S\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^S$ coincides with $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{RR}$ in all singular limits.
- ▶ $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^T$ coincides with $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{VR}$ in all singular limits.

Each line is free of infrared poles and integration over the phase space can be carried out numerically in 4 dimensions.

Several methods for constructing subtraction terms have been proposed at NNLO...

NNLO IR Subtraction Schemes

- ▶ sector-improved residue subtraction scheme [Czakon '11, Czakon, Heymes '14]
 - ▶ $Z \rightarrow ee$ [Boughezal, Melnikov, Petriello '11]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow H_j$ (gluons only) [Boughezal, Caola, Melnikov, Petriello, Schulze '13]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ [Bärnreuther, Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov '13], A_{FB} [Czakon, Fiedler, Mitov '14]
- ▶ q_T -subtraction for colorless high mass systems [Catani, Grazzini '07]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow H$ [Catani, Grazzini '07]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow V$ [Catani, Cieri, Ferrera, de Florian, Grazzini '09]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow VH$ [Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano '11]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [Catani, Cieri, de Florian, Grazzini '11]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow ZZ, WW$ [Cascioli, Gehrmann, Grazzini, Kallweit, Maierhöfer, Manteuffel, Pozzorini, Rathlev, Tancredi, Weihs '14]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow$ see talk by H. Sargsyan
- ▶ subtraction schemes by Del Duca, Somogyi, Trocsanyi et al.
- ▶ antenna subtraction [Kosower '97 ;Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover '05]
 - ▶ $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3j$ [Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich '07, Weinzierl '08]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow 2j$ [Currie, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Pires '13]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow H + jet$ [Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier '14]
 - ▶ $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ ($N_c^2, N_f N_c, N_f/N_c$)
[Abelof, Gehrmann-De Ridder, '11 - '14, Abelof, Gehrmann-De Ridder, OD '12, Gabriel Abelof, Aude Gehrmann-De Ridder, Philipp Maierhöfer, Stefano Pozzorini '14]

Antenna Subtraction @ NLO

- ▶ Based on the universal factorization properties of $|\mathcal{M}_m|^2$ in all singular limits [Campbell, Glover '98; Catani, Grazzini '99-'00; . . .]

$$|\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^0(\dots, i, j, k, \dots)|^2 \xrightarrow{p_j \rightarrow 0} S(i, j, k) |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, i, k, \dots)|^2$$
$$|\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^0(\dots, i, j, k, \dots)|^2 \xrightarrow{j \parallel k} \frac{1}{s_{jk}} P_{jk \rightarrow K} |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, i, K, \dots)|^2$$

Subtracted with

$$X_{ijk}^0 |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, I, K, \dots)|^2$$

Three-parton tree-level antenna function X_{ijk}^0

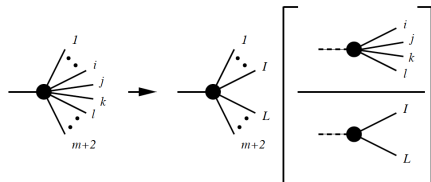
- ▶ Two hard particles i, k (**hard radiations**) and **one unresolved parton j**
- ▶ Give the right unresolved factor (splitting function, soft eikonal factor) in each limit
- ▶ Derived from physical matrix elements for tree-level $1 \rightarrow 3$ processes

$$X_{ijk}^0 \propto \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{ijk}^0|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{IK}^0|^2} \quad \text{e.g.} \quad A_3^0 \propto \left| \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} \right|^2 / \left| \text{diagram 3} \right|^2$$

Antenna Subtraction @ NNLO

Double unresolved limits of $|\mathcal{M}_{m+2}|^2$

- ▶ Double soft limits
- ▶ Soft $q\bar{q}$ limits
- ▶ ...



Subtracted with (for color-connected configurations)

$$X_{ijkl}^0 |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, I, L, \dots)|^2 \quad X_{ijkl}^0 \propto \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{ijkl}^0|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{IL}^0|^2}$$

Four-parton tree-level antenna function X_{ijkl}^0

- ▶ Two hard particles i, l (**hard radiations**) and **two unresolved partons** j, k
- ▶ Give the right unresolved factor in each limit
- ▶ Derived from physical matrix elements for tree-level $1 \rightarrow 4$ processes. Here:

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}gg}^0|^2 \propto \alpha_s^2 \left\{ N_c \left(A_4^0(1_Q, 3_g, 4_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) + A_4^0(1_Q, 4_g, 3_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) \right) - \frac{1}{N_c} \tilde{A}_4^0(1_Q, 3_g, 4_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) \right\}$$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}}^0|^2 \propto \alpha_s^2 \left\{ e_Q^2 B_4^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}, 2_{\bar{Q}}) + e_q^2(\dots) + e_q e_Q(\dots) \right\}$$

