

Developments of auxiliary mass flow method

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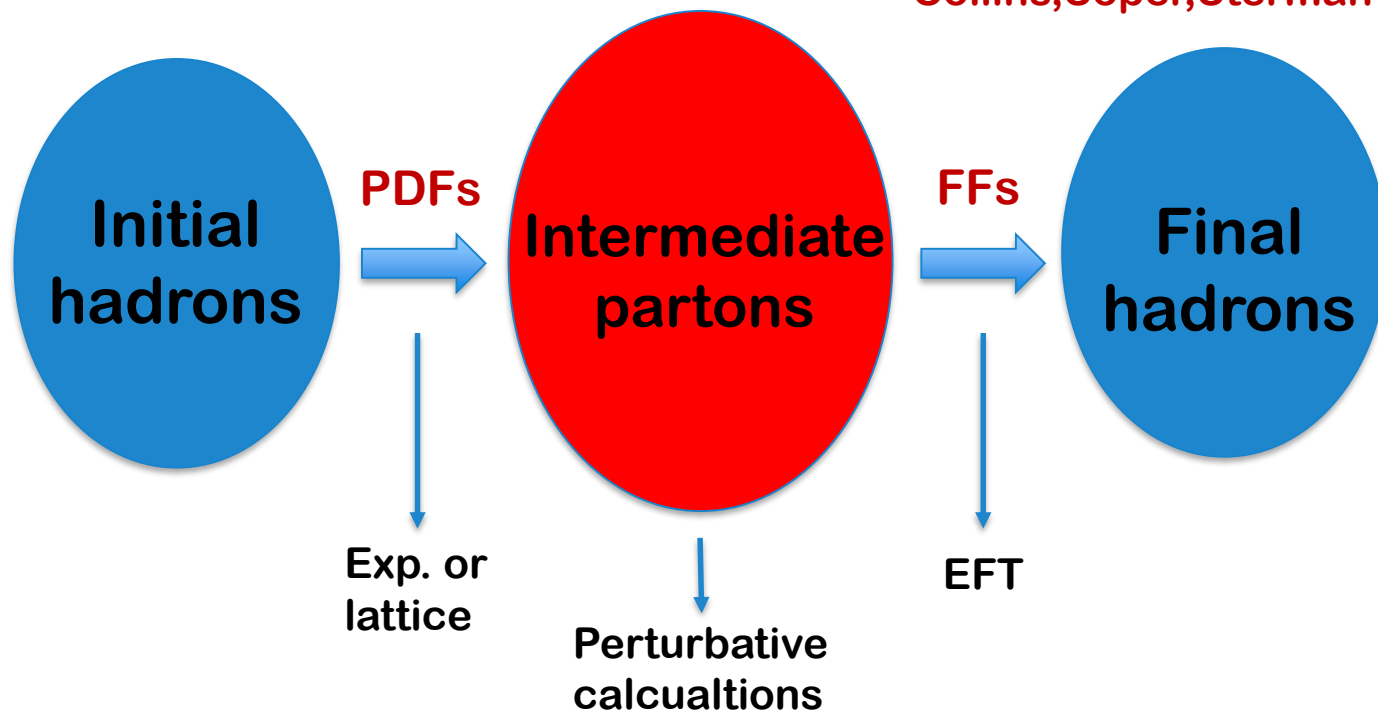
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Hadrons scattering process

Collins,Soper,Sterman 1989



$$\sigma(\text{hadrons}) = \text{PDFs} \otimes \sigma(\text{partons}) \otimes \text{FFs}$$

- σ (hadrons) measured by experiment
- σ (partons) calculated by perturbative theory
- Requirement: uncertainty of perturbative calculations $\leq$ uncertainty of experiments
- Test standard model or find new physics

Perturbative calculation process

- Generate scattering amplitude expressed by Feynman integrals(FIs) **Relatively easier**
Feynman diagram method
- Reduce the FIs to master integrals (MIs) by integration-by-part(IBP) identities **Much harder**

$$F(\mathcal{O}(10^4)) \xrightarrow{\text{IBP}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{O}(10^2)} c_i \times I_i$$

Laporta's algorithm
[Laporta, hep-ph/0102033]

Syzygy equations
[Gluza, et al, 1009.0472]

Block triangular
[Guan,Liu,Ma, 1912.09294]

- Calculate master integrals **Hard**

Sector decomposition
[Binnoth,Heinrich, hep-ph/0004013]

Canonical form
[Henn, 1304.1806]

Auxiliary mass flow
[Liu,Ma,Wang, 1711.09572]

