

FDR: a four dimensional  
and finite approach  
to Quantum Field Theories

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# I show that FDR is more convenient than DR because

- 1 four-dimensional
- 2 order-by-order renormalization is avoided
- 3 a **finite** renormalization is only required to fix the parameters of the theory in terms of experimental observables
- 4  $\ell$ -loop integrals are directly re-usable in  $(\ell+1)$ -loop calculations, with no need of further expanding in  $\epsilon$
- 5 infrared and collinear divergences can be dealt with within the same **four-dimensional** framework used to cope with the ultraviolet infinities
- 6 it allows a novel interpretation of **non-renormalizable theories** in which **predictivity** is restored

# Outline

- 1 The FDR idea
- 2 Physical interpretation
- 3 **Bottom-up:** Tests (renormalizable QFTs)
- 4 **Top-down:** Non-renormalizable QFTs

# The Four Dimensional Regularization/Renormalization approach (FDR)

Subtraction of UV infinities  
encoded in the definition of loop integral

R. P., [arXiv:1208.5457](#)

A. M. Donati and R. P., [arXiv:1302.5668](#)

R. P., [arXiv:1305.0419](#)

R. P., [arXiv:1307.0705](#)

A. M. Donati and R. P., [arXiv:1311.5500](#)

- Take the *integrand* of a  $\ell$ -loop function

$$J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell) = J_{\text{INF}}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell) + J_{\text{F},\ell}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$$

- To avoid the occurrence of infrared divergences

$$+i0 = -\mu^2$$

and  $\mu \rightarrow 0$  **outside** integration

- The loop *integrands* in  $J_{\text{INF}}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$  allowed to depend on  $\mu$ , **but not on physical scales**  $\Rightarrow$  **physics** in  $J_{\text{F},\ell}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$
- The FDR integral over  $J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$  **defined** as

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(q_1, \dots, q_\ell) \equiv \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4 q_1 \dots d^4 q_\ell J_{\text{F},\ell}(q_1, \dots, q_\ell)$$

## 2-loop example

$$J^{\alpha\beta}(q_1, q_2) = \frac{q_1^\alpha q_1^\beta}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D}_1 &= \bar{q}_1^2 - m_1^2 & \bar{D}_2 &= \bar{q}_2^2 - m_2^2 & \bar{D}_{12} &= \bar{q}_{12}^2 - m_{12}^2 \\ q_{12} &= q_1 + q_2 & \bar{q}_j^2 &= q_j^2 - \mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

Needed expansion (*FDR defining expansion*) obtained with

$$\frac{1}{\bar{D}_j} = \frac{1}{\bar{q}_j^2} + \frac{m_j^2}{\bar{q}_j^2 \bar{D}_j} \quad \frac{1}{\bar{q}_{12}^2} = \frac{1}{\bar{q}_2^2} - \frac{q_1^2 + 2(q_1 \cdot q_2)}{\bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J^{\alpha\beta}(q_1, q_2) &= q_1^\alpha q_1^\beta \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^6 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right] + \left( \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^3} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^6} \right) \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_2^4} \right] - \frac{q_1^2 + 2(q_1 \cdot q_2)}{\bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{D}_{12}} \left( \frac{m_2^2}{\bar{D}_2} + \frac{m_{12}^2}{\bar{q}_{12}^2} \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$J_{\text{INF}}^{\alpha\beta}(q_1, q_2) = q_1^\alpha q_1^\beta \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^6 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right] + \left( \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^3} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^6} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_2^4} \right] \right\}$$

$$J_{\text{F},2}^{\alpha\beta}(q_1, q_2) = q_1^\alpha q_1^\beta \left\{ \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{D}_{12}} \left( \frac{m_2^2}{\bar{D}_2} + \frac{m_{12}^2}{\bar{q}_{12}^2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^3} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^6} \right) \frac{q_1^2 + 2(q_1 \cdot q_2)}{\bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right\}$$

And

$$\int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{q_1^\alpha q_1^\beta}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4 q_1 d^4 q_2 J_{\text{F},2}^{\alpha\beta}(q_1, q_2)$$

# Formal properties of the FDR integration

- i) invariance under shift of any integration variable
  - ii) simplifications among numerators and denominators
- i) + ii) guarantee Gauge Invariance: usual manipulations hold at the integrand level

i)

FDR integrals as finite differences of UV divergent integrals

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(\{q_i\}) = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^n q_1 \dots d^n q_\ell \left( J(\{q_i\}) - J_{\text{INF}}(\{q_i\}) \right)$$

r.h.s. regulated in dimensional regularization (just one option, since the dependence on *any* UV regulator drops in the difference)



ii)

