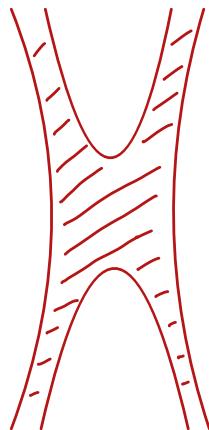
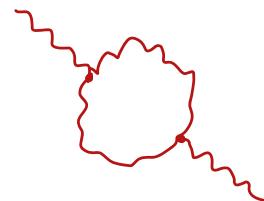


# Real World Amplitudes

from Curves on Surfaces



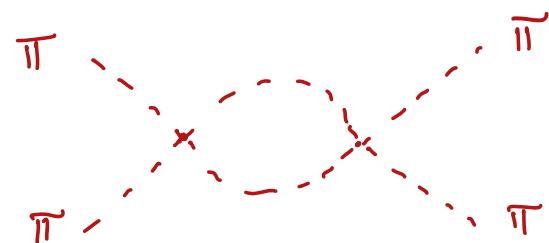
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# Outline...

## I. Surface Integral Formalism vs. Standard Worldsheet

[Built around manifesting singularities].

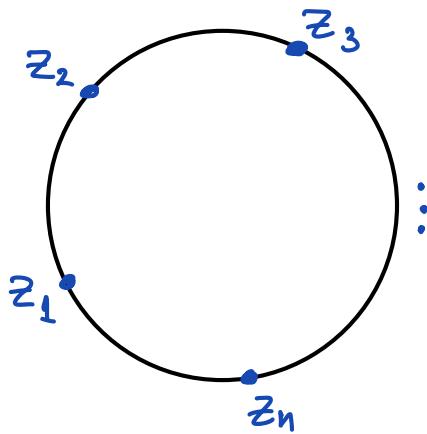
## II. Revealing Qualitatively New Features

- \* Hidden factorizations away from Poles + Zeros.
- \* Kinematic connection between different ths.:  $Try^3 \leftrightarrow NLSM \leftrightarrow YM$
- \* "Perfect" Integrands for real world amplitudes.

Bosonic String Theory

$$\xrightarrow{\alpha' p^2 \ll 1}$$

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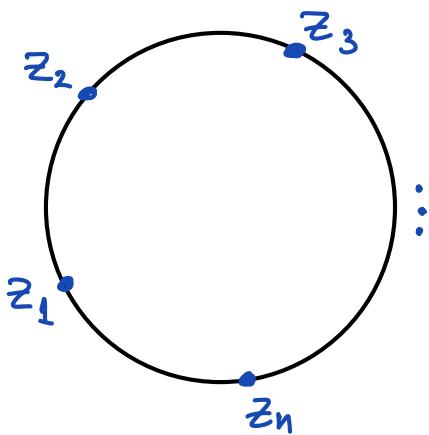
$$A_5 = \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ | \\ 1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ | \\ 4 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ | \\ 3 \end{array} + \dots$$

$(p_1 + p_2)^2$        $(p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2$

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$z_{ij} \leftrightarrow$

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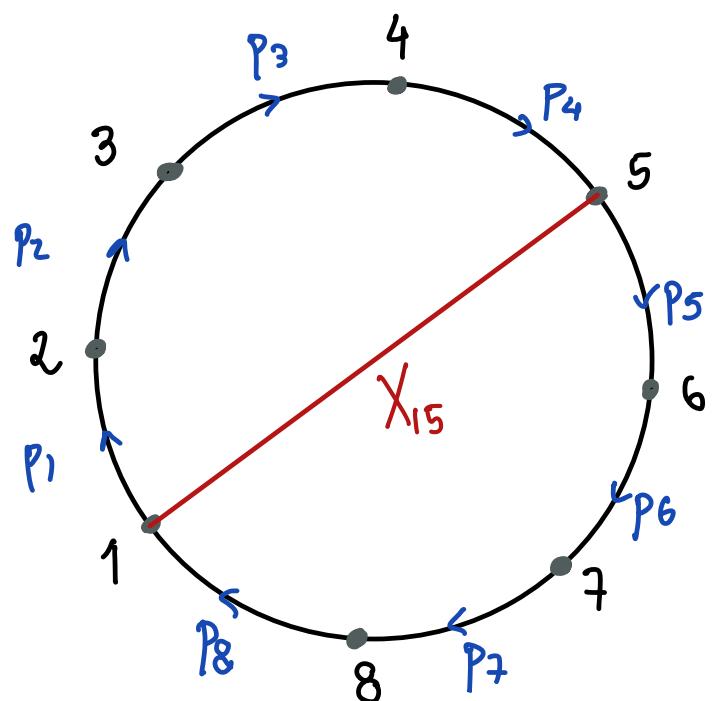
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# [Kinematics and curves on Surfaces]

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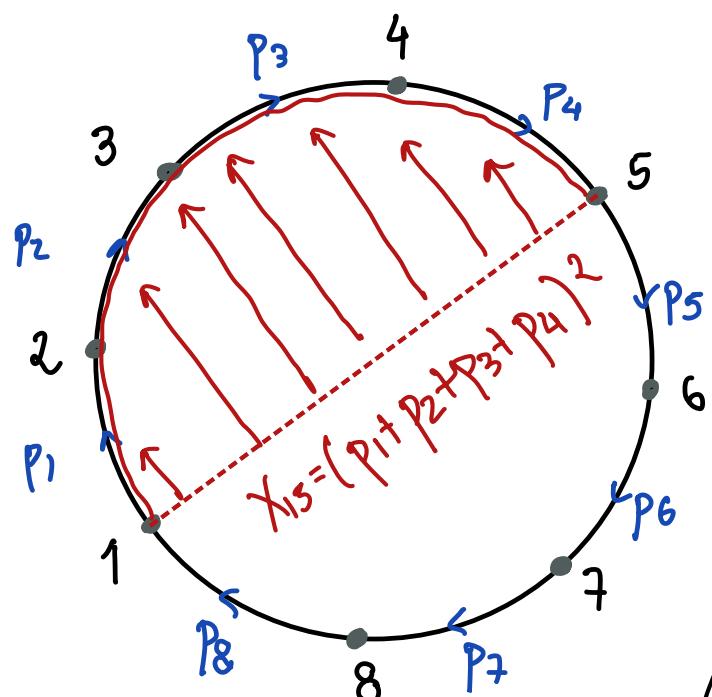
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read off by Homology !

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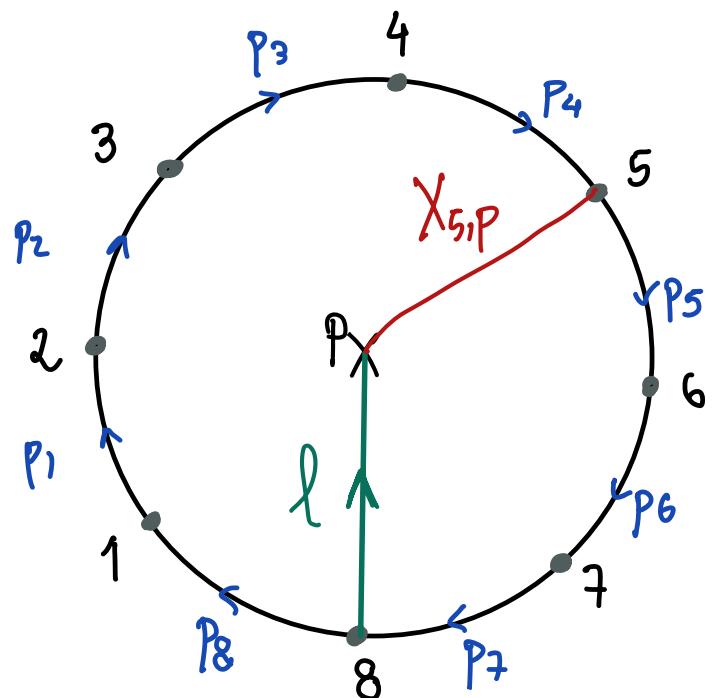
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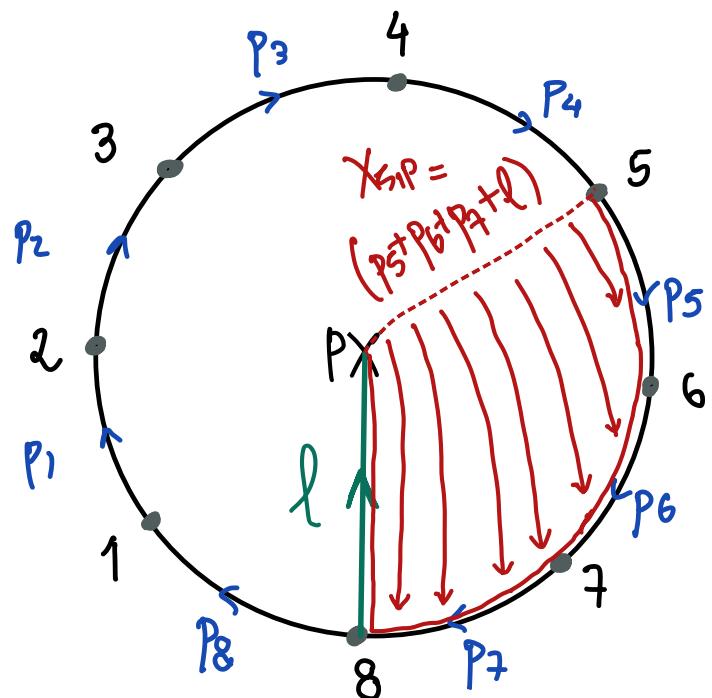


