# Computing Feynman Integrals Numerically & ZH Production via Gluon Fusion

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## The Standard Model



## The Standard Model and Beyond



# Higgs Couplings

Incredible progress has been made in establishing properties of the Higgs Boson



## Higgs Production & Decay



#### ATLAS-CONF-2021-053

<b>ATLAS</b> Preliminary $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}, 36.1 - 139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $m_H = 125.09 \text{ GeV}$ $p_{SM} = 79\%$		Total Stat. Syst. SM
ggF үү	1.02	Total         Stat.         Syst.           +0.11         ( +0.08         +0.07           -0.11         ( -0.08         , -0.07
ggF ZZ	0.95	$^{+0.11}_{-0.11}$ ( $^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$ , $^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$ )
ggF WW	1.13	
ggF ττ 🚔	0.87	
ggF+ttH μμ I	0.52	
VBF γγ	1.47	$ \begin{array}{c} + 0.27 \\ - 0.24 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + 0.21 \\ - 0.20 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} + 0.17 \\ - 0.14 \end{array} \right) $
VBF ZZ	1.31	$ \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.51 \\ - \ 0.42 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.50 \\ - \ 0.42 \end{array} \right. + \begin{array}{c} 0.11 \\ - \ 0.42 \end{array} \right) $
VBFWW	1.09	$ \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.19 \\ - \ 0.17 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.15 \\ - \ 0.14 \end{array} \right. + \begin{array}{c} 0.11 \\ - \ 0.10 \end{array} \right) $
VBF ττ 🖷	0.99	$^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$ ( $^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$ , $^{+0.15}_{-0.12}$ )
VBF+ggF bb	0.98	
VBF+VH μμ 💻	2.33	$ \begin{array}{c} + 1.34 \\ - 1.26 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + 1.32 \\ - 1.24 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} + 0.20 \\ - 0.23 \end{array} \right) $
VH γγ -	1.33	$ \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.33 \\ - \ 0.31 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.32 \\ - \ 0.30 \end{array} \right. + \begin{array}{c} 0.10 \\ - \ 0.08 \end{array} \right) $
VH ZZ	1.51	$ \begin{array}{c} + 1.17 \\ - 0.94 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + 1.14 \\ - 0.93 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} + 0.24 \\ - 0.16 \end{array} \right) $
	0.98	
WH bb	1.04	$ \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.28 \\ - \ 0.26 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.19 \\ - \ 0.19 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.20 \\ - \ 0.18 \end{array} \right) $
ZH bb	1.00	$ \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.24 \\ - \ 0.22 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.17 \\ - \ 0.17 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.17 \\ - \ 0.14 \end{array} \right) $
ttH+tH γγ	0.93	$ \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.27 \\ - \ 0.25 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.26 \\ - \ 0.24 \end{array} \right. + \begin{array}{c} 0.08 \\ - \ 0.06 \end{array} \right) $
ttH+tH WW	1.64	$ \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.65 \\ - \ 0.61 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + \ 0.44 \\ - \ 0.43 \end{array} \right. + \begin{array}{c} 0.48 \\ - \ 0.43 \end{array} \right) $
ttH+tH ZZ	1.69	$ \begin{array}{c} + 1.69 \\ - 1.10 \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} + 1.65 \\ - 1.09 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{c} + 0.37 \\ - 0.16 \end{array} \right) $
ttH+tH ττ F	1.39	
ttH+tH bb	0.35	$^{+0.34}_{-0.33}$ ( $^{+0.20}_{-0.20}$ , $^{+0.28}_{-0.27}$ )
4 -2 0 2 4	<u> </u>	6 8
σ.	×Bn	ormalised to SM

## **Experiments: Recent Progress**



**Measurement of**  $gg \rightarrow H(\rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ 

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{exp}} = 67 \pm 7 \text{ fb}$$
  
 $\sigma_{\text{fid}}^{\text{th}} = 64 \pm 4 \text{ fb}$ 

Also with differential fiducial cross sections (to high  $p_T^{\gamma\gamma}$ !) CERN-EP-2021-227



Direct constraint on  $y_b/y_c$  from  $VH( \rightarrow c\bar{c})$ 

 $|\kappa_b/\kappa_c| < 4.5 < m_b/m_c$  @ 95% CL

Result implies that the Higgs coupling to charm quarks is smaller than the coupling to bottom quarks (as predicted by SM)

CERN-EP-2021-251

## Future Experiments: HL-LHC



HIL-LHC PROJECT

HL-LHC construction underway ~10x integrated luminosity of LHC (LHC 0.3 ab<sup>-1</sup>, HL-LHC: 3 ab<sup>-1</sup>)

**Theory uncertainty** is expected to dominate HL-LHC Higgs physics

Plot shown assumes reduction by factor 2 of today's uncertainties

## Outline

### Motivation & Background

Higgs precision, why corrections to  $gg \rightarrow ZH$  are interesting

### Numerical calculation of Feynman integrals

Numerically evaluating amplitudes with pySecDec Expansion by regions

**Virtual Results & Comparisons** 

## Motivation: Higher Order Computations

$$d\sigma = \int dx_a dx_b f(x_a) f(x_b) d\hat{\sigma}_{ab}(x_a, x_b) F_J + \mathcal{O}\left((\Lambda/Q)^m\right)$$
Parton Distribution
Hard Scattering
Functions (PDFs)
Non-perturbative
effects ~ few %

With  $\alpha_s \sim 0.1$ , expect NLO ~ 10% correction, NNLO ~ 1% correction

However, there are important exceptions:

- Higgs production (NLO ~100%, NNLO ~10%, N3LO ~ 2%)
- New partonic channels can open at higher-orders (e.g.  $gg \rightarrow ZH$ )
- Distributions can be modified substantially (even if  $\sigma_{\rm tot}$  is stable)

## Overview of $pp \rightarrow ZH$ (I)

Consider the matrix element for  $pp \rightarrow ZH$  with QCD corrections

Various channels contribute:  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZH$  and  $gg \rightarrow ZH$ 



The  $gg \rightarrow ZH$  channel is **loop-induced** (i.e. LO in this channel is 1-loop)



## Overview of $pp \rightarrow ZH$ (II)



The  $gg \rightarrow ZH$  channel contributes to  $pp \rightarrow ZH$ starting at NNLO in QCD

**However** due the large gluon-gluon luminosity at the LHC it contributes significantly (~10%) to the total cross section

# Overview of $pp \rightarrow ZH$ (III)





Gluon-fusion piece

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*bb* piece (NNLO known) Ahmed, Ajjath, Chen, Dhani, Mukherjee, Ravindran 19



Drell-Yan piece (NNLO known) Gluo Brein, Djouadi, Harlander 03; Ferrera, Grazzini, Tramontano 14; See also: Kumara, Mandal, Ravindran 14 +  $q\bar{q}$  piece with closed top loops (1-3%)

### Available in various codes:

HAWK (NLO QCD + NLO EW) Denner, Dittmaier, Kallweit, Mück 14 vh@nnlo (NNLO QCD + NLO EW) Harlander, Klappert, Liebler, Simon 18; Brein, Harlander, Zirke 12

MCFM (NNLO QCD) Campbell, Ellis, Williams 16

GENEVA (NNLL'+NNLO with PS) Alioli, Broggio, Kallweit, Lim, Rottoli 19

## Why Calculate $gg \rightarrow ZH$ ?

### The practical reason ...

~10% of total cross section

~100% scale uncertainty (and underestimated?)

Signal		
Cross-section (scale)	0.7% (qq), 25% (gg)	
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ branching fraction	1.7%	
Scale variations in STXS bins	$3.0\%-3.9\% (qq \rightarrow WH), 6.7\%-12\% (qq \rightarrow ZH), 37\%-100\% (gg \rightarrow ZH)$	
PS/UE variations in STXS bins	1%–5% for $qq \rightarrow VH$ , 5%–20% for $gg \rightarrow ZH$	
PDF+ $\alpha_{\rm S}$ variations in STXS bins	$1.8\%-2.2\% (qq \rightarrow WH), 1.4\%-1.7\% (qq \rightarrow ZH), 2.9\%-3.3\% (gg \rightarrow ZH)$	
$m_{bb}$ from scale variations	M+S $(qq \rightarrow VH, gg \rightarrow ZH)$	
$m_{bb}$ from PS/UE variations	M+S	
$m_{bb}$ from PDF+ $\alpha_{\rm S}$ variations	M+S	
$p_{\rm T}^V$ from NLO EW correction	M+S	

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## Why Calculate $gg \rightarrow ZH$ ? (II)

And another reason...



