Scattering Amplitudes with the Multi-loop Numerical Unitarity Method

Presenting the Caravel Framework



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Few % Frontier at the LHC

- ▶ p_T^{ll} in Drell-Yan, an impressive example of precise differential measurements by ATLAS (8 TeV)
- By normalizing to inclusive Z cross section, improvement in uncertainties
- ► Total uncertainties below 1% for $p_T^{ll} < 200 \text{ GeV}$



Few % Frontier in Theory





- p_T^{ll'}, an impressive example of precise differential predictions
- Uncertainty estimates from NNLO QCD, NLO EW including higher orders Sudakov logs and PDF uncertainties

Lindert, Pozzorini, Boughezal, Campbell, Denner, Dittmaier, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Kallweit, Maierhöfer, Mangano, Morgan, Mück, Petriello, Salam, Schönherr, Williams

NNLO QCD for Multi-Scale Processes

Great advances over the last several years on NNLO QCD

studies for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes, with up to four scales [Anastasiou, Angeles-Martinez, Asteriadis, Behring, Berger, Billis, Binoth, Bonciani, Boughezal, Brucherseifer, Buonocore, Cacciari, Campbell, Caola, Cascioli, Catani, Chen, Cieri, Cruz-Martinez, Currie, Czakon, de Florian, Del Duca, Delto, Devoto, Dreyer, Duhr, Ebert, Ellis, Ferrera, Fiedler, Focke, Frellesvig, Gao, Gauld, Gaunt, Gehrmann, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Giele, Glover, Grazzini, Hanga, Heinrich, Heymes, Huss, Höfer, Jaquier, Jones, Kallweit, Kardos, Karlberg, Kerner, Li, Lindert, Liu, Magnea, Maierhöfer, Maina, Majer, Mazzitelli, Melnikov, Michel, Mitov, Morgan, Neumann, Niehues, Pelliciccili, Petriello, Pires, Poncelet, Pozzorini, Rathlev, Rietkerk, Röntsch, Salam, Sapeta, Sargsyan, Schulze, Signorile-Signorile, Somogyi, Stahlhofen, Ször, Tackmann, Tancredi, Torre, Torrielli, Tramontano, Trócsányi, Tulipánt, Uccirati, van Hameren, von Manteuffel, Walker, Walsh, Wang, Weihs, Wells, Wever, Wiesemann, Williams, Yuan, Zanderighi, Zhang, Zhu, · · ·]

• First $2 \rightarrow 3$ NNLO QCD study completed!

[Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet, 2019]

- ▶ Physics cases make precision studies for more complex processes necessary, like H + 2j, V + 2j, 3j, tt̄ + H, VV'j, among other (more than five scales!) [See e.g. Les Houches Wish List]
- ► About 15 years ago, 2 → 3 was the frontier for NLO QCD (one-loop) calculations, and the work beyond relied mainly on efficient numerical algorithms (now available through many powerful tools, e.g. BlackHat, GoSam, HELAC-1Loop/CutTools, Madgraph, NJet, NLOX, OpenLoops, Recola, ...)

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Regarding IR structure

 \rightarrow real *hard*

 \rightarrow virtual *easy*

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Full $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ structure

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- Strategy to handle and cancel IR divergences
- Two-loop matrix elements
- Many recent advances and complete calculations (e.g. tt
 t i, 2j, VV', Vj, HH, 3γ, etc)
- Several well-developed approaches
 - Antenna subtraction
 - ColorfulNNLO
 - Nested soft-collinear subtractions
 - N-Jettiness slicing
 - Projection to born
 - q_T slicing
 - SecToR Improved Phase sPacE for real Radiation
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ Different degrees of automation, handling many $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes maybe in sight

Strategy to handle and cancel IR divergences
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- Great steps towards understanding mechanisms to compute multi-scale master Feynman integrals, including insights into functional forms and numerical procedures, over the last few years
- Also new efficient tools developed for multi-loop integral reduction
- Integrand reduction techniques have shown a lot of power to tackle complicated amplitudes. Here we focus on the numerical unitarity method



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Stressing Computational Methodology



- Not related to collider phenomenology but, treated as an EFT, it can showcase the strengths and weaknesses of the multi-loop numerical unitarity method
- Of interest for classical gravitational applications, as already shown in the computation of classical deflection angles in Einstein gravity [Bern, Ita, Parra-Martinez, Ruf, 2020]
- Showing the robustness of our computational framework CARAVEL, testing non-planar, colorless calculations with different particle content (as compared to the SM)

Target Amplitudes

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{EH}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{GB}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{R}^3} + \dots$$

[Weinberg], ['t Hooft, Veltman], [Goroff, Sagnotti], [Donogue], ...

