

# Numerical NLO Calculations for Multi-Jet Production in Electron-Positron Annihilation

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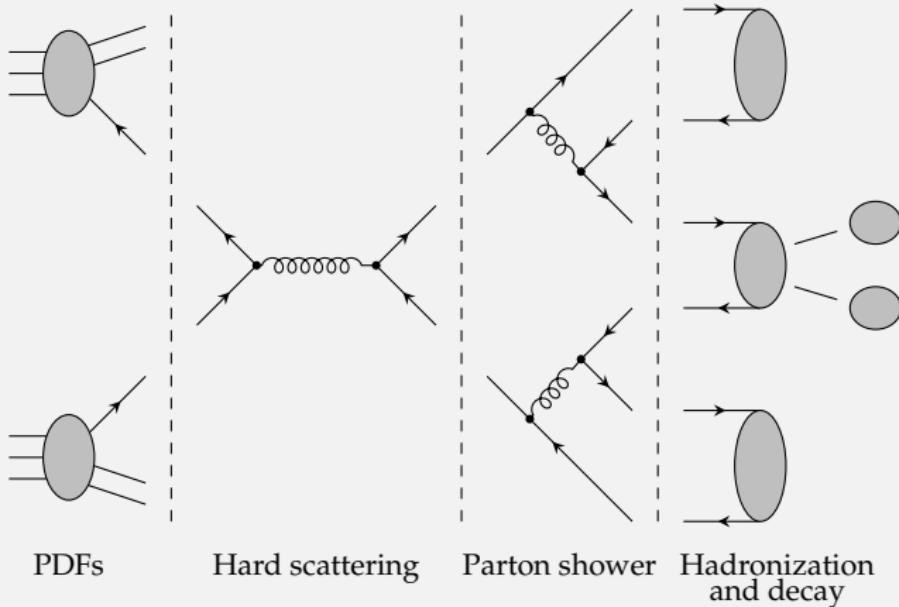
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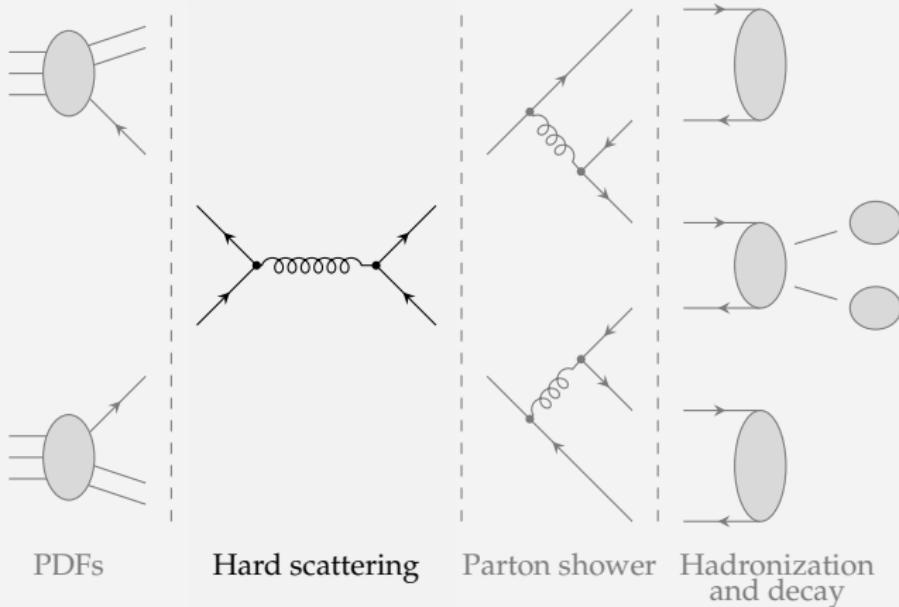


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**LO** : simple, no divergences, use color decomposition & fast Berends-Giele type recursion relations

**NLO** : real and virtual contributions **separately** divergent, sum is finite (KLN theorem)

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- ▶  $d\sigma^A$  approximates soft & collinear singularities of  $d\sigma^R$ .
- ▶  $d\sigma^V$ : IR poles canceled by integrated  $d\sigma^A$ ; **UV finite**

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**Idea:** Introduce subtraction term  $d\sigma^L$  for UV & IR divergences:

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## PART I

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### VIRTUAL SUBTRACTION

Amplitude level:  $d\sigma^V \propto 2 \Re e \left( \mathcal{A}_n^{(0)*} \mathcal{A}_n^{(1)} \right) d\phi_n$

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where  $\mathcal{A}_x^{(1)} = \int \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D} \mathcal{G}_x^{(1)}$ ,  $x = \text{bare, UV, IR}$

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# COMPUTATION OF BARE CONTRIBUTION: $\mathcal{G}_{\text{bare}}^{(1)}$

Computation of amplitudes uses **color decomposition**:

$$\mathcal{A}^{(1)} = \sum_j C_j A_j^{(1)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{G}_{\text{bare}}^{(1)} = \sum_j C_j G_{\text{bare},j}^{(1)}$$

$C_j$ : color factors,  $A_j^{(1)}$ : primitive amplitudes,  $G_j^{(1)}$ : primitive integrand

⇒ formulate method at level of primitive amplitudes

important properties of primitive amplitudes:

- ▶ gauge invariant
- ▶ fixed cyclic ordering of external legs
- ▶ type of each propagator uniquely determined

⇒ use **recursive relations** to compute  $G_{\text{bare},j}^{(1)}$

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One loop recursion for three-valent toy model:

$$C_j = \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \left( \text{Diagram } 1 \right) + \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \left( \text{Diagram } 2 \right) + \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \left( \text{Diagram } 3 \right) + \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \left( \text{Diagram } 4 \right)$$

Diagram 1: A loop with a vertex labeled 1 at the top, and legs labeled 2, 3, ..., n. Diagram 2: A loop with a vertex labeled 1 at the top, and legs labeled 2, ..., j, j+1, ..., n. Diagram 3: A loop with a vertex labeled 1 at the top, and legs labeled 2, ..., j, j+1, ..., n. Diagram 4: A loop with a vertex labeled 1 at the top, and legs labeled 2, 3, ..., n.

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# SUBTRACTION OF IR SINGULARITIES: $G_{\text{IR}}^{(1)}$

Subdivide IR region:  $G_{\text{IR}}^{(1)} = G_{\text{soft}}^{(1)} + G_{\text{coll}}^{(1)}$

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Soft subtraction term:

$$G_{\text{soft}}^{(1)} = i \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_g} \frac{4p_j \cdot p_{j+1}}{k_{j-1}^2 k_j^2 k_{j+1}^2} A_j^{(0)}$$

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Collinear subtraction term:

$$G_{\text{coll}}^{(1)} = -2i \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_g} \left( \frac{S_j g_{\text{UV}}(k_{j-1}^2, k_j^2)}{k_{j-1}^2 k_j^2} + \frac{S_{j+1} g_{\text{UV}}(k_j^2, k_{j+1}^2)}{k_j^2 k_{j+1}^2} \right) A_j^{(0)}$$

$S_j$  : symmetry factors; 1/2 for gluons, 1 for quarks

$g_{\text{UV}}$  : function to ensure there are no UV divergences

↪ Integrate algebraically over loop momentum to obtain  $A_{\text{IR}}^{(1)}$

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# SUBTRACTION OF UV SINGULARITIES: $G_{\text{UV}}^{(1)}$

In QCD, only two- to four-point functions are UV divergent!

**Idea:** compute once and treat them as  
local counter terms to propagator and vertex corrections

⇒ use these in tree-level-like recursion to build  $G_{\text{UV}}^{(1)}$ :

$$\text{Diagram with } \times \text{ symbol} = \sum_{j=2}^{n-1} \left[ \text{Diagram with } \times \text{ at } j, \text{Diagram with } \times \text{ at } j+1 \right]$$

The equation shows a diagram with a crossed propagator (indicated by an 'X') being equated to a sum of diagrams. The first term in the sum is a diagram with an 'X' at vertex  $j$ . The second term is a diagram with an 'X' at vertex  $j+1$ . The third term is a diagram with an asterisk (\*) at vertex  $j$ . The fourth term is a diagram with a circle containing an 'X' at vertex  $j$ .

