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# **Rational Terms at Two Loops**

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## Motivation: towards two-loop numerical calculation

- Aim to  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$  precision for LHC processes  $\Rightarrow$  Automation of two-loop calculation
- Higher-order calculations are usually performed in D dimension to regularise divergences in Feynman integrals, but D-dim vector cannot be implemented in a numerical program.
- Automated numerical tools construct the numerator of loop integrand in 4-dim, e.g. OPENLOOPS, RECOLA, MADLOOP at one-loop level.
- Rational terms is the ingredient, which reconstructs the missing terms originated from (D-4)-dim part of loop numerator, that enables the automated methods.
  - $\Rightarrow$  one loop: rational counterterms of type  $R_2$  [Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Garzelli et al., 08', 09']
  - $\Rightarrow$  in this talk: two-loop UV rational counterterms

## Outline

I. Introduction to one-loop rational terms and tadpole decomposition

II. Structure of two-loop rational terms

III. Proof and recipe to compute two-loop rational terms

IV. Two-loop rational terms in Yang-Mills theories in a generic renormalisation scheme

#### Introduction to one-loop rational terms

**Amplitude of amputated one-loop diagram**  $\gamma$  in  $D = 4 - 2\varepsilon$  dimension

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma} = \mu^{2\varepsilon} \int \mathrm{d}\bar{q}_1 \, \frac{\bar{\mathcal{N}}(\bar{q}_1)}{D_0(\bar{q}_1)\cdots D_{N-1}(\bar{q}_1)} \,, \quad \text{with} \quad D_k(\bar{q}_1) = (\bar{q}_1 + p_k)^2 - m_k^2 \,.$$

**Rational term** emerges by splitting numerator into 4-dim and  $\varepsilon$ -dim parts

$$\bar{\mathcal{N}}(\bar{q}_1) = \mathcal{N}(q_1) + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}(\bar{q}_1), \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \bar{q} = q + \tilde{q} \\ \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\mu}} = \gamma^{\mu} + \tilde{\gamma}^{\tilde{\mu}} \\ \bar{g}^{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}} = g^{\mu\nu} + \tilde{g}^{\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\nu}} \end{cases}$$

leads to



numerically analytically

•  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}$  from interplay between  $\varepsilon$ -dim  $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  UV pole.  $\Rightarrow$  requires technique to extract UV pole

#### Tadpole decomposition [Chetyrkin, Misiak, Münz, 98', Zoller, 14']

The UV divergence can be captured by massive tadpole decomposition of denominators

$$\begin{array}{lll} \displaystyle \frac{1}{D_k(\bar{q}_1)} & = & \displaystyle \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 - M^2} & + & \displaystyle \frac{\Delta_k(\bar{q}_1, p_k)}{\bar{q}_1^2 - M^2} \frac{1}{D_k(\bar{q}_1)} \\ & \\ & \\ \displaystyle \text{leading UV tadpole} & \\ \displaystyle \mathcal{O}(1/\bar{q}_1^2) & \\ \displaystyle \mathcal{O}(1/\bar{q}_1^3) \end{array} \end{array}$$

with

$$\Delta_k(\bar{q}_1, p_k) = -p_k^2 - 2\,\bar{q}_1 \cdot p_k + m_k^2 - M^2$$

Apply recursively to obtain tadpole expansion (S<sub>X</sub>) up to order  $(1/\bar{q}_1)^{X+2}$ 

$$\frac{1}{D_k(\bar{q}_1)} = \underbrace{\sum_{\sigma=0}^X \text{UV-div tadpoles}}_{\mathbf{S}_X(1/D_k)} + \text{UV-finite remainder}$$

#### **Rational terms from UV singularities**

• Use tadpole expansions  $S_X$  to fully isolate UV divergent part (of degree X)