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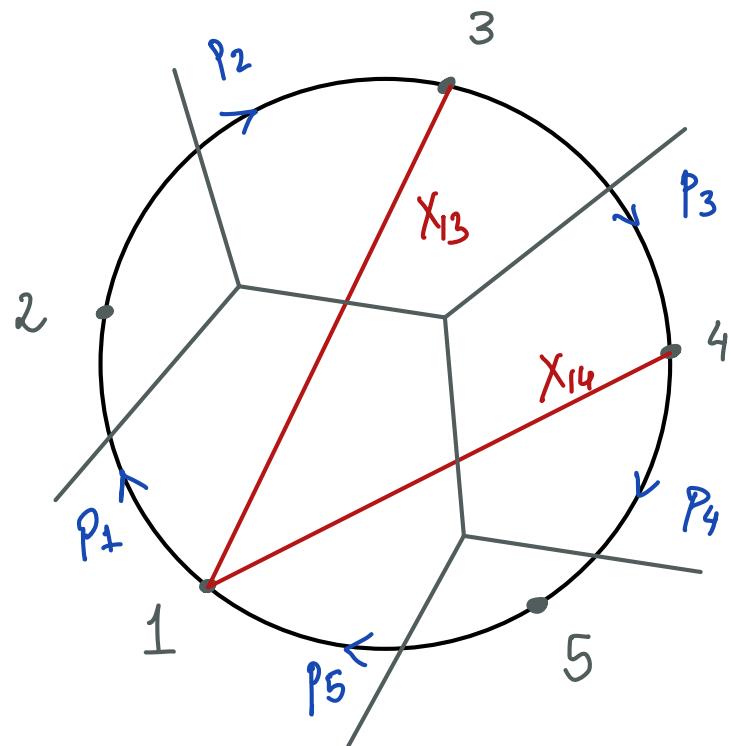
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Propagators in Feynman Diagrams.

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# [Feynman Diagrams as Triangulations of $S^1$ ]

