# Latest IBP reduction techniques

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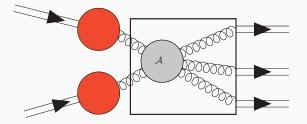


# New challenges in collider physics

- Theoretical predictions at %-level precision
  - search of new physics
  - test symmetry breaking mechanism of SM
- Crucial high-multiplicity & massive multi-loop processes



## Scattering amplitudes



- Main process-dependent part of a physical event
- They can be computed in perturbation theory

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{tree}} + \alpha \, \mathcal{A}_{1\mathsf{-loop}} + \alpha^2 \, \mathcal{A}_{2\mathsf{-loops}} + \dots$$

- precision  $\Rightarrow$  loops (% level  $\sim$  2 loops)
- energy  $\Rightarrow$  high multiplicity and mass scales

## State of the art of loop calculations

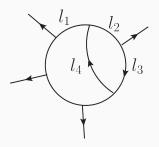
- Tree-level and 1 loop
  - "essentially" solved and automated
- 2 loops
  - great recent progress in 2-loop 5-point processes
    - massless internal and external states (max. 1 off-shell leg)
  - great progress in 4-pt processes with internal masses
- 3 loops
  - recent  $2 \rightarrow 2$  results in massless QCD
- 4+ loops
  - mostly form factors, anomalous dimensions. . .
- Complexity: # loops, # legs, external/internal masses

## Loop amplitudes

• An integrand contribution to  $\ell$ -loop amplitude

$$\mathcal{A} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} d^d k_i \right) \frac{\mathcal{N}}{D_1 D_2 D_3 \cdots}$$

- rational function in the components of loop momenta  $k_j$
- polynomial numerator  ${\cal N}$
- quadratic denominators corresp. to loop propagators



$$D_j = l_j^2 - m_j^2$$

## Computing amplitudes: Step 1/3

• Write amplitudes as I.c. of Feynman integrals

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{j} a_{j} I_{j}$$

- Dependence on particle-content in rational coeff.s  $a_i$
- The integrals should have a "nice" / "standard" form

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} d^d k_i \right) \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} D_2^{\nu_2} D_3^{\nu_3} \cdots}, \qquad \nu_j \leq 0$$
$$D_j = \begin{cases} l_j^2 - m_j^2 \\ l_j \cdot v_j - m_j^2 \end{cases}$$

Non-trivial at high multiplicity

## Getting the "nice" form: Integrand reduction

Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau (2007)

generic contribution to a loop amplitude

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} d^d k_i \right) \frac{\mathcal{N}(k_i)}{\prod_j D_j(k_i)},$$

• integrand reduction (integrand as sum of irreducible contributions)

$$\frac{\mathcal{N}(k_i)}{\prod_j D_j(k_i)} = \sum_{T \in \text{topologies}} \sum_{\alpha} \frac{c_{T,\alpha} (\boldsymbol{m}_T(k_i))^{\alpha}}{\prod_{j \in T} D_j(k_i)}$$

- the on-shell integrands  $\{m^lpha_T\}$ 
  - form a complete integrand basis
  - can have the "nice" /"standard" form we want
- fit unknown  $c_{T,\alpha}$ 
  - on multiple cuts  $\{D_j = 0\}_{j \in T}$  (linear system)
  - black-box polynomial reconstruction in  $\{D_j\}$  [T.P. (2019)]

# Getting the "nice" form alt.: Physical projectors

• Well-known decomposition of amplitudes in tensors and form factors

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{j} F_{j} T_{j}$$

- $T_j$  tensor structures contracted with external polarizations
- $F_j$  scalar form factors
- Projecting out the form factors

$$F_j = P_j \cdot \mathcal{A}$$
 with  $P_j = \sum_k (T^{\dagger} \cdot T)_{jk}^{-1} T_k^{\dagger}$ 