Integrated Double-Real Subtraction Terms

- ▶ factorization of double unresolved phase space

$$d\Phi_{m+2}(\dots, p_i, p_j, p_k, p_l, \dots; q) = d\Phi_m(\dots, p_l, p_L, \dots; q) \times d\Phi_{X_{ijkl}}$$

$$d\sigma_{NNLO}^S \sim |\mathcal{M}_m^0(p_1, \dots, p_l, p_L, \dots, p_{m+2})|^2 d\Phi_m(\dots, p_l, p_L, \dots; q) \times X_{ijkl}^0 d\Phi_{X_{ijkl}}$$

- ▶ integrated antenna functions

$$X_{ijkl}^0 \propto \int d\Phi_{X_{ijkl}} X_{ijkl}^0 \propto \int d\Phi_4 |\mathcal{M}_{ijkl}^0|^2$$

Reverse-unitarity

[Anastasiou, Melnikov '02]

- ▶ Introduce cut propagators

[Cutkosky '60]

$$2\pi i \delta^+(p_i^2 - m_i^2) = \frac{1}{p_i^2 - m_i^2 + i0} - \frac{1}{p_i^2 - m_i^2 - i0} = \left[\frac{1}{D_i} \right]_c$$

- ▶ Integration-by-parts reduction

[Chetyrkin, Tkachov '81, Laporta '00]

AIR [Anastasiou, Lazopoulos '02], FIRE [Smirnov '08], REDUZE (2) [Studerus, v. Manteuffel '12]

- ▶ Differential equations

[Kotikov '91; Remiddi '97; Gehrmann, Remiddi '00]

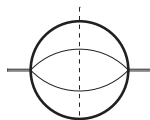
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$$p_1^2 = p_2^2 = m^2$$

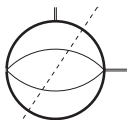
$$p_3^2 = p_4^2 = 0$$

$$s_{ij} = 2p_i p_j$$

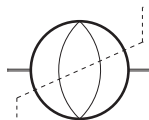
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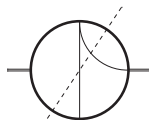
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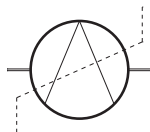
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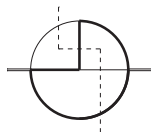
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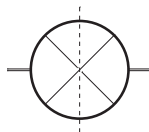
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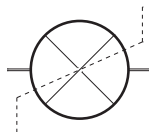
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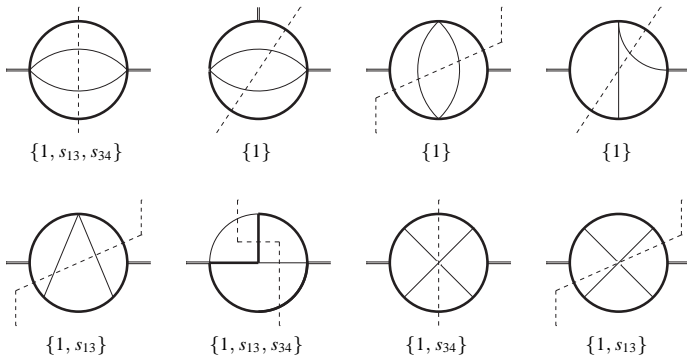
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$$d\Phi_4(q; p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \frac{1}{2\pi} dQ^2 d\Phi_2(q; p_4, Q) d\Phi_3(Q; p_1, p_2, p_3)$$

- Compact expressions in terms of [hypergeometric functions](#) ${}_3F_2$
- Expansion around $d = 4$ yields harmonic polylogarithms (HPLs)

[Moch, Uwer, Weinzierl '01, Weinzierl '04] [HypExp\(2\)](#) [Huber, Maitre '05, '07]

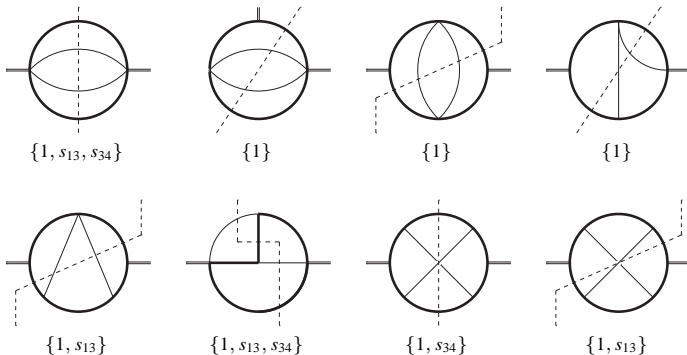
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Differential equations method

