

Towards an automated generator based on OpenLoops + LTD

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Loop Tree Duality (LTD)

Key ideas

- analytic loop-energy integration \rightarrow 3D phase space for real and virtual d.o.f

$$\int dq^0 \int d\mathbf{q}^{D-1} \mathcal{I}_V(q^0, \mathbf{q}) = \int d\mathbf{q}^{D-1} I_V(\mathbf{q})$$

- \Rightarrow local IR cancellations w.o. subtraction terms
- \Rightarrow numerical N^k LO calculations (attractive e.g. for EW multi-loop problems)

Past and ongoing contributions to LTD

- \geq 1999 Seminal work [Soper]
- \geq 2008 General formulation [Catani, Rodrigo, Krauss, Gleisberg, Winter, Sborlini, Buchta, Chachamis, Draggiotis, Malamos Driencourt-Mangin, Hernandez-Pinto, ...]
- \geq 2019 New groups and directions (e.g. Local Unitarity) [Capatti, Hirschi, Kermanschah, Pelloni, Ruijl, Vicini, Tramontano, Weinzierl, Runkel, Szor, Vesga, Kromin, Schwanemann, Ramirez-Uribe, Renteria-Olivo, Renteria-Estrada, Martinez de Lejarza, Torres Bobadilla, Dhani, Cieri, Aguilera-Verdugo, ...]

Active & promising field. But potential for collider pheno still to be demonstrated.

Long term goal: NNLO automation (not discussed in this talk)

Based on “combination” of LTD with

- NLO automation in OpenLoops2 [Buccioni, Maierhöfer, Lang, Lindert, SP, Zhang, Zoller '18]
- OpenLoops automation of 2-loop integrands [SP, Schär, Zoller '22]

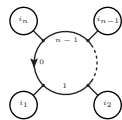
First objective: NLO automation (first preliminary results today)

Main features of envisaged tool

- MC generator of real and “virtual” events with local IR cancellations
- flexible predictions for arbitrary observables (e.g. via Rivet)

Key motivation: assess potential of LTD vs established NLO generators

Generic n -point one-loop diagram



$$\mathcal{A} = -i \int D^D q \frac{N(q)}{\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} D_i(q)}$$

$$D^D q = \mu^{2\epsilon} \frac{d^D q}{(2\pi)^D}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_i(q) &= (q + p_i)^2 - m_i^2 + i0 \\ &= (q^0 - E_i^+)(q^0 - E_i^-) \end{aligned}$$

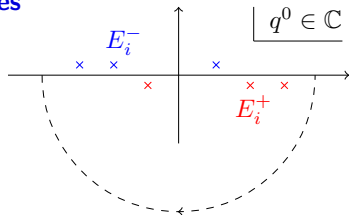
Positive and negative energy poles in q^0 space

$$E_i^\pm(\mathbf{q}) = -p_i^0 \pm \epsilon_i(\mathbf{q}), \quad \epsilon_i(\mathbf{q}) = \sqrt{|\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p}_i|^2 + m_i^0 - i0}$$

Analytic q^0 integration \rightarrow sum over n residues

$$\mathcal{A} = \int D^{D-1} \mathbf{q} I(\mathbf{q})$$

$$I(\mathbf{q}) = - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_i} \frac{N(\mathbf{q})}{\prod_{j \neq i} D_j(\mathbf{q})} \Big|_{q^0 = E_i^+}$$



Automation of standard LTD integrand in OpenLoops

$$I(\mathbf{q}) = - \int D^{D-1} \mathbf{q} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_i} \frac{N(q)}{\prod_{j \neq i} D_j(q)} \Big|_{q^0 = E_i^+} \quad \mathcal{A} = \int D^{D-1} \mathbf{q} I(\mathbf{q})$$

OpenLoops implementation of LTD integrand

- similar ingredients as standard 1-loop integrand
- ⇒ automated for any SM processes at NLO QCD+EW

Polynomial numerator in OpenLoops

$$N(q) = \sum_{r=0}^R \underbrace{N_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_r}(\{p_i\}, m_i)}_{\text{computed numerically}} q^{\mu_1} \dots q^{\mu_r}$$

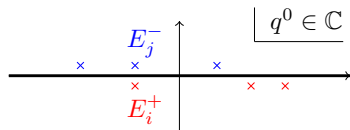
- full information about analytic q -dependence of integrand
- $I(\mathbf{q})$ evaluations for many \mathbf{q} 's very fast ⇒ speeds up MC integration

