



# Three-loop elliptic integrals for the Standard Model $\rho$ parameter

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# QCD corrections to the SM $\rho$ parameter

- ♦ The SM  $\rho$  parameter:

$$\rho = \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2 \cos^2 \theta_W} = 1 + \delta\rho \qquad \delta\rho = \frac{\Sigma_Z(0)}{M_Z^2} - \frac{\Sigma_W(0)}{M_W^2}$$

$$\delta\rho = \frac{3 G_F m_t^2}{16 \pi^2 \sqrt{2}} (\delta^{(0)} + \alpha_s \delta^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 \delta^{(2)} + \dots)$$

- ♦ **Massless  $b$  quarks:** known at **four loops**, i.e.  $\delta^{(3)}$

[Schröder,Steinhauser, Phys. Lett. B622, '05]  
 [Chetyrkin, Faisst, Kühn, Maierhöfer, Sturm, PRL97, '06]  
 [Boughezal, Czakon, Nucl.Phys. B755, '06]

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[Grigo, Hoff, Marquard, Steinhauser, Nucl.Phys. B864, '12]  
 [Blumlein, de Freitas, Imamoglu, Marquard, Schneider, van Hoeij, PoS LL2018, '18]  
 [Abreu, Becchetti, Duhr, Marzucca, JHEP 2002, '19]

$$\delta^{(2)} \equiv \delta^{(2)}(t) \qquad t = \frac{m_b^2}{m_t^2}$$

$$\delta^{(2)}(t_{phys} \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-4}) = -9.03594\dots$$

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**This talk:** analytic expression for  $\delta^{(2)}$

[Abreu, Becchetti, Duhr, Marzucca, JHEP 2002, '19]

# Anatomy of a multi-loop calculation

**Step 1:** Find expression for  $\delta^{(2)}$  using **Feynman rules**

- QGRAF/Form/FeynArts

**Step 2:** Reduction to **master integrals**

- Integration-by-parts (IBP) relations [LiteRed, FIRE, Kira, ...]

$$\delta^{(2)} = \sum_i c_i(m_t^2, t; D) I_i(m_t^2, t; D)$$

Easy for  $\delta^{(2)}$   
(with current tech)

**Step 3:** Compute master integrals

- **Differential equations, direct integration, ...**
- Numerical integration [pySecDec, Fiesta, diffexp, ...]

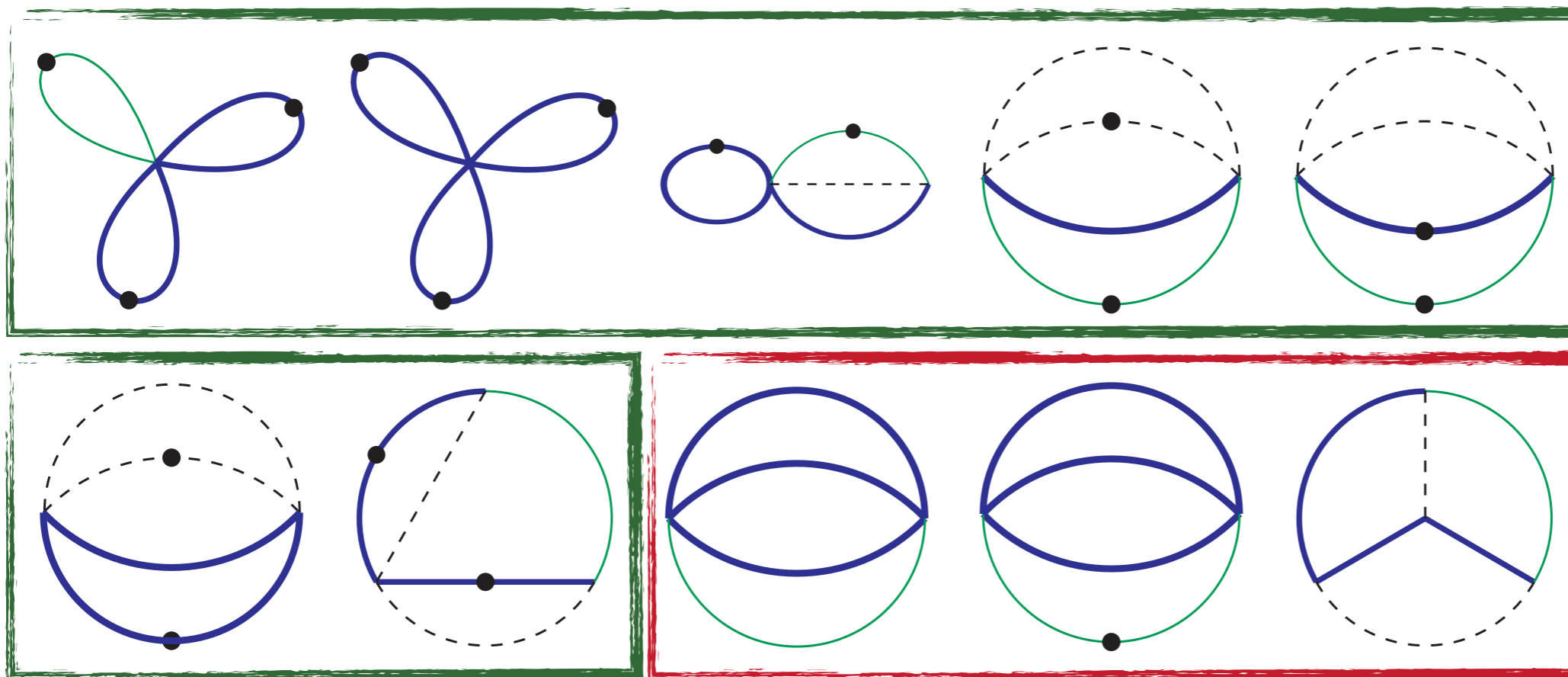
Find expression for master integrals in terms of **functions we understand:**

