

Two-Loop Amplitude Reduction using HELAC

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- At NNLO the hard-part cross-section, $\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}$, receives contributions from

$$d\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}^{NNLO} \sim |\mathcal{A}_{tree}|^2 + \alpha_S \left(2 \operatorname{Re} \left[\mathcal{A}_{tree} \mathcal{A}_{loop}^* \right] + |\mathcal{A}_{+1up}|^2 \right) + \alpha_S^2 \left(|\mathcal{A}_{loop}|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[\mathcal{A}_{tree} \mathcal{A}_{2-loop}^* \right] + |\mathcal{A}_{+2up}|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[\mathcal{A}_{loop+1up} \mathcal{A}_{+1up}^* \right] \right)$$



Final result finite using Renormalization and dimensional Regularization!

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- Semi-Numerical (*DiffExp*, *SeaSyde*, *AMFlow* ([Xiao's talk](#)), Internal reduction, *DiffExp* + Feynman trick)

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- 2) D0-loop over the type of grand blob-topologies ($\Theta = 1$, $\infty = 2$, $\text{Dumbbell} = 3$).
- 3) D0-loop over the flavor of the $n+1$ and $n+2$ cut-particles. For each $n+2$ process we define the number of color-states (**Color-Flow Representation** $\rightarrow n_{q_1}!$) and start a D0-loop over them.
- 4) Generate all the blob-topologies (for the corresponding type) and start a D0-loop over them.
- 5) Cut the two-loop (n -particle) blob-topology and uniquely correspond it to a one-loop ($n + 2$ -particle) blob-topology. Θ s are cut in k_3 -line while ∞ s/Dumbbells in k_2 -line.
- 6) Dress with flavor/color the one-loop blob-topology and cut it \rightarrow tree-level configuration with $n+4$ particles! The color configuration is rearranged appropriately after the second cut.
- 7) Create the currents contributing to the configuration at hand, by applying Dyson-Schwinger recursion to the blobs.
- 8) Reduce, making contractions with $\delta_{j_{n+4}}^{i_{n+3}} \delta_{j_{n+3}}^{i_{n+4}} \delta_{j_{n+2}}^{i_{n+1}} \delta_{j_{n+1}}^{i_{n+2}}$, the $n + 4$ color-state to the corresponding n color-state, and identify the N_C power coming from the contractions.
- 9) Store the numerator information in the Skeleton and continue with the next configuration.



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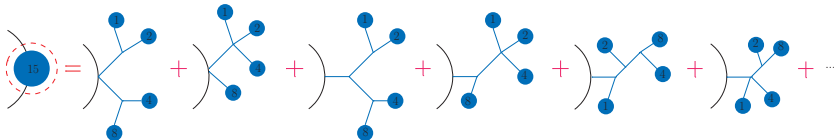


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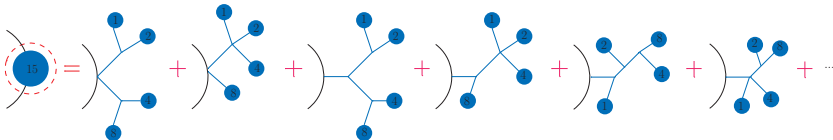


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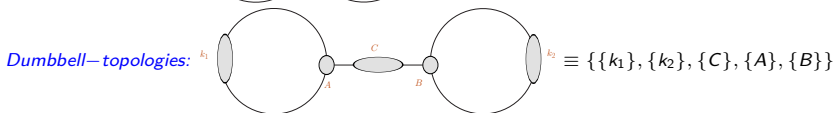
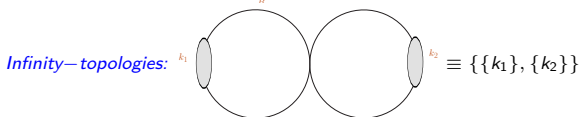
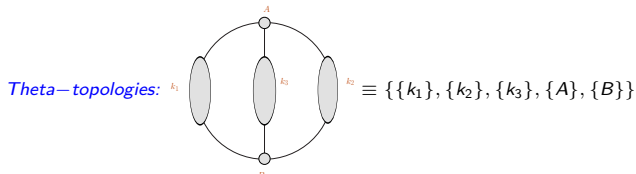
• In the example above where we study the blob 15, its level is 4, and the total number of graphs that describes are 26:

- 3 graphs of the first type,
- 4 graphs of the second type,
- 3 graphs of the third type,
- 4 graphs of the fourth type,
- 12 graphs of the fifth type,
- 3 graphs of the sixth type.



