

Computation of the real radiation antenna function

for $S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$ at NNLO QCD

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1. Subtraction terms and the Antenna Formalism

We consider the production of m jets:

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow m \text{ jets}$$

(Recently, antenna subtraction also extends to hadronic initial states. (Daleo, Gehrmann, Maitre 2007, Daleo, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Luisoni 2010, Glover, Pires 2010, Boughezal, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Ritzmann 2011, ...))

Consider the tree-level n -parton contribution to the m -jet cross section

$$d\sigma^{\text{R}} = \mathcal{N} \sum_{n\text{-parton configurations}} d\phi_n \frac{1}{S_n} |\mathcal{M}_n|^2 J_m^{(n)}$$

\mathcal{M}_n : tree-level n -parton matrix element

$J_m^{(n)}$: jet-function, combining n partons to $m \leq n$ jets

Leading order contribution to the m -jet cross section:

$$d\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \int_{\phi_m} d\sigma^{\text{Born}}$$

where ϕ_m : m -parton phase-space region and $d\sigma^{\text{Born}} = d\sigma^{\text{R}}|_{n=m}$

NLO contribution to the m -jet cross section:

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \underbrace{\int_{\phi_{m+1}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{R}} - d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{S}} \right)}_{l_1 \text{ finite}} + \underbrace{\int_{d\phi_{m+1}} d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{S}} + \int_{d\phi_m} d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{V}}}_{l_2 \text{ explicit cancellation of IR-singularities}}$$

$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{R}} : d\sigma^{\text{R}}|_{n=m+1}$, including $J_{m+1}^{(m)}$, one unresolved parton

$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{V}} : \text{one-loop virtual correction to } d\sigma^{\text{Born}}$

$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{S}} : \text{subtraction term}$

Conditions to the subtraction term:

a) l_1 is **finite**, i. e. $d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{S}}$ and $d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{R}}$ coincide in all singular regions;

b) l_2 **can be computed** analytically in all singular regions.

Very common at NLO are the **dipole** (Catani, Seymour 1997) and the **antenna formalism** (Kosower 1998, 2005, Campbell, Cullen, Glover 1999).

At NNLO they extend to a diversity of approaches.

NLO **antenna** subtraction term:

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{R}} - d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{S}} = \mathcal{N} \sum_{m+1} d\phi_{m+1} \frac{1}{S_{m+1}} \left(|\mathcal{M}_{m+1}(p_1, \dots, p_{m+1})|^2 J_m^{(m+1)}(p_1, \dots, p_{m+1}) \right. \\ \left. - \sum_j \underbrace{X_{ijk}^0}_{\text{antenna functions}} |\mathcal{M}_m(p_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_l, \tilde{p}_K, \dots, p_{m+1})|^2 J_m^{(m)}(\dots, \tilde{p}_l, \tilde{p}_K, \dots) \right)$$

The “antenna functions” X_{ijk}^0 cover all configurations where parton j is unresolved.

Main idea: The matrix elements are colour-ordered and admit **factorization** in the IR-singular limits.

Example: parton j being a gluon

$$|\mathcal{M}_{m+1}(\dots, p_i, p_j, p_k, \dots)|^2 \xrightarrow{\text{gluon } j \text{ becomes soft}} \frac{2s_{ik}}{s_{ij}s_{jk}} \left| \mathcal{M}_m \left(\dots, \underbrace{\tilde{p}_l, \tilde{p}_K}_{\text{"antenna"}}, \dots \right) \right|^2$$

In this limit $\tilde{p}_l = p_i$, $\tilde{p}_K = p_k$ form a colour-connected, hard “antenna”, emitting the soft gluon.