[Kotikov '91; Remiddi '97; Gehrmann, Remiddi '00]

- Linear, inhomogeneous, first order DEs q^2 and $y = \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta}$ ($\beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/q^2}$)
- Solve differential equation order by order in ϵ in terms of HPLs
- **initial condition:** Vanishing of phase space at threshold: $y \rightarrow 1$
Massless limit: $y \rightarrow 0$ [Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Heinrich '04]

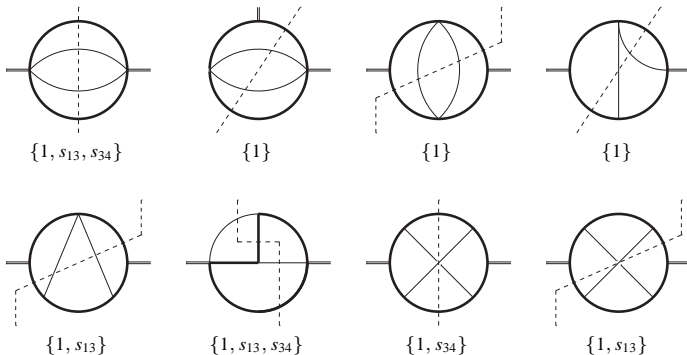
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↪ Master integrals and integrated antenna functions $\mathcal{A}_4^0, \bar{\mathcal{A}}_4^0, \mathcal{B}_4^0$ are obtained analytically to all relevant orders in terms of HPLs.

[Bernreuther, Bogner, OD '11, '13]

Real-Virtual Subtraction

Single unresolved limits of one-loop amplitudes: [Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower, Catani, Grazzini, ...]

$$Loop_{m+1} \longrightarrow Splitt_{tree} \times Loop_m + Splitt_{loop} \times Tree_m$$

Subtract single unresolved limits of $|\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^1(\dots, i, j, k, \dots)|^2 = 2\text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{m+1}^{0\dagger} \mathcal{M}_{m+1}^1)$ with

$$X_{ijk}^0 |\mathcal{M}_m^1(\dots, I, K, \dots)|^2 + X_{ijk}^1 |\mathcal{M}_m^0(\dots, I, K, \dots)|^2$$

Three-parton one-loop antenna function X_{ijk}^1

- ▶ Give the right unresolved factor $Splitt_{loop}$ in each limit
- ▶ Derived from physical matrix elements for one-loop $1 \rightarrow 3$ processes. Here:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}g}^1|^2 &\propto \alpha_s^2 \left\{ N_c \left(A_3^0(1_Q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}^1|^2 + A_3^1(1_Q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}^0|^2 \right) \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{N_c} \left(A_3^0(1_Q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}^1|^2 + \tilde{A}_3^1(1_Q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}^0|^2 \right) \\ &\quad \left. + 2T_R n_f \tilde{A}_{3,f}^1(1_Q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}^0|^2 + 2T_R \tilde{A}_{3,F}^1(1_Q, 3_g, 2_{\bar{Q}}) |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}^0|^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

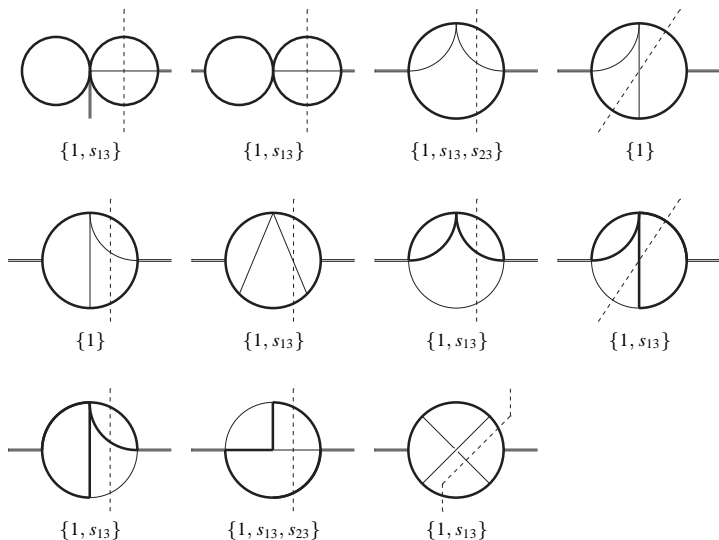
Integrated real-virtual antenna functions

$$x_{ijk}^1 \propto \int d\Phi_{X_{ijk}} X_{ijk}^1 \propto \frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}_{IK}^0|^2} \int d\Phi_3 |\mathcal{M}_{ijk}^1|^2 - \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{jk}^1|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{IK}^0|^2} \int d\Phi_3 X_{ijk}^0$$