### **Provides new and interesting challenges:**

Amplitude depends on large number of scales  $s, t, m_Z^2, m_H^2, m_T^2$ Feynman Integrals appearing are non-trivial (internal masses, elliptic...)

**Can test our techniques to breaking point then develop new approaches!** Can we find a basis of integrals with simple coefficients? How can we obtain a reduction to a finite basis (many dots/numerators)? Can we improve numerical performance near thresholds? ...

## ZH in Gluon Fusion

Full leading order (loop induced) Dicus, Kao 88; Kniehl 90 NLO in the limit of  $m_t \rightarrow \infty$  ( $K \approx 2$ ) (asymptotic expansion) Altenkamp, Dittmaier, Harlander, H. Rzehak, Zirke 12

### **Virtual Corrections:**

Expansion around large top quark mass ( $1/m_t^8$ ) + Padé approx Hasselhuhn, Luthe, Steinhauser 17

Expansion around small top quark mass ( $1/m_t^{10} \& m_t^{32}$ ) + Padé approx Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20

Expansion around small  $p_T$  up to  $p_T^4$ Alasfar, Degrassi, Giardino, Gröber, Vitti 21

Full numerical result

Chen, Heinrich, SPJ, Kerner, Klappert, Schlenk 20

**NLO result:** Expansion around small  $m_z$ ,  $m_h$  Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 21 (2107.08206)





# Setup & Amplitudes

## Diagrams: $gg \rightarrow ZH$

### Leading Order (1-loop) Diagrams



### NLO (2-loop) Virtual Diagrams



## Amplitudes

Schematically:

00000  $\mathcal{M}^{\mu\nu\rho}\sim$ 00000000  $\mathscr{M}^{\mu\nu\rho} = \sum A_i T_i^{\mu\nu\rho}, \qquad A_i = \sum C_{i,k} I_k$ **Rational functions Feynman integrals** Large num. terms/ high degree Analytically: Involved special functions Handled with specialist symbolic (Polylogs, Elliptic...) manipulation programs In this work, we will compute them numerically

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# Dealing with the Integrals

## Feynman Integrals

**Feynman integrals have many faces, each make different properties manifest...** Switching the representation of our integrals allows us to understand/simplify/ complete the calculation

### **Feynman Parametrisation**



# pySecDec

pySecDec: a program for numerically evaluating dimensionally regulated parameter integrals on CPU or GPU (written in python, FORM, c++, CUDA)

Vermaseren 00; Kuipers, Ueda, Vermaseren 13; Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren 17



Publicly available (Github)

Extensive tests (CI) and documentation

Install with:

python3 -m pip install --user --upgrade pySecDec

# **New:** Expansion by Regions & Amplitude Evaluation Heinrich, Jahn, SPJ, Kerner, Langer, Magerya, Põldaru, Schlenk, Villa 21

## **Computing Integrals Numerically**



## Other Sector Decomposition Tools

Several other codes implement sector decomposition

### **Public:**

- sector\_decomposition + CSectors (uses GiNaC) https://particlephysics.uni-mainz.de/weinzierl/sector\_decomposition/ Bogner, Weinzierl 07; Gluza, Kajda, Riemann, Yundin 10
- FIESTA (uses Mathematica, C)
   https://bitbucket.org/feynmanIntegrals/
   Supports integration on GPUs
   A. Smirnov, V. Smirnov, Tentyukov 08, 09, 13, 15; Smirnov 16, 21

### (Currently) Private:

- FORM & Python Implementations Fujimoto, Kaneko and Ueda 08, 10
- NIFT

Zhao (in preparation)

First to implement expansion by regions

## New Feature 1: Amplitude Evaluation

**New release:** can evaluate entire amplitudes **(used in our ZH calculation)** Let's see how this works in a simple example 1-loop 4-photon amp.

#### **Step 1: Define Integrals**

```
import pySecDec as psd
### Integral definitions ###
I = [
    # one loop bubble (u)
    psd.loop_integral.LoopIntegralFromGraph(
    internal_lines = [[0,[1,2]],[0,[2,1]]],
    external_lines = [['p1',1],['p2',2]],
    replacement_rules = [('p1*p1', 'u'),('p2*p2', 'u'),('p1*p2', 'u')]),
    # one loop bubble (t)
    psd.loop_integral.LoopIntegralFromGraph(
    internal_lines = [[0,[1,2]],[0,[2,1]]],
    external_lines = [['p1',1],['p2',2]],
    replacement_rules = [('p1*p1', 't'),('p2*p2', 't'),('p1*p2', 't')]),
    # one loop box (in 6 dimensions)
    psd.loop_integral.LoopIntegralFromGraph(
    internal_lines = [['0', [1,2]], [0, [2,3]], [0, [3,4]], [0, [4,1]]],
    external_lines = [['p1',1],['p2',2],['p3',3],['p4',4]],
    replacement_rules = [
                            ('p1*p1', 0), ('p2*p2', 0),
                            ('p3*p3', 0), ('p4*p4', 0),
                            ('p3*p2', 'u/2'), ('p1*p2', 't/2'),
                            ('p1*p4', 'u/2'), ('p1*p3', '-u/2-t/2'),
                            ('p2*p4', '-u/2-t/2'), ('p3*p4', 't/2')
                       ],
    dimensionality= '6-2*eps'
    ),
    # one loop box (in 8 dimensions)
    # ...
                                 Usual pySecDec Syntax
```

#### **Step 2: Define Coefficients**



### Supports:

Multiple regulators & variables Coeffs with poles in regulators Multiple amplitudes at once

## Amplitude Evaluation (II)

#### Step 3: Generate



#### Step 4: Integrate



#### Step 5: Generate, Compile, Run, ..., Profit!



## New Feature 2: Expansion by Regions

One option for dealing with numerically unstable high-energy/threshold regions is expansion by regions (not used in our ZH calculation)

Beneke, Smirnov 98; Rakhmetov, Pak, Jantzen, Semenova, Becher, Neubert, Broggio, Ferroglia,... (See e.g. Jantzen 11 for an introduction)

Idea: expand integrals around some small parameter, e.g.  $m^2/p^2$ 

$$(hard): \qquad = \mu^{2e} \int dk \, \frac{1}{(k+p)^2(k^2 - m^2)^2}$$

$$(hard): \qquad |k^2| \gg m^2, \qquad \frac{1}{(k+p)^2(k^2 - m^2)^2} \to \frac{1}{(k+p)^2(k^2)^2} \left(1 + 2\frac{m^2}{k^2} + \dots\right)$$

$$(soft): \qquad |k^2|, |k \cdot p| \ll p^2, \qquad \frac{1}{(k+p)^2(k^2 - m^2)^2} \to \frac{1}{p^2(k^2 - m^2)^2} \left(1 - \frac{k^2 + 2p \cdot k}{p^2} + \dots\right)$$

Integrate expanded integrals over full integration range, sum over all regions Concept can be systematically applied also in Feynman parameter space Implemented in tools such as FIESTA/ ASY/ ASY2 and now in pySecDec Smirnov 15; Smirnov, Smirnov, Tentyukov 09;

## Feynman Integrals: Feynman Parametrisation

Introducing Feynman parameters and integrating over momenta, we obtain

$$G = (-1)^{N_{\nu}} \frac{\Gamma(N_{\nu} - LD/2)}{\prod_{j=1}^{N} \Gamma(\nu_j)} \int_0^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{N} \mathrm{d}x_j \ x_j^{\nu_j - 1} \delta(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{N_{\nu} - (L+1)D/2}(\mathbf{x})}{\mathcal{F}^{N_{\nu} - LD/2}(\mathbf{x}, s_{ij})}$$
  
$$L - \text{ # loops in Feynman integral, } N_{\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nu_i \text{ - sum of propagator powers}$$