By construction, provided any  $q_i^2$  generated by Feynman rules is considered as  $\bar{q}_i^2 = q_i^2 - \mu_i^2$ . For example

$$\int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{\bar{q}_1^2}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} = \int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^2 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} + m_1^2 \int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{1}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}}$$

Only one kind of  $\mu^2$  exists:

$$\int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{\mu_1^2}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \mu^2 \int d^4 q_1 d^4 q_2 \frac{g_{\alpha\beta} J_{F,2}^{\alpha\beta}(q_1, q_2)}{q_1^2}$$

For consistency, tensor decomposition works as in the following example

$$\begin{aligned} \int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{q_1^\alpha q_1^\beta}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} &= \frac{g^{\alpha\beta}}{4} \int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{q_1^2}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} \\ &= \frac{g^{\alpha\beta}}{4} \int [d^4 q_1][d^4 q_2] \frac{\bar{q}_1^2 + \mu_1^2}{\bar{D}_1^3 \bar{D}_2 \bar{D}_{12}} \end{aligned}$$

Dependence on  $\mu$ 

$$\int [d^4 q_1] \dots [d^4 q_\ell] J(\{q_i\}) = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^n q_1 \dots d^n q_\ell \left( J(\{q_i\}) - J_{\text{INF}}(\{q_i\}) \right)$$

- ① First term in r.h.s. does not depend on  $\mu$ , because  $\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0}$  can be moved inside integration
- ② Any polynomially divergent integral in  $J_{\text{INF}}$  cannot contribute either, being proportional to positive powers of  $\mu$
- ③  $\mu$  dependence of the l.h.s. entirely due to powers of  $\ln(\mu/\mu_R)$  generated by the logarithmically divergent subtracted integrals
  - a) FDR integrals depend on  $\mu$  *logarithmically*
  - b) if all powers of  $\ln(\mu/\mu_R)$  are moved to the l.h.s.  $\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0}$  formally taken by trading  $\ln(\mu)$  for  $\ln(\mu_r)$

FDR integrals *do not depend on any cut off* but only on the renormalization scale  $\mu_R$

- 1-loop example

$$J(q) = \frac{1}{(\bar{q}^2 - m_0^2)((q+p)^2 - m_1^2 - \mu^2)} = \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] + J_{F,1}(q)$$

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int_{\Lambda} d^4 q \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right] = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} 2i\pi^2 \left( \int_0^{\mu_R} dq + \int_{\mu_R}^{\Lambda} dq \right) \frac{q^3}{(q^2 + \mu^2)^2}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$-i\pi^2 \left( 1 + \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_R^2} \right)$$

- $\mu_R$  can also be thought as an arbitrary separation scale from the UV regime

$$\int [d^4q] J(q) = -i\pi^2 \int_0^1 dx \ln \left( \frac{m_0^2 x + m_1^2 (1-x) - p^2 x(1-x)}{\mu_R^2} \right)$$

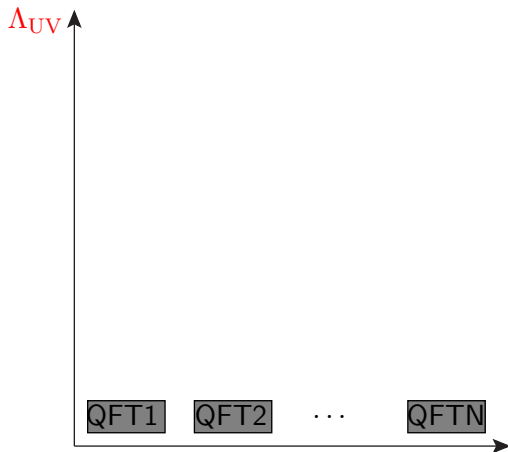
**is cutoff independent**

In summary, the symbol  $\int [d^4q]$  means

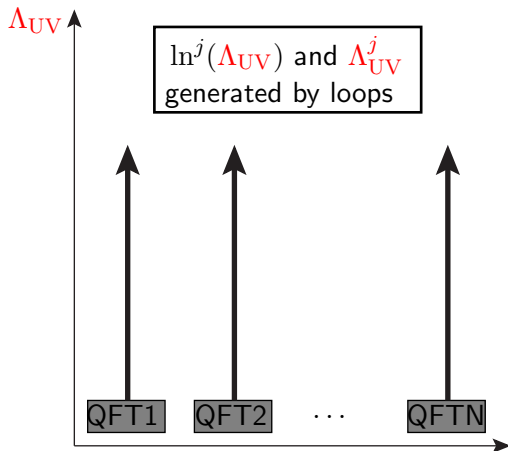
- 1 Use partial fraction to move all divergences in vacuum integrands **treating  $\bar{q}^2$  globally**
- 2 Drop all divergent vacuum terms from the integrand
- 3 Integrate over  $d^4q$
- 4 Take  $\mu \rightarrow 0$  until a logarithmic dependence on  $\mu$  is reached
- 5 **Compute the result in  $\mu = \mu_R$  ( $\mu \rightarrow \mu_R$  in  $[d^4q]$  definition)**