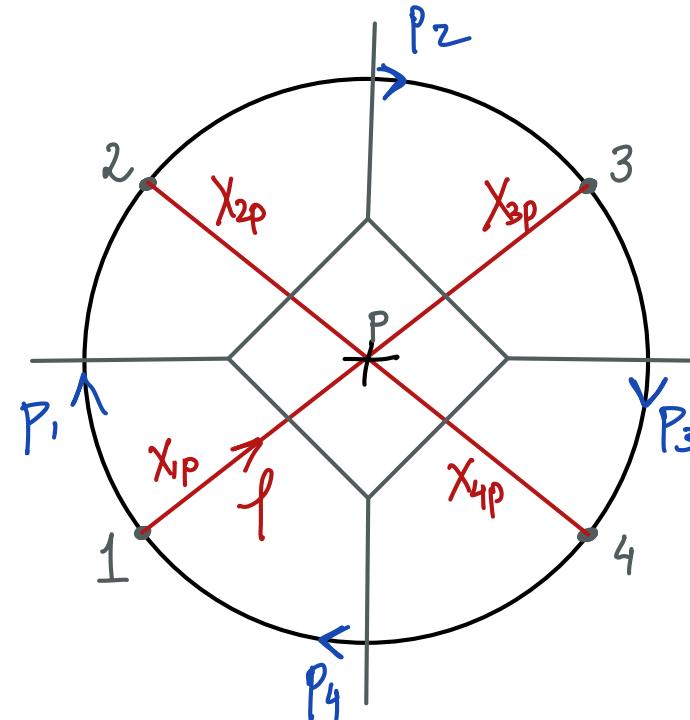
5-point Tree



$$\frac{1}{X_{13} X_{14}}$$

$$X_{13} \quad X_{14}$$

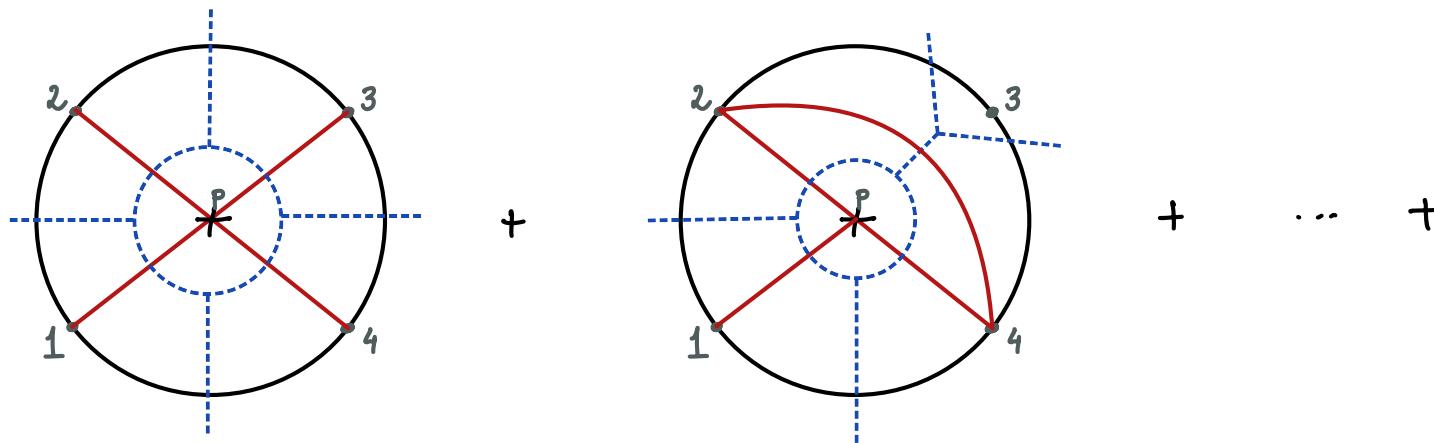
4-point 1-loop



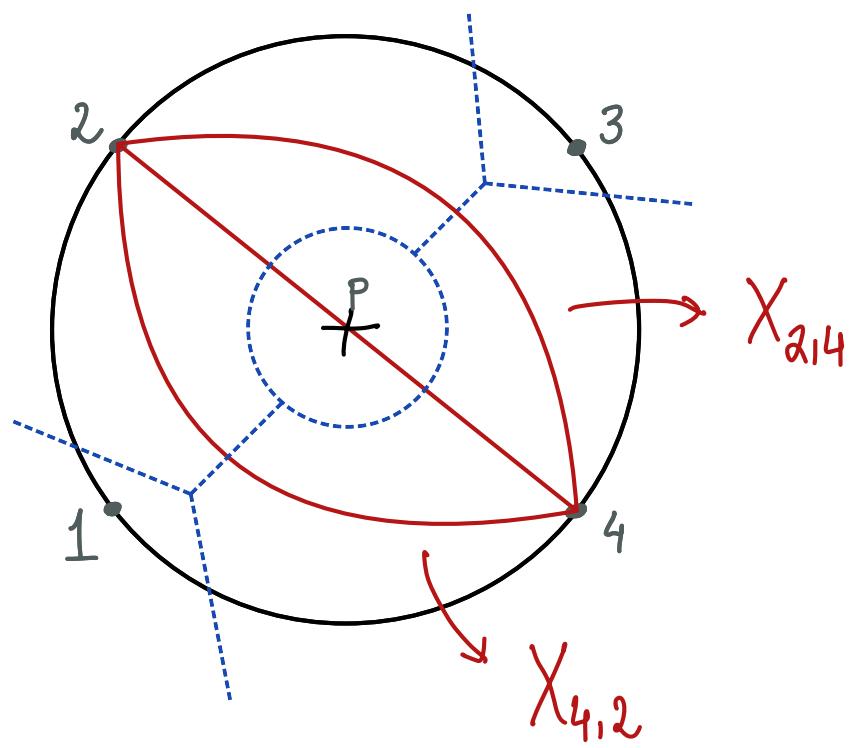
$$\frac{1}{X_{1P} X_{2P} X_{3P} X_{4P}}$$

$$X_{1P} \quad X_{2P} \quad X_{3P} \quad X_{4P}$$

[Amplitude  $\leftrightarrow \sum$  Triangulations of  $S$ ]



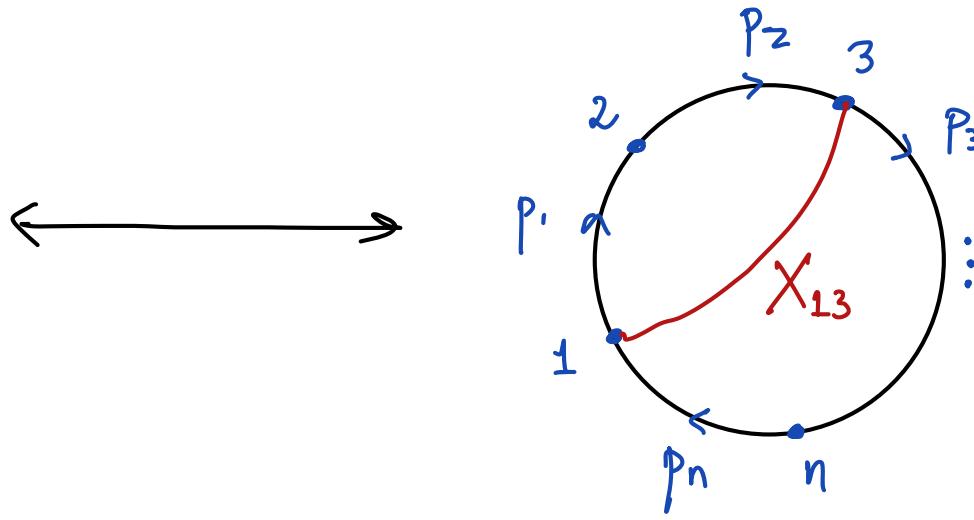
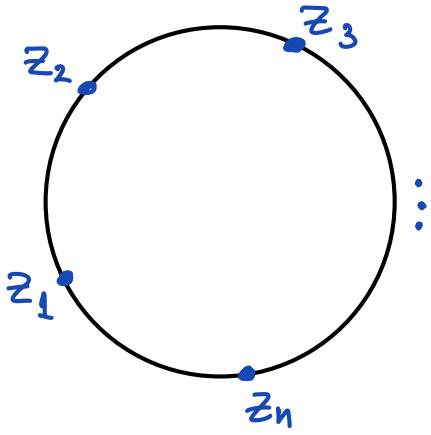
Keep Curves up to Homotopy!



Generalizing away from  
Momentum  $\leftrightarrow$  Homology.  
 $(X_{24} = X_{42})$ .

$X_{2,4} \neq X_{4,2}$  as CURVES

Q: Can we formulate string amplitudes in  
a way that:



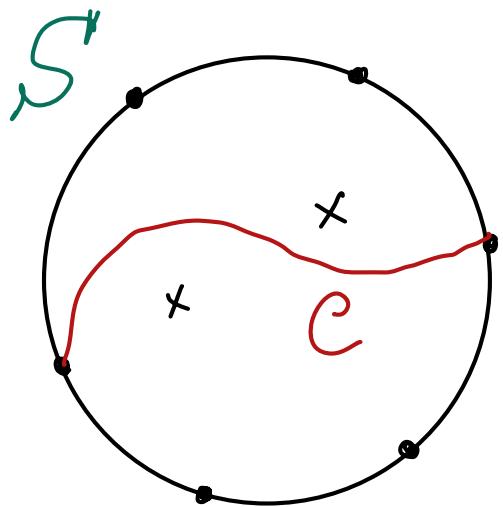
Points in Worldsheet

$$z_i \leftrightarrow p_i^\mu$$

Curves on  $S$

Manifest location of poles.

# Surface Integral Formalism



u-variables:

$$u_c[y] = \frac{f^{1,2}(y) f^{2,1}(y)}{f^{1,1}(y) f^{2,2}(y)}$$

Positive coordinates y

Counting Problem associated to  $C$  on  $S$ .

$$A = \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \pi \frac{dy}{y} \right) \times \prod_{C \in S} u_c[y]^{\alpha' X_c}$$

↑  
Product over all curves on  $S$

*dlog form*

# Surface Integral Formalism: Tree-level.

$$A_n^{\text{tree}} = \int \frac{d^n z}{SL(2, \mathbb{R})} \times \frac{1}{z_{12} z_{23} \cdots z_{n1}} \times \prod_{i < j} z_{ij}^{-2\alpha' p_i \cdot p_j} \quad [\text{Worldsheet}]$$

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\* No Gauge Redundancy / Fixing

\* Trivial to extract Field Theory Limit.

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d log form

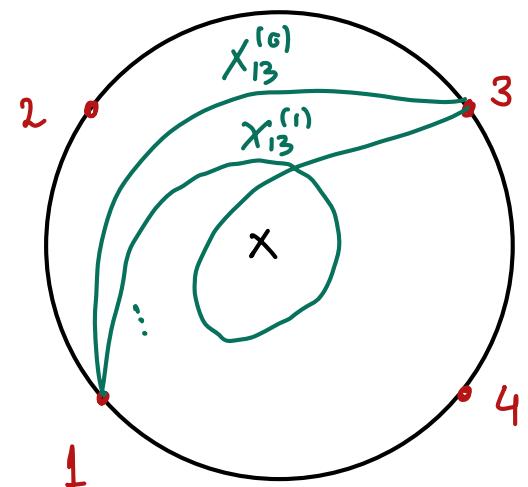
$$\prod_{C^{(0)} \in S} \mu_C^{\alpha'} X_{C^{(0)}} \times \prod_{C^{(q)} \in S} \mu_C^{\alpha'} X_{C^{(q)}}$$

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1-loop Bosonic String.