 $\mathscr{U}, \mathscr{F} \text{ are homogenous polynomials in the Feynman parameters } x_i$  $\mathscr{U}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is degree } L$  $\mathscr{F}(\mathbf{x}) \text{ is degree } L + 1$  $\mathscr{F}(\mathbf{x}, s_{ij}) = \mathscr{F}_0(\mathbf{x}, s_{ij}) + \mathscr{U}(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{i=1}^N x_i m_i^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{ internal masses}$ 

Both  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}_0$  are linear in each Feynman parameter

It is straightforward to construct  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}$  from a loop integral or graphically

## Feynman Integrals: Lee-Pomeransky Representation

The Lee-Pomeransky representation is given by Lee, Pomeransky 13

$$G = \frac{\Gamma(D/2)}{\Gamma\left((L+1)D/2 - N_{\nu}\right)\prod_{j=1}^{N}\Gamma(\nu_j)} \int_{0}^{\infty} \prod_{j=1}^{N} \mathrm{d}x_j \ x_j^{\nu_j - 1} \left(\mathscr{G}(\mathbf{x}, s_{ij})\right)^{-D/2}$$
$$\mathscr{G}(\mathbf{x}, s_{ij}) = \mathscr{U}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathscr{F}(\mathbf{x}, s_{ij})$$

Inserting  $1 = \int ds \,\delta(s - \sum x)$  and scaling  $x \to sx$  we recover Feynman's formula In this representation, we need to consider integrals of the form

$$G = \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{x}^{\nu} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \, \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{p}_i} \right]^{-2}, \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{j=1}^N x_j^{a_j}$$

This is useful for two reasons:

1)  $\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{F}$  is typically simpler than  $\mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{F}$ 

2) Many of the arguments can apply to a more general  ${\mathscr G}$ 

Semenova, A. Smirnov, V. Smirnov 18

## Geometric Method: Set-up

In Feynman parameter space, there is a **geometric method** for finding regions Pak, Smirnov 10

Each region will be defined by a **region vector**  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, ..., v_N, 1)$ , in each region we will perform a change of variables  $x_i \rightarrow t^{v_i} x_i$  and series expand about t = 0

Let us start by considering some polynomial (could be  $\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{F}$  or something more general):

$$P(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i x_1^{p_{i,1}} \cdots x_N^{p_{i,N}} t^{p_{i,N+1}}$$

 $c_i$  - non-negative coefficients

 $x_i$  - integration variables

*t* - small parameter

$$\mathbf{p}'_i = (p_{i,1}, \dots, p_{i,N+1}) \in \mathbb{N}^{N+1}$$
 - exponent vectors

## Geometric Method: Determining the Regions

Ignoring, for now, the coefficients  $c_i$  we can introduce a simple but useful picture for such polynomials:

- For each variable  $x_i$  or t draw an orthogonal axis
- For each monomial, draw a dot at position  $\mathbf{p}'_i$

**Example:**  $P(x, t) = t + x + x^2$  has exponent vectors  $\mathbf{p}'_1 = (0,1), \mathbf{p}'_2 = (1,0), \mathbf{p}'_3 = (2,0)$ 



## Geometric Method: Determining the Regions (II)

We may also define a **Newton polytope** of the polynomial, this is the convex hull of the exponent vectors:

$$\Delta = \text{convHull}(\mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2, \ldots) = \left\{ \sum_j \alpha_j \mathbf{p}'_j | \alpha_j \ge 0 \land \sum_j \alpha_j = 1 \right\}$$

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## Geometric Method: Determining the Regions (III)

Alternatively, this polytope can also be described as the intersection of half spaces:

$$\Delta' = \bigcap_{f \in F} \left\{ \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^{N+1} \mid \langle \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{v}_f \rangle + a_f \ge 0 \right\}$$

*F* - set of polytope facets,  $a_f \in \mathbb{Z}$ 

 $\mathbf{v}_{f}$  - inward-pointing normal vectors for each facet

Several public tools exist for computing Newton polytopes/convex hulls and their representation in terms of facets exist, e.g. **Normaliz** and **Qhull** 



## Geometric Method: Determining the Regions (IV)

Next, let us define a vector **u** such that  $x_i = t^{u_i}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{u}' = (\mathbf{u}, 1)$ , for each point **x** in the integration domain, we can write:

$$P(t^{\mathbf{u}}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i t^{\langle \mathbf{p}'_i, \mathbf{u}' \rangle}$$

Since  $t \ll 1$ , the largest term in the polynomial has the smallest  $\langle \mathbf{p}'_i, \mathbf{u}' \rangle$ Note that we can have several points with the same projection on  $\mathbf{u}'$ , i.e. we can have several largest terms

**Example:**  $P(x, t) = t + x + x^2$  with  $\mathbf{u}' = (3, 1)$  gives  $P(t^{\mathbf{u}}, t) = \underline{t} + t^3 + t^6$ 



## Geometric Method: Determining the Regions (V)

Next, let us define a vector **u** such that  $x_i = t^{u_i}$  and a vector  $\mathbf{u}' = (\mathbf{u}, 1)$ , for each point **x** in the integration domain, we can write:

$$P(t^{\mathbf{u}}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i t^{\langle \mathbf{p}'_i, \mathbf{u}' \rangle}$$

Since  $t \ll 1$ , the largest term in the polynomial has the smallest  $\langle \mathbf{p}'_i, \mathbf{u}' \rangle$ Note that we can have several points with the same projection on  $\mathbf{u}'$ , i.e. we can have several largest terms

**Example:**  $P(x, t) = t + x + x^2$  with  $\mathbf{u}' = (1, 1)$  gives  $P(t^{\mathbf{u}}, t) = t + t + t^2$ 



## Geometric Method: Determining the Regions (VI)

Rewrite our polynomial as:  $P(\mathbf{x}) = Q(\mathbf{x}) + R(\mathbf{x})$ 

With  $Q(\mathbf{x})$  defined such that it contains all of the lowest order terms in t

Then, binomial expansion of  

$$P(\mathbf{x})^m = Q(\mathbf{x})^m \left(1 + \frac{R(\mathbf{x})}{Q(\mathbf{x})}\right)^m \text{ converges for } \mathbf{x} = t^{\mathbf{u}} \text{ if } R(\mathbf{x})/Q(\mathbf{x}) < 1$$

### Some observations:

- An expansion with region vector v converges at a point  $u^\prime$  if the lowest order terms along the direction v contain the lowest order terms along the direction  $u^\prime$
- For any direction u' the vertices with the smallest < p'<sub>i</sub>, u' > must be part of some facet F of the polytope
- Since u<sub>N+1</sub> > 0, the lowest order terms for any u' must lie on a facet whose inwards pointing normal vector has a positive (N + 1)-th component, let us call the set of such facets F<sup>+</sup>

## Geometric Method: Determining the Regions (VII)

#### How do we choose the regions?

The region vectors may be chosen as the facets whose inwards pointing normal vector has a positive (N + 1) component



Our original integral G may then be approximated as  $G = \sum_{f \in F^+} G^{(f)} + \dots$ 

Where  $G^{(f)}$  are the series expanded integrals integrated over the whole domain

The ``+..." terms are overlap contributions/ multiple expansions, for sufficiently regulated Feynman integrals (dim reg + analytic regulators) these terms are usually scaleless (=0 in dim reg) and can be neglected
# Expansion by Regions

Consider a 2-loop form factor integral, plot the ratio of the finite  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$  piece of our numerical result  $R_n$  to the analytic result  $R_a$ 



Where we have a large ratio of scales ( $m^2/s$ ) the EBR result is much **faster** & **easier** to integrate

# Results $gg \rightarrow ZH$

### Finite Virtual Correction

Schematically,

$$\begin{split} \hat{\sigma} &= \hat{\sigma}^{\text{LO}} + \hat{\sigma}^{\text{NLO}} \\ \hat{\sigma}^{\text{LO}} &= \int_{n} d\sigma^{\text{B}} \\ \hat{\sigma}^{\text{NLO}} &= \int_{n} d\sigma^{\text{V}} + \int_{n+1} d\sigma^{\text{R}} + \int_{n} d\sigma^{\text{C}} \end{split}$$



