Higher-Order Calculations

Fixed-Order Corrections to Jet Processes

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Higgs Properties

Is the boson found The Higgs Boson?





Measurements so far are consistent with the expectations in the SM

The Standard Model Lagrangian

A theory based on the $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ gauge group and the matter content:



$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} = \mathcal{L}_{YM} + \mathcal{L}_D + \mathcal{L}_H + \mathcal{L}_{Yuk}$$

Where: $\mathcal{L}_{YM} = \mathcal{L}_{QCD} + \mathcal{L}_{I_w} + \mathcal{L}_Y$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{a=1}^{8} G^{a}_{\mu\nu} G^{a\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^{3} F^{i}_{\mu\nu} F^{i\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

and for the fermions (no explicit mass term included):

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \Sigma_f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \mathcal{D}_\mu \psi_f$$

At this level this simple model has only three parameters

But EW gauge bosons are massive and explicit mass terms are not gauge invariant!!

The Higgs Sector

EW SSB is achieved by adding complex scalar doublet:

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with $\mathcal{L}_H =$

$$(\mathcal{D}_{\mu}H)^{\dagger}(\mathcal{D}^{\mu}H) - (\mu^{2}H^{\dagger}H + \lambda(H^{\dagger}H)^{2})$$



Yukawa Hff terms can economically generate masses for chiral fermions!

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} \sim -\lambda_d \overline{\mathbf{Q}}_L H \mathbf{d}_R + h.c. \quad \rightarrow \quad m_d = \frac{\lambda_d v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

No masses for neutrinos have been considered, usually regarded as BSM!

The Standard Model Parameters

In all the SM have 19 free parameters!

Gauge couplings	3	Determine relative strength of forces
Higgs parameters	2	Higgs mass and quartic coupling
Fermion masses	9	After EWSSB generated from the Yukawa couplings
CKM parameters	3+1	Quark mixing angles and CP phase
QCD $ heta$	1	Related to the QCD vacuum structure and the so called Strong CP problem

Observables and Parameter Fits

Choose a set $\{O_i^{\text{expt}}\}$ of observables measured and compute $\{O_i^{\text{th}}(\theta)\}$, where θ is a subset of SM parameters. Then minimize the χ^2 function:

$$\chi^2(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_i \frac{(\mathcal{O}_i^{\text{expt}} - \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{th}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^2}{(\Delta \mathcal{O}_i^{\text{expt}})^2}$$

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With very precise measurements from α , G_F and m_Z we get (tree level) predictions for m_W and $\Gamma_{l^+l^-}$!

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$\overline{M_H \; [\text{GeV}]^{(\circ)}}$	125.14 ± 0.24	yes
M_W [GeV]	80.385 ± 0.015	_
Γ_W [GeV]	2.085 ± 0.042	_
\overline{m}_c [GeV]	$1.27 {}^{+0.07}_{-0.11}$	yes
$\overline{m}_b [\text{GeV}]$	$4.20_{-0.07}^{+0.17}$	yes
$m_t \; [\text{GeV}]$	173.34 ± 0.76	yes
$\Delta \alpha_{had}^{(5)} (M_Z^2)^{(\dagger \bigtriangleup)}$	2757 ± 10	yes
$\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$	-	yes

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M_Z [GeV]	91.1875 ± 0.0021	yes
Γ_Z [GeV]	2.4952 ± 0.0023	-
$\sigma_{\rm had}^0$ [nb]	41.540 ± 0.037	_
R^0_ℓ	20.767 ± 0.025	-
$A_{\rm FB}^{0,\ell}$	0.0171 ± 0.0010	_
$A_\ell (\star)$	0.1499 ± 0.0018	-
$\sin^2 \theta_{\rm eff}^{\ell}(Q_{\rm FB})$	0.2324 ± 0.0012	-
A_c	0.670 ± 0.027	_
A_b	0.923 ± 0.020	-
$A^{0,c}_{FB}$	0.0707 ± 0.0035	_
$A_{\rm FB}^{0,b}$	0.0992 ± 0.0016	_
R_c^0	0.1721 ± 0.0030	_
R_b^0	0.21629 ± 0.00066	-