**Trick:** add finite terms such that integrated term is proportional to pole part,

$$c \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \ln \frac{\mu_{\text{UV}}^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{CT}}^{(1)} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{UV}}^{(1)} \propto \ln \frac{\mu_{\text{UV}}^2}{\mu^2} \times \mathcal{A}^{(0)}$$

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# CONTOUR DEFORMATION

**Summary:** all contributions are now UV & IR finite!

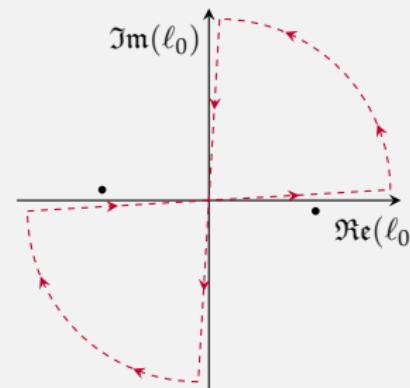
**But:** loop propagators can still go on shell for finite loop momenta...

**Solution:** deform integration contour into complex space!

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Simplest example: **Wick rotation** for tadpole

$$\int \frac{d^4\ell}{\ell^2 - m^2 + i\varepsilon}$$



Need sophisticated method for more complicated diagrams!

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Loop integrand after subtraction:

$$\int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} (G_{\text{bare}}^{(1)} - G_{\text{IR}}^{(1)} - G_{\text{UV}}^{(1)}) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{R(k)}{\prod_{j=0}^{n-2} (k_j^2 - m_j^2)}$$

$R(k)$ : rational function; no relevant poles!

Direct deformation: choose loop momentum  $\mathbf{k} = \tilde{\mathbf{k}} + i\kappa(\tilde{\mathbf{k}})$   $\Rightarrow$

$$\int \frac{d^4\tilde{k}}{(2\pi)^4} \left| \frac{\partial k^\mu}{\partial \tilde{k}^\nu} \right| \frac{R(k(\tilde{k}))}{\prod_{j=0}^{n-2} (\tilde{k}_j^2 - m_j^2 - \kappa^2 + 2i\tilde{k}_j \cdot \kappa)}$$

Match Feynman's  $i\epsilon$  prescription  $\Rightarrow$  choose direction of  $\kappa$  such that:

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Simple to find formally correct deformation, but we seek:

- ▶ process-independent algorithm
- ▶ small Monte Carlo integration error

Error depends strongly on choice of  $\kappa$ !

Available for both massless [1] and massive [2] case!

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## PART II

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## RESULTS

# COMPARISON WITH ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Durham jet algorithm:

$$y_{ij} = \frac{2 \min(E_i^2, E_j^2) (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})}{Q^2}$$

Jet rate definition:

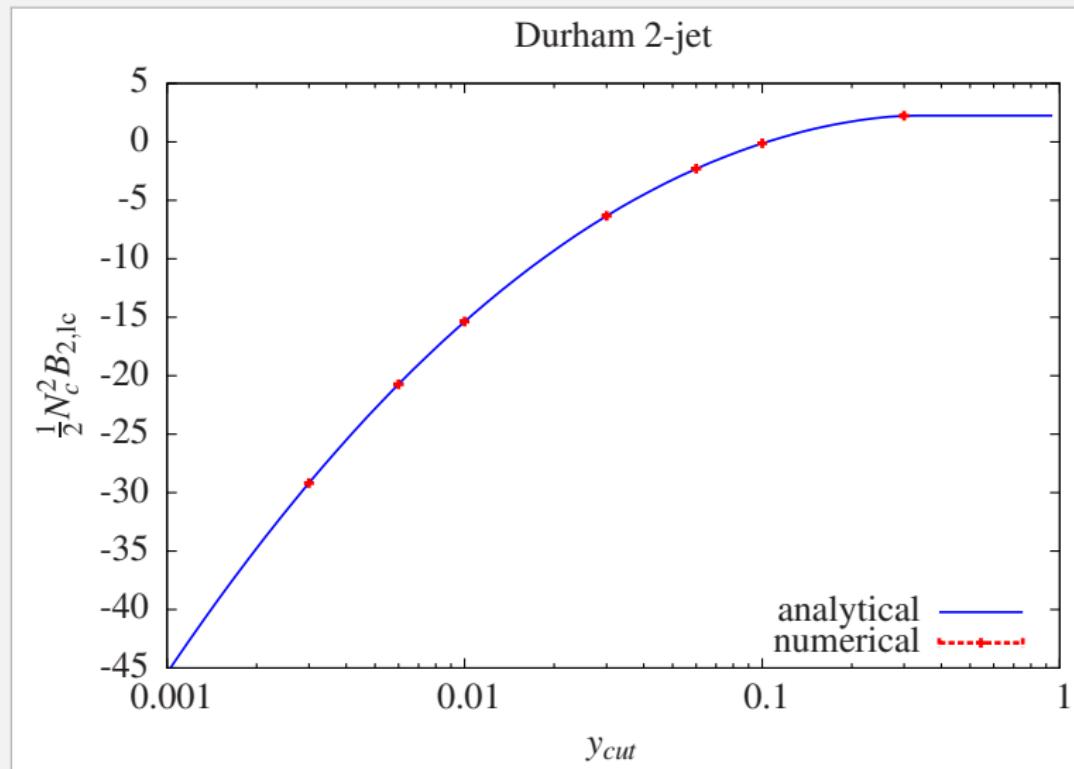
$$R_n(\mu) = \frac{\sigma_{n\text{-jet}}^{\text{excl}}(\mu)}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\mu)}$$