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma}\big|_{\mathsf{UV}\;\mathsf{div}} = \mathbf{S}_X \int \mathrm{d}\bar{q}_1 \frac{\mathcal{N}(q_1) + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}(\tilde{q}_1)}{D_0(\bar{q}_1) \cdots D_{N-1}(\bar{q}_1)} = \underbrace{\int \mathrm{d}\bar{q}_1 \sum_{\sigma=0}^X \frac{(\mathcal{N}(q_1) + \tilde{\mathcal{N}}(\tilde{q}_1))\Delta^{(\sigma)}}{\left(\bar{q}_1^2 - M^2\right)^{N+\sigma}}}_{\mathsf{UV}-\mathsf{divergent\;tadpole\;integrals}}$$

• Define  $\bar{\mathbf{K}}$  operator extracts **full UV pole contribution**, with splitting of numerator into 4-dim and  $\varepsilon$ -dim

$$\bar{\mathbf{K}} \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma} = \underbrace{-\delta Z_{1,\gamma}}_{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \text{ MS pole}} + \underbrace{\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}}_{\text{finite}}_{\text{rational term}}$$

- $\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}$  and  $\delta Z_{1,\gamma}$  from same UV singularity  $\Rightarrow \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}$  local counterterm like  $\delta Z_{1,\gamma}$
- δR<sub>1,γ</sub> does not correspond to a finite renormalisation of fields and couplings in bare Lagrangian,
  e.g. there is a rational term of 4-photon vertice.

#### First object in two-loop diagram: subdivergence

- Subdivergence originates from the UV divergent one-loop subdiagram
  ⇒ needs to be firstly subtracted in renormalisation procedure
- Subdiagram has *D*-dim external loop momenta



One-loop diagram with 4-dim  $q_2$ :

$$D_k(\bar{q}_1, q_2) = (\bar{q}_1 + q_2)^2 = \bar{q}_1^2 + \underbrace{2 \,\bar{q}_1 \cdot q_2 + q_2^2}_{4-\text{dim}}$$

One-loop subdiagram with *D*-dim  $\bar{q}_2 = q_2 + \tilde{q}_2$ :

$$D_k(\bar{q}_1, \bar{q}_2) = D_k(\bar{q}_1, q_2) + \underbrace{(2\,\bar{q}_1 \cdot \tilde{q}_2 + \tilde{q}_2^2)}_{\varepsilon \text{-dim}}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  extra pole term  $\propto \tilde{q}_2^2/\varepsilon$  can show up  $\Rightarrow$  pole structure changes in 4-dim numerator case

#### Subdiagram with *D*-dim external momentum $\bar{q}_2$ and 4-dim numerator

Tadpole expansion

$$\mathbf{S}_X \frac{1}{(\bar{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 + \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_2)^2} = \frac{1}{\bar{q}_1^2 - M^2} + \frac{-(\mathbf{q}_2 + \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_2)^2 - 2\,\bar{q}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{q}_2 + \tilde{\mathbf{q}}_2) - M^2}{(\bar{q}_1^2 - M^2)^2} + \dots$$

Contribution to UV pole



•  $\delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\tilde{q}_2)$  is **non-vanishing only in quadratic divergent subdiagrams**, and has the form

$$\delta \tilde{Z}^{\alpha}_{1,\gamma}(\tilde{q}_2) \propto \frac{\tilde{q}_2^2}{\varepsilon} = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

#### **Renormalised one-loop subdiagrams**

Subtract poles and rational terms in both D- and 4-dim, we can identify amplitudes with

$$\underbrace{\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma}^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{q}_2) - \bar{\mathbf{K}} \,\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma}^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{q}_2)}_{D\text{-dim full subtraction}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{A}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\bar{q}_2) - \bar{\mathbf{K}} \,\mathcal{A}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\bar{q}_2)}_{4\text{-dim full subtraction}} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon, \tilde{q})$$

Recall

$$\bar{\mathbf{K}} \,\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\bar{q}_{2}) = -\delta Z_{1,\gamma}^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{q}_{2}) + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(q_{2}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$
  
$$\bar{\mathbf{K}} \,\mathcal{A}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\bar{q}_{2}) = -\delta Z_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(q_{2}) - \delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\tilde{q}_{2})$$