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Global Fits of SM Parameters

- Comparison of results in terms of corresponding uncertainty
- Indirect determination removes direct measurement constrain
- Good description of all observables
- Largest deviation observed in bottom forward-backward asymmetry

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The $\chi^2_{\rm min}$ obtained in the fit is 18.2 for a total of 14 d.o.f.

Full Power of SM at Hadron Colliders



- Summary plot of SM cross sections
- Impressive agreement between theory and experiment
- Smallest cross section from W[±]W[±] + 2 jets
- Similar results from CMS



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Very Precise: (N)NNLO QCD Recent Progress

Higgs production (ggH)	N3LO QCD (2015)	Anastasiou, Duhr, Dulat, Furlan, Herzog, Gehrmann, Lazopoulos, Mistlberger
W^+W^-	NNLO QCD (2014)	Gehrmann, Grazzini, Kallweit, Maierhfer, von Manteuffel, Pozzorini, Rathlev, Tancreedi
W+ Jet	NNLO QCD (2015)	Boughezal, Focke, Liu, Petriello
H+1 Jet	NNLO QCD (2015)	Boughezal, Caola, Melnikov, Petriello, Schulze
Z+1 Jet	NNLO QCD (2015)	Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Morgan

And much more!

This Lecture

INTRODUCTION The SM Global Fit, LHC Observables, Recent progress in pQCD

FACTORIZATION FOR HADRONIC XS's PDF/Hard XS/Fragmentation, Perturbations, Interference Diags, $\delta\sigma^{(N)NLO}$

QCD TREE LEVEL FACTORIZATION Collinear and Soft Limits, Dim Reg, General Expressions

2) SUBTRACTION METHODS

NLO algorithms, Tools, NNLO state of the art \rightarrow (de Florian)

3) DISSECTING HIGHER ORDERS KLN Theorem, Scales, Numerical Stabilities \rightarrow (Kosower)

4) HANDS ON LAB SESSION Computing observables at NLO in automated frameworks!

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Partonic Cross Section in Perturbation Theory

$$\hat{\sigma}(\alpha_s, \mu_F, \mu_R) = [\alpha_s(\mu_R)]^{n_\alpha} \left[\hat{\sigma}^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \hat{\sigma}^{(1)}(\mu_F, \mu_R) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^2 \hat{\sigma}^{(2)}(\mu_F, \mu_R) + \cdots \right]$$

LO NLO NNLO

Problem: Leading-order, tree-level predictions only qualitative

due to **poor convergence** of expansion in $\alpha_s(\mu)$ (setting $\mu_R = \mu_F = \mu$) Example: Z production at Tevatron Distribution in rapidity Y $Y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}\right)$ $\frac{d\sigma}{dY} \quad \text{has} \quad n_\alpha = 0$

still ~50% corrections, LO → NLO





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Producing X via a $\bar{q}g$ channel

Suppose you are studying some production channels of your preferred signal X



Start for computing the born level cross section, and then ask

how can I get extra radiation on on top of X?

Start with adding a gluon!

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ corrections to your signal
- Part of the *real* NLO corrections



Extra gluon emission $\bar{q}g \rightarrow X + g$

Pay attention to the diagrams in which the extra gluon couples to the external \bar{q} line:



In the square of the amplitude we then find:

$$|\mathcal{A}_{\bar{q}g \to g+X}|^2 = \sum_i |D_i|^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} D_i^{\dagger} D_j + \cdots$$
 (1)

Notice that the propagator leading to the vertex that couples g and \bar{q} in diagram D_j leads to a term like (we set $m_{\bar{q}} = 0$ for now!): $(-p_{\bar{q}} + p_g + p_{X'_i})^2$