Challenges: UV+threshold+IR cancellation & small $I(\mathbf{q})$ variance (fast integ.)

$$I(\mathbf{q}) = - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_i} \frac{N(E_i^+, \mathbf{q})}{\prod_{j \neq i} (E_i^+ - E_j^+)(E_i^+ - E_j^-)}$$

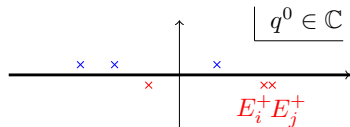
Physical singularities of $I(\mathbf{q})$ (see later)

- in \mathbf{q} regions where $E_i^+(\mathbf{q}) \rightarrow E_j^-(\mathbf{q})$
- q^0 -contour pinched \Rightarrow threshold+IR sing.



Spurious singularities of LTD residues

- in \mathbf{q} regions where $E_i^+(\mathbf{q}) \rightarrow E_j^+(\mathbf{q})$
- q^0 contour not pinched $\Rightarrow I(\mathbf{q})$ finite ...



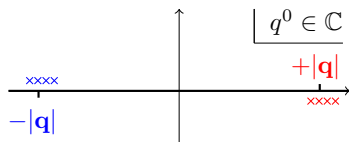
... but **dual cancellations** between singularities from $q^0 = E_i^+, E_j^+$ residues

We observe significant numerical instabilities only in the deep UV region ...

Dual cancellations in the UV region

UV scaling of LTD on-shell energies

$$E_i^\pm(\mathbf{q}) \xrightarrow{|\mathbf{q}| \rightarrow \infty} \pm |\mathbf{q}| + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{q}|^0)$$



$$I(\mathbf{q}) = - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_i} \frac{N(E_i^+, \mathbf{q})}{\prod_{j \neq i} \underbrace{(E_i^+ - E_j^+)}_{\mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{q}|^0)} \underbrace{(E_i^+ - E_j^-)}_{\mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{q}|^1)}} \Rightarrow \text{residues} \propto I(\mathbf{q}) \times |\mathbf{q}|^{n-1}$$

Implications for q -intergration in deep UV region $|\mathbf{q}|/Q_{\text{hard}} \geq 10^P$

- contribution of this region is at most $\mathcal{O}(10^{-P})$ of full integral
 - however dual cancellations jeopardize $(n-1) \times P$ digits
- \Rightarrow possible fake orders-of-magnitude enhancements

Instabilities can be avoided through systematic expansion in $1/|\mathbf{q}|$

Expansion of LTD intergrand at $\mathbf{q} \rightarrow \infty$

Expansion of D -dim integrand for $q^2 - \mu_{\text{tad}}^2 \gg \Delta_i$ [Chetyrkin, Misiak, Münz]

$$(q + p_i)^2 - m_i^2 = \underbrace{q^2 - \mu_{\text{tad}}^2}_{\mathcal{O}(q^2)} - \underbrace{(m_i^2 - p_i^2 - \mu_{\text{tad}}^2 - 2q \cdot p_i)}_{\Delta_i = \mathcal{O}(q)}$$

$$\mathcal{I}(q) = \frac{N(q)}{\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} D_i(q)} \xrightarrow{q^2 \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{I}_{\text{tad}}(q) = \sum_{k=n}^{n+p(X)} \frac{U_k(q)}{(q^2 - \mu_{\text{tad}}^2)^k} + \mathcal{O}(q^{-X})$$

Expanded LTD integrand \equiv residues of **single poles at $q_0 = \epsilon_{\text{tad}} = \sqrt{|\mathbf{q}|^2 + \mu_{\text{tad}}^2}$**

$$I_{\text{tad}}(\mathbf{q}) = \int dq^0 \mathcal{I}_{\text{tad}}(q) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=n}^{n+p} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{\partial^{k-1}}{\partial q_0^{k-1}} \frac{U_k(q^0, \mathbf{q})}{(q^0 + \epsilon_{\text{tad}})^k}}_{\text{automated in OL+LTD up to 2nd order in } 1/|\mathbf{q}|} \Big|_{q_0=\epsilon_{\text{tad}}}$$

Similar technique used for UV renormalisation...