Virtual part ( $\mathrm{d}\sigma^V$ ) and real part ( $\mathrm{d}\sigma^R$ ) not separately finite for  $\epsilon o 0$ 

However, we can define a finite virtual contribution as follows: 1) UV renormalize:  $\alpha_s$  in  $\overline{MS}$  & top quark mass in OS scheme 2) IR structure well known at NLO, subtract divergences

$$\mathcal{A}_{i}^{(0),\text{fin}} = \mathcal{A}_{i}^{(0),\text{UV}}, \qquad I_{1} = I_{1}^{\text{soft}} + I_{1}^{\text{coll}}, 
\mathcal{A}_{i}^{(1),\text{fin}} = \mathcal{A}_{i}^{(1),\text{UV}} - I_{1}\mathcal{A}_{i}^{(0),\text{UV}}, \qquad I_{1}^{\text{soft}} = -\frac{e^{\epsilon\gamma_{E}}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left(\frac{\mu_{R}^{2}}{s}\right)^{\epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^{2}} + \frac{i\pi}{\epsilon}\right) 2C_{A}, 
I_{1}^{\text{coll}} = -\frac{\beta_{0}}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mu_{R}^{2}}{s}\right)^{\epsilon}.$$

### A Few Conventions

We present results for the Born and Born-Virtual interference helicity amplitudes

### Expand the helicity amplitudes in $\alpha_S$

$$\mathscr{A}_{\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3}^{\text{fin}} = \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right) \mathscr{A}_{\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3}^{(0),\text{fin}} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \mathscr{A}_{\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3}^{(1),\text{fin}} + \dots$$

### Compute the square/interference

$$\mathscr{B} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3} |\mathscr{A}^{(0), \text{fin}}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3}|^2,$$
  
$$\mathscr{V} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3} 2 \operatorname{Re} \left( \mathscr{A}^{*(0), \text{fin}}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3} \mathscr{A}^{(1), \text{fin}}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3} \right)$$

Renormalization scale set to  $\mu_R^2 = s$ Electroweak coupling  $e^2 = 4\pi\alpha = 1$ (can easily vary couplings/scales)  $2 \rightarrow 2$  amplitude depends on two kinematic variables (after fixing masses)

#### Choose:

$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2$$

 $\theta_z$  - angle in c.o.m frame between  $p_2$ -axis and  $p_3$ 



# Evaluation of the Amplitude

Again,  $2 \rightarrow 2$  amplitude depends on two kinematic variables (after fixing masses)  $\beta_t = \frac{s - 4m_t^2}{s + 4m_t^2 - (2m_z + m_h)^2}, \qquad \begin{array}{l} \theta_z \text{ - angle in c.o.m frame} \\ \text{between } p_2\text{-axis and Z-boson } (p_3) \end{array}$ 

Sample grid of  $20 \times 20$  points +80 extra top threshold/high-energy points in range:  $-0.99 < \beta_t < 0.99$  and  $-0.99 < \cos(\theta_z) < 0.99$ 



### Amplitude Result

 $\sim 2 \times$ 

Observe that modes with longitudinally polarised Z boson dominate total



Ratio between Born squared amplitude and Born-Virtual interference not flat

**Reminder:** plot missing real contribution (so plot is not NLO/LO `K-factor')



### Comparison to Large $m_t$ Expansion

The amplitude has been expanded around large- $m_t$  and computed analytically Hasselhuhn, Luthe, Steinhauser 17; Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20



Let us compare our result to the Born

$$\mathcal{V}_n = rac{\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{B}_n} \widetilde{\mathcal{V}}_n + \mathcal{V}^{1\mathrm{PR}}$$

Per mille level agreement far below top quark threshold:  $\mathcal{V}_4/\mathcal{V}=0.9989$ 

Expansion breaks down at threshold, observe that it differs from our result

Observation: n = 1 apparently worse than n = 0

### Comparison to Small $m_t$ Expansion

The amplitude has also been expanded around small  $m_t$ ,  $m_h$ ,  $m_z$ 



Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20; Mishima 18

Agreement with Padé improved expanded result  $\mathcal{O}(m_z^2, m_h^2, m_t^{32})$ ~2% level for  $p_T \gtrsim 225$ ~10% level for  $150 < p_T < 225$ 

Consistent with Padé/full at LO level

Not all points agreeing well even for large  $\sqrt{s}$ 

Convergence of the Padé result depends on  $m_T \ll s, |t|, |u|$  can have small |t| even for large s (if  $p_T$  is small)

### Comparison to Small $m_t$ Expansion (II)

Can the Padé result be improved by including terms of order  $m_z^4$ ,  $m_h^4$ ?



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Now find **excellent** agreement for  $p_T \ge 200 \text{ GeV}$ 

## Comparison to Expansion (Small $m_h, m_z$ )

Can expand in only  $m_h$ ,  $m_z$  and retain full  $m_t$  dependence Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 21 Integrals appearing in the expansion (scales  $s, t, m_t^2$ ) are known

Caron-Huot, Henn 14; Becchetti, Bonciani 18; Xu, Yang 18; Wang, Wang, Xu, Xu, Yang 20;

Expansion shows good agreement with numerical result in most (all?) phase-space regions

No breakdown near top threshold



$\hat{\epsilon}/m^2$	$\hat{u}/m^2$	$\mathcal{V}_{\mathrm{fin}}^{\prime}$			
$S/m_t$	$a/m_t$	pySecDec	$\mathcal{O}(m^0)$	${\cal O}(m^2)$	${\cal O}(m^4)$
1.707133657190554	-0.441203767016323	35.429092(6)	35.9823	35.5530	35.4478
3.876056604162662	-1.616287256345735	4339.045(1)	4319.37	4336.63	4338.73
4.130574250302561	-1.750372271104745	6912.361(3)	6870.47	6906.92	6911.64
4.130574250302561	-2.595461551488002	6981.09(2)	6979.28	6980.14	6980.85
134.5142052093564	-70.34125943305149	-153.9(4)	-154.543	-154.458	-154.460
134.5142052093564	-105.1770655376327	527(4)	524.585	525.958	525.965
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Authors published NLO results for  $gg \rightarrow ZH$ Virtuals: small  $m_h, m_z$  expansion Reals: GoSam Cullen et al.

Gives stable invariant mass distribution, sizeable corrections ~LO (as expected)

# Conclusion

#### We have entered the precision Higgs era

- Over coming years, expect greater demand for precise theory predictions (required to exploit experimental measurements)
- Detailed searches for deviations, e.g: differential measurements, constraining EFT couplings, off-shell measurements, ...

#### I have presented a calculation which underscores the usefulness of

• Numerical methods for solving Feynman integrals (new pySecDec out now!)

#### Next steps...

- Put the pieces together in order to obtain complete NLO results
- Incorporate into public tools for  $pp \rightarrow ZH$  (?)

#### Thank you for listening!

# Backup

# Helicity Amplitudes

We can produce precise results for all helicity amplitudes also in kinematic limits!