And so in Eq. 1 we find a potential divergent terms of the form $1/(2p_{ar q}\cdot p_g)^2!$

Exploring Singularities of QCD Tree Amplitudes

These (most) singular terms come in $|\mathcal{A}_{\bar{q}g \rightarrow g+X}|^2$ from the square of the set of diagrams (let's call them D_1):



First:

$$D_{1} = g_{s} t^{a} \bar{v}(p_{\bar{q}}) \gamma_{\mu} \frac{\not{p}_{g} - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}}{(p_{g} - p_{\bar{q}})^{2}} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \epsilon^{\mu *}$$
(2)

In the matrix element square, we need to deal with the sum over polarizations of the g. We introduce a light-like vector n^{μ} with $n \cdot p_g \neq 0$ and write:

$$\sum_{\text{polarizations}} \epsilon^{\mu*} \epsilon^{\nu} = -g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{p_g^{\mu} n^{\nu} + p_g^{\nu} n^{\mu}}{p_g \cdot n}$$
(3)

Exploring Singularities of QCD Tree Amplitudes

And then, in a sum over initial and final states degrees of freedom, we find:

$$\sum |D_1|^2 = g_s^2 C_F$$

$$\operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X}^{\dagger} \frac{\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}}{(p_g - p_{\bar{q}})^2} \left[\gamma_{\nu} \not{p}_{\bar{q}} \gamma_{\mu} \right] \frac{\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}}{(p_g - p_{\bar{q}})^2} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \right\}$$

$$\left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{p_g^{\mu} n^{\nu} + p_g^{\nu} n^{\mu}}{p_g \cdot n} \right)$$

$$= g_s^2 C_F$$

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$$\frac{\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}}{(p_g - p_{\bar{q}})^2} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \right\}$$

$$(4)$$

Employing identities for Dirac's γ matrices (like $\{\gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_{\nu}\} = 2g_{\mu\nu}$, $\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}\gamma_{\mu} = -2\gamma^{\nu}$, etc) we obtain the compact expression:

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$$\sum |D_1|^2 = g_s^2 C_F \frac{2}{(2p_{\bar{q}} \cdot p_g)^2 (n \cdot p_g)} \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X}^{\dagger} (\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}) \right. \\ \left. \left[(n \cdot p_{\bar{q}}) \not{p}_g + (p_{\bar{q}} \cdot p_g) \not{p} \right] (\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}) \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \right\} \\ = g_s^2 C_F \frac{2}{(2p_{\bar{q}} \cdot p_g) (n \cdot p_g)} \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X}^{\dagger} \right\} \\ \left[(n \cdot p_{\bar{q}}) \not{p}_{\bar{q}} + n \cdot (p_g - p_{\bar{q}}) (\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}) + (p_{\bar{q}} \cdot p_g) \not{p} \right] \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \right\}$$

$$(5)$$

Here it comes the crucial step!

If we explore the regions were our diagrams diverge (i.e. were $(2p_{\bar{q}} \cdot p_g) \rightarrow 0$), this occurs either because g is *soft* or because g turns *collinear* to \bar{q} !

Collinear Singularities in QCD

Characterize the collinear region with the help of the *Sudakov* parameterization (k_{\perp} is a space-like vector \perp to both p_g and $p_{\bar{q}}$):

$$p_g = (1 - z)p_{\bar{q}} + \beta n^{\mu} - k_{\perp}^{\mu}$$
(6)

where picking $\beta = -k_{\perp}^2/(2(1-z)(n\cdot p_{\bar{q}}))$ ensures $p_g^2 = 0$.