- traditionally impractical for  $\geq 5~{\rm legs}$
- Use four-dimensional external polarization states [Chen (2019), Tancredi, T.P. (2019,2021)]
  - $T_j$  span physical space for four-dim. polarizations
  - scales much better with multiplicity
  - #indep. structures  $\simeq$  #indep. helicity amplitudes

## Computing amplitudes: Step 2/3

Chetyrkin, Tkachov (1981), Laporta (2000)

• Feynman integrals obey linear relations, e.g. IBPs

$$\int \left(\prod_{j} d^{d} k_{j}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{j}^{\mu}} v^{\mu} \frac{1}{D_{1}^{\nu_{1}} D_{2}^{\nu_{2}} \cdots} = 0, \qquad v^{\mu} = \begin{cases} p_{i}^{\mu} & \text{external} \\ k_{i}^{\mu} & \text{loop} \end{cases}$$

- Very large and sparse linear systems
- Reduce to linearly independent Master Integrals (MIs)  $\{G_1, G_2, \ldots\} \subset \{I_j\}$

$$I_j = \sum_k c_{jk} G_k$$

# Computing amplitudes: Step 3/3

- The MIs can often be computed analytically
  - in terms of special functions (MPLs, elliptic, ...)
  - most effective method is differential equations (DEs) Kotikov (1991), Gehrmann, Remiddi (2000)

$$\partial_x \, G_i = \sum_j A_{ij}^{(x)} \, G_j$$

- Great recent progress on (semi-)numerical methods
  - differential equations (see e.g. DIFFEXP, AMFLOW) (also relies on reduction to MIs)
  - sector decomposition [Binoth, Heinrich (2000)]

# Analytic vs algebraic complexity

#### Analytic complexity

- understanding space of special functions for amplitudes (especially with massive internal lines)
- appears in: step 3 (computing MIs, e.g. by solving DEs)

#### Algebraic complexity

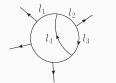
- huge intermediate expressions
- appears in: step 1, step 2 and parts of step 3 (e.g. deriving DEs or expanding the amplitude)
- $\Rightarrow$  this talk!

# **IBP REDUCTION**

## Definitions: integral families

• An integral family

$$I(\nu_1,\ldots,\nu_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} d^d k_i\right) \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} \cdots D_n^{\nu_n}}, \qquad \nu_j \leq 0$$



$$D_j = \begin{cases} l_j^2 - m_j^2 \\ l_j \cdot v_j - m_j^2 \end{cases}$$

- may include auxiliary denomonators
- all scalar products  $k_i \cdot k_j$  and  $k_i \cdot p_j$  are lin. comb. of  $D_j$

$$I(\nu_1,\ldots,\nu_n) = \int \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1}\cdots D_n^{\nu_n}}$$

 the sector S of an integral is identified by the set of denominators with positive exponents

$$\mathcal{S}\left(I(\nu_1,\ldots,\nu_n)\right) = \{j|\nu_j > 0\}$$

- linear identities usually generated sector by sector
- symmetries/mappings only valid for specific sectors

# Laporta algorithm (in a nutshell)

• Integration by parts (IBP)

$$\int \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^{\mu}} v^{\mu} \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} D_2^{\nu_2} \cdots} = 0, \qquad v^{\mu} = \begin{cases} p_i^{\mu} & \text{external} \\ k_i^{\mu} & \text{loop} \end{cases}$$

and Lorentz invariance (LI) valid for all sectors

 symmetries/mappings (shifts of k<sub>j</sub> that re-map denominators) specific to each sector

#### Laporta algorithm

- generate many identities for specific choices of  $v^{\mu}$  ,  $\nu_i$
- define an ordering (or weight) for the integrals
- solve the (large and sparse) system of equations
- higher weight integrals in terms of lower weight integrals

# Laporta algorithm

#### Pros

- systematic, general and easy to automate
  - public implementations available (REDUZE, FIRE, KIRA)
- process independent approach
- $\Rightarrow\,$  the most popular and successful reduction method