# Decomposition: $gg \rightarrow ZH$

**Idea:** construct projectors for linearly polarised amplitudes in c.o.m frame, directly compute polarised amplitudes Chen 19

Polarisation vectors can be expressed (up to normalisation factors  $\mathcal{N}_i$ ) in terms of external momenta:

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_x^{\mu} = &\mathcal{N}_x \ (-s_{23} p_1^{\mu} - s_{13} p_2^{\mu} + s_{12} p_3^{\mu}) \\ \varepsilon_y^{\mu} = &\mathcal{N}_y \ \left(\epsilon_{\mu_1 \ \mu_2 \ \mu_3}^{\mu} \ p_1^{\mu_1} \ p_2^{\mu_2} \ p_3^{\mu_3}\right) \\ \varepsilon_T^{\mu} = &\mathcal{N}_T \ \left(\left(-s_{23}(s_{13} + s_{23}) + 2m_z^2 s_{12}\right) p_1^{\mu} + s_{12}(-s_{13} + s_{23}) p_3^{\mu}\right) \\ \varepsilon_l^{\mu} = &\mathcal{N}_l \ \left(-2m_z^2 \ (p_1^{\mu} + p_2^{\mu}) + (s_{13} + s_{23}) \ p_3^{\mu}\right) \end{split}$$

**Projectors** are just products of pol. vecs.

 $\mathcal{P}_{1}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}} = \varepsilon_{x}^{\mu_{1}} \varepsilon_{x}^{\mu_{2}} \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{3}} \qquad \mathcal{P}_{2}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}} = \varepsilon_{x}^{\mu_{1}} \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{2}} \varepsilon_{T}^{\mu_{3}}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{3}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}} = \varepsilon_{x}^{\mu_{1}} \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{2}} \varepsilon_{l}^{\mu_{3}} \qquad \mathcal{P}_{4}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}} = \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{1}} \varepsilon_{x}^{\mu_{2}} \varepsilon_{T}^{\mu_{3}}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{5}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}} = \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{1}} \varepsilon_{x}^{\mu_{2}} \varepsilon_{l}^{\mu_{3}} \qquad \mathcal{P}_{6}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}\mu_{3}} = \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{1}} \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{2}} \varepsilon_{y}^{\mu_{3}}.$ 



Cross checked with conventional form factor decomposition at LO and at NLO with expansions Davies, Mishima, Steinhauser 20

### Dimensional Regularisation & $\gamma_5$

### **Z-Fermion Vertex**

Contains vector ~  $v_t \gamma_{\mu}$  and axial-vector ~  $a_t \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5$ :

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mu}^{Vf\bar{f}} = i \frac{e}{2\sin\theta_W \cos\theta_W} \gamma_{\mu} \left( v_t + a_t \gamma_5 \right)$$



We use dimensional regularisation ( $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ ) to regulate divergences appearing in loop integrals, however, one can't retain all properties of  $\gamma_5$  in  $d \neq 4$  dimensions

### Larin Scheme (ZH, ZZ)

Sacrifice anti-commuting property of  $\gamma_5$ 

$$J_{\mu}^{5} = Z_{5,ns} J_{\mu,B}^{5} = Z_{5,ns} \left[ \frac{i}{3!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\rho} \gamma^{\sigma} \bar{\psi} \right]$$
$$P^{5} = Z_{5,p} P_{B}^{5} = Z_{5,p} \left[ \frac{i}{4!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\rho} \gamma^{\sigma} \bar{\psi} \right]$$

Fix Ward identities/ABJ anomaly:

$$Z_{5,ns} = 1 + \alpha_s(-4C_F) + \dots$$
  
$$Z_{5,p} = 1 + \alpha_s(-8C_F) + \dots$$

Larin, Vermaseren 91; Larin 93

### Alternative schemes exist e.g:

### Kreimer Scheme (ZZ)

Retain  $\{\gamma_5, \gamma^{\mu}\} = 0$ , but, sacrifice cyclicity of traces involving  $\gamma_5$ 

Define `reading point' and carefully manipulate all traces Kreimer 90; Korner, Kreimer, Schilcher 92

Used in our calculation of  $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ Agarwal, SPJ, von Manteuffel 20

### Reduction

Integration by parts Identities:  $\int d^{d}k_{1} \cdots d^{d}k_{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{i}^{\mu}} \left[ v^{\mu} I(k_{1}, \dots, k_{l}; p_{1}, \dots, p_{m}) \right] = 0$ 

Produce linear relations between integrals Tkachov 81; Chetyrkin 81

Can perform e.g. Gaussian elimination on system of equations Relate integrals to a smaller set (**basis**) of **Master integrals** 

The choice of basis impacts:

1) Complexity of the coefficients in the amplitude

### 2) Difficulty of computing the integrals

Always possible to pick a basis of finite integrals using:

- Dimension Shifts Tarasov 96; Lee 10
- Dots
- Numerator Insertions (optional, not used for  $gg \rightarrow ZH$ )

The finite basis greatly improves numerical performance

Panzer 14; von Manteuffel, Panzer, Schabinger 15

# Reduction (II)

Need tools to actually solve these systems of equations...

ZZ Computation	ZH Computation			
FinRed von Mantueffel (Private) + Syzygy Solver Agarwal, von Mantueffel	Kira 2 + FireFly Maierhöfer, Usovitsch, Uwer 18; Klappert, Lange, P. Maierhöfer, Usovitsch 20; Klappert, Lange 20; Klappert, Klein, Lange 20			
Master Integrals: 264	Master Integrals: 452			

Both toolchains extensively rely on the use of finite fields See e.g: von Mantueffel, Schabinger 14; Peraro 16

Even with these tools, still too difficult to obtain fully symbolic amplitudes

Fix mass ratios ZZ: 
$$\frac{m_z^2}{m_t^2} = \frac{5}{18}$$
 and ZH:  $\frac{m_z^2}{m_t^2} = \frac{23}{83}, \frac{m_H^2}{m_t^2} = \frac{12}{23}$ 

### Master Integral Basis ( $gg \rightarrow ZH$ )

To select our master integrals, we took the following pragmatic approach:

1) Consider quasi-finite integrals (prefer finite integrals)

$$I = \frac{I_{-2}}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{I_{-1}}{\epsilon} + I_0 + \dots \quad \rightarrow \quad I' = I'_0 + \dots$$

2) Choose a basis in which the *d*-dependence of denominators factorises from the kinematic dependence (in practice we achieve this by brute force neglecting subsectors, public tools are available Smirnov, Smirnov 20; Usovitsch 20)

$$\frac{N(s,t,d)}{D(s,t,d)}I + \dots \rightarrow \frac{N'(s,t,d)}{D'_1(d)D'_2(s,t)}I' + \dots$$

- 3) Prefer simple denominator factors
- 4) Prefer computing fewer orders in epsilon for each master (found a basis in which all 7-propagator integrals start contributing only at  $e^{-1}$ )
- 5) Prefer simpler numerators (check number of terms/file size)

See also: Matthias Kerner, Loops and Legs Proceedings 2018

Steps 2-5 reduced the size of amplitude by factor of 5 Largest coefficient (double-tadpole) 150 MB  $\rightarrow$  5 MB

# Amplitude Evaluation (IV)

#### A peak behind the curtain (enabled by setting verbose=True)

# Compute a first estimate of each integral (n: 50789 x 32 samples of integral) # Note: each order of each sector is computed separately (and can be known to a different precision) computing integrals to satisfy mineval 50000 integral 1/16: bubble\_u\_sector\_1\_order\_0, time: 0.0 s res: (0,0) +/- (0,0) -> (1,0) +/- (8.89904e-17,0), n: 0 -> 50789 integral 2/16: bubble\_u\_sector\_1\_order\_1, time: 0.0 s res: (0,0) +/- (0,0) -> (2.22314,0) +/- (1.9927e-15,0), n: 0 -> 50789 integral 3/16: bubble\_t\_sector\_1\_order\_0, time: 0.0 s res: (0,0) +/- (0,0) -> (1,0) +/- (9.00691e-17,0), n: 0 -> 50789 integral 4/16: bubble\_t\_sector\_1\_order\_1, time: 0.0 s res: (0,0) +/- (0,0) -> (1.73764,0) +/- (2.19938e-15,0), n: 0 -> 50789 • • • # Estimate amplitude(s) using integral results amplitude0 = + ((0,0) + (2.41174e-16,0)) + ((-28.4316, -1.6741e-09) + (4.06609e-09, 2.39249e-09)) + 0(eps)# Examine contribution of each integral to err. of amp. and estimate how many samples we need (n: known -> required) # Note: not all sectors will be recomputed, different sectors will be computed to different precisions sum: sum\_eps^0, term: WINTEGRAL, integral 5: box\_6\_sector\_1\_order\_0, current integral result: (0.478203,4.5158e-11) +/-(2.31205e-10,4.72335e-11), contribution to sum error: 2.0946e-09, increase n: 50789 -> 968960972 sum: sum\_eps^0, term: WINTEGRAL, integral 15: box\_8\_sector\_5\_order\_0, current integral result: (0.0173611,-5.39441e-13) +/-(3.16251e-12,1.29608e-12), contribution to sum error: 1.64054e-10, increase n: 50789 -> 193374172 # Iterate until we obtain the desired precision # Note: reason for iteration is printed (long running/run away jobs can be debugged straightforwardly) run further refinements: true computing integrals to satisfy error goals on sums: epsrel 1e-14, epsabs 1e-14 • • •