We are going to let k_{\perp} go to zero, and with it have a measure of how collinear is our configuration! We get:

$$\sum |D_1|^2 = g_s^2 C_F \frac{2}{(2p_{\bar{q}} \cdot p_g)(n \cdot p_g)} \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X}^{\dagger} \left[\frac{(n \cdot p_g)}{(1-z)} \not{p}_{\bar{q}} - \frac{(p_g \cdot n)z}{(1-z)} (\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}) - \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2(p_g \cdot n)} \not{p} \right] \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \right\}$$

$$(7)$$

Collinear Singularities in QCD

Now, with the use of the simple identity:

$$p\!\!\!/_{\bar{q}} = \frac{1}{z} \left(-(p\!\!\!/_g - p\!\!\!/_{\bar{q}}) - p\!\!\!/_{\perp} - \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2(1-z)(n \cdot p_{\bar{q}})} p\!\!\!/_{\perp} \right)$$

we find:

$$\sum |D_1|^2 = 2g_s^2 C_F \frac{-1}{k_\perp^2} \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X}^{\dagger} \left[(-\frac{1}{z} - z)(\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}) + \mathcal{O}(k_\perp^2) \right] \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \right\}$$
(8)

And notice that in the collinear limit (k_{\perp}^2 going to zero), the singular piece approximates the full amplitude square:

$$\sum |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{q}g \to g+X}|^2 \stackrel{k_{\perp}^2 \to 0}{\approx} \sum |D_1|^2 \tag{9}$$

Collinear Singularities in QCD

And then we encounter an interesting relation!

$$\sum |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{q}g \to g+X}|^2 \stackrel{k_{\perp}^2 \to 0}{\approx} 2g_s^2 C_F \frac{-1}{k_{\perp}^2} \frac{1+z^2}{z} \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \mathcal{A}_{\bar{q}g \to X}^{\dagger}(\not{p}_g - \not{p}_{\bar{q}}) \mathcal{A}_{\bar{q}g \to X} \right\}$$
$$= 2g_s^2 C_F \left(-\frac{1}{k_{\perp}^2} \right) \frac{1+z^2}{z} \sum |\mathcal{A}_{\bar{q}g \to X}|^2 \tag{10}$$

Now suppose that you are interested in the behavior of the differential cross section around the collinear limit. Notice that you can factorize the Lorentz Invariant Phase-Space of the collinear gluon like:

$$\frac{d^3 p_g}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_g} \stackrel{k_\perp^2 \to 0}{\approx} \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{dz}{(1-z)} d(-k_\perp^2) \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{dz}{(1-z)} d(-k_\perp^2) \tag{11}$$

Where in the last step we integrated the azimuthal angle.

Collinear Factorization in QCD

We arrive to this important *collinear* relation:

$$d\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{q}g \to g+X} \stackrel{k_{\perp}^2 \to 0}{\approx} \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \underbrace{\frac{1+z^2}{1-z}}_{\tilde{P}_{qq}(z)} d\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{q}g \to X}$$
(12)

- ► The function P_{qq}(z) is associated to the so called Altarelli-Parisi splitting function for a q to turn into a collinear q (and a g).
- ▶ Notice that as written, $\tilde{P}_{qq}(z)$ has a divergence for $z \rightarrow 1$, which is actually associated with a *soft* divergence.
- This is commonly regulated in order to avoid double counting when soft divergences are treated separately.

Collinear Factorization in QCD

We have found a picture of the factorization of our process $\bar{q}g \rightarrow g + X$ when the g goes collinear with the \bar{q} like:



Comments

- ► If g goes collinear with the initial state gluon we find a similar result. Also for any other colored parton in the final state an associated relation is found.
- ► In such cases corresponding *Splitting functions appear*.
- ► Notice that integration over dk²_⊥/k²_⊥ is divergent, so there is need of a regularization procedure!

Mass regularization of Collinear Divergences

Consider a collinear splitting $g \to q'\bar{q}'$, and suppose the quarks q' have a mass m > 0. In such situation one finds that, up to powers of m^2 , the singular transverse integral changes according to:

$$\frac{d|k_{\perp}^2|}{|k_{\perp}^2|} \xrightarrow{m>0} \frac{d|k_{\perp}^2|}{|k_{\perp}^2| + m^2}$$
(13)

Which then allows to integrate down to $k_{\perp}^2 = 0$, returning a $\log(Q^2/m^2)$ (Q^2 some large scale).