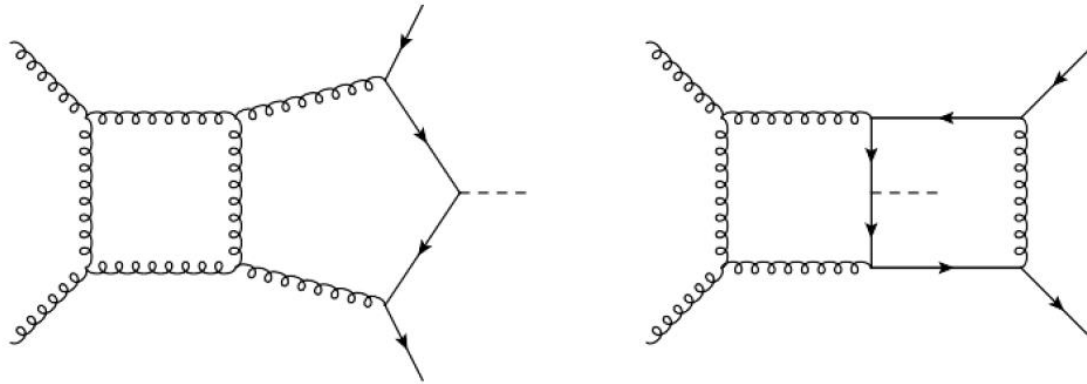
- One-loop order: solved problem

- Higher-loop order?

[t Hooft,Veltman 1979]
[Oldenborgh,Vermaseren 1990]

Challenges

➤ Difficulties of master integrals calculation



Two-loop $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$

- (Semi-)analytical: “basis” of special functions not fully known
- Numerical: unsatisfactory efficiency

Auxiliary mass flow method

➤ Overview

- Original auxiliary mass flow method [Liu, Ma, Wang, 1711.09572]
- * auxiliary mass expansion [Liu, Ma, 1801.10523]
- * block triangular system [Guan, Liu, Ma, 1912.09294] see report of Xin Guan
- * extension to phase space integrations [Liu, Ma, Tao, Zhang 2009.07987]
- Iterative auxiliary mass flow [Liu, Ma, 2107.01864]
- Automatic computation of boundary conditions [ZFL, Ma, 2201.11637]
- Extension to linear propagators [ZFL, Ma, 2201.11636]
- Mathematica package **AMFlow** [Liu, Ma, 2201.11669]

Original auxiliary mass flow

- Introduce an auxiliary mass to all propagators

$$I_{\text{mod}}(\eta) = \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \right) \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \cdots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(\mathcal{D}_1 + i\eta)^{\nu_1} \cdots (\mathcal{D}_K + i\eta)^{\nu_K}}$$

Liu, Ma, Wang, 1711.09572

- Physical integral

$$I_{\text{phy}} = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} I_{\text{mod}}(\eta)$$

- The limit is taken through following three steps:
 - (1) Set up η –DEs of modified integral
 - (2) Determination of boundary conditions(BCs) at $\eta = \infty$
 - (3) Evolution of η from ∞ to 0^+

Boundary conditions

➤ Systematic and simple

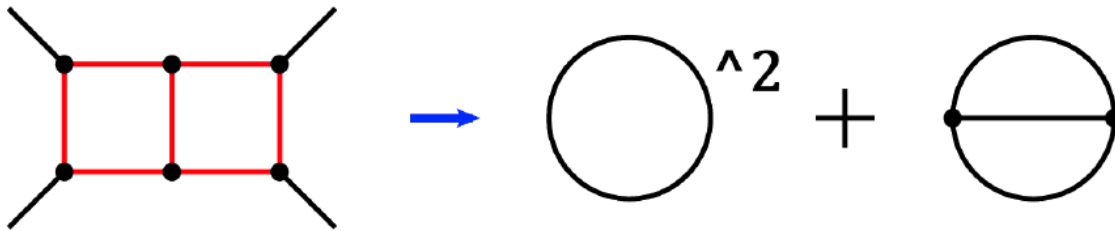
- **Method of region** [Beneke, Smirnov hep-ph/9711391]

$$\ell_i^\mu \sim \sqrt{\eta} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{((\ell + p)^2 - m^2 + i\eta)^\nu} = \frac{1}{(\ell^2 + i\eta)^\nu} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\nu)_i}{i!} \left(-\frac{2\ell \cdot p + p^2 - m^2}{\ell^2 + i\eta} \right)^i$$

- **Feynman parametric representation**

$$I_{\text{mod}}(\vec{\nu}; \eta) \propto \int \mathcal{D}\vec{x} \frac{\mathcal{U}^{-D/2}}{(\mathcal{F}/\mathcal{U} - i\eta)^{N_\nu - LD/2}} \sim (-i\eta)^{LD/2 - N_\nu} \int \mathcal{D}\vec{x} \mathcal{U}^{-D/2}$$