# Physical Interpretation

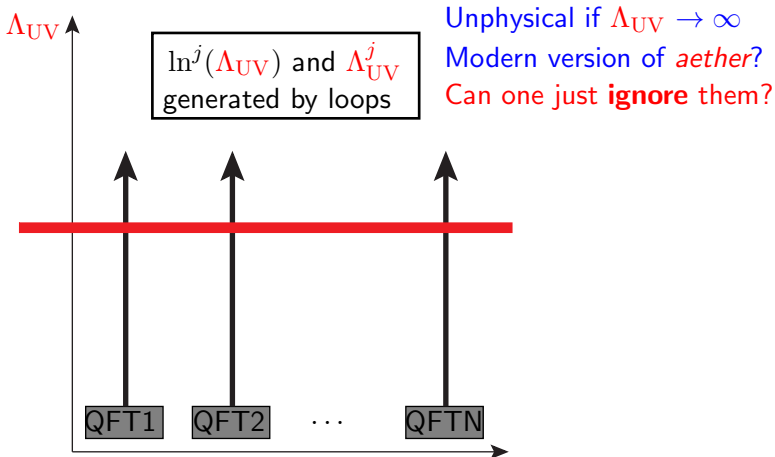
QFTs vs UV cutoff (I)



## QFTs vs UV cutoff (II)



## QFTs vs UV cutoff (III)





# What is the cost of throwing away infinities?

- No cost for polynomially divergent infinities (decoupling)
- Only logarithmic infinities influence the physical spectrum ( $\mu_R$  pops up in physical observables when separating them)
- Physics at  $\Lambda_{UV}$  scale manifests itself only logarithmically at lower energies

$$\ln(M_{\text{Higgs}}/\text{GeV}) \sim 5$$

$$\ln(M_{\text{Plank}}/\text{GeV}) \sim 44$$

Hierarchy problem?

# Classification

**independent of the number of external legs!**

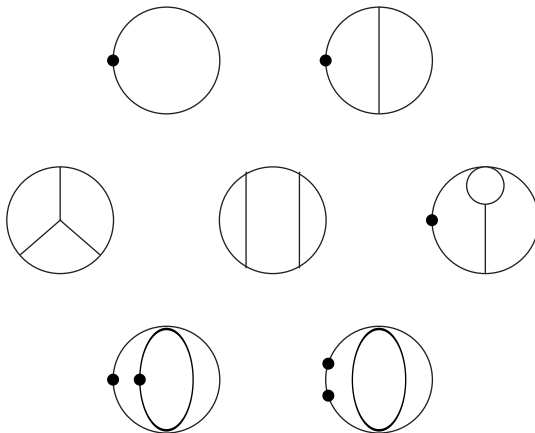
①  $\left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}^4} \right]$  is the only possible **subtracted** 1-loop log divergent **vacuum integrand**

② At 2 loops  $\left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2} \right]$

③ Five additional log divergent vacuum integrands at 3 loops

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2 \bar{q}_{13}^2 ((q_2 - q_3)^2 - \mu^2)} \right] & & \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_{12}^2 \bar{q}_{23}^2} \right] \\ \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{12}^2 \bar{q}_{123}^2} \right] & \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^4 \bar{q}_2^4 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{123}^2} \right] & \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^6 \bar{q}_2^2 \bar{q}_3^2 \bar{q}_{123}^2} \right] \end{array}$$

## Corresponding 1-, 2- and 3-loop log topologies



*Divergent tensor integrands are reducible to combinations of those topologies plus finite constants*

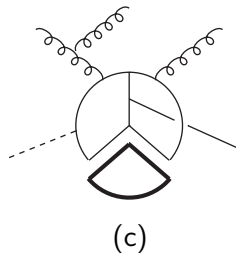
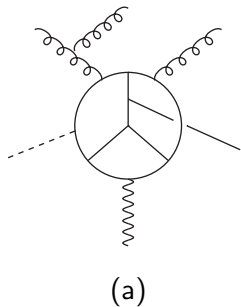
- Infinities are directly put into the vacuum, rather than in the parameter of the Lagrangian

Order by order **vacuum redefinition** dubbed  
**Topological Renormalization**

- The vacuum back-reacts by trading the cutoff  $\mu$  for  $\mu_R$ , which, however, **drops after a Finite Renormalization**