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Only three helicity configurations necessary: +++++, -+++, --++

Main Challenges

EH Feynman rules are complicated





Ø(1000)

Ø(10000)

Feynman-diagram based calculation out of question \Rightarrow (Generalised) Unitarity

EH interactions have high power-counting (QCD²)



Complicated integrand \Rightarrow analytics from numerics

Plays to the strengths of Two-loop numerical unitarity



Two-Loop Numerical Unitarity

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- ► **Tensor Basis**: construct *Q* from monomials of loop momenta (parameters). Easy to build for general integrands, tough to relate to master integrals. Easy to extract function-space dimension
- Master-Surface Basis: a clever choice of parametrization makes mapping to master integrals straightforward [Ita, 2015]. Break Q_Γ = M_Γ ∪ S_Γ, where S_Γ integrate to zero and M_Γ correspond to master integrands

The Four-Graviton Hierarchy



All propagator structures ($\Gamma \in \Delta$) necessary for graviton-graviton scattering at two loops

Master/Surface Decompositions

Consider the integration by parts (IBP) relation on Γ

$$0 = \int \prod_{i} d^{D} \ell_{i} \; \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_{j}^{\nu}} \left[\frac{u_{j}^{\nu}}{\prod_{k \in P_{\Gamma}} \rho_{k}} \right]$$

making it *unitarity compatible* (controlling the propagator structure) [Gluza, Kadja, Kosower '10; Schabinger '11]

$$u_j^{\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell_j^{\nu}} \rho_k = f_k \rho_k$$

Write ansatz for u_j^{ν} expanded in external and loop momenta, and find solution to the polynomial equations using the CAS SINGULAR

Build a full set of surface terms and fill the rest of the space with master integrands

Related [Boehm, Georgoudis, Larsen, Schulze, Zhang '16 - '19] [Agarwal, von Manteuffel '19]

A 1-loop Example for Surface Terms: Part 1

Consider the 1-loop 1-mass triangle with

$$\rho_1 = (\ell + p_1)^2, \quad \rho_2 = \ell^2, \quad \rho_3 = (\ell - p_2)^2$$

and we construct $u^{\nu}\partial/\partial\ell^{\nu}$ by parametrizing

$$u^{\nu} = u_1^{\text{ext}} p_1^{\nu} + u_2^{\text{ext}} p_2^{\nu} + u^{\text{loop}} \ell^{\nu}$$

We then get the syzygy equation (polynomial equation):

$$\left(u_1^{\text{ext}} p_1^{\nu} + u_2^{\text{ext}} p_2^{\nu} + u^{\text{loop}} \ell^{\nu}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \ell^{\nu}} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \\ \rho_2 \\ \rho_3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \rho_1 \\ f_2 \rho_2 \\ f_3 \rho_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can then show that we have an IBP-generating vector, with constrained propagator structure:

$$u^{\nu}\frac{\partial}{\partial\ell^{\nu}} = \left[(\rho_{3} - \rho_{2})p_{1}^{\nu} + (\rho_{1} + \rho_{2})p_{2}^{\nu} + (-s + 2\rho_{3} - 2\rho_{2})\ell^{\nu} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial\ell^{\nu}}$$

 $l - p_2$

 $+ p_{1}$

A 1-loop Example for Surface Terms: Part 2

Now we have the surface term:

$$0 = \int d^D \ell \frac{\partial}{\partial l^{\nu}} \frac{u^{\nu}}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_3} = \int d^D l \frac{1}{\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_3} \left[-(D-4)s - 2(D-3)\rho_2 + 2(D-3)\rho_3 \right]$$

The scalar triangle integrand can be replaced by a surface term, though commonly it is kept, leading to a corresponding "master" integral in OPP reduction.

The IBP relation between the triangle and the $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$ bubble is:

$$-(D-4)sI_{\rm tri} - 2(D-3)I_{\rm s-bub} = 0$$

Similar manipulations can be carried out at two loops. More complicated *syzygy* equations (polynomial relations) need to be solved \rightarrow SINGULAR. Surface terms appear as relatively compact

Surface Terms Factory

Solutions to u_j^{ν} are power-counting independent. When parametrizing a given numerator of a $\Gamma \in \Delta$ we need to consider the required power-counting for the theory at hand.