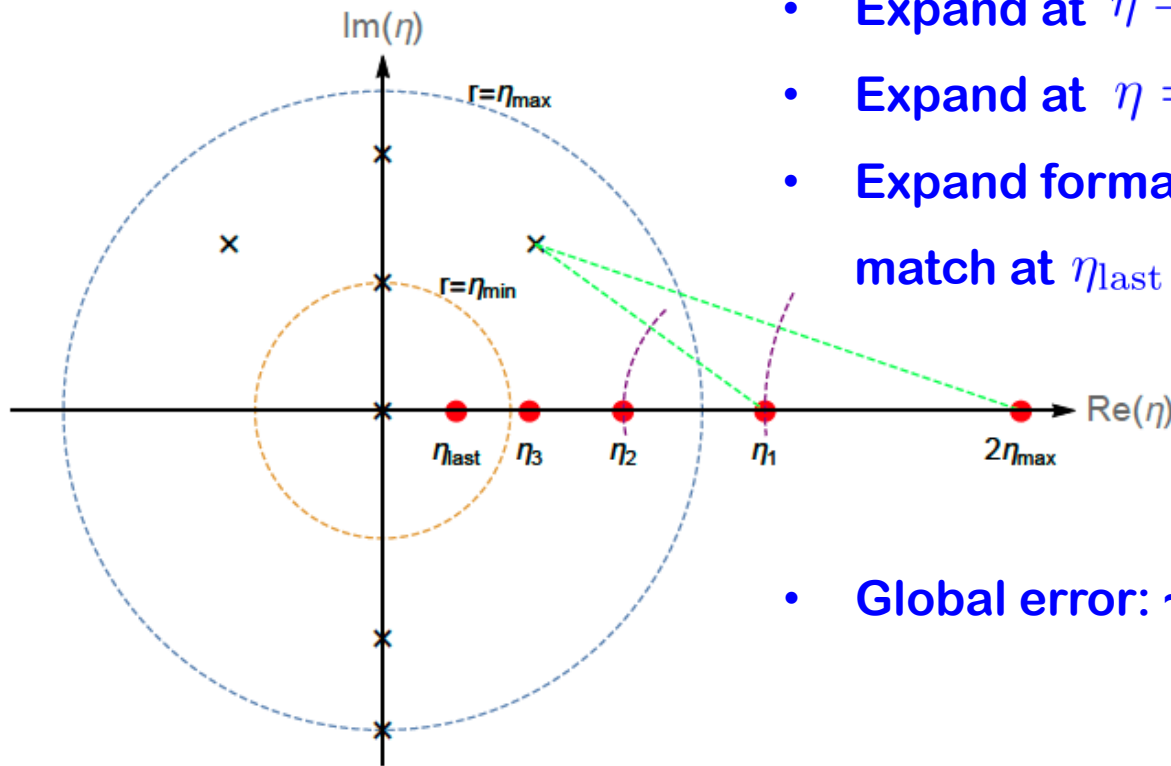
- **Equal-mass vacuum integrals at the same loop**



The flow of auxiliary mass

➤ Solve differential equations through power series expansion

- Expand at $\eta = \infty$ to estimate $I(2\eta_{\max})$
- Expand at $\eta = 2\eta_{\max}$ to estimate $I(\eta_1)$
- Expand at $\eta = \eta_i$ to estimate $I(\eta_{i+1})$
- Expand formally at $\eta = 0$ and match at η_{last}

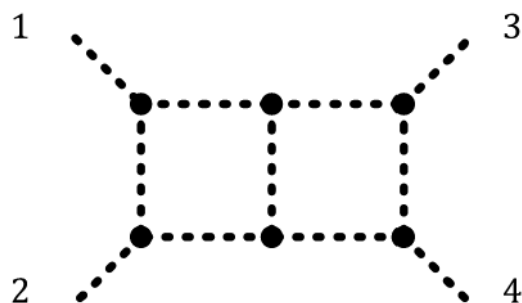


- Global error: $\sim \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$

Liu, Ma, Wang, 1711.09572

An example

➤ Two-loop massless double-box



- $s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = 10$, $t = (p_1 + p_3)^2 = -3$
- Number of MIs: $8 \rightarrow 39$
- Result of corner integral at top sector:

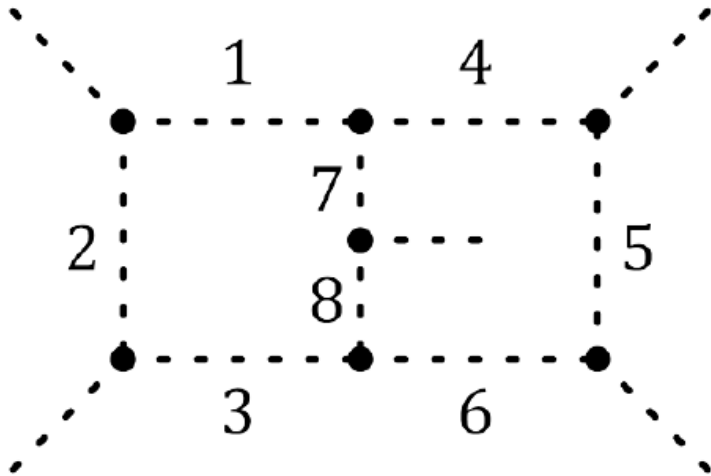
$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1.067500000000000}{\text{eps}^4} + \frac{1.611523974528965 - 0.235619449019234 i}{\text{eps}^3} - \\
 & \frac{4.626024805160620 - 1.343010053160560 i}{\text{eps}^2} + \frac{10.414748205452433 - 8.216856662286993 i}{\text{eps}} + \\
 & (7.80650469131764 + 22.84149768939458 i) + O(\text{eps}^1)
 \end{aligned}$$

For more complicated problems, the growth of number of MIs may greatly affect the efficiency. What's the solution?

Improved auxiliary mass flow

➤ A simple observation

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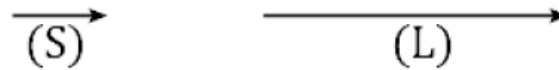
108 master integrals

Mode	Propagators	#MIs
all	{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}	476
loop	{4,5,6,7,8}	305
	{1,2,3,4,5,6}	319
branch	{4,5,6}	233
	{7,8}	234
propagator	{4}	178
	{5}	176
	{7}	220

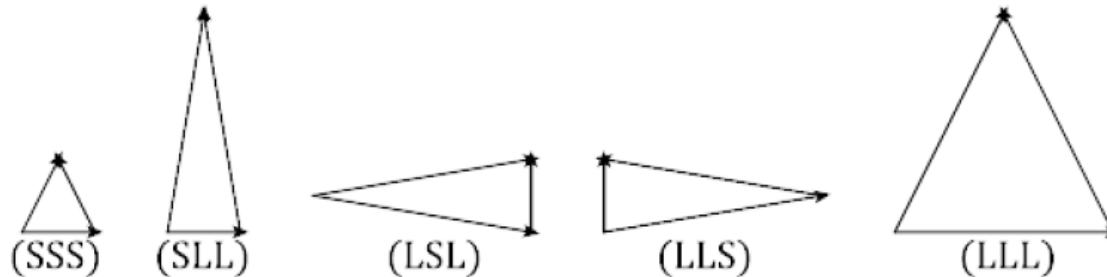
Integration regions at the boundary

➤ Region analysis [Beneke, Smirnov hep-ph/9711391]

- principles: loop momentum of each branch can be either of $O(1)$ or $O(\sqrt{\eta})$
- regions for one-loop:



- regions for two-loop:



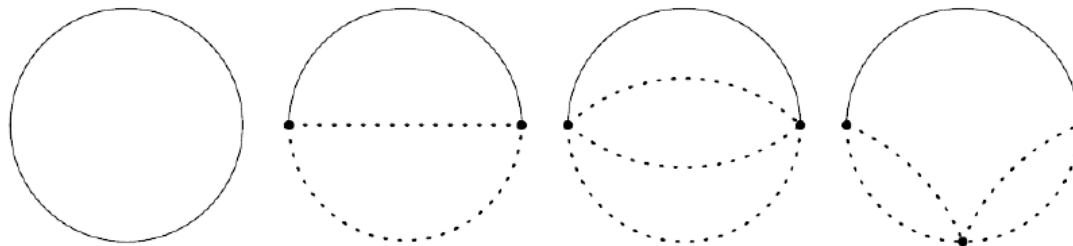
- (LSS), (SLS), (SSL) excluded by momentum conservation
- $R_1 = 2, R_2 = 5, R_3 = 15, R_4 = 47, \dots$

Contributions of each region

➤ Expansion in each region

- (L ... L): $\frac{1}{(\ell + p)^2 - m^2 + \kappa \times i\eta} \sim \frac{1}{\ell^2 + \kappa \times i\eta} \rightarrow$ vacuum
- mixed: $\frac{1}{(\ell_L + \ell_S + p)^2 - m^2 + \kappa \times i\eta} \sim \frac{1}{\ell_L^2 + \kappa \times i\eta} \rightarrow$ factorized
- (S ... S): $\frac{1}{(\ell + p)^2 - m^2 + i\eta} \sim \frac{1}{i\eta} \rightarrow$ sub-family