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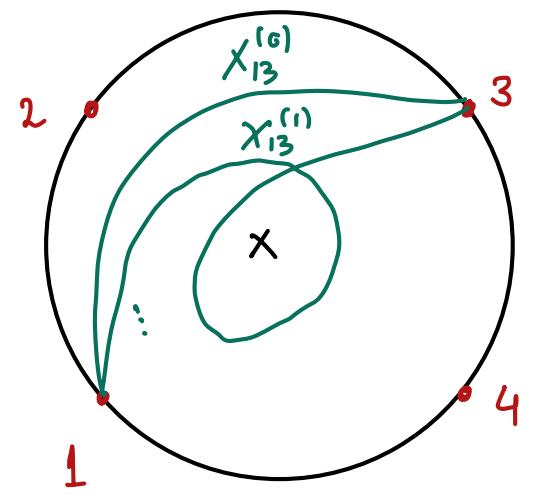
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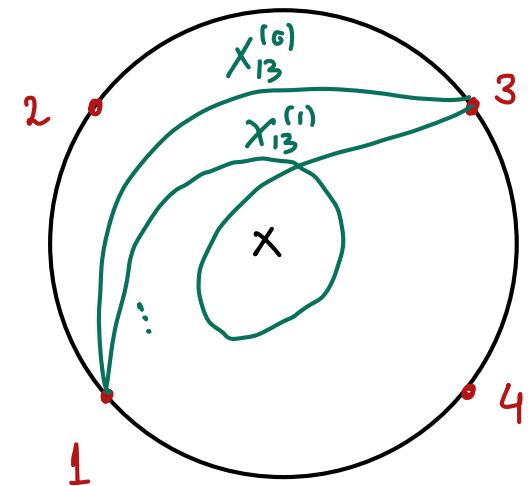
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(g)  $\text{F}_{\text{UV-energies}} : \int_0^{+\infty} \pi \frac{dy_p}{y_p} \pi \underset{C^{(0)} \in S}{\mu_C} \alpha' X_{C^{(0)}}$

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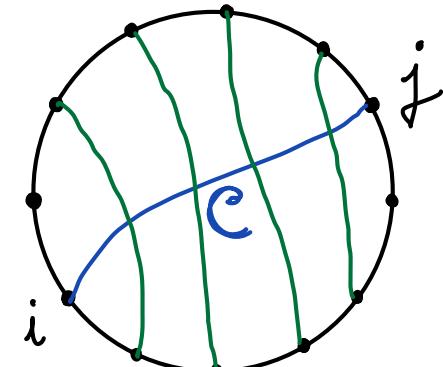


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- \* Much Simpler!
- \* "Stringy" UV regularization

## Factorization $\leftrightarrow$ U-variables

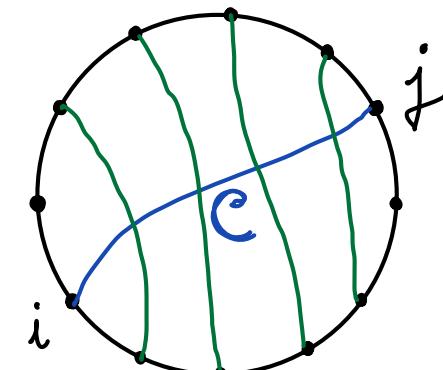
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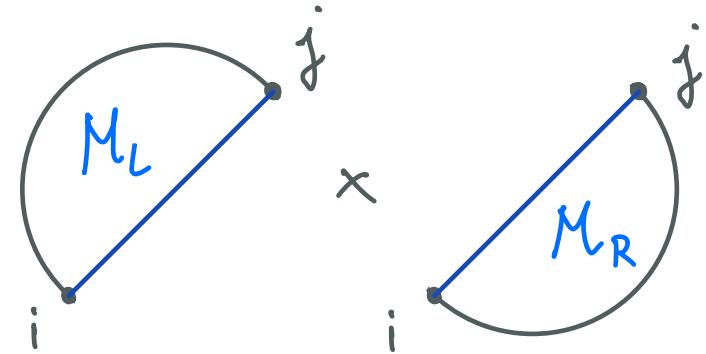
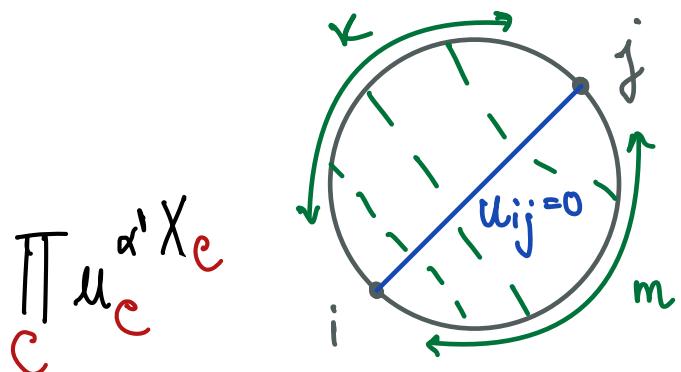
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U-equations  $\mu_c \geq 0 \Rightarrow \mu_c \in [0, 1]$

\* Factorization:  $[x_{ij} = -n \Rightarrow \text{singularity } u_{ij} = 0]$

$u_{ij} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \bigvee_{(km) \text{ incomp. } (ij)} \mu_{km} \rightarrow 1$  [Binary]



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Features.

- \* Hidden Factorizations away from poles
- + Zeros of string/particle amplitudes

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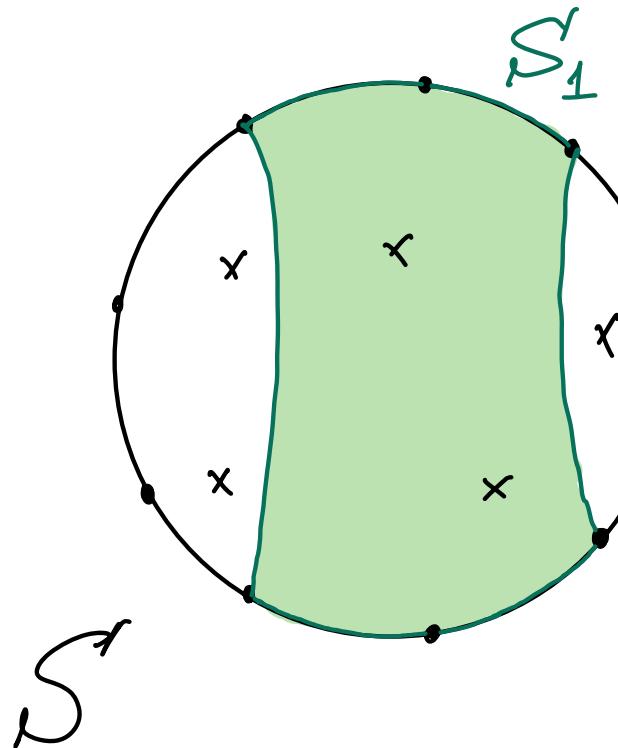
$$p'_i \cdot p'_j \rightarrow 0$$

SPLITs: AWAY FROM Poles (Near Zeros)

## u-variables for Subsurfaces

Simple fact about u-variables !