Real-Virtual Master Integrals

► $\mathcal{A}_3^1, \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_3^1$ can be expressed in terms of 22 master integrals:

[Bernreuther, O.D. '14]



► Only the real part is relevant here.

$$s_{ij} = 2p_i \cdot p_j$$

Computation of Real-Virtual Master Integrals

- ▶ Derive **differential equations** for each MI in the same algorithmic fashion as before
- ▶ Solutions for 5 of the 9 topologies exhibit **new structures**:

$$\int_0^y dx \frac{2x+1}{x^2+x+1} H(\dots, x)$$

- ▶ Consider Poincaré iterated integrals generated by

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{x-1}, \frac{1}{x+1}, \frac{1}{x^2+x+1}, \frac{x}{x^2+x+1} \right\}$$

↪ Cyclotomic harmonic polylogarithms

[Ablinger, Blümlein, Schneider '11 - '13]

[→ HarmonicSums]

Constants of Integration

- ▶ boundary condition from an expansion of d-dim. one-loop integral and PS measure in ϵ and in $\beta = \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/q^2}$ prior to PS integration:

$$\int d\Phi_3 s_{13}^{\nu_1} s_{23}^{\nu_2} Z^0(q^2, s_{13}, s_{23}, \beta, \epsilon) \quad Z^0 \in \{A^0, B^0, C^0, D^0\}$$

- ▶ Integration constants are given by values of cyclotomic HPLs at $y = 1$:
 - ▶ Either: Numerical evaluation from integral representation
 - ▶ Or: Reduction in terms of transcendental numbers [Ablinger, Blümlein]

The $e^+e^- \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ cross section at NNLO

As a check and first application, we consider

$$R = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X)}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)} = e_Q^2 \left[N_c R^{(0)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{2\pi} \right) (N_c^2 - 1) R^{(1)} \right. \\ \left. + \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{2\pi} \right)^2 (N_c^2 - 1) \left(N_c R_{\text{LC}}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{N_c} R_{\text{SC}}^{(2)} + 2T_R n_f R_f^{(2)} + 2T_R R_F^{(2)} \right) + \dots \right]$$

- ▶ Consider one heavy quark Q (charge e_Q , mass m) and n_f massless quark flavors
- ▶ By adding the contributions of the 2-parton, 3-parton and 4-parton final states, we use R to check that the individual IR singularities cancel in the sum ([KLN-Theorem](#))
- ▶ Corrections were computed before numerically/partly analytically from imaginary part of vacuum polarization tensor [$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$: [Chetyrkin et al. '96](#), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$: [Kiyoyama et al. '09](#), [Marquard et al. '10](#)]
- ▶ Our computation of $R_{\text{LC}}^{(2)}$, $R_{\text{SC}}^{(2)}$ and $R_f^{(2)}$ is exact to order α_s^2

Light flavor correction $R_f^{(2)}$

$$R_f^{(2)} = R^{(0)} \left(\mathcal{B}_4^0(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) + \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{3,f}^1(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) + \hat{\mathcal{A}}_{2,f}^2(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) \right)$$

$Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$ final state

$$\mathcal{B}_4^0 \propto \int d\Phi_4 \left| \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} \right|^2 \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$

$Q\bar{Q}g$ final state (counterterm contribution)

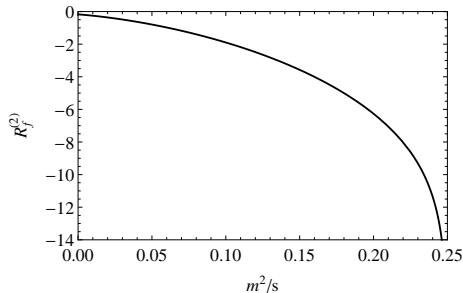
$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}_{3,f}^1 \propto \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int d\Phi_3 \left| \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} \right|^2 \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$

[Gehrmann-de Ridder, Ritzmann '09]

$Q\bar{Q}$ final state: heavy quark from factors

[Bernreuther, Bonciani, Gehrmann, Heinesch, Leineweber, Mastroia, Remiddi, '05; Gluza, Mitov, Moch, Riemann '09]

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}}_{2,f}^2 \propto \left| \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \dots \right|^2 \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}\right)$$



- ✓ Analytical cancellation of IR poles
- ✓ Analytical agreement with result of [Hoang, Kühn, Teubner '95].