*The vacuum is by far more efficient in accommodating infinities than the Lagrangian*

# Vacuum inside loops (pictorially)



(b) and (c) are **Vacuum Bubbles** generated by the generic diagram (a) contributing to the interaction

# Finite Renormalization

- Only *finite*  $\ln^j(\mu_R)$  remain  
(generated when subtracting log divergent vacuum integs)
- Reabsorbed in physical parameters when fixing the theory:  
**NO order-by-order renormalization necessary!**  
**NO counterterms!**
- At 1-loop equivalent to *Dimensional Reduction* in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme

Consider the Lagrangian of a renormalizable QFT dependent on  $m$  parameters  $p_i$  ( $i = 1 : m$ )

$$\mathcal{L}(p_1, \dots, p_m)$$

Before an observable  $\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}$  can be calculated,  $p_i$  must be fixed by means of  $m$  measurements

$$\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{TH}}(p_1, \dots, p_m) = \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{EXP}}$$

which determine  $p_i$  in terms of observables  $\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{EXP}}$  and corrections computed at the loop level  $\ell$  one is working:

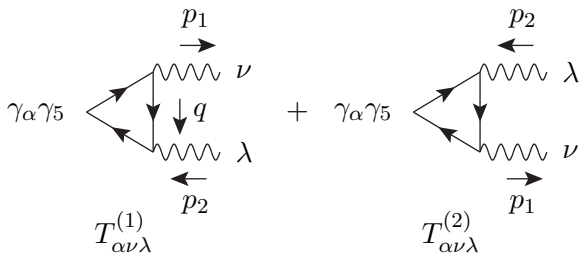
$$p_i = p_i^{\ell\text{-loop}}(\mathcal{O}_1^{\text{EXP}}, \dots, \mathcal{O}_m^{\text{EXP}}) \equiv \bar{p}_i$$

Then

$$\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m) \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m)}{\partial \mu_R} = 0$$

is a finite prediction of the QFT

## TEST0: The ABJ anomaly



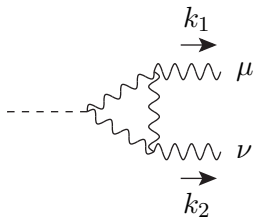
$$p^\alpha T_{\alpha\nu\lambda} = -i \frac{e^2}{4\pi^4} \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \not{p}_2 \gamma_\lambda \gamma_\nu \not{p}_1] \int [d^4 q] \mu^2 \frac{1}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2}$$

$$p^\alpha T_{\alpha\nu\lambda} = \frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} \text{Tr}[\gamma_5 \not{p}_2 \gamma_\lambda \gamma_\nu \not{p}_1]$$



TEST1:  $H \rightarrow \gamma(k_1^\mu) \gamma(k_2^\nu)$  (generic  $R_\xi$  gauge)

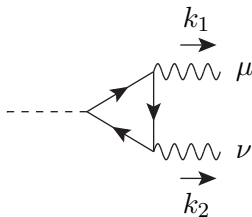
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$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_W(\beta)$$

26 diagrams

$$\beta = \frac{4 M_W^2}{M_H^2}$$



$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_f(\eta)$$

2 diagrams

$$\eta = \frac{4 m_f^2}{M_H^2}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu}(\beta, \eta) = \left( \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_W(\beta) + \sum_f N_c Q_f^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_f(\eta) \right) T^{\mu\nu}$$

$$T^{\mu\nu} = k_1^\nu k_2^\mu - (k_1 \cdot k_2) g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_W(\beta) = \frac{i e^3}{(4\pi)^2 s_W M_W} \left[ 2 + 3\beta + 3\beta(2 - \beta)f(\beta) \right]$$

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_f(\eta) = \frac{-i e^3}{(4\pi)^2 s_W M_W} 2\eta \left[ 1 + (1 - \eta)f(\eta) \right]$$

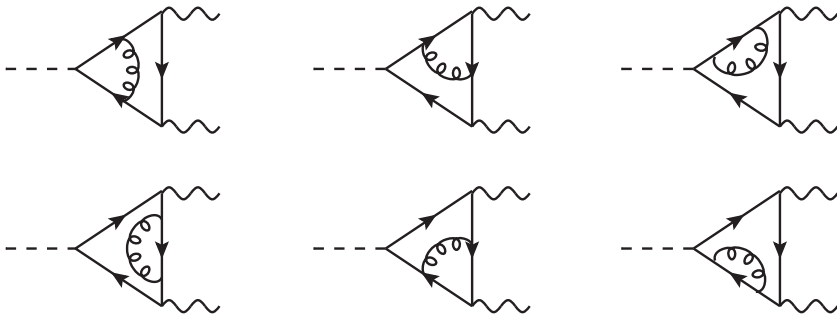
$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{4} \ln^2 \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - x + i\varepsilon}}{-1 + \sqrt{1 - x + i\varepsilon}} \right)$$