NNLO contribution to the m -jet cross section:

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = & \int_{\phi_{m+2}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{R}} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}} \right) + \int_{\phi_{m+2}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}} \\ & + \int_{\phi_{m+1}} \left(d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{V},1} - d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VS},1} \right) + \int_{\phi_{m+1}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VS},1} \\ & + \int_{\phi_m} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{V},2} \end{aligned}$$

- $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{R}}$: tree level $(m+2)$ -parton cross section
- $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}}$: subtraction term, coinciding with $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{R}}$ in all singular limits
- $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{V},1}$: one-loop $(m+1)$ -parton cross section
- $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{VS},1}$: subtraction term, coinciding with $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{V},1}$ in all singular limits
- $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{V},2}$: two-loop correction

The subtraction terms are obtained from colour-ordered squared matrix elements. (See [Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover 2005](#))

We compute one of the antenna functions for $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}}$

and integrate it as in $\int_{\phi_{m+2}} d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}}$.

Our antenna function is one of several building-blocks of $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}}$.
 It is relevant for heavy quark pair production via an uncoloured state S ,

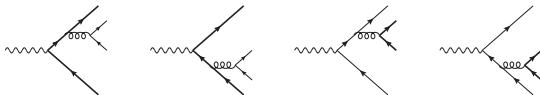
$$S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X \quad (\text{e.g. } e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X, \quad H \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X)$$

X being $Q\bar{Q}$ (no subtraction needed), gg or $q\bar{q}$.

We focus on the matrix element of $\gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}$ in all unresolved limits.

The contribution to the 2-jet cross section is

$$d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{R}, Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}} = 4\pi\alpha(4\pi\alpha_S)^2(N_c^2 - 1)^2 d\phi_4 J_2^{(4)} \\
 \times \left(e_Q^2 |\mathcal{M}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0|^2 + e_q^2 |\mathcal{M}_{qQ\bar{Q}\bar{q}}^0|^2 + 2e_Q e_q \text{Re} \left(\mathcal{M}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0 \mathcal{M}_{qQ\bar{Q}\bar{q}}^{0,\dagger} \right) \right)$$



Subtraction of IR-singularities due to $|\mathcal{M}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0|^2$ requires the antenna function

$$B_4^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}, 2_{\bar{Q}}) := \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0|^2}{|\mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{Q}}^0|^2} = \frac{|\mathcal{M}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0|^2}{4((1-\epsilon)q^2 + 2m^2)}$$

and its integration

$$B_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0(q^2, m, \mu, \epsilon) = (8\pi^2(4\pi)^{-\epsilon} e^{\epsilon\gamma_E})^2 \int d\phi_{X_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}} B_4^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}, 2_{\bar{Q}}).$$

$d\phi_{X_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}}$ ist the corresponding “antenna phase space”, related to the two- and four parton phase space by the factorization:

$$d\phi_4 = P_2(q^2, m) d\phi_{X_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}}$$

$$P_2(q^2, m) = 2^{-3+2\epsilon} \pi^{-1+\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2-2\epsilon)} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{q^2}\right)^\epsilon \left(1 - \frac{4m^2}{q^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon}$$

The subtraction term $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S}}$ can be written as $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S,a}} + d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S,b}}$ (Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover 2005), covering:

- Configurations with **one unresolved parton**:

$$d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S,a}} = 4\pi\alpha(4\pi\alpha_S)^2 e_Q^2 (N_c^2 - 1)^2 d\phi_4(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4; q) \left| \mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{Q}}^0 \right|^2 \\ \times \left(E_3^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}) A_3^0 \left((\tilde{13})_Q, (\tilde{43})_g, 2_{\bar{Q}} \right) J_2^{(3)}(\widetilde{p_{13}}, \widetilde{p_{43}}, p_2) \right. \\ \left. + E_3^0(2_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}) A_3^0 \left(1_Q, (\tilde{34})_g, (\tilde{24})_{\bar{Q}} \right) J_2^{(3)}(p_1, \widetilde{p_{34}}, \widetilde{p_{24}}) \right)$$

- Configurations with **two unresolved partons**:

$$d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^{\text{S,b}} = 4\pi\alpha(4\pi\alpha_S)^2 e_Q^2 (N_c^2 - 1)^2 d\phi_4(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4; q) \left| \mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{Q}}^0 \right|^2 \\ \times \left(B_4^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}, 2_{\bar{Q}}) - E_3^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}) A_3^0 \left((\tilde{13})_Q, (\tilde{43})_g, 2_{\bar{Q}} \right) \right. \\ \left. - E_3^0(2_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}) A_3^0 \left(1_Q, (\tilde{34})_g, (\tilde{24})_{\bar{Q}} \right) \right) J_2^{(2)}(\widetilde{p_{134}}, \widetilde{p_{234}})$$

The antenna functions $A_3^0(i_Q, k_g, j_{\bar{Q}})$ and $E_3^0(i_Q, j_q, k_{\bar{q}})$ were computed (and integrated) in Gehrmann-De Ridder, Ritzmann 2009.