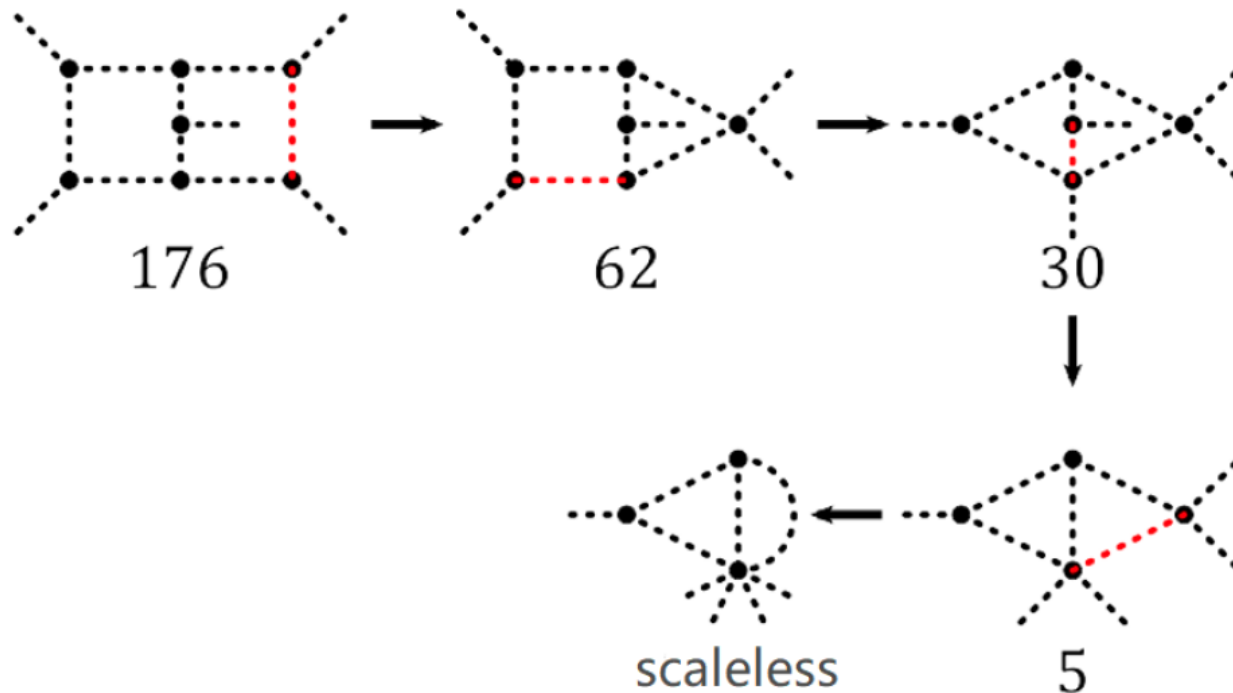
Integrals can be solved by iteration!



Example

➤ All-small region iteration

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- number of propagators decreases
- end at single-scale integrals or scaleless integrals

Merits and demerits

➤ Advantages

- Systematic and efficient for any loop FIs(given BCs)
- Simple BCs input: single mass vacuum Feynman integrals
- Arbitrary accuracy

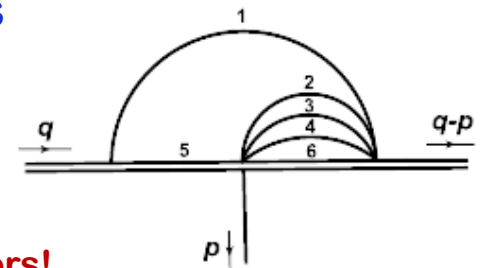


Some single mass vacuum FIs up to 5 loops
(known analytic expressions up to **3 loops**)

➤ Deficiencies

- No arbitrary accuracy at more than three loops
- Can't handle FIs containing linear propagators
(often appear in many physical problems)

Region analysis is not easy when there are linear propagators!

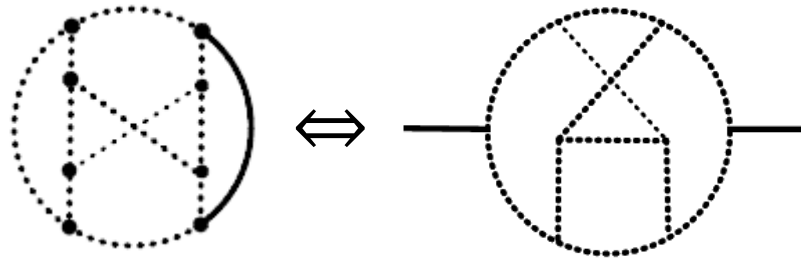


Arbitrary accuracy for any loops

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➤ Loop-drop technique

A L -loop single mass vacuum FI is equivalent to a $(L-1)$ -loop massless propagator integral(p-integral).



➤ Use AMF and Loop-drop by turns

($L-1$)-loop p-integrals

⇓ AMF

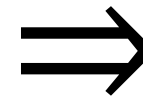
($L-1$)-loop single mass tadpoles

⇓ Loop-drop

($L-2$)-loop p-integrals

⇓ (AMF+Loop-drop) ^{$L-2$}

0-loop p-integrals(=1)



Loop integrations
totally bypassed!