Two-loop blob-topologies

- At two-loop 3 grand blob-topologies exist:

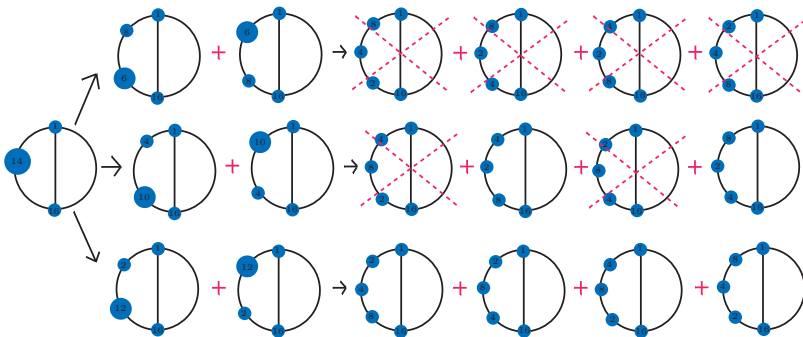


- The sub-lists $(\{k_1\}, \{k_2\}, \{k_3\}, \{A\}, \{B\}, \{C\})$ represent the incoming blobs to the corresponding loop-lines (k_1, k_2, k_3), the vertex-points (A, B) and the internal line (C).



Blob-Topology generation

Creation of a fortran-based generator \rightarrow GENTOOLS

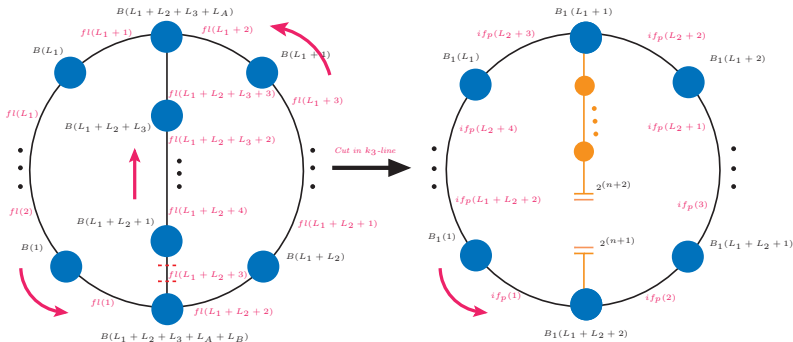


- Generation of all possible blob-topologies: From higher to lower level blobs.
- Order on the Lengths: $L_1 \geq L_2 \geq L_3$ and $L_A \geq L_B$.
- Remove of identical topoies using symmetries: 1) up-down (reversion), 2) loop-line swapping.



From Two-Loop to One-Loop: The Theta-Topologies

- The red arrows in the following graphs indicate the flow of flavor:



- The orange blobs are the structure information stored for the blobs:

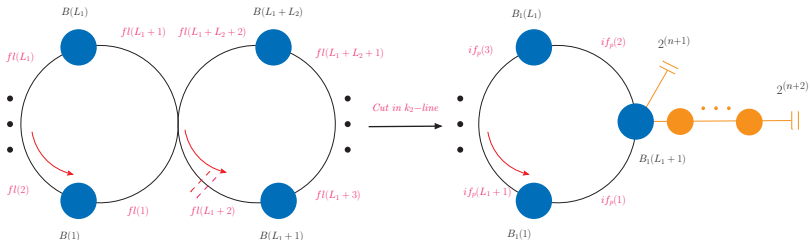
- $B_1(L_1 + 1) = 2^{n+2} + B(L_1 + L_2 + 1) + \dots + B(L_1 + L_2 + L_3) + B(L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_A)$.
- $B_1(L_1 + L_2 + 2) = 2^{n+1} + B(L_1 + L_2 + L_3 + L_A + L_B)$.

- The rest of the blobs B_1 and the flavors if_p are defined by B s and f s, respectively, via the relations:

- For $1 \leq i \leq L_1$: $B_1(i) = B(i)$, $if_p(1) = f(1)$ and $if_p(L_1 + L_2 + 3 - i) = f(i + 1)$.
- For $1 \leq i \leq L_2 + 1$: $B_1(L_1 + 1 + i) = B(L_1 + i)$ (till L_2 no $L_2 + 1$) and $if_p(L_2 + 3 - i) = f(L_1 + 1 + i)$.



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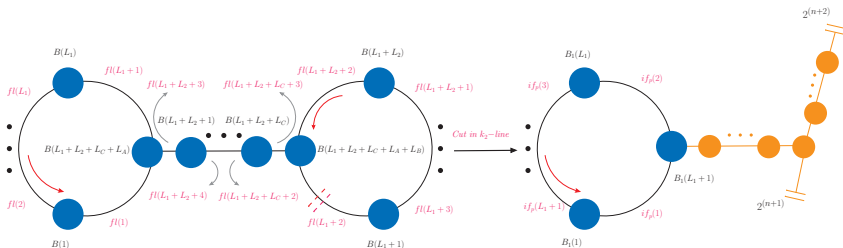


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Color-Flavor dressing

QCD particles on the loop + Color-Flow representation!