2. The integration of B_4^0

We have to compute the phase-space integral

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0(q^2, m, \mu, \epsilon) &= (8\pi^2(4\pi)^{-\epsilon} e^{\epsilon\gamma_E})^2 \int d\phi_{X_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}} B_4^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}, 2_{\bar{Q}}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \mathcal{B}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^{0(-2)} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{B}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^{0(-1)} + \mathcal{B}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^{0(0)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon). \end{aligned}$$

- we express all integrands by an appropriate set of propagators and scalar products D_5, D_6 ,
- we introduce four auxiliary (Cutkosky) cut-propagators D_1, \dots, D_4 :

$$2\pi i \delta(p_j^2 - m^2) = \frac{1}{p_j^2 - m^2 + i0} - \frac{1}{p_j^2 - m^2 - i0} =: D_j \text{ with } j = 1, 2$$

$$2\pi i \delta(p_j^2) = \frac{1}{p_j^2 + i0} - \frac{1}{p_j^2 - i0} =: D_j \text{ with } j = 3, 4.$$

$$\Rightarrow d\phi_4(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4; q) = \frac{\mu^{12-3d}}{i^4(2\pi)^{3d}} \delta^{(d)} \left(q - \sum_{i=1}^4 p_i \right) \prod_{i=1}^4 \frac{d^d p_i}{D_i}$$

Anastasiou, Melnikov 2004: **IBP-reduction** can be applied to such cut-integrals.

Computation of T_1, T_2, T_3 :

We rewrite the phase-space integration:

$$d\phi_4(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4; q) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{4m^2}^{q^2} dM^2 d\phi_2(p_4, k; q) d\phi_3(p_1, p_2, p_3; k); k^2 = M^2$$

\Rightarrow We find compact expressions in terms of **hypergeometric functions** ${}_3F_2$.

Example:

$$T_1(q^2, m^2, \epsilon) = (q^2)^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{q^2}\right)^{3\epsilon} \left\{ C_1(\epsilon) {}_3F_2\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon, -2 + 3\epsilon, -3 + 4\epsilon; \epsilon, -1 + 2\epsilon; z\right) + C_2(\epsilon) z^{1-\epsilon} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{1}{2}, -1 + 2\epsilon, -2 + 3\epsilon; 2 - \epsilon, \epsilon; z\right) + C_3(\epsilon) z^{2-2\epsilon} {}_3F_2\left(\frac{3}{2} - \epsilon, \epsilon, -1 + 2\epsilon; 3 - 2\epsilon, 2 - \epsilon; z\right) \right\}; \text{ with } z = \frac{4m^2}{q^2}$$

Similar expressions for T_2, T_3 .

⇒ We have to **expand** functions like
 ${}_3F_2\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon, -2 + 3\epsilon, -3 + 4\epsilon; \epsilon, -1 + 2\epsilon; z\right)$ in ϵ .

Such expansions are far from trivial.

Important progress for **integer** arguments was made:

- algorithms of [Moch, Uwer, Weinzierl \(2001\)](#),
- implementations: `Nestedsums` ([Weinzierl 2002](#)), `XSummer` ([Moch, Uwer 2005](#)),
- alternative, mixed approach: `HypExp` ([Huber, Maitre 2005](#)).

Expansion around **half-integers** requires additional work:

- algorithm by [Weinzierl \(2004\)](#),
- **Our cases** can be expanded using `HypExp2` ([Huber, Maitre 2007](#)).

⇒ We obtain

$$T_i(q^2, m^2, \epsilon) = T_i^{(0)}(q^2, m^2) + \epsilon T_i^{(1)}(q^2, m^2) + \epsilon^2 T_i^{(2)}(q^2, m^2) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3), \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

in terms of **harmonic polylogarithms**.