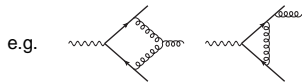
Leading Color Corrections $R_{LC}^{(2)}$

$$R_{LC}^{(2)} = R^{(0)} \left(\mathcal{A}_2^2(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) + \mathcal{A}_2^1(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) \mathcal{A}_3^0(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) + \mathcal{A}_3^1(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) + \mathcal{A}_4^0(\epsilon, \mu^2/s; y) \right)$$

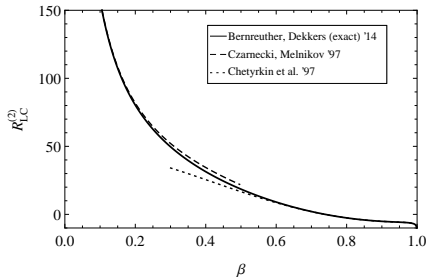
- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}$ final state: heavy quark from factors

[Bernreuther, Bonciani, Gehrmann, Heinesch, Leineweber, Mastrolia, Remiddi, '05; Gluza, Mitov, Moch, Riemann '09]

- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}g$ final state $\leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}_3^1 + \mathcal{A}_2^1 \mathcal{A}_3^0$



- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}gg$ final state $\leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}_4^0(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y)$



Chetyrkin, Kühn, Steinhauser '96: interpolate threshold and asymptotic exp. with Padé approx.

- ✓ IR poles (solely HPLs) cancel analytically

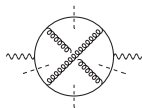
Analytical agreement with

- ✓ Threshold exp. to $\mathcal{O}(\beta)$ [Czarnecki, Melnikov ; Beneke, Signer, Smirnov '97]
- ✓ Large- q^2 exp. through $\mathcal{O}((m^2/q^2)^6)$ [Chetyrkin, Harlander, Kuhn, Steinhauser '97]

Subleading Color Corrections $R_{SC}^{(2)}$

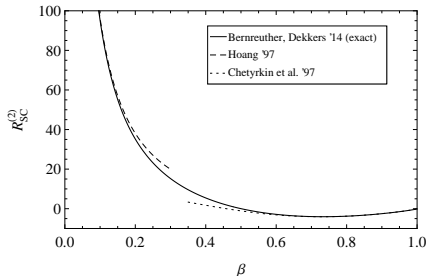
$$R_{SC}^{(2)} = R^{(0)} \left(\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_2^2(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y) + \mathcal{A}_2^1(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y) \mathcal{A}_3^0(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y) \right. \\ \left. + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_3^1(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y) + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_4^0(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y) + 2\mathcal{C}_4^0(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, m^2/s) \right)$$

- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}$ final state: heavy quark from factors
- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}g$ final state $\leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_3^1(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y)$
- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}gg$ final state $\leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_4^0(\epsilon; \mu^2/s, y)$
- ▶ $Q\bar{Q}Q\bar{Q}$ final state $\leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}_4^0 \leftrightarrow$ E-Terms



+ 2 more 4p cuts

$m \rightarrow 0$: log. enhanced
and finite terms known
[Catani, Seymour '99]



- ✓ IR poles (solely HPLs) cancel analytically
- ✓ Agreement with threshold exp. through $\mathcal{O}(\beta)$ [Czarnecki, Melnikov; Beneke, Signer, Smirnov]
- ✓ Numerical comparison with high-energy exp. [Chetyrkin, Harlander, Kuhn, Steinhauser]

Summary and Outlook

Antenna subtraction extended to heavy quark pair production by uncolored initial states @ NNLO:

- ▶ Construction of (integrated) subtraction terms accomplished
- ▶ Analytic results for integrated massive antenna functions in terms of HPLs (double-real) and cyclotomic PolyLogs (real-virtual)
- ▶ allows for fully differential treatment of $S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X$ at NNLO QCD

First application and check: Hadronic R-ratio

- ▶ Analytic cancellation of IR poles in $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ -corrections
- ▶ Exact computation of $R_{LC}^{(2)}$, $R_{SC}^{(2)}$, $R_f^{(2)}$ in agreement with (approximate) results in the literature

Next steps:

- ▶ Numerical computation of differential cross sections and distributions for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma/Z \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X$ at NNLO

Outlook: Construction of (integrated) antenna subtraction terms for $pp(p\bar{p}) \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ at NNLO

↪ Our antennae form part of these subtraction terms! [Abelof, Gehrmann-De Ridder, '11 - '14]

Thanks!