- ✓ **Relations between functions, analytic continuation:** are  $f(t^2)$ ,  $f(1/t)$  and  $f(t)$  related?  
⇒ simplify expressions and better convergence
- ✓ **Efficient numerical evaluation**

# Master Integrals for Three-loop $\rho$ Parameter

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+  $\left( t \rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \right)$

- ◆ First seven integrals evaluate to **Multiple Polylogarithms (MPLs)**

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- ✓ Trivial with today's technology

- ◆ Last three integrals evaluate to **Elliptic Multiple Polylogarithms (eMPLs)**

[Abreu, Becchetti, Duhr, Marzucca, JHEP 2002, '19]

- ✓ New type of functions, state-of-the-art for analytic expressions

# MPLs and eMPLs

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- ♦ **MPLs**: punctures on Riemann sphere (includes  $\log^n(t)$ ,  $\text{Li}_n(t)$ , ...)

$$G(a_1, \dots, a_n; x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(a_2, \dots, a_n; t)$$

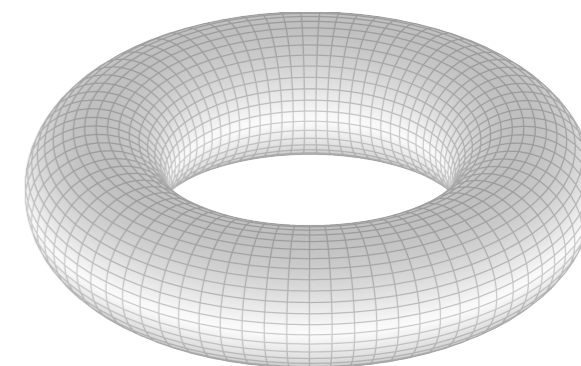
- ✓ All relations can be generated algorithmically
- ✓ Efficient and precise numerical evaluation

- ♦ **eMPLs**: punctures on torus – **elliptic curve**  $y^2 = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)(x - a_3)$