New viewpoint

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➤ Feynman integral is Linear algebra!

$\text{FIs} \triangleq \text{Linear algebra} \oplus \text{Vacuum integrals}$

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$\text{FIs} \triangleq \text{Linear algebra}$

(2022)

- Only input is integration-by-part (IBP) identities (to set up η –DEs)
- No other input
- No kinematics
- No loops

For linear propagators

➤ Change linear to quadratic propagators

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$$\frac{1}{p_a \cdot \ell_a + \Delta_a + i0^+} \rightarrow \frac{1}{x (\ell_a^2 + i0^+) + p_a \cdot \ell_a + \Delta_a}$$

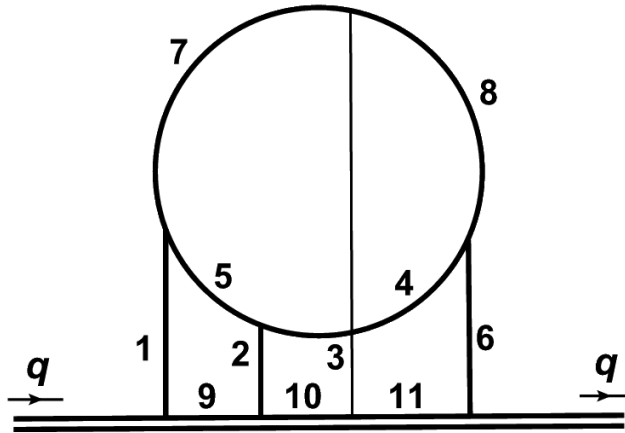
- Quadratic integrals at finite x_0 calculated by AMF for any loops
- Original linear integrals obtained by taking $x \rightarrow 0^+$:
1) Set up x – DEs ; 2) BCs at x_0 by AMF; 3) Solve x – DEs
- A new method to calculate linear integrals **systematically and efficiently**
- Useful in effective field theory and region expansion

Application to four loops

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- Results of all four-loop MIs of vacuum integrals containing a gauge link for the first time

65MIs



The most complex diagram

$$\begin{aligned} I_{(1,\dots,1,0,0,0)} &= 2.467401100272340\epsilon^{-4} \\ &- (2.10725949249774 - 31.00627668029982i)\epsilon^{-3} \\ &- (142.4061631115384 + 26.4806037633531i)\epsilon^{-2} \\ &+ (258.9104506294486 - 157.4236379069742i)\epsilon^{-1} \\ &- (1638.226426723546 - 1859.681566826831i) \\ &- (4750.006669884407 + 11690.896001211223i)\epsilon \\ &+ (22176.46421510774 + 23525.15655373790i)\epsilon^2 \\ &- (120064.4744857791 + 165534.0450504650i)\epsilon^3 \\ &+ (855055.4310121035 + 539390.2035592209i)\epsilon^4 \\ &- (3796471.438494197 + 1678278.567906508i)\epsilon^5. \end{aligned}$$

- Higher precision and higher orders in ϵ achieved easily
- Useful for studying parton distribution functions

The package: AMFlow

<https://gitlab.com/multiloop-pku/amflow>

➤ Contents

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- Main package: **AMFlow.m**
 - Provides the main functions to realize auxiliary mass flow:
AMFSetupSystem, SolveIntegrals, SolveIntegralsGaugeLink,...
- Differential equation solver: **diffeq_solver/DESolver.m**
 - Provides functions to solve differential equations numerically:
CalcInf, AMFlow, ...
- Interface to reducer: **ibp_interface**
 - FiniteFlow+LiteRed, Fire+LiteRed, Kira
- Pedagogical demonstration: **examples**
 - automatic_loop, automatic_phasespace, linear_propagator,...

Usage

➤ Installation

- Download a reducer and give its path to **ibp_interface**
 - Install Kira-2.2 or later: <https://kira.hepforge.org/>
 - Reset variables defined in **ibp_interface/Kira/install.m**
 - **\$KiraExecutable, \$FermatExecutable**

➤ Usage

- **examples/box**
 - **SetReductionOptions["IBPReducer" -> "Kira"]**
 - **SetAMFOptions["AMFMode" -> ...]**
 - **AMFlowInfo[...]**
 - **SolveIntegrals[integrals_, precision_, epsorder_]**

Summary and outlook

➤ Summary

- Auxiliary mass flow method is a systematic and efficient method for numerical computation of Feynman integrals
- Cutting edge problems are now reachable in this framework

➤ Outlook

- Further phenomenology applications: $t\bar{t}j, t\bar{t}H, \dots$
- Deeper understanding of FIs calculation from Linear algebra
- A wide range of applications of AMF for all purposes (any loops, any dimension, linear propagators, ...)