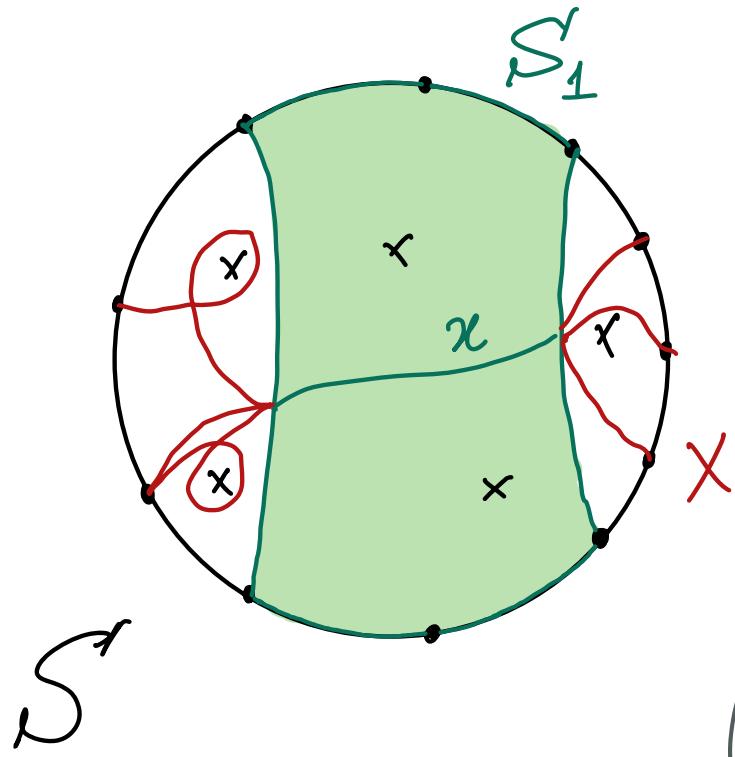
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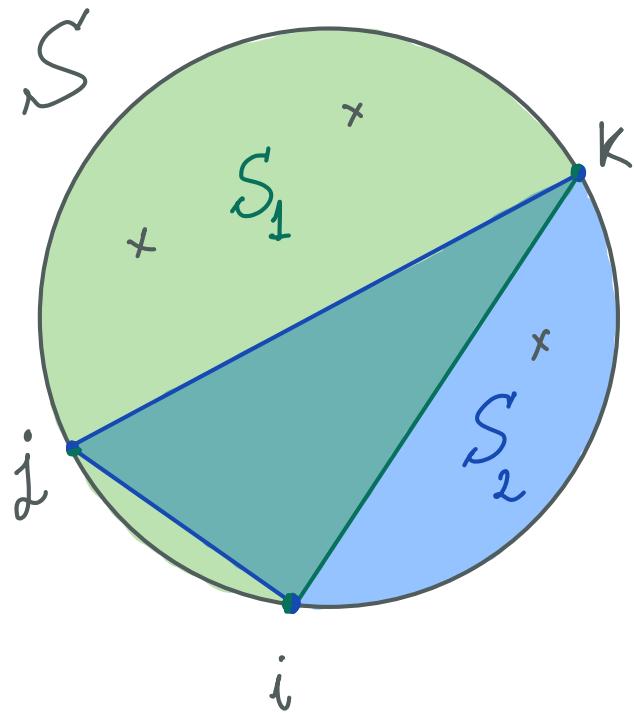


$$u_x = \prod_u u_x^{\#(x \in X)}$$

Extension Formula

(all ways of extending  $x$  into a curve in  $S$ )

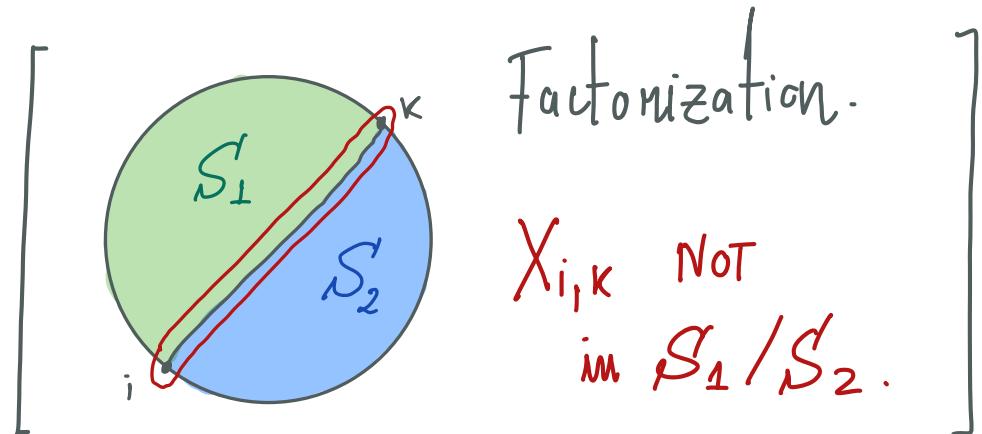
Split Factorization: Choose  $S'_1$  and  $S'_2$  such that all curves  $X$  in  $S'$  belong to at least one of subsurfaces.



OVERLAP ON TRIANGLE!

$$A_{S'_1} = \int \pi \frac{dy}{y} \times \prod_{C_1 \in S'_1} \mu_{C_1}^{\alpha' x_{C_1}} \xrightarrow{\text{Kinematics of } S'_1}$$

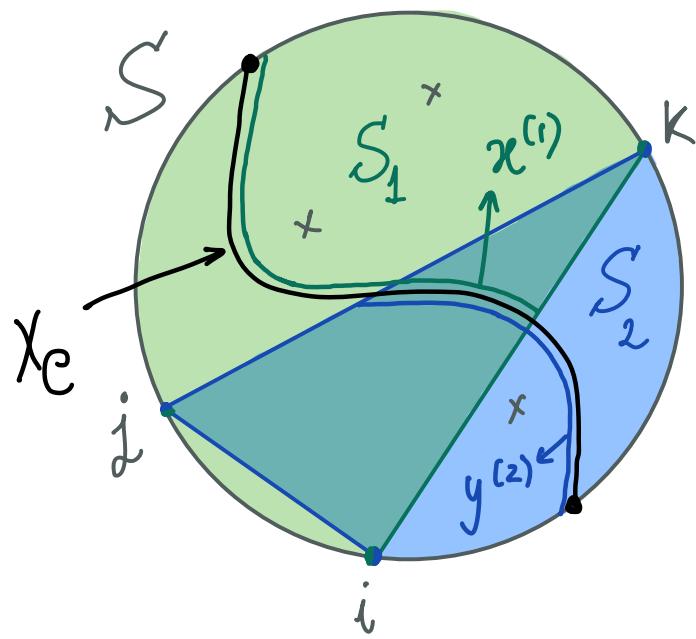
$$A_{S'_2} = \int \pi \frac{dy}{y} \times \prod_{C_2 \in S'_2} \mu_{C_2}^{\alpha' y_{C_2}} \xrightarrow{\text{Kinematics of } S'_2}$$



Extension Formula  $\Rightarrow$  Split Kinematics

$$A_{S_1} \times A_{S_2} = \left( \int \frac{\pi dy}{y} \prod_{C_1 \in S_1} \mu_{C_1}^{\alpha' x_{C_1}} \right) \times \left( \int \frac{\pi dy}{y} \prod_{C_2 \in S_2} \mu_{C_2}^{\alpha' y_{C_2}} \right) = \int \frac{\pi dy}{y} \prod_{C \in S} \mu_C^{\alpha' \tilde{x}_C}$$

$$\text{w/ } \tilde{x}_C = \sum_{C_1 C_2} [\# C_1 \subset e] x_{C_1} + [\# C_2 \subset e] y_{C_2}$$



$$\tilde{x}_C \rightarrow x^{(1)} + y^{(2)}$$

$(\Rightarrow \tilde{x}_C \neq 0 \text{ No POLES})$

$$A_S(\tilde{x}_C) \rightarrow A_{S_1}(x_{C_1}) \times A_{S_2}(y_{C_2})$$

## From Splits to Zeros:

Consider a Split in which one subsurface is a 4-point:

$$A_4(s, t) \times A_{s_2}$$

$$A_4(s, t) \times A_{s_1} \times A_{s_2} \times \dots$$

$$\left( \frac{T(s)T(t)}{T(s+t)} \right)$$

which vanishes  
for  $s+t=0$  (or  $s+t=-n$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Broad class of Zeros for particle / string amplitudes

\* Standard Physical Interpretation

Zeros?

Factorization near Zeros?

# Split Factorizations & Zeros

- \* Surface Integrals [u-variables]  $\xrightarrow{\alpha' X \ll 1}$  Field Theory  
(string amplitudes) Try<sup>3</sup> amplitudes.

Q: Are they also present for other [colored] theories ?

- \* Non-linear Sigma model (NLSM) ✓  $\begin{pmatrix} \text{Zeros} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Adler Zero} \end{pmatrix}$

- \* Non-SUSY Yang-Mills Theory ✓

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\* Kinematic Connection between different  
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Hint: NLSM, YM share all the zeros (and Splits) found for  $\text{Tr}\varphi^3$ .

Build simplest deformation of  $\text{Tr}\varphi^3$

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Only Changing Measure !