But we can *industrially* produce surface terms by considering polynomials $t_r(\ell_l)$, and then considering the vector $t_r(\ell_l)u_j^{\nu}$:

$$m_{\Gamma,(r,s)} = \frac{u_j^{\nu}}{\partial \ell_i^{\nu}} \frac{\partial t_r(\ell_l)}{\partial \ell_i^{\nu}} + t_r(\ell_l) \left(\frac{\partial u_j^{\nu}}{\partial \ell_i^{\nu}} - \sum_{k \in P_{\Gamma}} f_k^s \right)$$

A four-graviton amplitude calculation in **Einstein gravity** structurally the same as a four-gluon amplitude calculation in **QCD**! Though numerically much more demanding...

Computing Integrand Coefficients

[Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower] [Britto, Cachazo, Feng]

• In on-shell configurations of ℓ_l , the integrand factorizes

$$\sum_{\text{states}} \prod_{i \in T_{\Gamma}} \mathcal{A}_{i}^{\text{tree}}(\ell_{l}^{\Gamma}) = \sum_{\substack{\Gamma' \geq \Gamma\\k \in Q_{\Gamma'}}} \frac{c_{\Gamma',k} \ m_{\Gamma',k}(\ell_{l}^{\Gamma})}{\prod_{j \in (P_{\Gamma'}/P_{\Gamma})} \rho_{j}(\ell_{l}^{\Gamma})}$$





- Need efficient computation of (products of) tree-level amplitudes
 - Off-shell recursions [Berends, Giele '88], [Draggiotis, Kleiss, Papadopoulos '02 ...] [Cheung, Remmen '17]

• D_s -dimensional state sum, $D_s = 6, \ldots, 10$

 Never construct analytic integrand, numerics for every phase-space point

NUMERICAL STABILITY: eg. 4-gluon amplitudes two-loop 800 - + -+ $O(\epsilon^0)$ 600 PS points E I I A 400 200DDAAAAAA 2 4 6 8 12 $\checkmark \infty \checkmark \infty$ # digits * Relative preasion of two-loop 4-gluon amp mencel calculation Function spaces with Function spaces with * High-precision flating (D(100/1000) dimension But arithmetic a remedy O(10/50) dimension

[Abreu, FFC, Ita, Jaquier, Page, Zeng, '17]

A claver observation! [von Manteuffel, Schabinger, 2014] MODULAR ALGEBRA: * Integral reduction can be performed exactly in CAS if kinematical info is RATIONAL (Xi E Q") * Nevertheless, RATIONAL computer algebra reflects the mumerical complexity of corresponding ANALYTIC STRUCTURE (COMPUTATIONAL ALGORITHM) $f(x_i)$ ♪ <u>/</u> ¶ χ_i "Complicated" function => "HEAVY" alculation _ -> Even if result " simple "in put is "simple"

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Make your numerical evaluations in FF's & avoid all numerical-stability issues!

Extracting Functional Form from Numerics

INTEGRAL COEFFS AS FUNCTIONS of E: (INTEGRAND'S ANSATE) $\begin{array}{c} (INTEGRAND'S ANSATZ) \\ A(le) = \sum_{\Gamma,i} C_{\Gamma,i} & \frac{m_{\Gamma,i}(le)}{\frac{1}{ke\Gamma} f_k(le)} & C_{\Gamma,i} & \text{are function of} \\ \end{array}$ Indeed Chi appear as rational function of E $C_{\Gamma_{i}i} = \frac{\sum_{j} f(x_{k}) \varepsilon^{j+N}}{\sum_{i} q_{j} \varepsilon^{j+M}} \begin{cases} STRUCTURE \\ NOT KNOWN \\ & Reiori \end{cases}$ ε dependence comes from the structure of MP_i(le) and Through linear elgebra ("subtraction" porcedure)

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ThiELE'S INTERPOLATION FORMULA: Every rational function an be written as a continued fraction $f(x) = \frac{\sum_{r=0}^{R} n_r x^r}{\sum_{r'=0}^{R'} d_r x^{r'}} = a_0 + \frac{x - y_0}{a_1 + \frac{x - y_1}{a_2 + \frac{x - y_2}{\dots + \frac{x - y_{N-1}}{x - y_{N-1}}}}$ * Determine ai by evaluating f(yi) (yi mulow) * Stop shen f(yi+1) matcher interpolated value (+ estim check) * Through only field operation recover rational function (FF's result on be lifted to ()

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This same idea can be employed for the analytic reconstruction of the kinematic x = t/s dependence of 4-pt amplitudes!