**NOTE:**

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{\bar{q}^2 g_{\mu\nu} - 4q_\mu q_\nu}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} = \int [d^4 q] \frac{-\mu^2}{(\bar{q}^2 - M^2)^3} g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i\pi^2}{2} g_{\mu\nu}$$

TEST2: gluonic corrections to  $\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ 

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12 diagrams

## Important facts

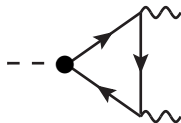
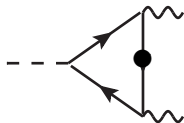
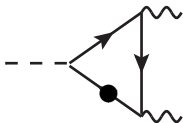
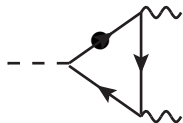


$$\mathcal{M}^{(2-loop)} = \mathcal{M}^{(1-loop)} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right) \quad (m_{\text{top}} \rightarrow \infty)$$

- No integral by integral correspondence between DR and FDR and results coincide only at the very end
- If  $m_{\text{top}} \rightarrow \infty$  no renormalization (of sub-divergences) needed in FDR
- This understood because FDR avoids spurious  $\frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon}$  terms from the beginning
- In DR no renormalization would give a wrong result

$$\longrightarrow \bullet \longrightarrow = -i \delta m$$

$$- - \bullet \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{array} = -i \frac{\delta m}{v}$$



$$= \begin{cases} 0 \times \delta m & \text{in FDR} & \text{with } \delta m \propto \ln \mu_r \\ \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \times \delta m & \text{in DR} & \text{with } \delta m \propto 1/\epsilon \end{cases}$$

## Simple QED example

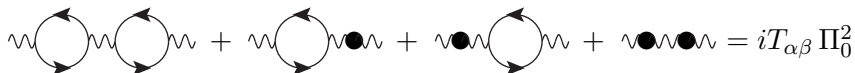
$$\begin{array}{c} p \\ \rightarrow \\ \text{wavy line } \alpha \text{ --- } \text{circle} \text{ --- } \text{wavy line } \beta \end{array} = i T_{\alpha\beta} \Pi(p^2) \quad T_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} p^2 - p_\alpha p_\beta$$

$$\Pi(p^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \Pi_{-1} + \Pi_0 + \epsilon \Pi_1$$

In DR, the corresponding **two-loop** computation requires the addition of **one-loop counterterms** such that

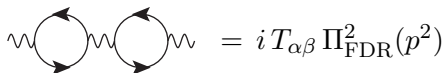
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line} \text{ --- } \text{circle} \text{ --- } \text{wavy line} \\ + \text{wavy line} \text{ --- } \bullet \text{ --- } \text{wavy line} \end{array} = i T_{\alpha\beta} \Pi_0 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Therefore, at two loops, up to terms  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$



The diagram shows four terms representing two-loop corrections. The first term is the product of two one-loop diagrams, each consisting of a wavy line connected to a circular loop with two arrows. The second and third terms are one-loop diagrams with a wavy line and a loop, where the wavy line has a black dot. The fourth term is a two-loop diagram with two wavy lines and two black dots. The equation is:  $\text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]} + \text{[Diagram 4]} = iT_{\alpha\beta} \Pi_0^2$

In FDR, the product of two one-loop diagrams **is simply the product of the two finite parts**, so that one directly obtains



The diagram shows a two-loop diagram with two wavy lines and two circular loops, each with two arrows. The equation is:  $\text{[Diagram]} = iT_{\alpha\beta} \Pi_{\text{FDR}}^2(p^2)$

with  $\Pi_{\text{FDR}}(p^2) = \Pi_0$

- The previous example also shows that  **$\ell$ -loop integrals are directly re-usable in  $(\ell+1)$ -loop calculations**
- For instance, the two-loop factorizable FDR integral

$$\int \frac{[d^4 q_1]}{(\bar{q}_1^2 - m_1^2)^\alpha} \times \int \frac{[d^4 q_2]}{(\bar{q}_2^2 - m_2^2)^\beta}$$

is simply the product of two one-loop FDR integrals

- That **is not** the case in DR, where further expanding in  $\epsilon$  is required



TEST3:  $\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg})$ 

R. P., arXiv:1307.0705 [hep-ph]

- **FDR** is used to compute the **NLO QCD** corrections to  $\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}$  in the large top mass limit
- The well known fully inclusive result