# **Cons/Challenges**

- linear systems can get huge (with more loops/legs)
- reduction tables can be large/complicated (esp. with more scales)
- large intermediate algebraic expressions
- $\Rightarrow$  often a major **bottleneck** in modern predictions

## Symbolic reduction

- The idea: solve the identities for generic exponents
- Example:

$$I(\nu_1, \nu_2) \equiv \int d^d k \, \frac{1}{(k^2)^{\nu_1} \, ((k+p)^2)^{\nu_2}}$$

one finds e.g.

$$I(\nu_1, \nu_2) = \frac{\nu_1 + 2\nu_2 - d - 1}{(\nu_1 - 1)p^2} I(\nu_1 - 1, \nu_2) + \frac{1}{p^2} I(\nu_1, \nu_2 - 1)$$
  
$$I(\nu_1, \nu_2) = I(\nu_2, \nu_1), \quad \text{etc...}$$

- shifts of symbolic identities often required (Laporta-like)
- harder to automate (available in LITERED [R. Lee])
- not widely used

# FINITE FIELDS AND RATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION

#### The main idea

- reconstruct analytic results from numerical evaluations
- evaluation over finite fields  $Z_p$  (i.e. modulo prime integers p)

$$\mathcal{Z}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$$

- use machine-size integers,  $p < 2^{64} \Rightarrow {\rm fast}$  and exact
- collect numerical evaluations and infer analytic result
- first applications
  - linear solvers, IBPs and univariate reconstruction

Kant (2014), von Manteuffel, Schabinger (2014)

• helicity amplitudes and multivariate reconstruction T.P. (2016)

## Some notable examples

- FINRED (private) [von Manteuffel]
  - reduction for 4-loop form factors [von Manteuffel, Schabinger]
  - 2-loop 5-pt red.s [Buccioni, Caola, von Manteuffel, Tancredi, et al.]
- FINITEFLOW(computational framework) [T.P.]
  - 2-loop 4- and 5-point amplitudes (incl. non planar)

[Badger, Brønnum-Hansen, Gehrmann, Hartanto, Henn, Zoia, T.P. et al.]

- Light-like four-loop cusp anomalous dimension [Henn, T.P., Stahlhofen, Wasser]
- implementation of many new methods (finding identities, DEs...)
- CARAVEL [Abreu, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Ita, Page, Sotnikov, Zeng]
  - analytic five-point amplitudes
- FIREFLY [Klappert, Lange])
  - $\bullet\,$  used e.g. by  $K{\rm IRA}$  Maierhöfer, Usovitsch, Uwer et al.
- FIRE 6 [A.V. Smirnov, F.S. Chuharev]
  - 4-loop form factors [Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser]

## The black-box interpolation problem

Given a rational function f in the variables  $\boldsymbol{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  over  $\mathcal{Q}$ 

• Reconstruct analytic form of f, given a numerical procedure

$$(\boldsymbol{z},p) \longrightarrow \boxed{f} \longrightarrow f(\boldsymbol{z}) \bmod p.$$

- evaluate f numerically for several  $\boldsymbol{z}$  and p
- efficient multivariate reconstruction algorithms exist e.g. T.P. (2016,2019), Klappert, Lange (2019)
- upgrade analytic f over Q using rational reconstruction algorithm [Wang (1981)] and Chinese remainder theorem

$$\mathcal{Z}_{p_1}, \mathcal{Z}_{p_2}, \ldots \to \mathcal{Z}_{p_1p_2\cdots} \to \mathcal{Q}$$

- sidesteps large intermediate expressions & highly parallelizable
- applicable to any rational algorithm

#### Example: Linear solver

• A  $n \times m$  linear system with parametric rational entries

$$\sum_{j=1}^{m} A_{ij} x_j = b_i, \quad (i = 1, \dots, n), \qquad A_{ij} = A_{ij}(z), \quad b_i = b_i(z)$$