# Evaluation of the Amplitude (Timing)

Each phase-space point evaluated with 2 x Nvidia Tesla V100 GPUs Precision goal set to 0.3% for each (linearly polarised) amplitude

### Timing/ point:

Min: 45 mins, Max: 24 hr (wall-clock), ~65 hr (high-energy), Median: 3.5 hr



Worst performance near to ZH,  $t\bar{t}$  thresholds, high-energy and forward scattering

# Expansion by Regions: Momentum Space

### Expansion by Regions: Bubble Example

Let us consider the large momentum limit  $|p|^2 \gg m^2$  of some integral, we therefore want to expand in the small dimensionless ratio  $m^2/p^2$ 

Example: (finite) 1-loop bubble integral Jantzen 2011  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$   $G = \mu^{2\epsilon} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^D k}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{(k+p)^2(k^2-m^2)^2}$ 

If we can compute the integral, the expansion after integration is straightforward

$$G = \frac{1}{p^2} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{-p^2 - i0}{m^2}\right) + \ln\left(1 - \frac{m^2}{p^2}\right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$
$$= \frac{1}{p^2} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{-p^2 - i0}{m^2}\right) - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j} \left(\frac{m^2}{p^2}\right)^j \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Now let's try to expand before integration

Expansion by Regions: Bubble Example (II)

$$--- \int \frac{d^{D}k}{d\mu} = \int \frac{d^{D}k}{d\mu} \frac{1}{(k+p)^{2}(k^{2}-m^{2})^{2}}$$

Since  $|p^2| \gg m^2$  we may start by expanding the 2nd propagator around small  $m^2$ :

$$I^{(h)} = \sum_{i} T_{i}^{(h)} I = \frac{1}{(k+p)^{2}} \left( \frac{1}{(k^{2})^{2}} + 2\frac{m^{2}}{(k^{2})^{3}} + \dots \right)$$

Integrating the expansion over the **whole domain**  $k \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we get:

$$G^{(h)} = \sum_{i} T_{i}^{(h)}G = \frac{1}{p^{2}} \left[ -\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln\left(\frac{-p^{2} - i0}{\mu^{2}}\right) - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{j} \left(\frac{m^{2}}{p^{2}}\right)^{j} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Here, we implicitly assumed  $k \gg m^2$  and neglected the region where  $k \sim m$ , let us compute this region too...

### Expansion by Regions: Bubble Example (III)

Expanding the 1st propagator around large  $p^2$ :

$$I^{(s)} = \sum_{i} T_{i}^{(s)} I = \frac{1}{(k^{2} - m^{2})^{2}} \left( \frac{1}{p^{2}} - \frac{k^{2} + 2p \cdot k}{(p^{2})^{2}} + \dots \right)$$

Integrating the expansion over the **whole domain**  $k \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we get:

$$G^{(s)} = \sum_{i} T_i^{(s)} G = \frac{1}{p^2} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2}\right) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j} \left(\frac{m^2}{p^2}\right)^j \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

Summing the hard (h) and soft (s) regions we get:

$$G = G^{(h)} + G^{(s)} = \frac{1}{p^2} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{-p^2 - i0}{m^2}\right) - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j} \left(\frac{m^2}{p^2}\right)^j \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

This reproduces the expanded result, but why does this work?

- **1)** Did we not **double-count** when replacing  $\int Dk \to \int Dk I^{(h)} + \int Dk I^{(s)}$ ?
- 2) How do we choose the regions?

# Expansion by Regions: Bubble Example (IV)

1) Did we not double-count when replacing  $\int Dk \rightarrow \int Dk I^{(h)} + \int Dk I^{(s)}$ ?

This example (and several others) was examined in great detail by Jantzen, he noted:

The expansions  $\sum_{i} T_{i}^{(h)}, \sum_{i} T_{i}^{(s)} \text{ converge absolutely in their respective domains}$  $D_{h} = \{k \in \mathbb{R}^{d} : |k^{2}| \ge \Lambda^{2}\}$  $D_{s} = \{k \in \mathbb{R}^{d} : |k^{2}| < \Lambda^{2}\}$ with  $m^{2} \ll \Lambda^{2} \ll |p^{2}|$ 

The expansions commute  $T_i^{(h)}T_j^{(s)}I = T_j^{(s)}T_i^{(h)}I = T_{i,j}^{(h,s)}I$ 

Thus 
$$G = \sum_{i} \int_{k \in D_{h}} Dk T_{i}^{(h)} I + \sum_{j} \int_{k \in D_{s}} Dk T_{j}^{(s)} I = G^{(h)} + G^{(s)} - G^{(h,s)}$$

Finally, the overlap/multiple expansion contribution  $G^{(h,s)}$  turns out to be scaleless (=0), in dimensional regularisation such integrals vanish, we did not double-count!

# Expansion by Regions in pySecDec

#### Momentum space

In dimensional regularisation, scaleless integrals are 0

$$G(\{k_i\}_a, \{ck_i\}_b) = c^{N_G} G(\{k_i\}) \implies G(k_i) = 0, \quad \{k_i\} = \{k_i\}_a \cup \{k_i\}_b$$

Where  $G(\{k_i\})$  is a Feynman integral depending on loop momenta $\{k_i\}$ ,  $c \neq 0$  and  $N_G$  is some scaling dimension

### Feynman parameter space $(\mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{F})(c^{\mathbf{v}}\mathbf{x}) = c^{N}(\mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{F})(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{v} \neq n\mathbf{1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{R}$

#### **Geometrical viewpoint**

For  $\Delta$  built from  $\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{F}$ 

 $dim(\Delta) = dim(\mathbf{x}) \iff G \text{ scaleful}$  $dim(\Delta) < dim(\mathbf{x}) \iff G \text{ scaleless}$ 

This was also used in earlier works on EBR Pak, Smirnov 10

# Geometric Method: Overlap Contributions

Jantzen showed that under some quite general conditions Jantzen 2011  $G = \sum_{f \in F^+} G^{(f)} - \sum_{\{f_1, f_2\} \subset F^+}^{\langle F_c^+ + 1 \rangle} G^{(f_1, f_2)} + \dots - (-1)^n \sum_{\{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \subset F^+}^{\langle F_c^+ + 1 \rangle} G^{(f_1, \dots, f_n)} + \dots + (-1)^{N_c} \sum_{f' \in F_{nc}^+} G^{(f', f_1, \dots, f_{N_c})}$ 

### overlap contributions / multiple expansions

Where  $F_c^+$  yield commuting expansions,  $F_{nc}^+$  non-commuting expansions and the sums  $\{f_1, ...\}$  run over subsets containing at most one region from  $F_{nc}^+$ 

# However, for **regulated integrals** (dim reg + analytic regulators) **these multiple expansions usually vanish**

We always neglect them in our code, but one can easily check this case-by-case

**Reason:** Consider Newton polytope with  $dim(\Delta) = dim(\mathbf{x}) + 1$ 

- 1st expansion: picks terms forming a facet  $f_1$ ,  $\dim(f_1) = \dim(\mathbf{x}) \implies$  scaleful
- 2nd expansion: picks out terms that are an ``intersection'' between two facets  $f_{1,2}$ ,  $\dim(f_{1,2}) = \dim(\mathbf{x}) - 1 \implies$  scaleless (unless facets are parallel)

### Geometric Method: Additional Regulators

**Issue 1:** EBR can introduce spurious singularities that are not regulated by dim reg. Let  $\nu$  be a vector of propagator powers,  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$  space-time dimensions For each facet  $f \in F_{\Delta}^{N-1}$  a singularity is present in G if

$$\langle \mathbf{v}_f, \nu 
angle + a_f rac{D}{2} \le 0$$
 e.g: Schlenk 16

EBR will effectively subdivide the Newton polytope (by selecting only certain vertices for each expansion), this will introduce new **internal facets** 

If these facets define a hyperplane that goes through **0** (i.e.  $a_f = 0$ ) we can encounter spurious singularities, can introduce analytic regulators  $\nu \to \nu + \delta \nu_{\delta}$  to regulate them