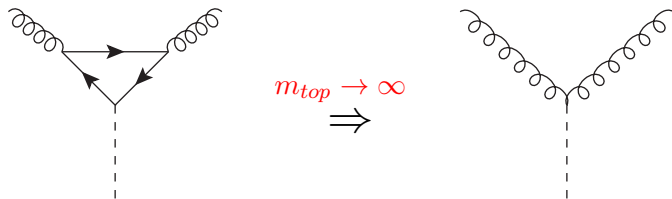
$$\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) = \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(M_H^2)) \left[ 1 + \frac{95}{4} \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right]$$

is re-derived, where

$$\Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(M_H^2)) = \frac{G_F \alpha_S^2(M_H^2)}{36\sqrt{2}\pi^3} M_H^3$$

- **UV**, **IR** and **CL** divergences, besides  $\alpha_S$  **renormalization**

# The Model



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4}AHG_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a,\mu\nu}$$

$$A = \frac{\alpha_S}{3\pi v} \left( 1 + \frac{11}{4} \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)$$

where  $v$  is the vacuum expectation value,  $v^2 = (G_F\sqrt{2})^{-1}$

## Generated Feynman Rules

(a)

$iA\delta^{ab}H^{\mu\nu}(p_1, p_2)$

(b)

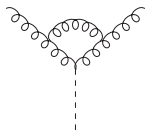
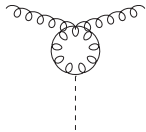
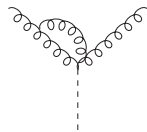
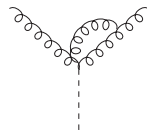
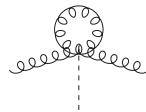
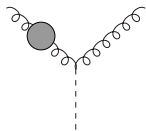
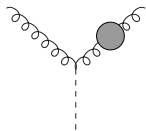
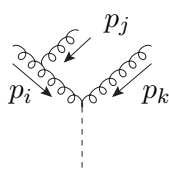
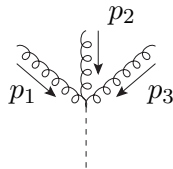
$-Agf^{abc}V^{\mu\nu\sigma}(p_1, p_2, p_3)$

(c)

$-iAg^2X_{\mu\nu\sigma\lambda}^{abcd}$

$V$  and  $X$  as in QCD and  $H^{\mu\nu}(p_1, p_2) = g^{\mu\nu}p_1 \cdot p_2 - p_1^\nu p_2^\mu$

# Contributing Diagrams

 $V_1$  $V_2$  $V_3$  $V_4$  $V_5$  $V_6$  $V_7$  $R_1(p_i, p_j, p_k)$  $R_2$

## FDR vs CL/UV Virtual Infinities

- CL/UV singularities also regulated by  $\mu^2$ , e.g.

$$B^{\text{FDR}}(p^2 = 0, 0, 0) = \int [d^4 q] \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2((q+p)^2 - \mu^2)} = \mathbf{0!}$$

- Due to a cancellation between CL and UV regulators**

$$B^{\text{FDR}}(p^2, 0, 0) = -i\pi^2 \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx [\ln(\mu^2 - p^2 x(1-x)) - \ln(\mu^2)]$$

- Should be matched in the treatment of the Reals**

Naive treatment in DR ( $n = 4 + \epsilon$ )

$$B^{\text{DR}}(p^2, 0, 0) = \int d^n q \frac{1}{q^2(q+p)^2} \quad (p^2 = 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(q+p)^2} &= \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} - \left( \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} - \frac{1}{(q+p)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{q^2 - M^2} - \frac{M^2 + 2(q \cdot p)}{(q^2 - M^2)(q+p)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$B^{\text{DR}}(p^2, 0, 0) = \underbrace{\int d^n q \frac{1}{q^2(q^2 - M^2)}}_{\text{defined if } \epsilon < 0} - \underbrace{\int d^n q \frac{M^2 + 2(q \cdot p)}{q^2(q^2 - M^2)(q+p)^2}}_{\text{defined if } \epsilon > 0}$$

They cancel but **do they define**  $B^{\text{DR}}(p^2, 0, 0)$ ?  
(no value of  $\epsilon$  exists where they are defined simultaneously)

# The Virtual Part

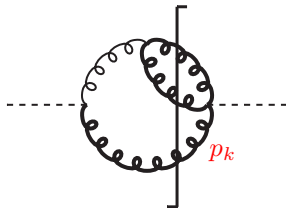
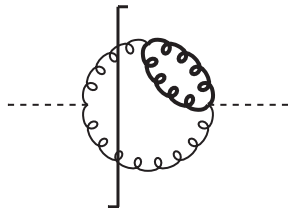
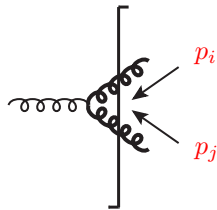
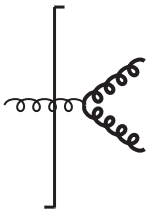
- Overlapping CL/IR infinities **also regulated by  $\mu^2$**