- input: list of values for paramers  $\boldsymbol{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$
- output: solution  $c_{ij} = c_{ij}(\boldsymbol{z})$  such that

$$x_i = \sum_{j \in \mathsf{indep}} c_{ij} \, x_j + c_{i0} \qquad (i \notin \mathsf{indep})$$

$$z \longrightarrow \{c_{ij}(z)\}$$

• can be part of a larger algorithm

## Repeated numerical evaluations over finite fields

Efficient implementations (over finite fields) of numerical algorithms:

• use numerical evaluations to learn/optimize subsequent ones

#### Example: Linear solver

- learn linearly dependent/independent unknowns
- learn lin. dep. equations (that reduce to 0 = 0)
- filter equations for needed unknowns
  - often only a subset of the unknown is needed
  - track substitutions during (numerical Gauss elimination)
  - filter out equations that are never substituted (directly or indirectly) into solutions for needed unknowns

- Applicable to any rational algorithm
- Sidesteps appearance of large intermediate expressions
- Massively parallelizable
  - numerical evaluations are independent of each other
  - algorithm-independent parallelization strategy
- Yielded some of the most impressive multi-loop results to date

#### **Reduction to master integrals**

- IBPs are large and sparse linear systems
- they reduce Feynman integrals  $I_j$  to a lin. indep. set of MIs  $G_j$

$$I_i = \sum_j c_{ij} \, G_j$$

• amplitudes and other multi-loop objects can be reduced mod IBPs

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{j} a_j I_j = \sum_{jk} a_j c_{jk} G_k = \sum_{j} A_j G_j, \quad \text{with } A_j = \sum_{k} a_k c_{kj}$$

- final results for  $A_k$  often much simpler than  $c_{ij}$
- $\Rightarrow$  solve IBPs numerically and compute  $A_j$  via a matrix multiplication

## Differential equations for MIs

• The MIs  $G_k$  satisfy differential equations

$$\partial_x G_i = \sum_j A_{ij}^{(x)} G_j$$

- Identify MIs  $G_i$  (e.g. by solving IBPs numerically)
- Compute their derivatives in terms of (non-master) loop integrals

$$\partial_x \, G_i = \sum_j a_{ij}^{(x)} \, I_j$$

- Reduce the needed integrals modulo IBPs:  $I_i = \sum_j c_{ij} G_j$
- The final result is given by a matrix multiplication

$$A_{ij}^{(x)} = \sum_k a_{ik}^{(x)} c_{kj}$$

• Reconstruct  $A_{ij}^{(x)}$  analytically from its numerical evaluations

#### Coefficients of the $\epsilon$ -expansion

• If MIs are known in terms of special functions  $f_k$ 

$$G_j = \sum_k g_{jk}(\epsilon, x) f_k + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon),$$

we compute

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{k} u_k(\epsilon, x) f_k + O(\epsilon), \quad \text{where } u_k(\epsilon, x) = \sum_{j} A_j(\epsilon, x) g_{jk}(\epsilon, x)$$

• what we want is the  $\epsilon$ -expansion of the  $u_k(\epsilon, x)$ 

$$u_k(\epsilon, x) = \sum_{j=-p}^{0} u_k^{(j)}(x) \,\epsilon^j + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon),$$

• reconstruct in  $\epsilon$  only and expand to evaluate  $u_k^{(j)}(x)$ 

## **Partial fractions**

- reconstructed results (usually) come out collected and GCD-simplified
- partial fractioning is known to yield simplifications
- multivariate partial fractions require some care
  - uniqueness of result
  - avoid spurious singularities

$$f(x_i) = \frac{n(x_i)}{d_1(x_i)^{a_1} \cdots d_n(x_i)^{a_n}}$$

 modern implementations require some algebraic geometry [Abreu, Dormans, Cordero, Ita, Page, Sotnikov (2019) Boehm, Wittmann, Wu, Xu, Zhang (2020)
Heller, von Manteuffel (MULTIVARIATEAPART, 2021)]