Reminder on **harmonic polylogarithms (HPL)** (Remiddi, Vermaseren 1999)

An HPL $H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_w; x)$ of weight w with all $a_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ is **defined as**:

- $H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_w; x) = \int_0^x dx' f(a_1; x') H(a_2, \dots, a_w; x')$ if some $a_i \neq 0$,
- $H(0, 0, \dots, 0; x) = \frac{1}{w!} \ln^w(x)$ if all $a_i = 0$.

Here $f(0; x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $f(1; x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$, $f(-1; x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$
and $H(0; x) = \ln(x)$, $H(1; x) = -\ln(1-x)$, $H(-1; x) = \ln(1+x)$.

Examples: $H(0, 0; x) = \frac{1}{2!} \ln^2(x)$, $H(0, 1; x) = \text{Li}_2(x)$,
 $H(-1, 0; x) = \ln(x) \ln(1+x) + \text{Li}_2(-x)$

HPLs are particularly useful when solving Feynman (or cut-) integrals by
differential equations.

Computation of T_4 and T_5 : The differential equations approach (Remiddi 1997, Gehrmann, Remiddi 1999)

We differentiate T_4 and T_5 with respect to the scaleless variable

$$y := \frac{1-\sqrt{1-z}}{1+\sqrt{1-z}} \quad \left(\text{where } z = \frac{4m^2}{q^2}\right).$$

$$\frac{d}{dy} T_4 = \sum a_i A_i, \quad \frac{d}{dy} T_5 = \sum b_i B_i$$

⇒ Apply **IBP-reduction** to the cut-integrals A_i and B_j .

⇒ Linear first order differential equations for T_4 and T_5 , involving the other master-integrals in the inhomogeneous part:

$$\frac{d}{dy} T_4 + a T_4 = \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i T_i, \quad \frac{d}{dy} T_5 + b T_5 = \sum_{i=1}^4 d_i T_i.$$

- For each T_i we formally **expand** $T_i = T_i^{(0)} + \epsilon T_i^{(1)} + \epsilon^2 T_i^{(2)} + \dots$
- Separating powers of ϵ we obtain a **system of equations** each for $T_4^{(0)}$, $T_4^{(1)}$ and $T_5^{(0)}$, $T_5^{(1)}$. These **can be solved**.

Build up the solutions:

- solve the homogeneous equations (easy)
- integrate the inhomogeneous parts (a bit less easy)

Inhomogeneous parts are known in terms of HPLs.

⇒ Iterate **partial integration** and **partial fraction decomposition** until all terms are of the form:

$$c \cdot (f(y)) \cdot H(\dots; y) \text{ with } f(y) \in \left\{ \frac{1}{y}, \frac{1}{1-y}, \frac{1}{1+y} \right\}.$$

Then the integration is immediate from the **definition of HPLs as iterated integrals**.

We use the Mathematica package HPL by [Maitre, 2006](#).

A last technical issue: **Fixing the integration constants**

Use known results of T_4 and T_5 at some fixed value for y .

- For T_5 we use the massless limit ($y = 0$), known from [Gehrmann, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Heinrich 2004](#).
- For T_4 the massless limit ($y = 0$) and threshold ($y = 1$) are **inappropriate**, as the differential equations are undefined there (due to a term $\frac{1}{y(1-y)}$).
“Trick”: Choose auxiliary integral, vanishing at $y = 1$, and relate to this limit via IBP-relations.

Final Result:

We obtain the integrated antenna function $\mathcal{B}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0(q^2, m, \mu, \epsilon)$ to all relevant orders in terms of HPLs.

3. Checks with the literature

Consider the ratio

$$R = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X)}{\sigma_{\text{pt}}}, \quad \text{with the massless Born c.s. } \sigma_{\text{pt}} = \frac{e^4}{12\pi q^2}$$

at α_s^2 and at lowest order in α .

The $\alpha_s^2 e_Q^2 N_f$ -coefficient $R_{\alpha_s^2 e_Q^2 N_f}$ is gauge invariant and **finite**.

