

Form factors and Higgs amplitudes from $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang-Mills to QCD

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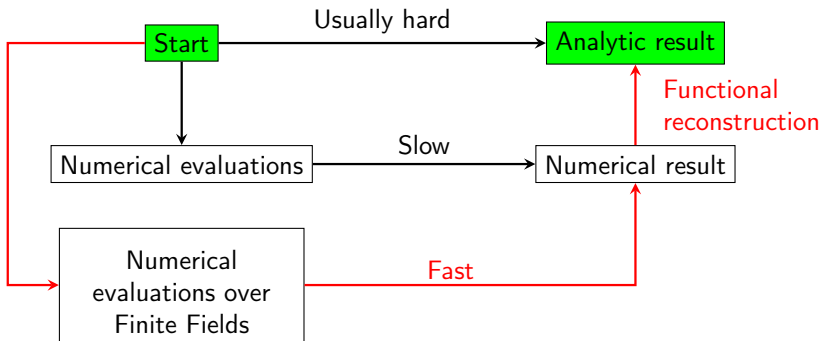
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Before SAGEX

Bachelor and Master degree in Physics at Padova University (IT).
Main focus during the master thesis, under supervision of P.Mastrolia
and T. Peraro:



N.B. True for rational functions.

Current research

What? Form Factors

$$\int d^4x e^{-iq \cdot x} \langle 1 \dots n | \mathcal{O}(x) | 0 \rangle \equiv (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)} \left(q - \sum p_i \right) \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}}(\{n\}; q)$$

Can be computed through a perturbative expansion:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}}(\{n\}; q) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)}(\{n\}; q) + \alpha \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}}^{(1)}(\{n\}; q) + \alpha^2 \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{O}}^{(2)}(\{n\}; q) + \dots$$

We are interested in $\mathcal{O}_N = \text{Tr} F^n = \text{Tr} F^{\mu_1}_{\mu_2} F^{\mu_2}_{\mu_3} \dots F^{\mu_n}_{\mu_1}$

Why?

Relevant for Higgs production in Effective Field Theory approach as well as experimental measures of possible Beyond Standard Model physics.

How?

- ⚡ (Generalised) Unitarity methods
- ⚡ Dimensional Reconstruction
- ⚡ Six-dimensional spinor-helicity formalism

Goals of the project vs current status

\mathcal{O}	number of legs	number of loops
$\text{Tr } F^2$	4 vs 3	2 vs 1
$\text{Tr } F^3$	3 vs 4	2 vs 1
$\text{Tr } F^n$	n	1

Results

- ⚡ A paper including the above mentioned results [1910.04772]
- ⚡ A Mathematica package including most of the tools needed for six-dimensional calculations.

Training and interactions

Schools and meetings:

- ↖ First outreach task-group meeting in Berlin
- ↖ ESR introductory meeting in Durham
- ↖ First SAGEX school and Workshop at DESY
- ↖ “School of analytic computing in high-energy theoretical physics”

Other training:

- ↖ Local seminars and London Triangle and Polygon seminars
- ↖ Graduate courses at Queen Mary

Interactions

Thanks to the above mentioned SAGEX events I am confident in interacting with the other ESRs, I think a good connection has been established. Particularly stimulating working with Stefano.

Secondments and outreach

Secondments

- Wolfram Research, from 16/03 to 16/06. Topic: integration and special functions.
- ETH Zurich, to be planned
- University of Copenhagen, to be planned

Outreach

- SAGEX exhibition planning
- SAGEX outreach videos
- “Hands on engagement” Queen Mary outreach training
- Plan a SAGEX exhibit at the festival of communities in May 2021

Future plans

Apply for a postdoctoral position

Thanks to the SAGEX curriculum

- ◀ I am acquiring knowledge in many different aspects of the Amplitudes field
- ◀ I am building a network of possible future collaborators as well as improving my team work

but also

- ◀ I am honing a wide range of different skills (presentation, writing, organisation...) which will hopefully allow me to easily access a job in industry if the academic route should fail.