 $1/d_j(x_i) \to q_j \implies$  reduction mod  $\langle q_1 d_1(x_i) - 1, \dots, q_n d_n(x_i) - 1 \rangle$ 

ordering:  $q_j > x_i$  (exact choice can affect the result)

## Partial fractions and rational reconstruction

- Partial fractioned results are simpler, but they require prior analytic knowledge of full result
- Simplifying the reconstruction
  - guess denominator factors e.g. from the "letters"  $l_k$

$$u(x_i) = \frac{n(x_i)}{\prod_k l_k(x_i)^{\alpha_k}}$$

by reconstructing it over univariate slices  $x_i = a_i \tau + b_i$ 

- reconstruct w.r.t. one variable, say  $x_1$  (or two, say  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ )
- partial fraction univariate (or bivariate) result
- reconstruct dependence w.r.t. all the other  $x_i$
- applied e.g.  $gg \to g + \gamma\gamma$  at 2 loops

Badger, Brønnum-Hansen, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Hartanto, Henn, Marcoli, Moodie, Zoia, T.P. (2021)

# SYZYGIES

#### Lowering the complexity of IBP systems

• IBP relations contain integrals with higher-powers of propagators

$$0 = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial k_j^{\mu}} v^{\mu} \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} D_2^{\nu_2} \cdots} = -\nu_1 \int \left( v^{\mu} \frac{\partial D_1}{\partial k_j^{\mu}} \right) \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1 + 1} D_2^{\nu_2} \cdots} + \cdots$$

- many of these don't contribute to the amplitude
- can we build a system without them? [Gluza, Kajda, Kosower (2011)]

$$\sum_{j} \int \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{j}^{\mu}} v_{j}^{\mu} \frac{1}{D_{1}^{\nu_{1}} D_{2}^{\nu_{2}} \dots} = 0, \qquad v_{j}^{\mu} = \sum_{m} \alpha_{jm} p_{m}^{\mu} + \sum_{n} \beta_{jn} k_{n}^{\mu}$$
$$\sum_{j} v_{j}^{\mu} \frac{\partial D_{i}}{\partial k_{j}^{\mu}} = \gamma_{i} D_{i}, \qquad \text{for all } i \text{ with } \nu_{i} > 0$$

 $\Rightarrow \text{ syzygy equations for polynomials} \\ \alpha_{jm} = \alpha_{jm}(D_i), \ \beta_{jm} = \beta_{jm}(D_i), \ \gamma_j = \gamma_j(D_i)$ 

# Syzygy equations

• A syzygy equation has the form

$$\mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{z}) \cdot \mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{z}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} f_j(\boldsymbol{z}) g_j(\boldsymbol{z}) = 0$$

•  $\mathbf{f} = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$  list of known polynomials

- $\mathbf{g} = \{g_1, \dots, g_n\}$  list of unknown polynomials
- can be solved via linear algebra by making an ansatz for g<sub>j</sub> [see also Schabinger (2012)]

$$g_j(oldsymbol{z}) = \sum_{|lpha| < lpha_{ ext{max}}} c_{j,lpha} \, oldsymbol{z}^{lpha}$$

- if  $\mathbf{g}^{(1)},\ldots,\mathbf{g}^{(M)}$  are generators of the solutions, then any solution

$$\mathbf{g}(\boldsymbol{z}) = \sum_{j=1}^{M} p_j(\boldsymbol{z}) \, \mathbf{g}^{(j)}(\boldsymbol{z})$$

with  $p_j$  polynomials

#### IBPs in the Baikov representation

• The Baikov representation  $(k_j^{\mu} \rightarrow z_i = D_i)$ 

$$I = \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} d^d k_i\right) \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} \cdots D_n^{\nu_n}} = C \int dz_1 \cdots dz_n \frac{B(z_1, \dots, z_n)^{\gamma}}{z_1^{\nu_1} \cdots z_n^{\nu_n}}$$