We take  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  to leading order in  $\alpha_s$ :

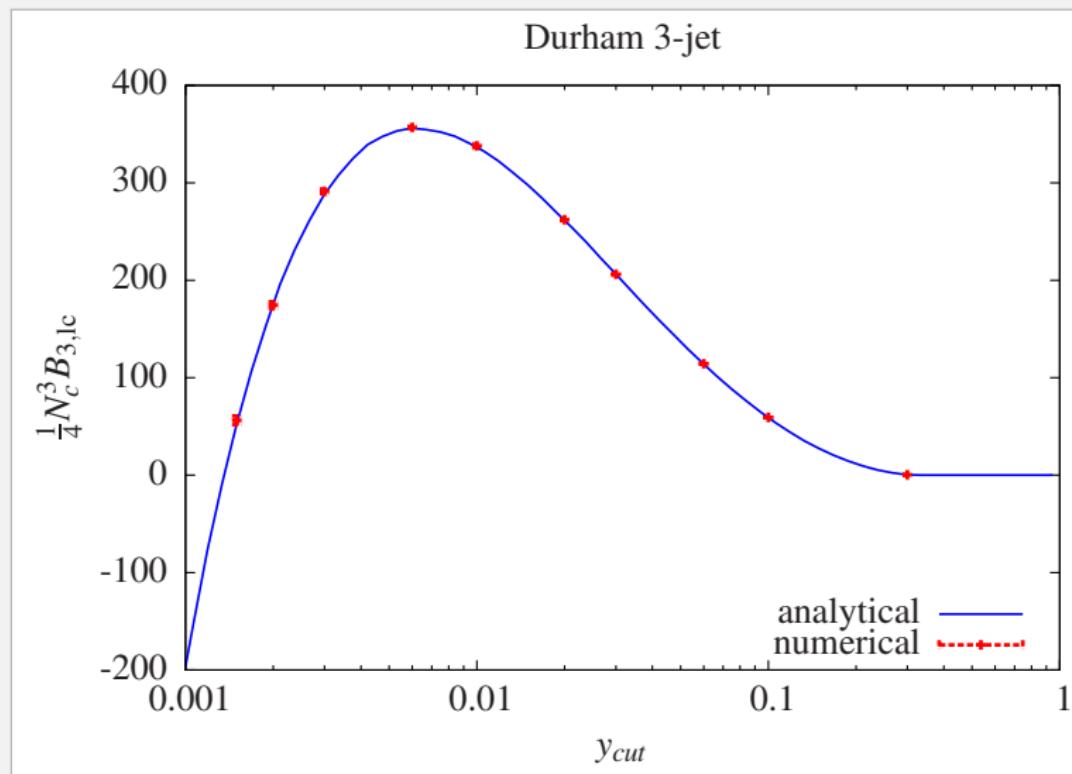
$$\frac{\sigma_{n\text{-jet}}^{\text{excl}}(\mu)}{\sigma_{2\text{-jet}}^{\text{LO}}(\mu)} = \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \right)^{n-2} A_n(\mu) + \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \right)^{n-1} B_n(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^n)$$

At the moment: massless, only leading color (large  $N_c$  limit)