#### $\Rightarrow$ Renormalised one-loop sub-amplitude

$$\underbrace{\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma}^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{q}_{2}) + \delta Z_{1,\gamma}^{\bar{\alpha}}(\bar{q}_{2})}_{D\text{-dim renormalisation}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{A}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(q_{2}) + \delta Z_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(q_{2}) + \delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\bar{q}_{2})}_{4\text{-dim renormalisation}} + \underbrace{\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}^{\alpha}(\bar{q}_{2})}_{rational parts} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon, \tilde{q})$$

#### **Renormalisation of irreducible two-loop diagrams**

**Renormalisation** of *D*-dim amplitude of diagram  $\Gamma$  with **R** operation [Caswell and Kennedy, 82']

$$\mathbf{R}\,\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{2,\Gamma} = \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{2,\Gamma} + \sum_{\gamma_i} \underbrace{\underbrace{\delta Z_{1,\gamma_i}}_{\mathsf{sub-div}} \cdot \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma_i}}_{\mathsf{sub-div}} + \underbrace{\underbrace{\delta Z_{2,\Gamma}}_{\mathsf{local two-loop}}}_{\substack{\mathsf{divergence}}}$$

Example: QED vertex ( $D_n \in \{D, 4\}$  be the numerator dimension)

$$\mathbf{R}\,\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{2,\Gamma} = \left[ \checkmark + \checkmark & \delta Z_{1,\gamma} + \sim \checkmark & \delta Z_{2,\Gamma} \right]_{D_{n} = D}$$

### Structure of two-loop UV rational terms [Pozzorini, HZ, Zoller, 20']

**Relation between renormalised amplitude** in  $D_n = D$  and  $D_n = 4$ :

$$\mathbf{R}\,\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{2,\Gamma} = \left[ \mathcal{A}_{2,\Gamma} + \sum_{\gamma_i} \underbrace{(\delta Z_{1,\gamma_i} + \delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma_i} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma_i})}_{\text{subdivergences}} \cdot \mathcal{A}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma_i} + \underbrace{(\delta Z_{2,\Gamma} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma})}_{\text{local two-loop}} \right]_{\substack{D_{\mathbf{n}}=4}}^{+} \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

Example: QED vertex

$$\mathbf{R}\,\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{2,\Gamma} = \left[ \underbrace{\wedge} \left( \delta Z_{1,\gamma_i} + \delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma_i} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma_i} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma_i} \right) + \underbrace{\langle} \left( \delta Z_{2,\Gamma} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma} \right) \right]_{D_{\mathbf{n}}=4} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

#### **Two-loop diagrams without global divergence (Proof)**

**Goal:** to show there is no  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}$ :

No global divergence  $\Rightarrow$  at most one subdivergence to be subtracted

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{R}\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{2,\Gamma} &= \underbrace{\left(\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\gamma_{i}} + \delta Z_{1,\gamma_{i}}\right)}_{(\mathbf{a}) \text{ UV pole subtracted}} \cdot \underbrace{\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma_{i}}}_{(\mathbf{b}) \text{ no divergence}} \Leftarrow \mathbf{e.g.} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{A}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma_{i}}} + \underbrace{\delta Z_{1,\gamma_{i}}}_{\mathbf{c}} + \underbrace{\delta Z_{1,\gamma_{i}}}_{\mathbf{c}} + \underbrace{\delta Z_{1,\gamma_{i}}}_{\mathbf{c}} + \underbrace{\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma_{i}}}_{\mathbf{c}} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \\ &= \underbrace{\left(\mathcal{A}_{1,\gamma_{i}} + \delta Z_{1,\gamma_{i}} + \delta \tilde{\mathcal{R}}_{1,\gamma_{i}} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}\right) \cdot \mathcal{A}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma_{i}}}_{\mathbf{c}} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \\ &= \mathcal{A}_{2,\Gamma} + \left(\delta Z_{1,\gamma_{i}} + \delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma_{i}} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}\right) \cdot \mathcal{A}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma_{i}} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \end{split}$$