We can decompose it as

$$R_{\alpha_s^2 e_Q^2 N_f} = 6\pi e_Q^2 (1 - \epsilon) \sum_X \Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}X}$$

The contribution $X = q\bar{q}$ is directly related to the integrated antenna function:

$$\Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}} = \frac{(4\pi\alpha_s)^2 4C_F N_c T_R N_f P_2(q^2, m) |\mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{Q}}|^2}{q^2(3-2\epsilon) (8\pi^2(4\pi)^{-\epsilon} e^{\gamma_E})^2} B_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0(q^2, m, \mu, \epsilon)$$

First check: singularities

Finiteness of $R_{\alpha_s^2 e_Q^2 N_f} \Rightarrow$ singular parts of $\Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}} + \Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}g} + \Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}}$ must **cancel**.

- $\Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}q\bar{q}}$: obtained from our result $\mathcal{B}_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0(q^2, m, \mu, \epsilon)$,

- $\Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}} = \frac{N_c P_2(q^2, m)}{3-2\epsilon} \left(4 \left(1 + \frac{2y}{(1+y)^2} - \epsilon \right) |F_1|_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^2 + \frac{(1+y^2+y(10-8\epsilon))}{2y} |F_2|_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^2 + 4(3-2\epsilon) \text{Re}(F_1 F_2^*) \right)_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}$

The heavy quark form factors F_1, F_2 are obtained from [Bernreuther et al. 2005](#), also see [Gluza, Moch, Riemann 2009](#).

- $\Pi_{\alpha_s^2 N_f}^{Q\bar{Q}g} = \frac{(4\pi\alpha_s)\mu^{-2\epsilon} 2C_F N_c}{q^2(3-2\epsilon)} P_2(q^2, m) |\mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{Q}}|^2 \left(2\delta Z_{1F, \alpha_s N_f} \mathcal{A}_{Qg\bar{Q}}^0 \right)$

The integrated antenna function $\mathcal{A}_{Qg\bar{Q}}^0$ is obtained from [Gehrmann-De Ridder, Ritzmann 2009](#).

\Rightarrow The exact cancellation provides a strong check for our singular terms.

Second check: finite part

For $d = 4$ the coefficient $R_{\alpha_f^2 e_Q^2 N_f}$ can be obtained from [Hoang, Kühn, Teubner 1995](#).

Technical remark:

Their result is expressed using certain combination of the integrals

$$T_2(\eta, \xi) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\arctan(\xi x)}{x^2 + \eta^2}, \quad T_2^*(\eta, \xi) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\ln(x^2 + \xi^2)}{x^2 + \eta^2}$$

$$T_3(\eta, \xi, \chi) = \int_0^1 dx \frac{\ln(x^2 + \xi^2) \arctan(\chi x)}{x^2 + \eta^2}.$$

We had to solve this expression in terms of polylogarithms for our comparison.

⇒ Strong analytical check for our finite part.

Outlook (work in progress with Bernreuther and Dekkers)

Next steps: Compute (integrated) antenna functions for

- two unresolved gluons,
- real/virtual contribution with one unresolved gluon.

Nice feature of the approach:

The now known master-integrals T_1, \dots, T_5 **appear again**. We don't have to start from zero.

Possible issues of the approach:

- There always may be systems of differential equations which can not be decoupled / solved.
- There may be generalized hypergeom. functions which can not be expanded to the desired order.

Up to now we were **lucky**, but limitations of the techniques seem not very far away.

Summary:

- We computed the **real radiation antenna function** $B_4^0(1_Q, 3_q, 4_{\bar{q}}, 2_{\bar{Q}})$ contributing to the antenna subtraction term $d\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}^S$ for $S \rightarrow Q\bar{Q} + X$.
- We computed the **integrated antenna function** $B_{Qq\bar{q}\bar{Q}}^0(q^2, m, \mu, \epsilon)$ analytically in terms of HPLs.
- Our computation proceeded along:
introducing cut-propagators \rightarrow IBP-reduction \rightarrow expanding hypergeom. functions / differential equations
- We compared our result analytically with the literature.