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(s) &= \int [d^4q] \frac{1}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2} = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4q \frac{1}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1 \bar{D}_2} \\
 &= \frac{i\pi^2}{s} \left[ \frac{\ln^2(\mu_0) - \pi^2}{2} + i\pi \ln(\mu_0) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$s = M_H^2 = -2(p_1 \cdot p_2) \quad \text{with} \quad (\mu_0 = \mu^2/s)$$

$$\Gamma_V(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) = -3 \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S) M_H^2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{C(M_H^2)}{i\pi^2} \right]$$

# The Real Part (off-shell momenta)



$$\frac{1}{2(p_i \cdot p_j)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(p_i + p_j)^2} = \frac{1}{s_{ij}} \quad \text{with } p_{i,j,k}^2 = \mu^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ } (\mu\text{-massive PS})$$



- The matrix element squared reads (diagrams  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ )

$$|M|^2 = 192 \pi \alpha_S A^2 \left[ \frac{s_{23}^3}{s_{12}s_{13}} + \frac{s_{13}^3}{s_{12}s_{23}} + \frac{s_{12}^3}{s_{13}s_{23}} + \frac{2(s_{13}^2 + s_{23}^2) + 3s_{13}s_{23}}{s_{12}} + \frac{2(s_{12}^2 + s_{23}^2) + 3s_{12}s_{23}}{s_{13}} + \frac{2(s_{12}^2 + s_{13}^2) + 3s_{12}s_{13}}{s_{23}} + 6(s_{12} + s_{13} + s_{23}) \right]$$

- To be integrated over the  $\mu$ -massive 3-body PS

$$\int d\Phi_3 = \frac{\pi^2}{4s} \int ds_{12} ds_{13} ds_{23} \delta(s - s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{23} + 3\mu^2)$$

- $\frac{1}{s_{ij}s_{jk}}$  generate  $\ln^2(\mu^2)$  terms of IR/CL origin  
 $\frac{1}{s_{ij}}$  collinear  $\ln(\mu^2)s$

- By introducing the dimensionless variables ( $x + y + z = 1$ )

$$x = \frac{s_{12}}{s} - \mu_0, \quad y = \frac{s_{13}}{s} - \mu_0, \quad z = \frac{s_{23}}{s} - \mu_0$$

$$I(s) = \int_R dx dy \frac{1}{(x + \mu_0)(y + \mu_0)}, \quad J_p(s) = \int_R dx dy \frac{x^p}{(y + \mu_0)}$$

- Then ( $\mu_0 = \mu^2/s$ )

$$I(s) \sim \frac{\ln^2(\mu_0) - \pi^2}{2}$$

$$J_p(s) \sim -\frac{1}{p+1} \ln(\mu_0) - \frac{1}{p+1} \left[ \frac{1}{p+1} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{p+1} \frac{1}{n} \right]$$

- Finally

$$\Gamma_R(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ggg}) = 3 \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S) \times \left[ \frac{1}{4} + I(M_H^2) - \frac{3}{2} J_0(M_H^2) - J_2(M_H^2) \right]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) &= \Gamma_V(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) + \Gamma_R(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{ggg}) \\ &= \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S) \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \left( \frac{95}{4} - \frac{11}{2} \ln \frac{M_H^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# $\alpha_S$ Renormalization

- The residual  $\mu^2$  is a universal dependence on the renormalization scale ( $\mu = \mu_R$ )
- $\ln(\mu_R^2)$  can be reabsorbed in the gluonic running of the strong coupling constant (**Finite Renormalization**)

$$\Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S) \rightarrow \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(\mu_R^2))$$

$$\alpha_S(M_H^2) = \frac{\alpha_S(\mu_R^2)}{1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \frac{11}{2} \ln \frac{M_H^2}{\mu_R^2}}$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{gg}) = \Gamma^{(0)}(\alpha_S(M_H^2)) \left[ 1 + \frac{95}{4} \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right]$$

*quod erat demonstrandum*

# Non-renormalizable QFTs

Extending the FDR framework to a non-renormalizable QFTs described by a Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{NR}$ :

- 1  $\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m, \ln(\mu_R))$
- 2 Combinations of observables in which  $\mu_R$  disappears unambiguously predicted by  $\mathcal{L}_{NR}$
- 3 In principle *just one* additional measurement needed to fix  $\mu_R$ , by solving

$$\mathcal{O}_{m+2}^{\text{TH}}(\bar{p}_1, \dots, \bar{p}_m, \ln(\mu'_R)) = \mathcal{O}_{m+2}^{\text{EXP}}$$

and setting  $\mu_R = \mu'_R$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{m+1}^{\text{TH}}$