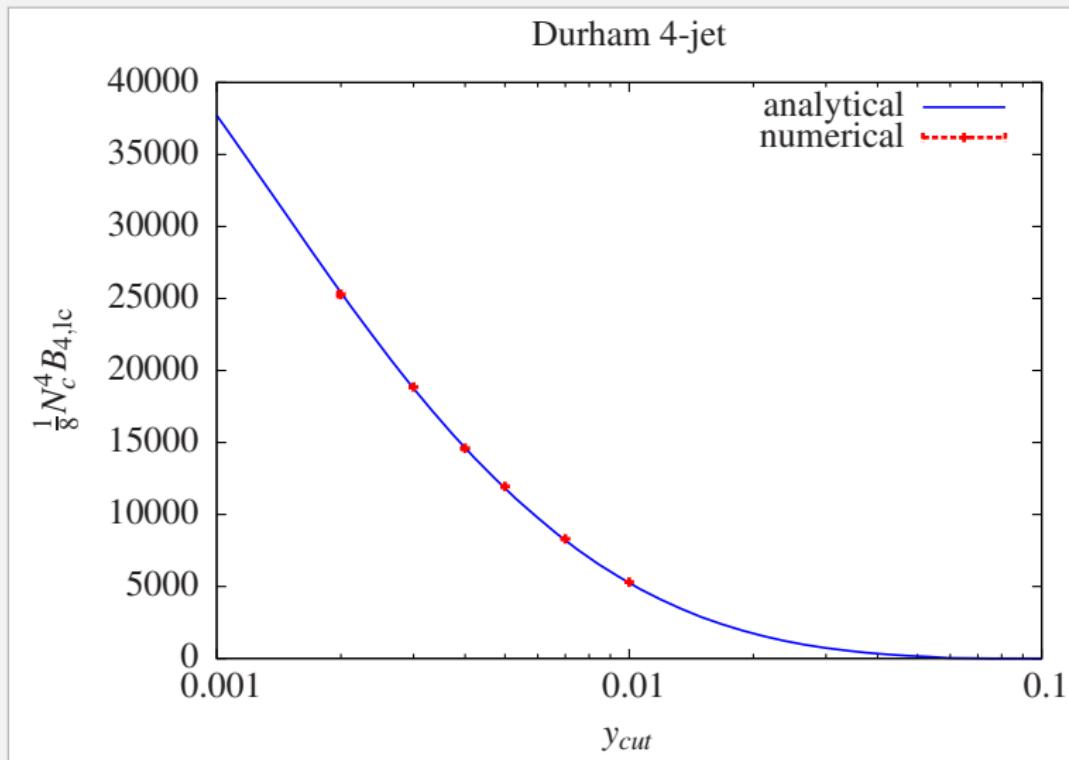
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# NEW RESULTS AND COMPUTATION TIME

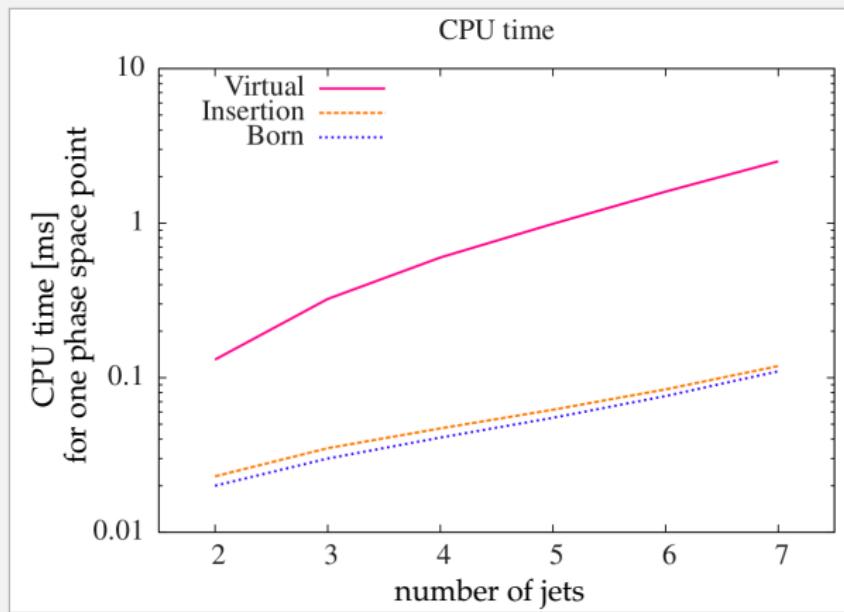
$e^+e^- \rightarrow 5, 6, 7 \text{ JETS}$