- ► The divergence is now explicit in the log of the (small) mass.
- Although a useful regularization procedure for collinear divergences with quark masses, we can't do the proper with gluon masses (as we would explicitly break gauge invariance).
- ► If the quark mass is of relevance for your studies (e.g. certain b quark studies) large logarithms might be present!
- ► Soft divergences are not regularized by *m*.

The $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$ Trick

A way to regularize divergences in gauge theories is the procedure called *Dimensional Regularization*. Preservation of gauge invariance, regularization of both soft and collinear divergences (and also UV!), extraction of divergences as poles in a Laurent series, are some of the properties that makes it a standard in perturbative calculation in gauge theories!

A simple idea...

Volume Integrals in d Dimensions

But how to get a grasp of continuous dimensions? (Most of the time) Just don't!

Recursive (d-1) Solid Angle Calculation

•
$$d = 2 \Rightarrow \int d\Omega_1 = \int d\phi = 2\pi$$
, polar coordinates in $I\!R^2$

•
$$d = 3 \Rightarrow \int d\Omega_2 = \int d\phi \sin(\theta) d\theta = 4\pi$$
, spherical coord in \mathbb{R}^3

•
$$d = 4 \Rightarrow \int d\Omega_3 = \int d\phi \sin(\theta') d\theta' \sin^2(\theta) d\theta = 2\pi^2$$

•
$$d \Rightarrow \int d\Omega_{d-1} = \int d\Omega_{d-2} \sin^{d-2}(\theta) d\theta = 2\pi^{d/2} / \Gamma(d/2)$$

- ► The space dimension is then a parameter in your calculation and amplitudes become a Laurent series in e
- By the KLN theorem, ϵ poles will cancel off phys. observables
- ► To keep integral dimensions correctly, one introduces a dimensionful parameter μ, the *regularization scale* (which gets identified with μ_r and μ_f), d⁴p → μ^{2ε}d^{d=4-2ε}p

Spitting Functions in Dimensional Regularization

We can then go ahead and revisit our collinear factorization in d dimensions. We would find a similar picture, with the leading order, d dimensional, massless, unregulated, averaged over polarizations Splitting functions $\hat{P}_{ij}(z)$ for the spitting process $i \rightarrow jk$:

Altarelli-Parisi Splitting Functions

•
$$\hat{P}_{qq}(z) = C_F \left(\frac{1+z^2}{1-z} - (1-z)\epsilon \right)$$

• $\hat{P}_{qg}(z) = C_F \left(\frac{1+(1-z)^2}{z} - (z)\epsilon \right)$
• $\hat{P}_{gq}(z) = T_R \left(1 - \frac{2z(1-z)}{1-\epsilon} \right)$
• $\hat{P}_{gg}(z) = C_A \left(\frac{z}{1-z} + \frac{1-z}{z} + z(1-z) \right)$

QCD General Factorization in Soft and Collinear Limits

Some of the most important properties for tree level QCD amplitudes are indeed their factorizing behavior when soft and collinear limits are taken. We are ready to enunciate these relations (and you can prove them before the discussion session!)