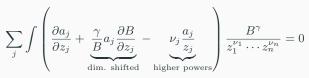
with B = Baikov polynomial (a Gram determinant) and  $\gamma = (d - \ell - e - 1)/2.$ 

• IBPs

$$0 = \sum_{j} \int \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{j}} \left( B^{\gamma} \frac{a_{j}(z_{1}, \dots, z_{n})}{z_{1}^{\nu_{1}} \cdots z_{n}^{\nu_{n}}} \right)$$
$$0 = \sum_{j} \int \left( \frac{\partial a_{j}}{\partial z_{j}} + \underbrace{\frac{\gamma}{B} a_{j} \frac{\partial B}{\partial z_{j}}}_{\text{dim. shifted higher powers}} - \underbrace{\nu_{j} \frac{a_{j}}{z_{j}}}_{\text{higher powers}} \right) \frac{B^{\gamma}}{z_{1}^{\nu_{1}} \cdots z_{n}^{\nu_{n}}}$$

## IBPs in the Baikov representation

Ita (2016), Larsen, Zhang (2016)



Syzygy equations

$$\sum_{j} a_{j} \frac{\partial B}{\partial z_{j}} = b_{0} B \tag{1}$$

 $a_j = z_j b_j$  (for sectors with  $\nu_j > 0$ ) (2)

for polynomials  $b_j = b_j(z_1, \ldots, z_n)$ 

 closed form solutions for (1) and (2) can be (separately) found [Böhm, Georgoudis, Larsen, Schulze, Zhang (2018)] Three different approaches:

- 1. plug (2) into (1) and solve (1)
- combine solutions of (1) and (2) (module intersections) [Böhm, Georgoudis, Larsen, Schönemann, Zhang (2018)]
- 3. take solution of (1) and remove higher-powers of denominators via Gauss elimination [von Manteuffel]
  - 1-to-1 map btw. solutions into linear equations

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{k\alpha} c_{k\alpha} \mathbf{z}^{\alpha} \, \hat{e}_k \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \sum_{k\alpha} c_{k\alpha} x_{k\alpha} = 0$$

- Gauss eliminate unwanted terms ⇔ combination of syzygies
- exploit solvers and rational reconstruction
- avoid reconstruction of complicated solutions

- Syzygies yield new parametric identities for each sector
- Then proceed as in traditional Laporta alg.
- Identities can be used in integrand bases (see e.g. numerical unitarity [Ita et al. (2016)])
- Can be combined with traditional Laporta identities (e.g. to fix incomplete reductions or avoid complex syzygy solutions)
- + Up to  $\sim 10x$  improvements in efficiency

# OTHER APPROACHES

## The vector space of Feynman integrals

- A family of Feynman integrals  $\{I\}$  is a vector space
- Master Integrals  $\{G_j\}$  are a basis of this vector space

$$I = \sum_{k} c_k G_k$$

with rational coefficients  $\{c_k\}$ 

- Can we directly project into this basis?
- A scalar product would do the job

$$c_k = \sum_j (G^{-1})_{kj} (G_j \cdot I), \quad \text{with } G_{jk} \equiv G_j \cdot G_k$$

## Intersection theory

• Consider a set of integrals

$$\langle \phi | \sim \int \phi(\boldsymbol{z}) \, u(\boldsymbol{z}) \, d^n \boldsymbol{z}, \qquad u(\boldsymbol{z}) = \prod_j B_j(\boldsymbol{z})^{\gamma_j}$$

with  $\gamma_j$  "generic" exponents, u polynomial,  $\phi$  rational

• Invariance under IBPs

$$\phi \to \phi + \mathcal{D}_i \xi, \qquad \mathcal{D}_i \xi \equiv \left(\partial_{z_i} + \frac{\partial_{z_i} u}{u}\right) \xi$$