#### **Examples:**





## Geometric Method: Negative Coefficients

**Issue 2:** What happens if we have negative coefficients  $c_i < 0?$  **not handled by pySecDec (yet!)** 

Consider a 1-loop massive bubble at threshold  $y = m^2 - q^2/4 \rightarrow 0$   $\mathscr{F} = q^2/4(x_1 - x_2)^2 + y(x_1 + x_2)^2$ Can split integral into two subdomains  $x_1 \le x_2$  and  $x_2 \le x_1$  then remap  $x_1 = x_1'/2$  $x_2 = x_2' + x_1'/2$ :  $\mathscr{F} \rightarrow \frac{q^2}{4}x_2'^2 + y(x_1' + x_2')^2$  (for first domain)

Various tools attempt to find such re-mappings:

#### FIESTA Jantzen, A. Smirnov, V. Smirnov 12

Check all pairs of variables ( $x_1, x_2$ ) which are part of monomials of opposite sign For each pair, try to build linear combination  $x'_1$  s.t negative monomial vanishes Repeat until all negative monomials vanish **or** warn user

**ASPIRE** Ananthanarayan, Pal, Ramanan, Sarkar 18; B. Ananthanarayan, Das, Sarkar 20 Consider Gröbner basis of  $\{\mathscr{F}, \partial \mathscr{F}/x_1, \partial \mathscr{F}/x_2, ...\}$  (i.e.  $\mathscr{F}$  and Landau equations) Eliminate negative monomials with linear transformations  $x_1 \rightarrow ax'_1, x_2 \rightarrow x'_2 + ax'_1$ 

### pySecDec: EBR Bubble Example



### pySecDec: EBR Example



#### Step 2: Integrate

from pySecDec.integral\_interface import IntegralLibrary, series\_to\_sympy
import sympy as sp

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
```

psq, msq = 4, 0.002 name = "bubble1L\_dotted\_m" real\_parameters = [psq, msq]

# load the library
intlib = IntegralLibrary(f"{name}/{name}\_pylink.so")
intlib.use\_Qmc(transform="korobov3")

```
# integrate
```

integral\_without\_prefactor, prefactor, integral\_with\_prefactor = \
 intlib(real\_parameters)

# convert the result to sympy expressions
result, error = \
 map(sp.sympify, series\_to\_sympy(integral\_with\_prefactor))

```
# access and print individual terms of the expansion
print("Numerical Result")
for power in [-2, -1, 0]:
   val = complex(result.coeff("eps", power))
   err = complex(error.coeff("eps", power))
   print(f"eps^{power:<2} {val: .5f} +/- {err:.5e}")</pre>
```

#### Step 3: Generate, Compile, Run