$n$	$y_{\text{cut}}$	$\frac{N_c^n}{2^{n-1}} B_{n,\text{lc}}$
5	0.002	$(4.275 \pm 0.006) \times 10^5$
	0.001	$(1.050 \pm 0.026) \times 10^6$
	0.0006	$(1.84 \pm 0.15) \times 10^6$
6	0.001	$(1.46 \pm 0.04) \times 10^7$
	0.0006	$(3.88 \pm 0.18) \times 10^7$
7	0.0006	$(5.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^8$

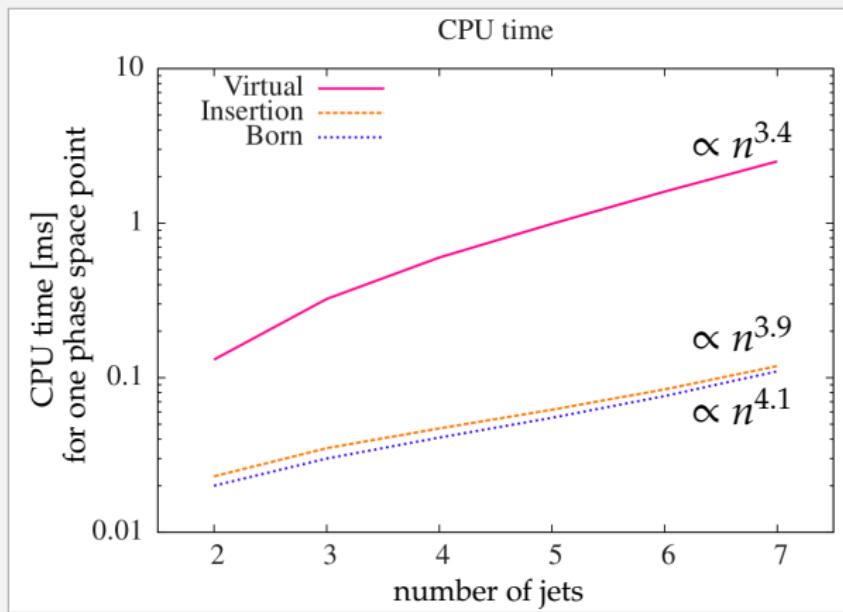
Computation time for 7 jets:

$\sim 5$  days on a cluster with  $\sim 200$  cores.

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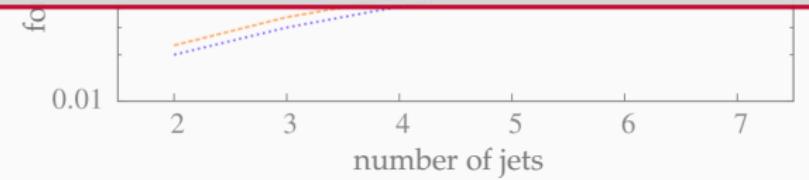
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## PART III

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### RANDOM POLARIZATIONS

Our method is based on **helicity amplitudes**  $\Rightarrow$  each PS point involves computation of  $2^n$  squared amplitudes:

$$\sigma \propto \int d\phi |\mathcal{A}|^2 = \int d\phi \underbrace{\sum_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n} |\mathcal{A}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)|^2}_{2^n \text{ terms}}$$

**Example:**  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 7$  jets has  $2^9 = 512$  helicity amplitudes!

Can reduce this number:

- ▶ parity conservation,
- ▶ vanishing helicity amplitudes (e.g. Parke-Taylor),
- ▶ memorize subcurrents with equal helicities

**But:** we want to reduce this number to **one helicity amplitude!**

# RANDOM POLARIZATIONS

Replace discrete polarizations  $\epsilon_{\pm}^{\mu}$  with  $\epsilon^{\mu}(\theta) = e^{i\theta}\epsilon_+^{\mu} + e^{-i\theta}\epsilon_-^{\mu}$