UV renormalisation

Standard renormalisation in D dimensions with UV and rational CTs

$$\mathcal{A} = -i \int D^D q \mathcal{I}(q) \ni \epsilon_{\text{UV}}^{-1} \implies \mathbf{R}\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A} + \delta Z + \delta R \not\ni \epsilon_{\text{UV}}^{-1}$$

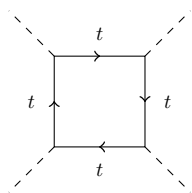
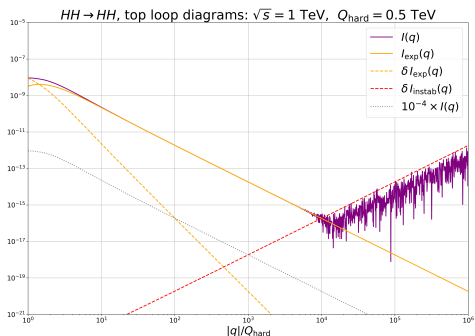
Local UV subtraction using divergent part of UV tadpole expansion

$$\mathbf{R}\mathcal{A} = \underbrace{-i \int D^D q [\mathcal{I}(q) - \mathcal{I}_{\text{tad}}^{\text{div}}(q)]}_{\xrightarrow{\text{LTD}} \int D^3 q [I(\mathbf{q}) - I_{\text{tad}}^{\text{div}}(\mathbf{q})]} + \underbrace{\delta Z + \delta R - i \int D^D q \mathcal{I}_{\text{tad}}^{\text{div}}(q)}_{\text{analytic } \epsilon_{\text{UV}}^{-1} \text{ pole cancellation}}$$

- subtracted LTD integrand UV finite
- matching to correct δZ in dim reg via integrated tadpole integral

Expansion and renormalisation automated at NLO QCD+EW

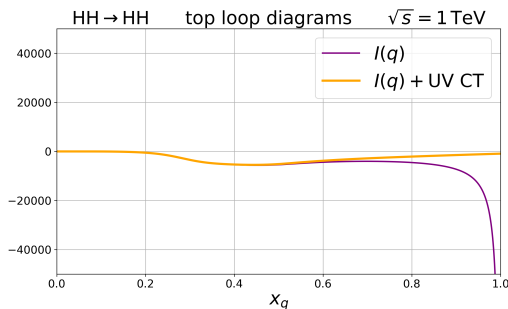
Example of UV instability & expansion



- UV subtracted LTD integrand features convergent $d|\mathbf{q}|/|\mathbf{q}|^2$ scaling
- but becomes completely **unstable** at $|\mathbf{q}|/Q_{\text{hard}} > 10^4$
- expansion \Rightarrow stability and **better than 10^{-4} accuracy** for $|\mathbf{q}|/Q_{\text{hard}} > 10^2$

Convenient parametrisation of \mathbf{q} and UV subtraction

Tan-parametrisation: $|\mathbf{q}| = Q_{\text{hard}} \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} x_{\mathbf{q}}\right)$ [Becker et al. '10]



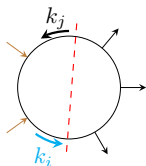
$$\int_0^\infty d|\mathbf{q}| |\mathbf{q}|^2 \longrightarrow \int_0^1 dx_{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$I(\mathbf{q}) \longrightarrow \underbrace{\frac{|\mathbf{q}|^2 d|\mathbf{q}|}{dx_{\mathbf{q}}}}_{\text{Jacobian}} I(\mathbf{q})$$

\Rightarrow renormalised integrands $\propto d|\mathbf{q}|/|\mathbf{q}|^2$ become flat at $x_{\mathbf{q}} \rightarrow 1$

\Rightarrow deep UV region $|\mathbf{q}|/Q_{\text{hard}} > 10^4 \equiv x_{\mathbf{q}} \in [0.9999, 1]$

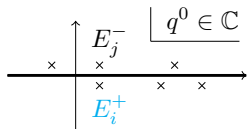
Threshold singularities from two-particle cuts



$$\begin{array}{l}
 \nearrow -k_j^0 > 0 \quad k_j^2 = m_j^2 \\
 \leftarrow p_{ij}^0 > 0 \\
 \searrow +k_i^0 > 0 \quad k_i^2 = m_i^2 \\
 p_{ij}^2 \geq (m_i + m_j)^2
 \end{array}$$