```
$ python3 generate_bubble1L_dotted_m_ebr.py
$ export CXX=nvcc
$ export SECDEC_WITH_CUDA_FLAGS="-gencode arch=compute_70,code=sm_70"
$ make -C bubble1L_dotted_m -j 8
$ time python3 integrate_bubble1L_dotted_m_ebr.py
> Numerical Result:
eps^-2 0.00000+0.00000j +/- 0.00000e+00+0.00000e+00j
eps^-1 0.00000+0.00000j +/- 1.87110e-17+0.00000e+00j
      1.90010-0.78540j +/- 8.70722e-17+1.03484e-16j
eps^0
. . .
        0m1.062s
real
        0m2.175s
user
sys
       0m0.270s
```

We have determined the Feynman parametrisation of our integral, applied expansion by regions and generated integrals which we then numerically computed

Of course, this works also for higher loop integrals...

# pySecDec: EBR Box Example

**Example:** 1-loop massive box expanded for small  $m_t^2 \ll s$ , |t|



Requires the use of analytic regulators Can regulate spurious singularities by adjusting

propagators powers

$$G_4 = \mu^{2\epsilon} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d^D k}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{[k^2 - m_t^2]^{\delta_1} [(k+p_1)^2 - m_t^2]^{\delta_2} [(k+p_1+p_2)^2 - m_t^2]^{\delta_3} [(k-p_4)^2 - m_t^2]^{\delta_4}}$$

Can keep  $\delta_1, \ldots, \delta_4$  symbolic or  $\delta_1 = 1 + n_1/2, \delta_2 = 1 + n_1/3, \ldots$  and take  $n_1 \to 0^+$ 

Output region vectors:  $\mathbf{v}_1 = (0,0,0,0,1)$   $\mathbf{v}_2 = (-1, -1,0,0,1)$   $\mathbf{v}_3 = (0,0, -1, -1,1)$   $\mathbf{v}_4 = (-1,0,0, -1,1)$  $\mathbf{v}_5 = (0, -1, -1,0,1)$  **Result:**  $s = 4.0, t = -2.82843, m_t^2 = 0.1, m_h^2 = 0$ )  $I = -1.30718 \pm 2.7 \cdot 10^{-6} + (1.85618 \pm 3.0 \cdot 10^{-6}) i$  $+ \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon, n_1, \frac{m_t^2}{s}, \frac{m_t^2}{t}\right)$ 

Transform the expression for the full integral:  

$$F = \int_{k \in D_{h}} Dk I + \int_{k \in D_{s}} Dk I = \sum_{i} \int_{k \in D_{h}} Dk T_{i}^{(h)} I + \sum_{j} \int_{k \in D_{s}} Dk T_{j}^{(s)} I$$

$$= \sum_{i} \left( \int_{k \in \mathbb{R}^{d}} Dk T_{i}^{(h)} I - \sum_{j} \int_{k \in D_{s}} Dk T_{j}^{(s)} T_{i}^{(h)} I \right) + \sum_{j} \left( \int_{k \in \mathbb{R}^{d}} Dk T_{j}^{(s)} I - \sum_{i} \int_{k \in D_{h}} Dk T_{i}^{(h)} T_{j}^{(s)} I \right)$$
The expansions commute:  

$$T_{i}^{(h)} T_{j}^{(s)} I = T_{j}^{(s)} T_{i}^{(h)} I \equiv T_{i,j}^{(h,s)} I$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ Identity: } F = \sum_{i} \int_{k \in D_{k}} Dk T_{i}^{(h)} I + \sum_{j} \int_{k \in D_{k}} Dk T_{j}^{(s)} I - \sum_{i,j} \int_{k \in D_{h}} Dk T_{i,j}^{(h,s)} I$$

$$= \sum_{i} \int_{k \in D_{k}} Dk T_{i}^{(h)} I + \sum_{j} \int_{k \in D_{k}} Dk T_{j}^{(s)} I - \sum_{i,j} \int_{k \in D_{k}} Dk T_{i,j}^{(h,s)} I$$

All terms are integrated over the whole integration domain  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as prescribed for the expansion by regions  $\Rightarrow$  location of boundary  $\Lambda$  between  $D_h, D_s$  is irrelevant.

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### The general formalism (details)

Identities as in the examples are generally valid, under some conditions.

#### Consider

- a (multiple) integral  $F = \int Dk I$  over the domain D (e.g.  $D = \mathbb{R}^d$ ),
- a set of N regions  $R = \{x_1, \ldots, x_N\}$ ,
- for each region  $x \in R$  an expansion  $T^{(x)} = \sum_j T_j^{(x)}$ which converges absolutely in the domain  $D_x \subset D$ .

#### Conditions

- $\bigcup_{x \in R} D_x = D$   $[D_x \cap D_{x'} = \emptyset \ \forall x \neq x'].$
- Some of the expansions commute with each other. Let  $R_c = \{x_1, \ldots, x_{N_c}\}$  and  $R_{nc} = \{x_{N_c+1}, \ldots, x_N\}$  with  $1 \le N_c \le N$ . Then:  $T^{(x)}T^{(x')} = T^{(x')}T^{(x)} \equiv T^{(x,x')} \ \forall x \in R_c, \ x' \in R$ .
- Every pair of non-commuting expansions is invariant under some expansion from  $R_c$ :  $\forall x'_1, x'_2 \in R_{nc}, x'_1 \neq x'_2, \exists x \in R_c : T^{(x)}T^{(x'_2)}T^{(x'_1)} = T^{(x'_2)}T^{(x'_1)}$ .
- ∃ regularization for singularities, e.g. dimensional (+ analytic) regularization.
   → All expanded integrals and series expansions in the formalism are well-defined.

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Model With MatrixBernd Jantzen, Expansion by regions: foundation, generalization and automated search for regions35The general formalism (2)Under these conditions, the following identity holds: $[F^{(x,...)} \equiv \sum_{j,...} \int Dk T_{j,...}^{(x,...)} I]$  $F = \sum_{x \in R} F^{(x)} - \sum_{\{x'_1, x'_2\} \subset R} F^{(x'_1, x'_2)} + \ldots - (-1)^n \sum_{\{x'_1, \ldots, x'_n\} \subset R} F^{(x'_1, \ldots, x'_n)} + \ldots + (-1)^{N_c} \sum_{x' \in R_{nc}} F^{(x', x_1, \ldots, x_{N_c})}$ 

where the sums run over subsets  $\{x'_1, \ldots\}$  containing at most one region from  $R_{nc}$ .

#### Comments

- This identity is exact when the expansions are summed to all orders. ✓
   Leading-order approximation for F → dropping higher-order terms.
- It is independent of the regularization (dim. reg., analytic reg., cut-off, infinitesimal masses/off-shellness, ...) as long as all individual terms are well-defined.
- Usually regions & regularization are chosen such that multiple expansions
   F<sup>(x'\_1,...,x'\_n)</sup> (n ≥ 2) are scaleless and vanish.
   [✓ if each F<sup>(x)</sup><sub>0</sub> is a homogeneous function of the expansion parameter with unique scaling.]
- If  $\exists F^{(x'_1, x'_2, ...)} \neq 0 \rightsquigarrow$  relevant overlap contributions ( $\rightarrow$  "zero-bin subtractions"). They appear e.g. when avoiding analytic regularization in SCET. Chiu, Fuhrer, Hoang, Kelley, Manohar '09; ...

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# Numerical Integration

### Finite Integrals (example from $gg \rightarrow ZZ$ )

	Finite	$\epsilon$ Order	Rel Err	Timing (s)
$\frac{4-2\epsilon}{\ldots}$	No	0	$2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	45
$\frac{4-2\epsilon}{2}$	No	0	$4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	63
$6-2\epsilon$	Yes	1	8 · 10 <sup>-6</sup>	60
$6-2\epsilon$	Yes	1	$8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	55
Linear combination (numerator insertion)	Yes	1	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	18 pySecDec + QMC

### Numerical Integration

$$I[f] \equiv \int_{[0,1]^d} d\mathbf{x} \ f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \approx \quad Q[f] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \ f(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

Goal: select points to minimise integration error

$$\varepsilon \equiv |I[f] - Q[f]|$$

### Monte Carlo:

Randomly select sampling points  $\varepsilon \approx \operatorname{Var}[f]/\sqrt{N}, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(N^{-1/2})$ Improves slowly with N

### **Quasi-Monte Carlo**

Select points with low discrepancy  $D_N$   $\varepsilon \leq D_N \cdot \operatorname{Var}[f], \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(\log^d(N)/N)$ Poor performance for large d

Both methods implemented in Cuba Hahn 04; Hahn14



### Quasi-Monte Carlo (Rank 1 Lattices)

### Quasi-Monte Carlo (QMC) in a Weighted Function Space

First applications to loop integrals, see:  $\varepsilon \leq e_{\gamma} \cdot ||f||_{\gamma}, \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$  or better

Li, Wang, Yan, Zhao 15; de Doncker, Almulihi, Yuasa 17, 18; de Doncker, Almulihi 17; Kato, de Doncker, Ishikawa, Yuasa 18

$$I[f] \approx \bar{Q}_{n,m}[f] \equiv \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} Q_n^{(k)}[f], \quad Q_n^{(k)}[f] \equiv \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f\left(\left\{\frac{i\mathbf{z}}{n} + \mathbf{\Delta}_k\right\}\right)$$

- z Generating vec.
- $oldsymbol{\Delta}_k$  Random shift vec.
- $\{\}$  Fractional part
- n # Lattice points
- $m\,$  # Random shifts



Unbiased error estimate computed using (10-50) random shifts

## Weighted Function Spaces

Assign weights  $\gamma_{\mathfrak{u}}$  to each subset of dimensions  $\mathfrak{u} \subseteq \{1, \ldots, d\}$  Review: Dick, Kuo, Sloan 13

### Sobolev Space

Functions with square integrable first derivatives

#### Korobov Space

Periodic functions which are  $\alpha$  times differentiable in each variable

$$\begin{split} \text{Norm} \quad ||f||_{\gamma}^{2} &= \sum_{\mathfrak{u} \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}} \frac{1}{\gamma_{\mathfrak{u}}} \int_{[0,1]^{|\mathfrak{u}|}} \left( \int_{[0,1]^{d-|\mathfrak{u}|}} \frac{\partial^{|\mathfrak{u}|} f(\mathfrak{x})}{\partial \mathfrak{x}_{\mathfrak{u}}} d\mathfrak{x}_{-\mathfrak{u}} \right)^{2} d\mathfrak{x}_{\mathfrak{u}} \\ \text{Worst-case} \\ \text{error} \quad e_{\gamma}^{2} &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\psi(n)} \sum_{\emptyset \neq \mathfrak{u} \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}} \gamma_{\mathfrak{u}}^{\lambda} \left( \frac{2\zeta(2\lambda)}{(2\pi^{2})^{\lambda}} \right)^{|\mathfrak{u}|} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \\ \forall \lambda \in (1/2, 1] \\ \hline \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(n^{-1}) \end{split} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} \in \mathcal{O}(n^{-\alpha}) \end{split} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} = \left( \frac{1}{\psi(n)} \sum_{\emptyset \neq \mathfrak{u} \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}} \gamma_{\mathfrak{u}}^{\lambda} \left( \frac{2\zeta(2\lambda)}{(2\pi^{2})^{\lambda}} \right)^{|\mathfrak{u}|} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} \in (1/2, 1] \\ \hline \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(n^{-\alpha}) \end{split} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} = \left( \frac{1}{\psi(n)} \sum_{\emptyset \neq \mathfrak{u} \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}} \gamma_{\mathfrak{u}}^{\lambda} (2\zeta(2\alpha\lambda))^{|\mathfrak{u}|} \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\lambda} \in (1/2, 1] \\ \hline \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(n^{-\alpha}) \\ \hline \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(n^{-\alpha}) \end{split}$$

Generating vector z precomputed for a **fixed** number of lattice points, chosen to minimise the worst-case error, we use component-by-component (CBC) construction Nuyens 07

In our public code, we distribute lattice rules generated using product weights:  $\gamma_{\mathfrak{u}} = \prod_{i \in \mathfrak{u}} \gamma_i, \ \gamma_i = 1/d$  produced for a Korobov space with  $\alpha = 2$ 78

## Periodising Transforms

Lattice rules work especially well for continuous, smooth and periodic functions Functions can be periodized by a suitable change of variables:  $\mathbf{x} = \phi(\mathbf{u})$ 

$$I[f] \equiv \int_{[0,1]^d} d\mathbf{x} \ f(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{[0,1]^d} d\mathbf{u} \ \omega_d(\mathbf{u}) f(\phi(\mathbf{u}))$$
  
$$\phi(\mathbf{u}) = (\phi(u_1), \dots, \phi(u_d)), \quad \omega_d(\mathbf{u}) = \prod_{j=1}^d \omega(u_j) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega(u) = \phi'(u)$$

Korobov transform: $\omega(u) = 6u(1-u), \quad \phi(u) = 3u^2 - 2u^3$ Sidi transform: $\omega(u) = \pi/2 \sin(\pi u), \quad \phi(u) = 1/2(1 - \cos \pi t)$ Baker transform: $\phi(u) = 1 - |2u - 1|$ 



# Scaling



# qmc: Performance

Accuracy limited by number of function evaluations Can accelerate this using Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)



**Note:** Performance gain highly dependent on integrand & hardware! Still room for further optimisations (both for CPU and GPU)