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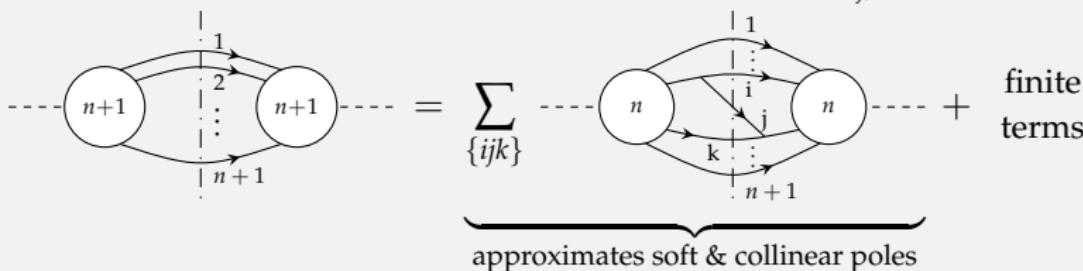
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- ⇒ replace summation by integration; combine with PS by increasing integration dimension!  
(note: Monte Carlo error is **independent of dimension**)
- ⇒ works similarly for fermion spinors (also massive!)
- ⇒ works without modification for Born, virtual and insertion terms, but **not for real subtraction!**

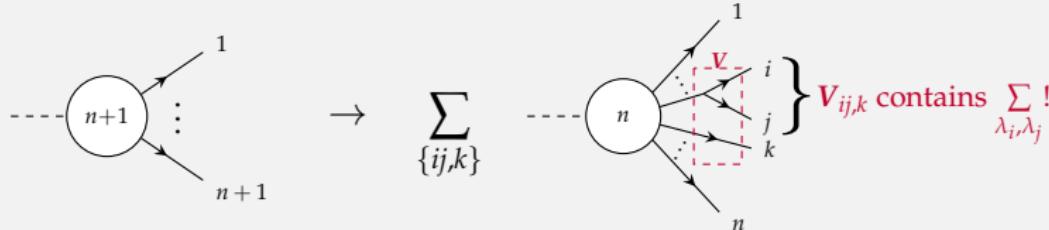
# REAL SUBTRACTION: DIPOLE FORMALISM

formulated at level of squared, *helicity summed* amplitudes.

External-leg insertion rule:  $|\mathcal{A}_{n+1}|^2 \rightarrow |\mathcal{A}_n|^2 \otimes V_{ij,k}$



Factorization in dipole formalism:



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Recall:

$$\epsilon^\mu(\theta)(\epsilon^\nu(\theta))^* = \underbrace{\sum_{\lambda=\pm} \epsilon_\lambda^\mu (\epsilon_\lambda^\nu)^*}_{\text{helicity summed result}} + \underbrace{e^{2i\theta} \epsilon_+^\mu (\epsilon_-^\nu)^* + e^{-2i\theta} \epsilon_-^\mu (\epsilon_+^\nu)^*}_{\text{new terms depending on helicity angles}}$$

New total  $V_{ij,k}^{\text{tot}}$  will have similar structure:

$$V_{ij,k}^{\text{tot}} = \underbrace{V_{ij,k}}_{\substack{\text{old term} \\ (\text{e.g. Dipole})}} + \underbrace{\tilde{V}_{ij,k}(\theta_i, \theta_j)}_{\substack{\text{new helicity} \\ \text{mixing term}}}$$

# SUBTRACTION FOR RANDOM POLARIZATIONS?

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$$11 \cdot \dots$$

**Idea:** use known real subtraction method, add additional subtraction term  $d\sigma^{\tilde{A}}$  only for helicity mixing terms:

Instead of discrete polarizations, insert random polarizations.

$$\text{Re} \int \sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int_{n+1} \left[ d\sigma^R - \left( d\sigma^A + d\sigma^{\tilde{A}} \right) \right] + \int_n \left[ d\sigma^V + \int_1 d\sigma^A \right]$$

**Advantage:** no new integrated subtraction term, since helicity mixing terms vanish upon integration:

$$\text{New total } V_{ij}^{\text{tot}} \text{ will have } \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_i \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta_j d\sigma^{\tilde{A}} = 0$$

(e.g. Dipole)

mixing term

# COMPUTATION OF $d\sigma^{\tilde{A}}$

We need only helicity mixing terms  $\Rightarrow$  define operator  $\mathcal{R}$

$$\mathcal{R}f(\theta_i, \theta_j) \equiv f(\theta_i, \theta_j) - \sum_{\lambda_i, \lambda_j} f(\lambda_i, \lambda_j)$$

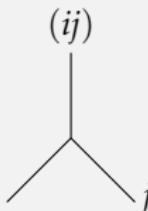
Then, symbolically:

$$d\sigma^{\tilde{A}} = \sum_{i,j} \sum_{k \neq i,j} \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_{ij,k} + \dots$$