- 4 *Predictivity* restored in the infinite loop limit

## Important facts

- ① It is crucial that, in FDR, the original cut-off  $\mu \rightarrow 0$  is traded with an adjustable scale  $\mu_R$
- ② One has to assume that the solution for  $\mu'_R$  still allows a perturbative treatment, i.e.

$$|g^2 \ln \mu'_R| < 1$$

where  $g$  is the coupling constant of the theory

- ③ Strategy **NOT** verified in practice: more investigation needed
- ④ Meaning of the extra measurement: disentangling the effects of the unknown UV completion of  $\mathcal{L}_{NR}$  - parametrized with a logarithmic dependence on  $\mu_R$  - from the physical spectrum

# Conclusions

- 1 Based on the FDR classification of the UV infinities a new interpretation of the renormalization procedure is possible
- 2 One subtracts the divergences directly at the level of the *integrand* (order by order re-definition of the vacuum)
- 3 Results of renormalizable QFTs reproduced (but only **finite** and **global** renormalization left, with  $\mathcal{L}$  untouched)
- 4 It is postulated that in non-renormalizable QFTs **ONE** additional measurement can fix the theory, which becomes predictive *without modifying the original Lagrangian*
- 5 Focus moved from occurrence of UV infinities to consistency of the QFT at hand
- 6 Working in four dimensions enhances potential of numerical approaches (in progress)

Thank you!



# Backup slides

*“Gauge invariance implies a tight interplay between the numerator of an integrand and its denominator. Changing either of the two will generally destroy gauge invariance.”*

Veltman (1974)



## 1-loop example

- Consider

$$\int d^4q \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{D_0 D_1}$$

$$D_0 = q^2 - M_0^2$$

$$D_1 = (q + p_1)^2 - M_1^2$$

$$D_i = q^2 - d_i, \quad d_i = M_i^2 - p_i^2 - 2(q \cdot p_i), \quad p_0 = 0$$

- UV convergence “improved” by  $D_i \rightarrow \bar{D}_i = D_i - \mu^2$  (\*)  
(with  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ ) and partial fraction

$$\frac{1}{\bar{D}_i} = \frac{1}{\bar{q}^2} + \frac{d_i}{\bar{q}^2 \bar{D}_i}, \quad \bar{q}^2 = q^2 - \mu^2$$

(\*)  $-\mu^2$  can be identified with the  $+i\epsilon$  propagator prescription!

- The *integrand* becomes

$$\frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1} = \left[ \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{\bar{q}^4} \right] + \left[ \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta (d_0 + d_1)}{\bar{q}^6} \right] + \left[ \frac{4q^\alpha q^\beta (q \cdot p_1)^2}{\bar{q}^8} \right] + J_F^{\alpha\beta}(q)$$

$$J_F^{\alpha\beta}(q) = q^\alpha q^\beta \left( \frac{4(q \cdot p_1)^2 d_1}{\bar{q}^8 \bar{D}_1} + (M_1^2 - p_1^2) \frac{d_0 + d_1 - 2(q \cdot p_1)}{\bar{q}^6 \bar{D}_1} - 2d_0 \frac{(q \cdot p_1)}{\bar{q}^6 \bar{D}_1} + \frac{d_0^2}{\bar{q}^4 \bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1} \right)$$

$q^2 \rightarrow 0$  behaviour of  $J_F^{\alpha\beta}(q)$  regulated by  $\mu^2$

- **No physical information** in the *brown* terms  
(vacuum ints, collectively denoted by  $J_{INF}^{\alpha\beta}$ )

$$\frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1} = \left[ \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{\bar{q}^4} \right] + \left[ \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta (d_0 + d_1)}{\bar{q}^6} \right] + \left[ \frac{4q^\alpha q^\beta (q \cdot p_1)^2}{\bar{q}^8} \right] + J_F^{\alpha\beta}(q)$$



$$\text{CO: } \frac{\Lambda_{UV}^2}{\mu^2} \quad \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \quad \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda_{UV}^2}$$

$$\text{DR: } 0 \quad \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \mu^2 \quad \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln \mu^2$$

- Ignoring the *brown* terms allows one to define

$$B^{\alpha\beta}(p_1^2, M_0^2, M_1^2) =$$

$$\int [d^4 q] \frac{q^\alpha q^\beta}{\bar{D}_0 \bar{D}_1} \equiv \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \int d^4 q J_F^{\alpha\beta}(q)$$

What have we done?

- UV divergences **subtracted** before integration