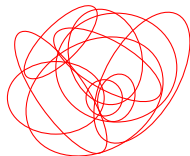
Threshold singularity from $q^0 = E_i^+$ LTD residue

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij}^{(\text{thr})} = \int \frac{D^{D-1} \mathbf{k}_i}{2\epsilon_i} \frac{g_{ij}(\mathbf{k}_i)}{\underbrace{(E_i^+ - E_j^+)(E_i^+ - E_j^- - i0)}_{\text{threshold sing.}}}$$



Challenges for general solution

- multiple cuts per diagram and residue
- singular surface = multiple overlapping ellipsoids
- \mathbf{q} -contour deformation [Soper, Capatti et al.] challenging



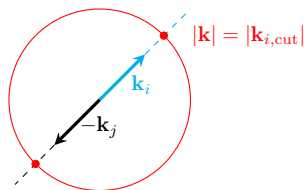
Local subtraction in $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ space much more natural, simple and efficient

On-shell back-to-back 2-body decay

$$|\mathbf{k}_i|^2 \rightarrow |\mathbf{k}_{i,\text{cut}}|^2 = \frac{\lambda(m_i^2, m_j^2, p_{ij}^2)}{4p_{ij}^2}$$

$$\epsilon_i^2 \rightarrow \epsilon_{i,\text{cut}}^2 = |\mathbf{k}_{i,\text{cut}}|^2 + m_i^2$$

Spherical singular surface



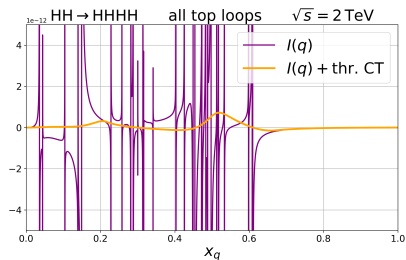
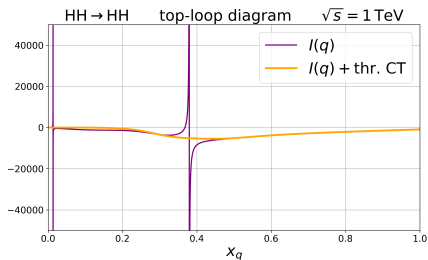
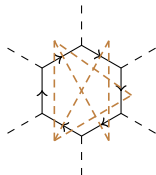
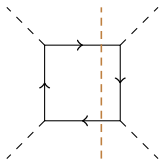
Threshold singularity and 1-dim local subtraction

$$\mathcal{A}_{ij}^{(\text{thr})} = \int d\Omega_i \int_{m_i}^{\infty} d\epsilon_i \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_{i,\text{cut}} - i0}}_{\text{PV} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_i - \epsilon_{i,\text{cut}}} \right) + i\pi\delta(\epsilon_i - \epsilon_{i,\text{cut}})} \left[f_{ij}(\epsilon_i, \Omega_i) - \underbrace{f_{ij}(\epsilon_{i,\text{cut}}, \Omega_i)}_{\text{local subtraction}} \right]$$

- subtraction defined in CM frame of each cut and “boosted” to LAB
- integrated subtraction terms added back \Rightarrow $i\pi$ absorptive parts

Entirely automated for one-loop diagrams with real masses

LTD integrands with threshold subtractions



Smooth subtracted integrands also for non-trivial multi-cut configurations!

MC integration & NLO predictions: virtual part

Integrand with UV+threshold subtractions in $\Phi_V = (\Phi_B, \mathbf{q})$ space

$$I_V(\Phi_V) = \sum_{\text{diag/col/hel}} \left[I_{\text{LTD}}(\Phi_V) - I_{\text{UV}}^{(\text{subt})}(\Phi_V) - I_{\text{thr}}^{(\text{subt})}(\Phi_V) \right]$$

Integration with $B \times \frac{V}{B}$ factorisation to suppress variance in \mathbf{q} -space

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{(V)} = \int d\Phi_V I_V(\Phi_V) = \int d\Phi_B I_B(\Phi_B) \int D^3\mathbf{q} \underbrace{r_{V/B}(\Phi_V)}_{I_V(\Phi_V)/I_B(\Phi_B)}$$