This implies that

two-loop 
$$\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma} = 0$$
 and  $\delta Z_{2,\Gamma} = 0$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  only globally divergent two-loop diagrams contribute to  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}$  and  $\delta Z_{2,\Gamma}$  $\Rightarrow$  finite set of  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}$  and  $\delta Z_{2,\Gamma}$  counterterms in any renormalisable theories

### Two-loop diagrams with global divergence (Proof)

**Goal:** to show  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}$  is indeed a local counterterm:

• Isolates all divergences from three chains of loop momenta  $\bar{q}_i$  into tadpoles by tadpole expansion  $\mathbf{S}_{X_i}^{(i)}$  on each chain



• Only "simple" tadpoles  $\mathcal{A}_{2,\Gamma_{tad}}$  contributes to two-loop  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma} \& \delta Z_{2,\Gamma}$  $\Rightarrow$  polynomial in external momenta and masses (upon subdivergence subtraction)

#### Calculations of rational terms in any renormalisation scheme

For calculation in a generic multiplicative renormalisation scheme Y with scale factor  $t_Y^{\varepsilon} = \left(S_Y(\mu_0^2/\mu_R^2)\right)^{\varepsilon}$ , for example the QED vertex

$$\begin{split} \delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}^{(Y)} &= \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{3} \mathbf{S}_{X_{i}}^{(i)} \cdots + \mathbf{S}_{X_{1}}^{(1)} \cdots \otimes \delta Z_{1,\gamma}^{(Y)} \right]_{D_{n}=D} \\ &- \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{3} \mathbf{S}_{X_{i}}^{(i)} \cdots + \mathbf{S}_{X_{1}}^{(1)} \cdots \otimes \left( \delta Z_{1,\gamma_{i}}^{(Y)} + t_{Y}^{\varepsilon} \left( \delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma_{i}}^{(\mathrm{MS})} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}^{(\mathrm{MS})} \right) \right) \right]_{D_{n}=4} \end{split}$$

- One-loop  $\delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma_i}^{(Y)}$  and  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}^{(Y)}$  contain only trivial scheme dependence through scale factor  $t_Y^{\varepsilon}$ .
- Two-loop  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}^{(Y)}$  contains non-trivial scheme dependence from the interplay of mass and field renormalisation and  $\varepsilon$ -dim part of numerator. [Lang, Pozzorini, **HZ**, Zoller, 20']

## Two-loop rational terms in SU(N) & U(1) gauge theories

Independent calculations are done within GEFICOM [Chetyrkin, Zoller] and in-house frameworks.

**Example: Fermion two-point function** in Feynman gauge and renormalisation scheme Y

- $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}^{(Y)}$  is local counterterm, i.e. polynomial in p and  $m_f$   $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}^{(Y)}$  is derived in terms of generic renormalisation constants  $\Rightarrow$  applicable to any scheme
- Full set of results in Yang-Mills theories are available at [arXiv: 2007.03713]

#### Summary

Renormalised *D*-dim two-loop amplitude can be constructed by amplitude with 4-dim numerator + rational counterterms

$$\mathbf{R}\,\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{2,\Gamma} = \mathcal{A}_{2,\Gamma} + \sum_{\gamma_i} (\delta Z_{1,\gamma_i} + \delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma_i} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}) \cdot \mathcal{A}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma_i} + (\delta Z_{2,\Gamma} + \delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma})$$

 $\Rightarrow$  an important step towards the two-loop automated numerical method.

- We provide a generic method to compute  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}$  from one-scale tadpoles, and show that  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}$  is process-independent local counterterm.
- Full set of SU(N) & U(1) rational terms at two loops in generic renormalisation schemes.