Thank you!

Definition of FIs

➤ A family of Feynman integrals

$$I_{\vec{\nu}}(D, \vec{s}) = \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \cdots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(\mathcal{D}_1 + i0^+)^{\nu_1} \cdots (\mathcal{D}_K + i0^+)^{\nu_K}}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha = A_{\alpha ij} \ell_i \cdot \ell_j + B_{\alpha ij} \ell_i \cdot p_j + C_\alpha$$

- $\ell_1, \dots, \ell_L$: loop momenta; $p_1, \dots, p_E$: external momenta;
- A, B : integers; C : linear combination of $\vec{s}$ (including masses)
- $\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_K$: inverse propagators; $\nu_1, \dots, \nu_K$: integers
- $\mathcal{D}_{K+1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}_N$: irreducible scalar products; $\nu_{K+1}, \dots, \nu_N$: non-positive integers

➤ Difficulties of calculating FIs

- Analytical: known special functions are insufficient to express FIs
- Numerical: UV or IR divergence at $D \rightarrow 4$

Calculate p-integrals

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➤ Apply AMF method on $(L - 1)$ -loop p-integral

1) IBP to setup η -DEs

2) Single-mass vacuum integrals no more than $(L - 1)$ loops as input

Single-mass vacuum integrals with L loops are determined by
that with no more than $(L - 1)$ loops (besides IBP)

- Boundary: 0-loop p-integrals equal 1

➤ Only IBPs are needed to determine FIs!

- IBPs: linear algebra, exact (in $D, \vec{s}$) relations between FIs
- Loop integrations are completely avoided!

New workflow

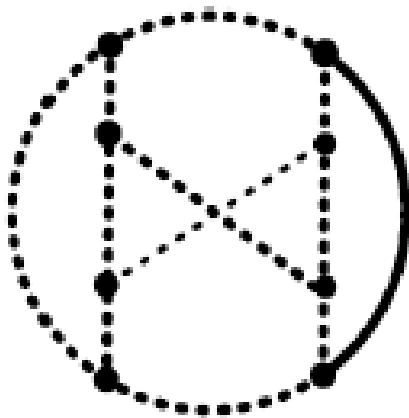
➤ The 'FICalc' to calculate FIs can be defined as (any given nonsingular D and $\vec{s}$):

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- ① If it is a 0-loop p-integral, return 1;
- ② If it is a single-mass vacuum integral, express it by a p-integral, and call 'FICalc' to calculate the p-integral;
- ③ Otherwise:
 - a) Introduce η to one propagator (if the mass mode is not possible)
 - b) Setup η -DEs using IBP as input
 - c) Call 'FICalc' to calculate boundary FIs at $\eta \rightarrow \infty$
 - d) Numerically solve η -DEs with given BCs to obtain $\eta \rightarrow i0^-$

A five-loop example

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$$= -2.073855510286740\epsilon^{-2} - 7.812755312590133\epsilon^{-1} \\ - 17.25882864945875 + 717.6808845492140\epsilon \\ + 8190.876448160049\epsilon^2 + 78840.29598046500\epsilon^3 \\ + 566649.1116484678\epsilon^4 + 3901713.802716081\epsilon^5 \\ + 23702384.71086095\epsilon^6 + 142142936.8205112\epsilon^7,$$

- IBP relations are the only input!
- Terms up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$ agree with literature; Others are new ($D = 4 - 2\epsilon$)
Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov, 1108.0732
- An arbitrary dimension $D = 4/7$, no other known method can do it

-9.7931120970486493218087959800691116464281825474654283306146947264431
516031830610056668242341877309401032293901004574319494017206091158244
70822465419388568066195037237209021119616849996640259201636321*10^7

with about 130 significant digits

TABLE IX: Values of $\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$ determined at N³LO accuracy from Γ_Z^{tot} , R_Z , and σ_Z^{had} individually, combined, as well as from a global SM fit, with propagated experimental, parametric, and theoretical uncertainties broken down. The last two rows list the expected values at the FCC-ee from all Z pseudoobservables combined and from the corresponding SM fit.