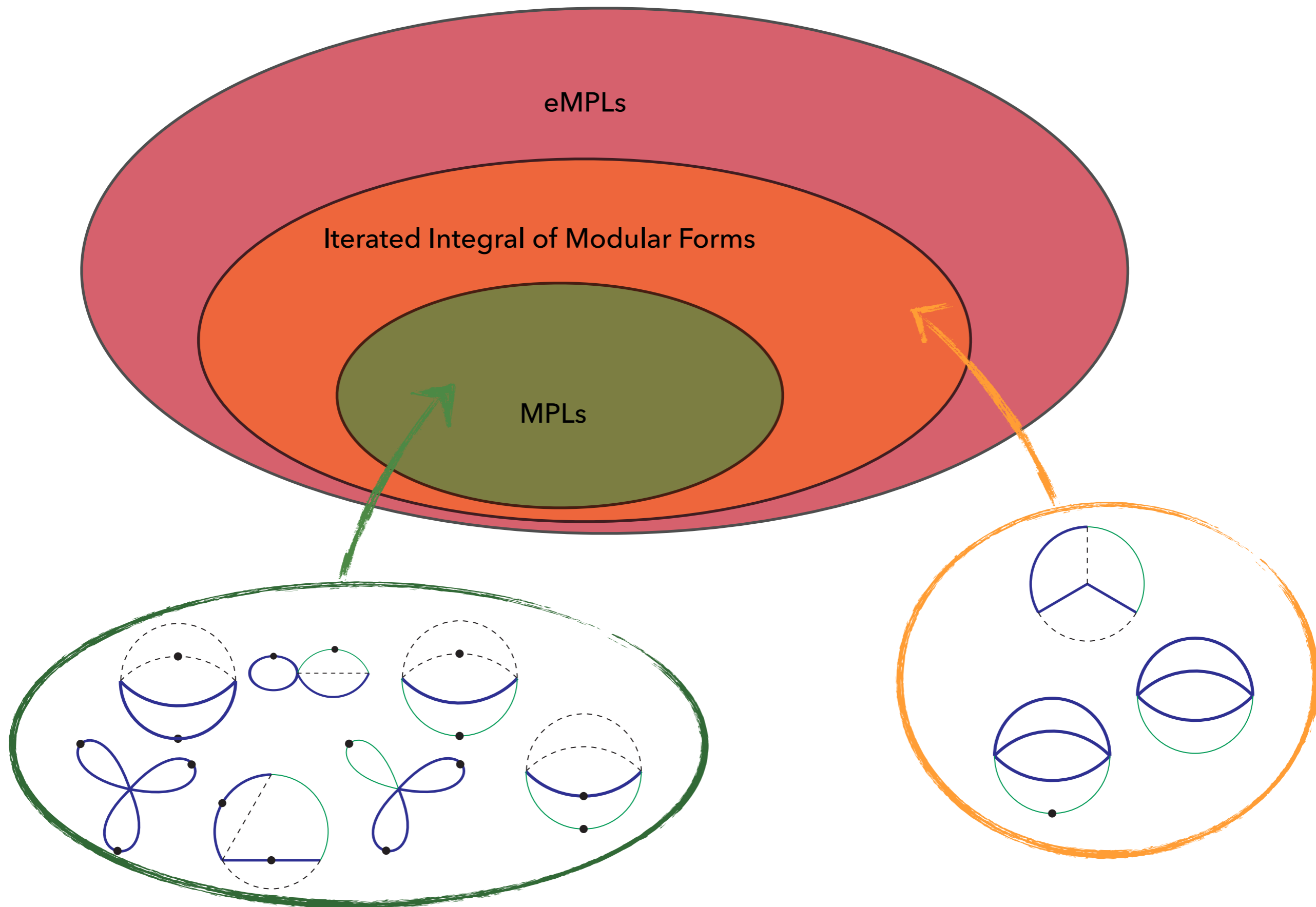
$$\mathcal{E}_3 \left( \begin{matrix} n_1 & \cdots & n_k \\ c_1 & \cdots & c_k \end{matrix}; x, \vec{a} \right) = \int_0^x dt \psi_{n_1}(c_1, t, \vec{a}) \mathcal{E}_3 \left( \begin{matrix} n_2 & \cdots & n_k \\ c_2 & \cdots & c_k \end{matrix}; t, \vec{a} \right)$$

$$\psi_0(0, x, \vec{a}) = \frac{c_3}{y \omega_1}, \quad \psi_1(c, x, \vec{a}) = \frac{1}{x - c}, \dots$$

- ✓ Well defined class of functions
- Relations not yet fully understood
- Slow evaluation
- ✓ Rational points on torus: **iterated integrals of modular forms**
  - ✓ Analytic continuation, efficient and precise numerics



# Master Integrals for Three-loop $\rho$ Parameter



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✓ From parametric integration

$$\text{Diagram} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-t}} \int_0^1 dx \frac{\Omega(x;t)}{y}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Omega(x;t)}{\partial x} = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t(1-x)y}} - \frac{\sqrt{1-t}}{y} - \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-txy}} \right] \times \left[ G(0;t) - G(0;x) - G(1;x) + G\left(\frac{t}{t-1};x\right) \right]$$

$$\Omega(0;t) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \log^2 t$$

✓ Elliptic curve  $y^2 = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)(x - a_3)$

$$a_1 = \frac{t}{t-1}, \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{8} \left( t+3 - \sqrt{(t-1)(t-9)} \right), \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{8} \left( t+3 + \sqrt{(t-1)(t-9)} \right)$$

✓ Second elliptic master as derivative

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{Diagram} = - \text{Diagram}$$