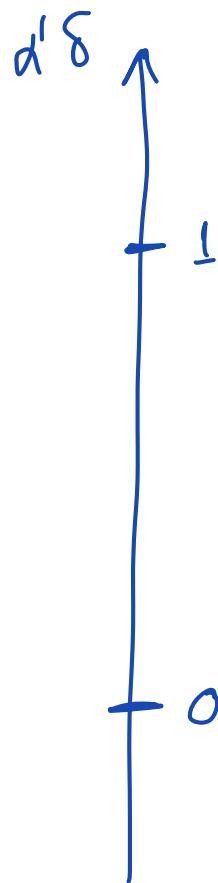
$$A_{\text{Tr} \varphi^3}^{\alpha'} [X_{ij} + \delta_{ij}] = \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\pi dy}{y} \prod_{i,j} \mu_{ij}^{\alpha' X_{ij}} \times \left( \frac{\pi \mu_{e,e}}{\pi \mu_{o,o}} \right)^{\alpha' \delta}$$

$$= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\pi dy}{y} \prod_{i,j} \mu_{ij}^{\alpha' X_{ij}} \times \left( \frac{1}{\pi y} \right)^{\alpha' \delta}$$

# $\delta$ -Shifted $\text{Tr } \varphi^3$

$$A_{2n}[\alpha' X_{ij}] \propto \left\{ \prod_y \frac{dy}{y} \times \prod_{i < j} \mu_{ij}^{\alpha' X_{ij}} \times \left( \frac{\prod_{\text{even, even}} \mu_{\text{even, even}}}{\prod_{\text{odd, odd}} \mu_{\text{odd, odd}}} \right)^{\alpha' \delta} \right\}$$

[  $\text{Tr } \varphi^3$  ]      δ-shift



$$0 \rightarrow \alpha' \delta = 0$$

$\text{Tr } \varphi^3$  theory

① low energies

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$\alpha' \delta$

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YM theory

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$\text{Tr } \varphi^3$  theory

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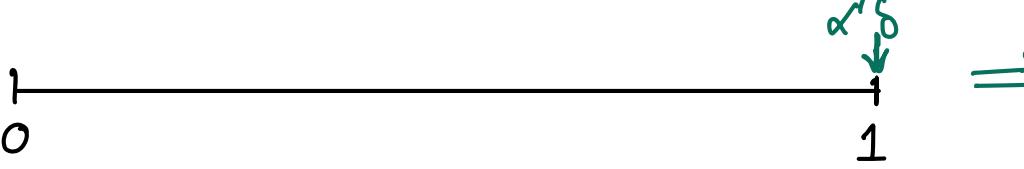
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Why NLSM?

- \* Factorization ✓
- \* Split Zeros  $\Rightarrow$  Adler Zero

\* Lagrangian derivation of  $\text{Tr} \varphi^3 \leftrightarrow \text{NLSM}$ .

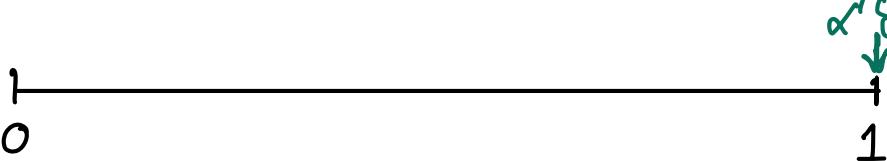
\* Useful (Tree + Loop-level)!

Claim:   $\Rightarrow \text{YM}$

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different measure

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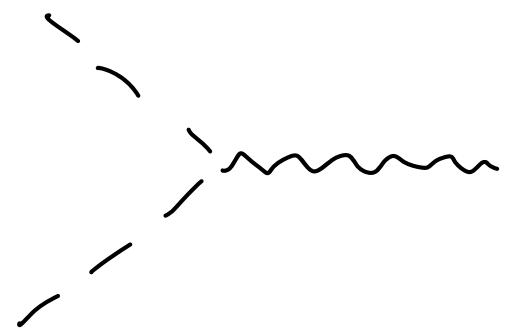
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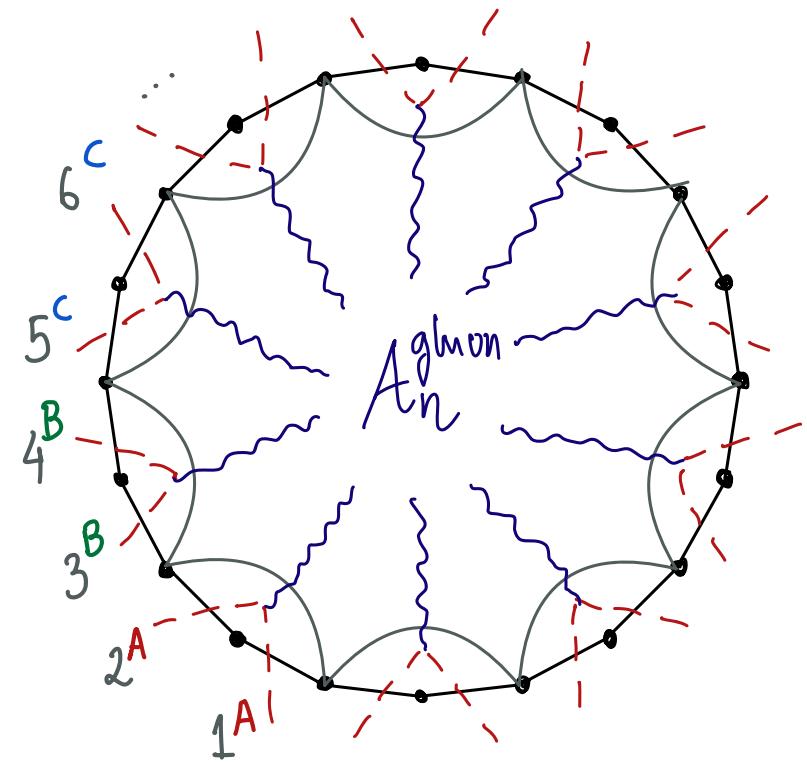
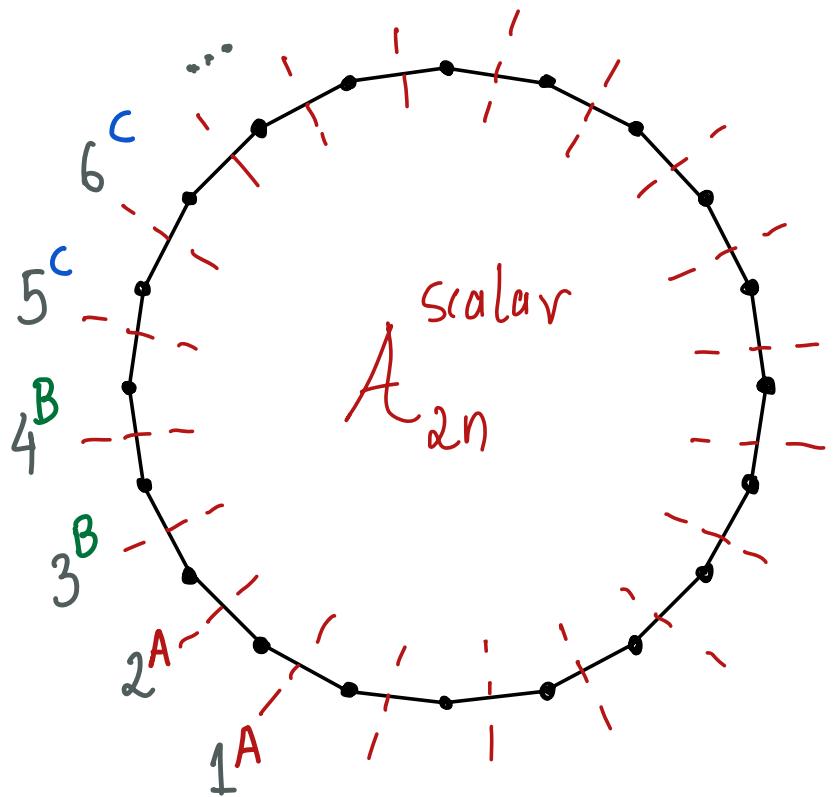
different measure

Q: Where are the polarizations?