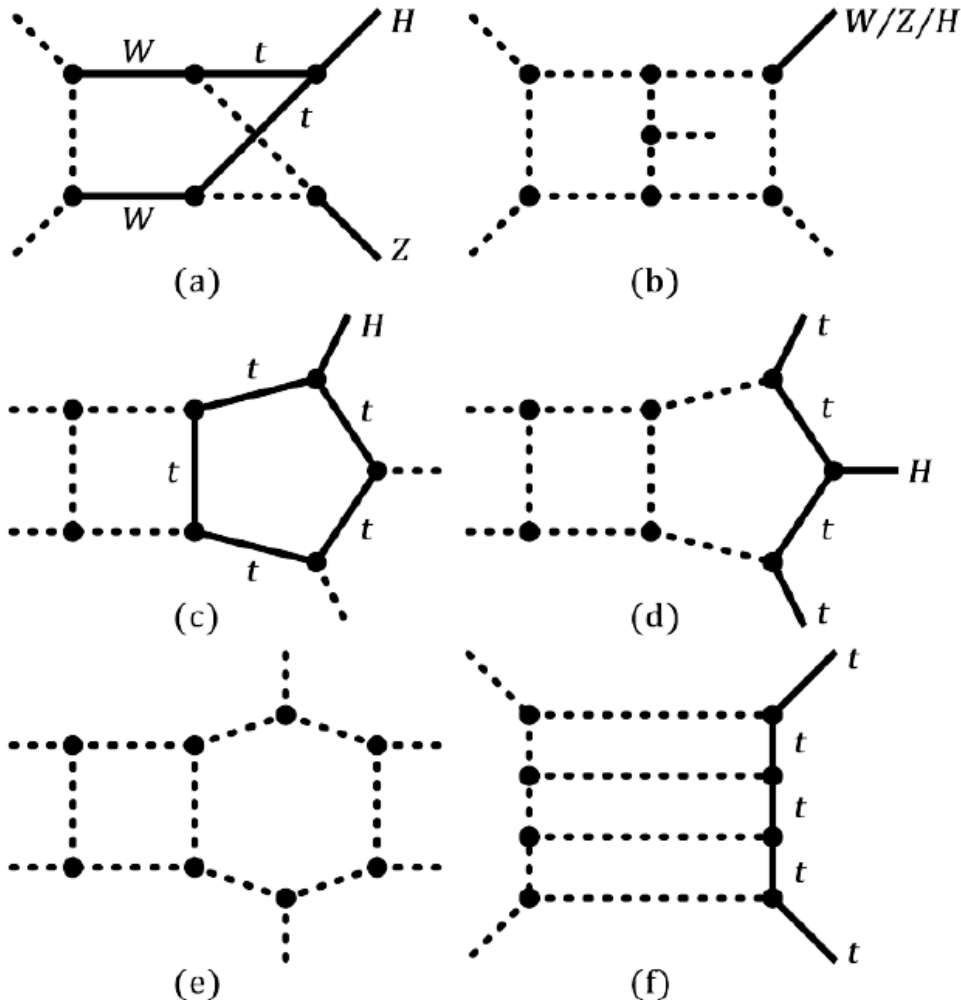
Observable	$\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$	uncertainties		
		exp.	param.	theor.
Γ_Z^{tot}	0.1192 ± 0.0047	± 0.0046	± 0.0005	± 0.0008
R_Z	0.1207 ± 0.0041	± 0.0041	± 0.0001	± 0.0009
σ_Z^{had}	0.1206 ± 0.0068	± 0.0067	± 0.0004	± 0.0012
All above combined	0.1203 ± 0.0029	± 0.0029	± 0.0002	± 0.0008
Global SM fit	0.1202 ± 0.0028	± 0.0028	± 0.0002	± 0.0008
All combined (FCC-ee)	0.12030 ± 0.00026	± 0.00013	± 0.00005	± 0.00022
Global SM fit (FCC-ee)	0.12020 ± 0.00026	± 0.00013	± 0.00005	± 0.00022

TABLE XII: PDG average of the categories of observables [March'22 update of the PDG'21 results]. These are the final input to the world average of $\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$.

category	$\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$	relative $\alpha_S(m_Z^2)$ uncertainty
τ decays and low Q^2	0.1178 ± 0.0019	1.6%
$Q\bar{Q}$ bound states	0.1181 ± 0.0037	3.1%
PDF fits	0.1162 ± 0.0020	1.7%
e^+e^- jets & shapes	0.1171 ± 0.0031	2.6%
electroweak	0.1208 ± 0.0028	2.3%
hadron colliders	0.1165 ± 0.0028	2.4%
lattice	0.1182 ± 0.0008	0.7%
world average (without lattice)	0.1176 ± 0.0010	0.9%
world average (with lattice)	0.1179 ± 0.0009	0.8%

Cutting-edge problems

➤ Cutting-edge examples



- two-loop EW corrections to $H + Z$ production at e^+e^- colliders
- two-loop QCD corrections to $H/W/Z + 2j, t\bar{t}H, 4j$ production at hadron colliders
- three-loop QCD correction to $t\bar{t}$ production at hadron colliders

Family	dp	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
T_{setup}	6	20	18	8	1	25	30
T_{solve}	7	11	15	6	3	15	42
P_1	95%	99%	96%	99%	98%	94%	93%

- time: CPU core hour
- weight-8 functions with 16-digit precision

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