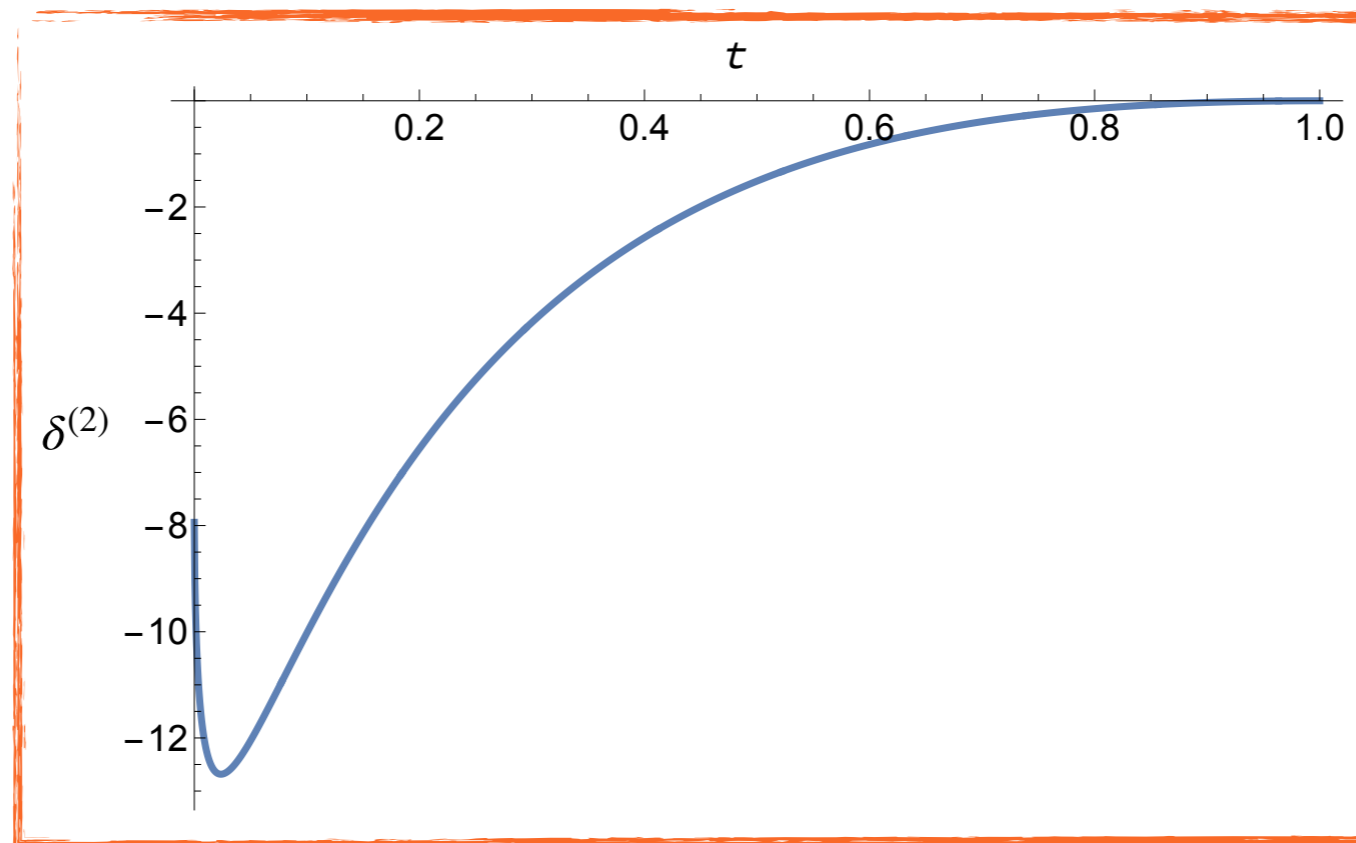
✓ Final master from differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{Diagram} &= \epsilon \frac{2}{1-t} \text{Diagram} \\ &+ \epsilon^4 \left[ \frac{2}{t} (\zeta_3 - \text{Li}_3(1-t)) + \frac{1}{1-t} \left( 2\text{Li}_3(t) - \text{Li}_2(t)\log t - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \log t + \frac{10}{3} \zeta_3 \right) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{4}{1-t} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \text{Diagram} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5) \end{aligned}$$

# Three-Loop QCD Corrections to $\rho$ parameter

[Abreu, Becchetti, Duhr, Marzucca, JHEP 2002, '19]

- ◆ For  $\delta^{(2)}$ : need **master integrals at  $t$  and  $1/t$** 
  - ✓ Iterated integrals of modular forms  $\Rightarrow$  **analytically continue expressions**
- ◆ Compact analytic solution
- ◆ Piecewise solution for all values of  $t$ : **fast-converging numerical evaluation**



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Full agreement with:

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# Summary and Outlook

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- ✦ **Proof-of-principle calculation**: physical observable involving elliptic integrals
- ✦ **Elliptic integrals ubiquitous** in multi-loop EW calculations
- ✦ Learn from example of MPLs in (massless) QCD calculations:
  - ✓ **Simplify expressions**: crucial for multi-scale processes
  - ✓ Better representations for **numerical evaluation**: control large cancelations
  - ✓ Also for purely numerical calculations: what is a **'good basis' of master integrals?**
- ✦ **A lot of technology developed** for LHC calculation, ready to be used for EW
- ✦ The community is currently working on this, **a lot of progress is being made!**
  - ✓ See the other talks of this session!

**THANK YOU!**