- ▶ For a process like $a(p_a) + b(p_b) \rightarrow i_1(p_1) + \dots + i_n(p_n)$ we write the QCD tree level amplitude like $\mathcal{A}(\{c_a, s_a, p_a\}, \{c_b, s_b, p_b\}; \{c_1, s_1, p_1\}, \dots, \{c_n, s_n, p_n\}) \equiv \mathcal{A}_{2,n}$
- ► Construct a ket |a, b; 1, · · · , n⟩_{2,n} in color and spin space such that the coefficient of a given element in color and spin space |{c_a, s_a}, {c_b, s_b}; {c₁, s₁}, · · · , {c_n, s_n}⟩ would be this amplitude
- With this notation you get the relation:

$$\sum_{\text{colors,spins}} |\mathcal{A}_{2,n}|^2 = {}_{2,n} \langle a, b; 1, \cdots, n | a, b; 1, \cdots, n \rangle_{2,n}$$

Collinear Limits

Consider the final state splitting $(ij) \rightarrow ij$. Employing the Sudakov parameterization:

$$p_i^{\mu} = z p^{\mu} + k_{\perp}^{\mu} - \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2zp \cdot n} n^{\mu}, \quad p_j^{\mu} = (1-z) p^{\mu} - k_{\perp}^{\mu} - \frac{k_{\perp}^2}{2(1-z)p \cdot n} n^{\mu}$$

We can then generalize our previous collinear relation to:

$${}_{2,\boldsymbol{n+1}}\langle a,b;1,\cdots,n+1|a,b;1,\cdots,n+1\rangle_{2,\boldsymbol{n+1}}\overset{k_{\perp}^{2}\rightarrow 0}{\rightarrow}$$

$$\frac{4\pi\mu^{2\epsilon}\alpha_s}{p_i \cdot p_j} _{2,\boldsymbol{n}} \Big\langle a, b; \underbrace{1, \cdots, n+1}_{i, j \text{ replaced by}(ij)} \Big| \hat{P}_{(ij),i}(z, k_\perp, \epsilon) \Big| a, b; \underbrace{1, \cdots, n+1}_{i, j \text{ replaced by}(ij)} \Big\rangle_{2,\boldsymbol{n}}$$

Here $\hat{P}_{(ij),i}(z, k_{\perp}, \epsilon)$ can in general be polarization dependent (*spin correlations!*). If the splitting parton was in the initial state, we reproduce our previous result (with the extra 1/z factor).

Soft Limits in QCD

Soft divergences appear when a final state gluon momenta goes to zero. Let's introduce a dimensionless parameter λ to parameterize the soft limit:

$$p_j^\mu = \lambda q^\mu$$

Then, in the limit $\lambda \to 0$ it is found:

 $_{2,n+1}\langle a,b;1,\cdots,n+1|a,b;1,\cdots,n+1\rangle_{2,n+1}\longrightarrow$

$$-\frac{8\pi\mu^{2\epsilon}\alpha_s}{\lambda^2}\sum_{i}\frac{1}{p_i\cdot q}\sum_{k\neq i}\frac{p_k\cdot p_i}{(p_i+p_k)\cdot q}$$

$$\underset{2,n}{\underset{j \text{ removed}}{}}\left\langle a,b;\underbrace{1,\cdots,n+1}_{j \text{ removed}}\right|\mathbf{T}_k\cdot\mathbf{T}_i\Big|a,b;\underbrace{1,\cdots,n+1}_{j \text{ removed}}\right\rangle_{2,n}$$

The last amplitude is a color correlated amplitude, in which the operator $\mathbf{T}_k \cdot \mathbf{T}_i$ represents an insertion of the color degrees of freedom of a gluon between the partons k on the left and i on the right.

IR Limits in QCD Processes

- After two partons go collinear, square of QCD amplitudes factorize into a lower point amplitudes times a divergent term and a Splitting function. Spin correlations remain.
- If a final state gluon goes soft, square of QCD amplitudes produce a divergent term times a color correlated amplitude.
- These divergences are commonly regulated using dimensional regularization.
- In the same spirit of what we studied, multi-particle divergences appear in QCD amplitudes. Later in this set of lectures we will employ them to further our understanding of gauge theory amplitudes!



- QCD Corrections necessary for hadron collider (precision) pheno
- Great progress over the last decade for QCD calculations
- Subtraction techniques used by automated tools
- Factorization properties basic to our understanding of QCD!