$A_{2n}[X]$  = scattering of scalars  
that couple to gluons



General  $2n$ - scattering scalars  $\rightarrow m$ -gluons



$$A_{2n} = \int \pi dy \underset{y_2}{\cancel{\int}} \pi u_{ij}^{\alpha'} X_{ij}$$

$$A_n^{gluon} = \underset{\text{Scaffolding } X=0}{\text{Res}} (A_{2n}) [X_{ij}]$$

Getting  $A_{2n} = \int \pi \frac{dy}{y^2} \prod_{ij} \mu_{ij}^{\alpha' X_{ij}}$  from Bosonic String (Tree-level)

$$A_{2n}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, 2n) = \int \frac{dz_1 \dots dz_{2n}}{SL(2, \mathbb{R})} \times \prod_{i < j} z_{ij}^{2\alpha' p_i \cdot p_j} \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i \neq j} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'} \epsilon_i \cdot p_i}{z_{ij}} - 2 \frac{\epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j}{z_{ij}^2} \right) \right\}$$

$\downarrow$        $\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_3 \cdot \epsilon_4 = \dots = \epsilon_{2n-1} \cdot \epsilon_{2n} = 1 ; \quad \begin{array}{l} p_i \cdot \epsilon_j = 0 \\ \epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j = 0 \end{array}$       | multilinear  
in  $\epsilon_i$   
 (Gluons  $\rightarrow$  Scalars)

$$A_{2n \text{ scalars}}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, 2n) \propto \int \frac{dz_1 \dots dz_{2n}}{SL(2, \mathbb{R})} \times \prod_{i < j} z_{ij}^{2\alpha' p_i \cdot p_j} \times \frac{1}{z_{12}^2 z_{34}^2 \dots z_{2n-1, 2n}^2}$$

$\downarrow$        $z_{ij} \rightarrow u[y]$

$$A_{2n}(1, 2, \dots, 2n) \propto \int \pi \frac{dy}{y} \prod_{ij} \mu_{ij}^{\alpha' X_{ij}} \times \left( \frac{\pi \mu_{ee}}{\pi \mu_{\infty}} \right)$$

# Gluons ⑨ Loop-level.

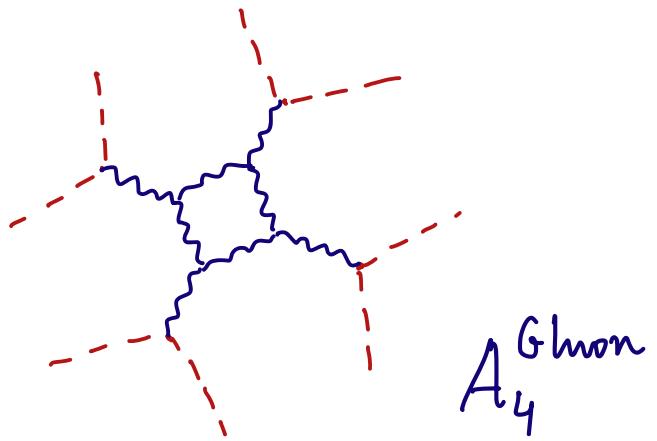
$$A_{\text{Loop}}^{\text{try}^3} = \int \frac{\pi dy}{y} \prod_{c \in S} \mu_c^{\alpha' X_c} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} \quad \int \frac{\pi dy}{y^2} \prod_{c \in S'} \mu_c^{\alpha' X_c} = A_{\text{Loop}}^{\text{Gluons}}$$

Surface Gluon Integrands.

\* General Dimensions

\* Leading Singularities ✓ (2 loops)

$$\begin{aligned} & -X_{14} X_{15} X_{27} X_{36} + X_{15}^2 X_{27} X_{36} + X_{14} X_{15} X_{28} X_{36} - X_{15}^2 X_{28} X_{36} + X_{14} X_{15} X_{27} X_{37} - X_{15}^2 X_{27} X_{37} - X_{14} X_{16} X_{27} X_{37} + X_{15} X_{16} X_{27} X_{37} - X_{14} X_{15} X_{28} X_{37} + \\ & -X_{15} X_{16} X_{28} X_{37} + X_{15} X_{16} X_{28} X_{37} + X_{14} X_{15} X_{36} X_{37} - X_{15}^2 X_{36} X_{37} - X_{15} X_{24} X_{36} X_{37} + X_{15} X_{25} X_{36} X_{37} - X_{14} X_{15} X_{37}^2 + X_{15}^2 X_{37}^2 + X_{14} X_{16} X_{37}^2 - X_{15} X_{16} X_{37}^2 + X_{15} X_{24} X_{37}^2 - \\ & X_{16} X_{24} X_{37}^2 - X_{15} X_{25} X_{37}^2 + X_{16} X_{25} X_{37}^2 - X_{14} X_{15} X_{36} X_{38} + X_{15} X_{24} X_{36} X_{38} - X_{15} X_{25} X_{36} X_{38} + X_{14} X_{15} X_{37} X_{38} - X_{15}^2 X_{37} X_{38} - X_{14} X_{16} X_{37} X_{38} + \\ & X_{15} X_{16} X_{37} X_{38} - X_{15} X_{24} X_{37} X_{38} + X_{15} X_{25} X_{37} X_{38} - X_{16} X_{25} X_{37} X_{38} - X_{15}^2 X_{27} X_{46} + X_{15}^2 X_{28} X_{46} + X_{15}^2 X_{37} X_{46} - X_{15} X_{25} X_{37} X_{46} - X_{15}^2 X_{38} X_{46} + \\ & X_{15} X_{25} X_{38} X_{46} + X_{15}^2 X_{27} X_{47} - X_{15} X_{16} X_{27} X_{47} - X_{15}^2 X_{28} X_{47} + X_{15} X_{16} X_{28} X_{47} - X_{15}^2 X_{37} X_{47} + X_{15} X_{16} X_{37} X_{47} + X_{15} X_{25} X_{37} X_{47} - X_{16} X_{25} X_{37} X_{47} + X_{15}^2 X_{38} X_{47} - \\ & X_{15} X_{16} X_{38} X_{47} - X_{15} X_{25} X_{38} X_{47} + X_{14} X_{27} X_{36} X_{58} - X_{15} X_{27} X_{36} X_{58} - X_{14} X_{27} X_{37} X_{58} - X_{15} X_{27} X_{37} X_{58} - X_{14} X_{36} X_{37} X_{58} + X_{15} X_{36} X_{37} X_{58} + X_{24} X_{36} X_{37} X_{58} - \\ & X_{25} X_{36} X_{37} X_{58} + X_{14} X_{37}^2 X_{58} - X_{15} X_{37}^2 X_{58} - X_{24} X_{37}^2 X_{58} + X_{25} X_{37}^2 X_{58} + X_{15} X_{27} X_{46} X_{58} - X_{15} X_{37} X_{46} X_{58} + X_{25} X_{37} X_{46} X_{58} - X_{15} X_{27} X_{47} X_{58} + X_{15} X_{37} X_{47} X_{58} - \\ & X_{25} X_{36} X_{37} X_{58} + X_{14} X_{27} X_{37} X_{68} - X_{15} X_{27} X_{37} X_{68} - X_{14} X_{37}^2 X_{68} + X_{15} X_{37}^2 X_{68} + X_{24} X_{37}^2 X_{68} - X_{25} X_{37} X_{37} X_{68} + X_{15} X_{27} X_{47} X_{68} - X_{15} X_{37} X_{47} X_{68} + X_{25} X_{37} X_{47} X_{68} + \\ & X_{15} X_{37} X_{46} Y_2 - X_{15} X_{38} X_{46} Y_2 - X_{15} X_{36} X_{47} Y_2 + X_{15} X_{38} X_{47} Y_2 - X_{16} X_{38} X_{47} Y_2 - X_{15} X_{36} X_{48} Y_2 - X_{15} X_{37} X_{48} Y_2 + X_{16} X_{37} X_{48} Y_2 - X_{14} X_{36} X_{58} Y_2 + X_{14} X_{37} X_{58} Y_2 - \\ & X_{16} X_{37} X_{58} Y_2 - X_{17} X_{46} X_{58} Y_2 + X_{16} X_{47} X_{58} Y_2 + X_{36} X_{47} X_{58} Y_2 - X_{14} X_{37} X_{68} Y_2 - X_{15} X_{37} X_{68} Y_2 + X_{15} X_{27} X_{36} Y_4 - X_{15} X_{28} X_{36} Y_4 + X_{16} X_{25} X_{37} Y_4 - \\ & X_{15} X_{26} X_{37} Y_4 + X_{15} X_{28} X_{37} Y_4 - X_{16} X_{25} X_{38} Y_4 + X_{15} X_{26} X_{38} Y_4 - X_{15} X_{27} X_{38} Y_4 + X_{16} X_{27} X_{38} Y_4 + X_{16} X_{27} X_{58} Y_4 - X_{27} X_{36} X_{58} Y_4 - X_{16} X_{37} X_{58} Y_4 + X_{26} X_{37} X_{58} Y_4 - X_{15} X_{27} X_{68} Y_4 + X_{15} X_{37} X_{68} Y_4 - X_{25} X_{37} X_{68} Y_4 - 2 X_{16} X_{58} Y_4 + Y_4 + X_{15} X_{24} X_{37} Y_6 - X_{14} X_{28} X_{37} Y_6 + X_{15} X_{28} X_{37} Y_6 - \\ & X_{15} X_{24} X_{38} Y_6 + X_{14} X_{25} X_{38} Y_6 - X_{14} X_{27} X_{38} Y_6 - X_{15} X_{27} X_{38} Y_6 + X_{15} X_{38} X_{47} Y_6 - X_{25} X_{38} X_{47} Y_6 + X_{15} X_{27} X_{48} Y_6 - X_{15} X_{37} X_{48} Y_6 + X_{25} X_{37} X_{48} Y_6 - \\ & X_{14} X_{27} X_{58} Y_6 + X_{14} X_{37} X_{58} Y_6 + 2 X_{14} X_{37} Y_6 - 2 X_{15} X_{37} Y_6 + 2 X_{14} X_{38} Y_6 + 2 X_{15} X_{38} Y_6 - 2 X_{15} X_{47} Y_6 - 2 X_{15} X_{48} Y_6 - 2 X_{15} X_{49} Y_6 - \\ & 2 X_{37} X_{48} Y_6 + 2 X_{15} X_{58} Y_6 + 2 X_{37} X_{58} Y_6 - 2 X_{47} X_{58} Y_6 + 2 X_{28} X_{37} Y_6 - 2 X_{27} X_{38} Y_6 + 2 X_{15} X_{47} Y_6 + 2 X_{15} X_{48} Y_6 - 2 X_{15} X_{49} Y_6 - \\ & X_{15} X_{24} X_{37} Y_8 - X_{16} X_{24} X_{37} Y_8 - X_{14} X_{25} X_{37} Y_8 + X_{16} X_{25} X_{37} Y_8 - X_{15} X_{26} X_{37} Y_8 - X_{15} X_{27} X_{46} Y_8 + X_{15} X_{37} X_{46} Y_8 - X_{25} X_{37} X_{46} Y_8 - X_{16} X_{25} X_{47} Y_8 + \\ & X_{15} X_{26} X_{47} Y_8 - X_{15} X_{36} X_{47} Y_8 + X_{25} X_{36} X_{47} Y_8 + 2 X_{37} X_{46} Y_8 Y_8 - 2 X_{36} X_{47} Y_8 Y_8 + 2 X_{16} X_{25} Y_8 Y_8 - 2 X_{15} X_{26} Y_8 Y_8 + 2 X_{15} X_{27} Y_8 Y_8 - 2 X_{16} X_{27} Y_8 Y_8 + 2 X_{15} X_{36} Y_8 Y_8 - \\ & 2 X_{25} X_{36} Y_8 Y_8 + 2 X_{27} X_{36} Y_8 Y_8 - 2 X_{15} X_{37} Y_8 Y_8 + 2 X_{16} X_{37} Y_8 Y_8 + 2 X_{25} X_{37} Y_8 Y_8 - 2 X_{26} X_{37} Y_8 Y_8 + 2 X_{15} X_{24} Y_8 Y_8 - 2 X_{14} X_{25} Y_8 Y_8 - Y_2 Y_4 Y_6 Y_8 - Y_2 Y_4 Y_6 Y_8 \Delta \end{aligned}$$