MC integration of V/B using unweighted Born sample

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{(V)} = \frac{1}{N_B} \sum_{i=1}^{N_B} \underbrace{w_{\text{MC}}(\mathbf{q}^{(i)})}_{\equiv D^3\mathbf{q}/d^3\mathbf{x}} r_{V/B}(\Phi_V^{(i)}), \quad \Phi_V^{(i)} = \underbrace{(\Phi_B^{(i)}, \mathbf{q}^{(i)})}_{\text{one random } \mathbf{q}^{(i)} \text{ for each } \Phi_B^{(i)}}$$

Boosting MC convergence by sampling over multiple $\mathbf{q}^{(ij)}$ at fixed $\Phi_B^{(i)}$

- very fast for $N_{\mathbf{q}} \leq 10-100$ in OpenLoops
- can reduce statistical uncertainty by up to a factor $\sqrt{N_{\mathbf{q}}}$

Integration of Virtual and Real corrections

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{(\text{B}+\text{V}+\text{R})} = \int d\Phi_{\text{B}} \left\{ I_{\text{B}}(\Phi_{\text{B}}) + I_{\text{CT}}(\Phi_{\text{B}}) + I_{\text{subt}}^{(\text{int})}(\Phi_{\text{B}}) + \int D^3\mathbf{q} \left[I_{\text{V}}(\Phi_{\text{V}}) - I_{\text{subt}}(\Phi_{\text{V}}) + I_{\text{R}}(\Phi_{\text{R}}(\Phi_{\text{V}})) \right] \right\}_{\Phi_{\text{V}}=(\Phi_{\text{B}},\mathbf{q})}$$

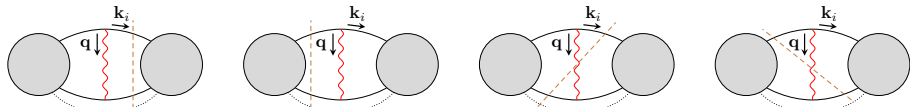
Ingredients and features of NLO master formula

- Φ_{B} space \ni Born + renormalisation CTs
- $\Phi_{\text{V}/\text{B}}$ space \ni local and integrated UV + field-ren. + threshold subtr. terms
- \mathbf{q}^3 integration of V + R connected through $\Phi_{\text{V}} \rightarrow \Phi_{\text{R}}(\Phi_{\text{V}})$ mapping
- $I_{\text{R}}(\Phi_{\text{R}})$ includes usual $|\mathcal{A}_{\text{real}}|^2$ and $d\Phi_{\text{R}}/d\Phi_{\text{V}}$ Jacobian

Each real radiation event accompanied by a “virtual radiation” event

Main task: local cancellation of IR divergences

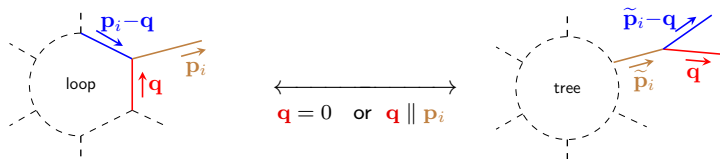
Matching real and virtual IR singularities



Cutkosky cuts of 2-loop forward scattering diagrams [Soper]

- fixed \mathbf{q} and $\mathbf{k}_i \Rightarrow$ IR finite combination of B-V and R-R interferences
- we use this as guideline to align virtual and real momenta
- but we **assign \mathbf{q} in a more flexible way** while **keeping fixed hard kinematics**

Example of \mathbf{q} alignment at “amplitude” level



Same loop diagrams can require different parametrisations in different \mathbf{q} regions!

Aligning virtual singularities through loop sectors



Requirement: all virtual IR singularities should be at $\mathbf{q} = 0$ and $\mathbf{q} \parallel \mathbf{p}_k$

- to achieve this we split loop diagrams into sectors with different singularities
- and in each loop sector we apply the required \mathbf{q} -shift and/or flip

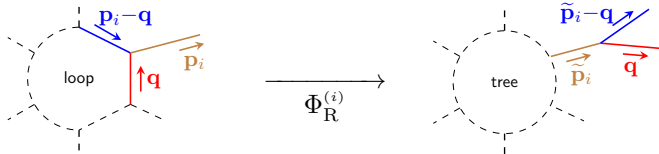
Projectors to separate the singular sectors of a loop diagram Γ

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_\Gamma} \epsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{q}) = 1, \quad \epsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{q}) \in [0, 1], \quad \epsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{q}) \xrightarrow[\mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{q}_{\beta \text{ sing}}]{} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