• Dual space  $|\phi\rangle\sim$  uses  $u\rightarrow u^{-1}$ 

• Intersection numbers: a scalar product (univariate case)

$$\begin{split} \langle \phi_L | \phi_R \rangle &= \operatorname{Res}_p \Big[ \psi_p \phi_R \Big] \\ \partial_z \psi_p &+ \frac{\partial u}{u} \psi_p = \phi_L \quad \text{close to } z \sim p \end{split}$$

with  $p \in \{ \text{poles of } \partial_z u/u \}$ 

#### Mastrolia, Mizera (2019)

Frellesvig, Gasparotto, Laporta, Mandal, Mastrolia, Mattiazzi, Mizera (2021)

- Intersection theory  $\Rightarrow$  requires a suitable integral form
- Example: Baikov representation

$$I \sim \langle \phi | \sim \int u(\boldsymbol{z}) \, \phi(\boldsymbol{z}) \, d^n \boldsymbol{z}$$

with

$$u = B^{\gamma}, \qquad \phi = \frac{1}{z_1^{\nu_1} \cdots z_n^{\nu_n}}$$

- Int. numbers can be generalized to multivariate case (recursive algorithm)
- has been shown to work in many examples

- Manifest vector-space structure of integral families
- Some open questions and a few conceptual issues
- Can we implement it in a rational algorithm?
  - poles can be in non-rational positions
  - polynomial algebra + global residues [see e.g. Weinzierl (2020)]
- Missing public/efficient implementations
- An interesting direction to explore

# Summary & Outlook

#### Summary

- IBP reduction is essential for multi-loop predictions
- Great recent progress in Laporta-like approaches
- Finite fields allow to delay analytic reconstruction (avoid large intermediate expressions)
- Syzygies reduce complexity of the systems

#### Outlook

- Improving Laporta-like or parametric reductions
- Exploring alternatives, e.g. approaches for direct reduction

# BACKUP SLIDES

#### **Functional reconstruction**

Reconstruct the monomials  $z^{\alpha}$  and their coefficients from numerical evaluations of the function (over finite fields)

- from  $\mathcal{Q}$  to  $\mathcal{Z}_p$ :  $q = a/b \in \mathcal{Q} \longrightarrow q \mod p \equiv a \times (b^{-1} \mod p) \mod p$
- how to go back from  $\mathcal{Z}_p$  to  $\mathcal{Q}$ ?
  - rational reconstruction algorithm: given  $c \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  find its pre-image  $q = a/b \in \mathcal{Q}$  with "small" a, b [Wang (1981)]
  - it's correct when  $a,b\lesssim \sqrt{n}$
- make n large enough using Chinese reminder theorem
  - solution in  $\mathcal{Z}_{p_1}, \mathcal{Z}_{p_2} \ldots \Rightarrow$  solution in  $\mathcal{Z}_{p_1p_2\ldots}$

#### Rational reconstruction: example

• Reconstruct q = -611520/341 from its images over finite fields

• 
$$Z_{p_1}$$
, with  $p_1 = 897473$ 

 $a_1 = q \mod p_1 = 13998,$ first guess:  $a_1 \xrightarrow{\text{rational rec. over } Z_{p_1}} g_1 = -411/577$ 

• 
$$Z_{p_2}$$
, with  $p_2 = 909683$ 

$$\begin{array}{ll} a_2 = q \mod p_2 = 835862 \\ g_1 \mod p_2 = 807205 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{guess } g_1 \text{ is wrong} \end{array}$$

• Chinese reminder:  $a_1, a_2 \longrightarrow a_{12} \in \mathcal{Z}_{p_1p_2}$ , with  $p_1p_2 = 816415931059$ 

$$a_{12} \equiv q \bmod p_1 p_2 = 629669763217 \xrightarrow{\text{rational rec. over } \mathcal{Z}_{p_1 p_2}} g_2 = -\frac{611520}{341}$$

• calculation over other fields  $\mathcal{Z}_{p_3},\ldots$  confirm the guess  $g_2$