- We dress with flavor and color the loop-particles of the one-loop blob topology using suitable subroutines that apply the following procedures for the dressing:

Flavor Dressing:

- Identification of blob-flavors
- Assign flavor to the first propagator.
- QCD Feynman rules in vertices.

- We also dress with flavor the loop particles of the cut loop-line (the orange one in the graphs of the previous slides).
- After the second cut, we define the flavor and color of the new extra particles and we rearrange the color of the $n + 4$ particle configuration by tracking the flow of color in the one-loop topology.

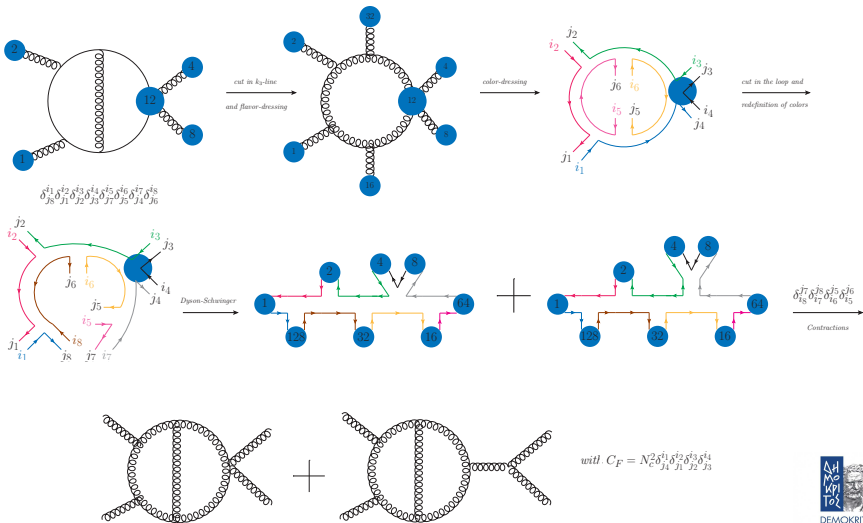
In this way we obtain a unique configuration with specific {color, anti-color} and flavor for each loop particle!

Color Dressing:

- Assign color and anti-color indices to the first propagator.
- Track the color flow at each vertex.



Construction: gluonic $\{\{1, 2\}, \{12\}, \{\}, \{\}, \{\}\}$ with $\delta_{j_4}^{i_1} \delta_{j_1}^{i_2} \delta_{j_2}^{i_3} \delta_{j_3}^{i_4} \delta_{j_6}^{i_5} \delta_{j_5}^{i_6}$



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where the coefficients $c_{\mathbf{i}_m}$ have the following form

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Next milestones for HELAC-2LOOP

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SUMMER



Color connection representation

- In the color connection representation, the gluons are represented by a pair of color/anti-color indices (i, j) and the quarks (anti-quarks) by a single color $(i, 0)$ (anti-color $(0, j)$) index, with $i, j \in (1, \dots, N_C)$. All the other particles that do not carry color have $(0, 0)$.
- The amplitude takes the following form

$$\mathcal{M}_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_k}^{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} = \sum_{\sigma} \delta_{i_{\sigma_1}, j_1} \delta_{i_{\sigma_2}, j_2} \dots \delta_{i_{\sigma_k}, j_k} A_{\sigma}$$

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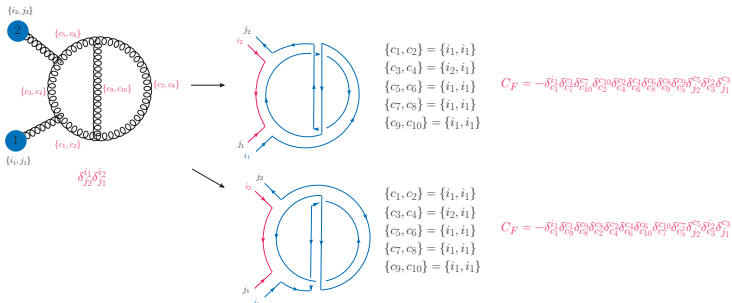
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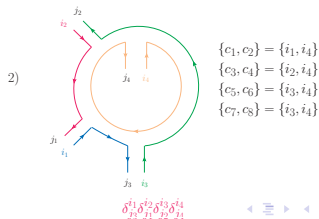
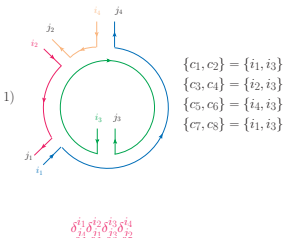
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Two-loop color-flow dressing \rightarrow identical configurations for HELAC

This is not any more the case after cutting in k_3 -line:



Blob-Topology Symmetries

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