Alignment via sector-dependent $\mathbf{q} \rightarrow \sigma_\alpha \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k}_\alpha$ shifts and flips ($\sigma_\alpha = \pm$)

$$\mathcal{A}_\Gamma = \int D^3 \mathbf{q} \left(\sum_{\alpha} \epsilon_\alpha(\mathbf{q}) \right) I_\Gamma(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\alpha} \int D^3 \mathbf{q} \epsilon_\alpha(\sigma_\alpha \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k}_\alpha) I_\Gamma(\sigma_\alpha \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{k}_\alpha)$$

Matching of R+V singularities through global sectors



Each collinear region requires a different mapping $(\Phi_B, \mathbf{q}) \rightarrow \Phi_R^{(i)}(\Phi_B, \mathbf{q})$

- we split the Φ_V and Φ_R spaces into **global collinear sectors**
- we use Catani–Seymour mappings
- we identify the loop momentum \mathbf{q} with the unresolved real momentum

Master formula for $V + R$ integration with global sectors

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{(V+R)} = \int d\Phi_B \sum_{\alpha} \int D^3\mathbf{q} \left[\epsilon_{\alpha}^{(V)}(\Phi_V) I_V^{(\text{subt})}(\Phi_V) + \epsilon_{\alpha}^{(R)}(\Phi_R) I_R(\Phi_R) \right]_{\Phi_R = \Phi_R^{(i)}(\Phi_V)}$$

\Rightarrow generation of MC events & finite predictions for any IR finite observables

Automation, implementation and validation

Status (work in progress)

- Generic algorithm applicable to arbitrary processes without initial-state collinear singularities (next step)
- Currently almost completely automated and validated against Sherpa+OpenLoops for $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X$ processes

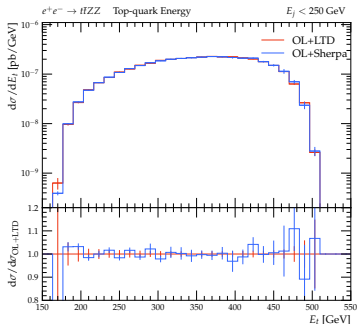
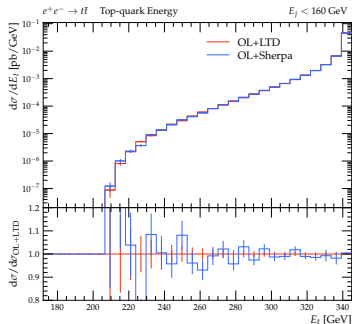
Cross section comparisons similar moderate stat. (1M evts, $N_q = 1$) & runtimes (on a laptop)

process	OL+Sherpa		OL+LTD	Comparison	
	σ	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$	σ	$\frac{\sigma_{\text{Sherpa}} - \sigma_{\text{LTD}}}{\sigma_{\text{Sherpa}}}$	$\frac{\sigma_{\text{Sherpa}} - \sigma_{\text{LTD}}}{\Delta\sigma_{\text{Sherpa}}}$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	359.35	0.11%	359.27	0.02%	0.2σ
$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}Z$	5.2406	0.11%	5.2366	0.08%	0.7σ
$e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}ZZ$	0.04595	0.12%	0.04591	0.10%	0.9σ
$e^+\nu_e \rightarrow t\bar{b}$	742.32	0.11%	3741.19	0.15%	1.4σ

$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$ agreement & similar or better accuracy than Sherpa+OL

Differential observables for $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ and $t\bar{t}ZZ$

Results generated with OL+LTD & Rivet (automatically for any observable)



Very good consistency within statistical errors

- 1-2% per bin in the bulk (accuracy in the tails can be easily augmented)
- OL+LTD statistical uncertainties competitive with OL+Sherpa

More details and results in the talk by Gloria Bertolotti

Summary

Key features of OpenLoops+LTD at NLO

- local cancellation of threshold and UV singularities
- local IR cancellations via **loop sectors** and **global sectors**
- Automated MC generator based on Born events that emit real and “virtual” radiation

First results

- performance of first $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \text{multi-}Z$ calculations very promising
- performance for more involved applications still to be investigated

Next steps

- validation for processes with final-state collinear singularities (in progress)
- local cancellation of initial-state collinear singularities

Backup slides

Example of local cancellation test