Gravity Results: 4-Graviton Amplitudes

Computed the three independent helicities for



Checks

- Remainders are finite, correct symmetry, no spurious poles
- ✓ 1-loop amplitudes [Dunbar, Norridge 95], [Bern, Cheung, Chi, Davies, Dixon, Nohle, unpub.]
 ✓ GB tree and 1-loop: + + + + and - + + [Bern, Cheung, Chi, Davies, Dixon, Nohle, 15, unpub.]
- R³ tree [Bern, Cheung, Chi, Davies, Dixon, Nohle, 15], [Dunbar, Jehu, Perkins, 17]
- ✓ 2-loop: + + + + [Bern, Cheung, Chi, Davies, Dixon, Nohle, unpub.], [Dunbar, Jehu, Perkins, 17]

QCD Results: 5-Parton Amplitudes



Analytic expressions

[Abreu, JD, Febres Cordero, Ita, Page, Sotnikov '19]

All 5-parton 2-loop amplitudes for NNLO QCD 3-jet production at leading-color.

- ✓ 5g with N⁰_ℓ, N¹_ℓ, N²_ℓ: 4 helicity configurations
- ✓ 2q3g with N⁰_f, N¹_f, N²_f: 4 helicity configurations
- ✓ 4q1g with N⁰_f, N¹_f, N²_f: 3 helicity configurations

33 different amplitudes obtained through analytical reconstruction Most complex amplitude: ~ 95000 phase space points, ~ 4.5 min/point Extremely compact: total size $\sim 10 \rm Mb$ (uncompressed) Valid in euclidean region

* A series of simplification allow to compute 5-parton amplitudes with modest computer resources ~ 200k CPU hour for all 33 independent AMPs.

* 4- ganiton amplitudes more complex minerically, but simpler analytic structure (UNIVARIATE) ~ 100 k CPU hours up-to 40 PS points for all 3 vilpendet AMPs



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A framework to explore multi-loop multi-leg scattering amplitudes in the SM and beyond

A modular C++17 library implementing the multi-loop numerical unitarity method

[Abreu, Dormans, FFC, Ita, Kraus, Page, Pascual, Ruf, Sotnikov, arxiv:2008.xxxxx]



- Numerics in (high-precision) floating-point, rational and modular arithmetic
- Tested in the (analytic) computation of planar 2-loop 4- and 5-parton QCD amplitudes and 4-graviton amplitudes
- ► Soon to be publicly released







Core: Includes general tools for debugging, arithmetics, kinematics, as well as utilities for linear algebra, rational reconstruction, type traits, and special algebra handling (like for example tools for Laurent expansions). Optional dependencies: QD, GMP, Eigen, Lapack



GraphLibrary: This module implements tools for the classification and canonicalization of multi-loop graphs. Graph isomorphism is implemented by building a partial order in the representation of the graph (which is ultimately based on the standard C++ function std::lexicographical_compare)



FunctionalReconstruction: Here we include algorithms for analytic reconstruction of univariate and multivariate rational functions from exact numerical evaluations. The reconstruction algorithms are parallelized, and can be run using native C++ threads or using MPI. The latter can be used for the runs on computer clusters.

Checkout also Firefly [Klappert, Klein, Lange], and FiniteFlow [Peraro] !



Forest: This module supplies the tools required for the computation of general tree-level amplitudes and *cuts* (the products of trees on the left-hand side of the top equation) in general D_s dimensions. Calculations are performed through off-shell recursion relations. The recursions can be constructed from any given set of Feynman rules and can be evaluated over an arbitrary numerical type.



FunctionSpace: Takes care of constructing the integrand ansaetze, both for tensor bases and *master-surface bases*. The former can be constructed for general two-loop diagrams Γ while the latter are provided for general one-loop diagrams and for those two-loop diagrams required for completed calculations. Those master-surface bases have been produced with the usage of several in-house computer-algebra programs, and finally collected as Mathematica expressions. The latter can be transformed in an automated fashion into C++ code to be handled by this module.





Coefficient Providers: These modules can handle the hierarchical extraction of master-integrand coefficients through the usage of cut equations. For a given 2loop amplitude, it requires an input data file (the *process library*). These process libraries contain all hierarchical kinematical relations between the included diagrams (propagator structures) in the amplitude, as well as information about color decomposition

Example Programs [PRELIMINARY]

Other than an extensive suite of unit tests and integration tests, which continuosly check that libraries work as expected, we provide a series of example programs to showcase the following functionalities:

- Analytic reconstruction of (simple) 1- and 2-loop master integral coefficients, employing Thiele's formula or reconstruction of multivariate rational functions [Peraro '16]
- ► Numerical evaluation of 4- and 5-parton one-loop amplitudes to O(e²) as required for 2-loop *finite remainder* computations
- Numerical evaluation of planar 4- and 5-parton two-loop amplitudes to O(e⁰) and also for the corresponding finite remainder
- Example of numerical reduction of two-loop integrals within the numerical unitarity method
- Tree-level amplitude calculator for processes with n partons or n gravitons, using (high-precision) floating-point, rational, or finite-field evaluations

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