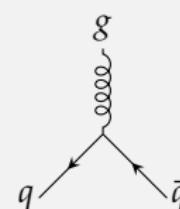
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# REAL SUBTRACTION WITH RANDOM POLARIZATIONS

## CONCLUSION

- ▶ Previous slides: brief introduction into final-state emitter and spectator; using crossing symmetry one can easily derive other three cases (final-initial, initial-final, initial-initial)  
→ see publication below!
- ▶ all formulas valid for massive case, too; for massive quarks, we need different momentum parametrizations for emitter and spectators  
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- ▶ final-final state method for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{jets}$  is currently being implemented, we expect results very soon!

# SUMMARY

- ▶ Our approach to numerical NLO computations extends the subtraction method to the virtual corrections, consists of:
  - ▶ local subtraction terms approximating UV & IR poles,
  - ▶ method for deforming the integration contour to avoid divergences from on-shell loop propagators
- ▶ current results include  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 6$  and 7 jets (massless) in leading color approximation (large  $N_c$  limit)
- ▶ very moderate growth in computation time ( $\propto n^4$ )
- ▶ newest development: new real subtraction terms for random polarizations

Outlook:

- ▶ extension to proton-proton collisions (LHC physics)
- ▶ inclusion of full color information

# Backup Slides

# COMPUTATION OF $d\sigma^{\tilde{A}}$

We need only helicity mixing terms  $\Rightarrow$  define operator  $\mathcal{R}$

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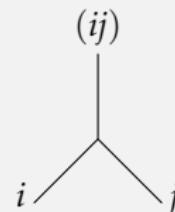
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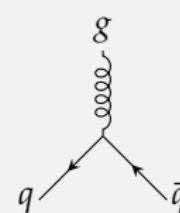
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# DERIVATION OF $\tilde{V}_{ij,k}$

Soft limit:

$$\lim_{p_j \rightarrow 0} \left| \mathcal{A}_{n+1}^{(0)} \right|^2 = 4\pi\alpha_s \mu^{2\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i}}^n (\mathcal{A}_n^{(0)})^* \mathbf{T}_j \cdot \mathbf{T}_k S_{ij,k}(\epsilon_j) \mathcal{A}_n^{(0)}$$

$$S_{ij,k}(\epsilon_j) = \frac{(p_i \cdot \epsilon_j^*) (p_i \cdot \epsilon_j)}{(p_i \cdot p_j)^2} - \frac{(p_i \cdot \epsilon_j^*) (p_k \cdot \epsilon_j) + (p_k \cdot \epsilon_j^*) (p_i \cdot \epsilon_j)}{(p_i \cdot p_j) (p_i \cdot p_j + p_j \cdot p_k)}$$

Collinear limit (example for splitting  $q \rightarrow qg$ ):

$$\lim_{p_i \parallel p_j} \left| \mathcal{A}_{n+1}^{(0)} \right|^2 = 4\pi\alpha_s \mu^{2\epsilon} (\mathcal{A}_n^{(0)})^{\alpha*} \mathbf{T}_{q \rightarrow qg} [P_{q \rightarrow qg}(p, p_i, p_j, h_i, h_j)]_{\alpha\beta} (\mathcal{A}_n^{(0)})^\beta$$

$$[P_{q \rightarrow qg}(p, p_i, p_j, h_i, h_j)]_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{\lambda, \lambda'} u_\alpha^\lambda(p) \text{Split}^{\lambda*} \text{Split}^{\lambda'} \bar{u}_\beta^{\lambda'}(p),$$

$$\text{Split}^\lambda = \frac{1}{(p_i + p_j)^2 - m_{ij}^2} \bar{u}(p_i) \gamma^\mu u^\lambda(p) \epsilon_\mu(p_j)$$

Soft limit of collinear limit is identical to collinear limit of soft limit  $\Rightarrow$  define

$$[S_{q \rightarrow qg}(p, p_i, p_j, p_k, h_i, h_j)]_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{(p_i \cdot \epsilon_j^*) (p_k \cdot \epsilon_j) + (p_k \cdot \epsilon_j^*) (p_i \cdot \epsilon_j)}{(p_i \cdot p_j) (p_i \cdot p_j + p_j \cdot p_k)} u_\alpha(p_i) \bar{u}_\beta(p_i)$$