# Backup

#### **One-loop subdiagram example: photon self-energy**

Let  $D_n \in \{D, 4\}$  be the dimension of numerator, we have

$$D_{\mathsf{n}} = D \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\mathbf{K}} \int d\bar{q}_{1} \frac{-\mathrm{Tr}\left[\bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\alpha}_{1}} \not{q}_{1} \bar{\gamma}^{\bar{\alpha}_{2}} ( \not{q}_{1} + \not{q}_{2} )^{2} \right]}{\bar{q}_{1}^{2} (\bar{q}_{1} + \bar{q}_{2} )^{2}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left( \underbrace{-\frac{4}{3} \left( \bar{q}_{2}^{2} g^{\bar{\alpha}_{1}\bar{\alpha}_{2}} - \bar{q}_{2}^{\bar{\alpha}_{1}} \bar{q}_{2}^{\bar{\alpha}_{2}} \right)}_{-\delta Z_{1,\gamma}(\bar{q}_{2})} \underbrace{+\frac{2\varepsilon}{3} \bar{q}_{2}^{2} g^{\bar{\alpha}_{1}\bar{\alpha}_{2}}}_{\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\gamma}(q_{2}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)} \right)$$

and

$$D_{\mathsf{n}} = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{K} \int \mathrm{d}\bar{q}_{1} \frac{-\mathrm{Tr}\left[\gamma^{\alpha_{1}} \not{q}_{1} \gamma^{\alpha_{2}} ( \not{q}_{1} + \not{q}_{2})^{2} \right]}{\bar{q}_{1}^{2} (\bar{q}_{1} + q_{2} + \tilde{q}_{2})^{2}} \quad = \quad \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left( \underbrace{-\frac{4}{3} \left(q_{2}^{2} g^{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}} - q_{2}^{\alpha_{1}} q_{2}^{\alpha_{2}}\right)}_{-\delta Z_{1,\gamma}(q_{2})} \quad \underbrace{-\frac{2}{3} \tilde{q}_{2}^{2} g^{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}}}_{-\delta \tilde{Z}_{1,\gamma}(\tilde{q}_{2})} \right)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Renormalised photon self-energy insertion:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{\bar{\alpha}_{1}} & \mathbf{x}^{\bar{\alpha}_{1}} \\ \mathbf{x}^{\bar{\alpha}_{2}} & \mathbf{x}^{\bar{\alpha}_{2}} \end{bmatrix}_{D_{n}=D} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{1}} & \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{1}} \\ \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{1}} & \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{1}} \\ \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{2}} & \mathbf{x}^{\alpha_{2}} \end{bmatrix}_{D_{n}=D} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

#### Non-trivial renormalisation scheme dependence

Split the 1st-order multiplicative renormalisation (derivative) operator into finite ( $\Delta Y$ ) and MS parts

$$D_1^{(Y)} = t_Y^{\varepsilon} \left( D_1^{(\Delta Y)} + D_1^{(\mathrm{MS})} \right)$$

The two-loop  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}^{(Y)}$  contains finite renormalisation over one-loop  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\Gamma}^{(Y)}$ , and non-trivial term  $\delta \mathcal{K}_{2,\Gamma}^{(\Delta Y)}$  $\delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}^{(Y)} = (t_Y^{\varepsilon})^2 \delta \mathcal{R}_{2,\Gamma}^{(MS)} + (t_Y^{\varepsilon})^2 D_1^{(\Delta Y)} \delta \mathcal{R}_{1,\Gamma}^{(MS)} + \delta \mathcal{K}_{2,\Gamma}^{(\Delta Y)}$ 

where

$$\begin{split} \delta \mathcal{K}_{2,\Gamma}^{(\Delta Y)} &= t_Y^{\varepsilon} \Big( D_1^{(\Delta Y)} \mathcal{A}_{1,\Gamma} - \sum_{\gamma} \delta Z_{1,\gamma}^{(\Delta Y)} \cdot \mathcal{A}_{1,\Gamma/\gamma} \Big) \neq 0 \\ &:= t_Y^{\varepsilon} \sum_{\chi} \underbrace{\delta \mathcal{Z}_{1,\chi}^{(\Delta Y)}}_{\mathrm{RCs}} \delta \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{1,\Gamma}^{(\chi)} \end{split}$$

•  $\delta \mathcal{K}_{2,\Gamma}^{(\Delta Y)}$  is due to non-commutativity of multiplicative renormalisation and counterterm insertion in D = 4, but it can be controlled through a **new kind one-loop counterterm**  $\delta \hat{\mathcal{K}}_{1,\Gamma}^{(\chi)}$