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New  
Features.

\* Surface Kinematics  $\rightarrow$  Determining "Perfect"  
Integrands for real world amplitudes.

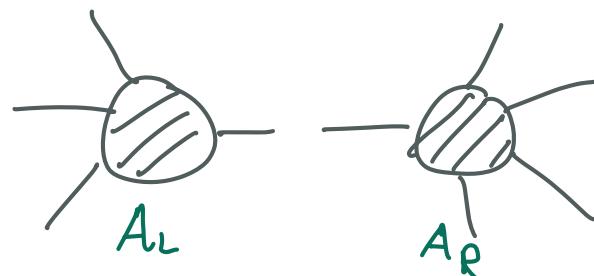
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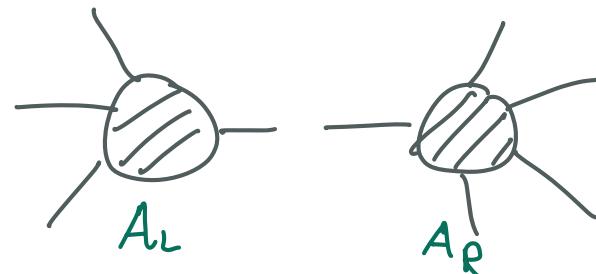


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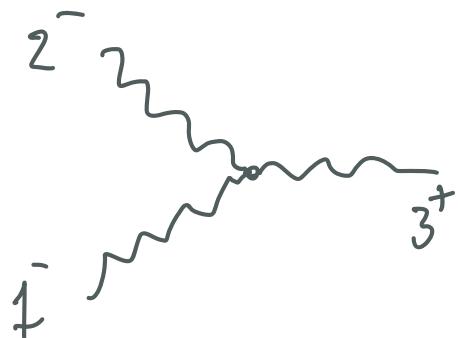
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BUT, Needs extension of momenta  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .



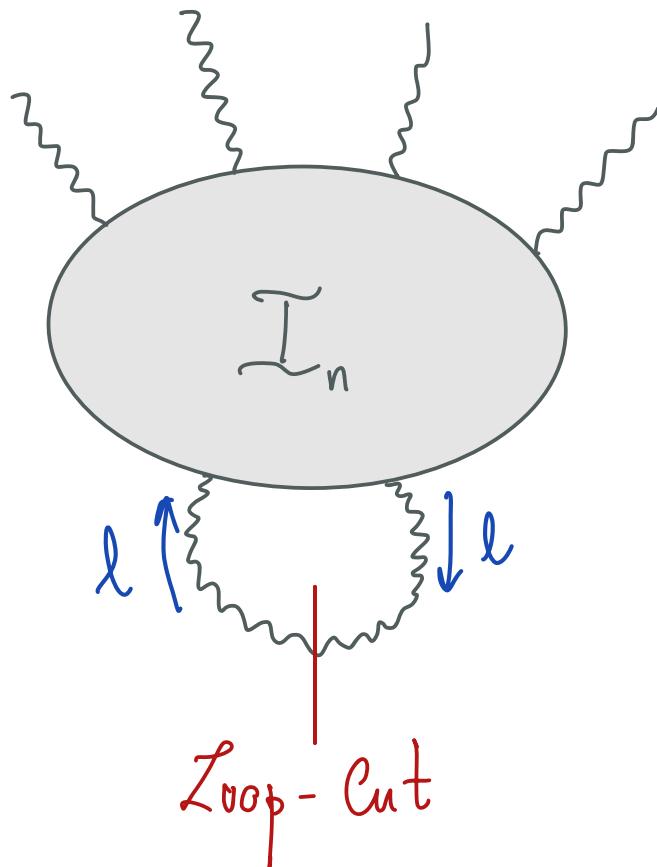
3 point amplitude

= 0 Lorentzian

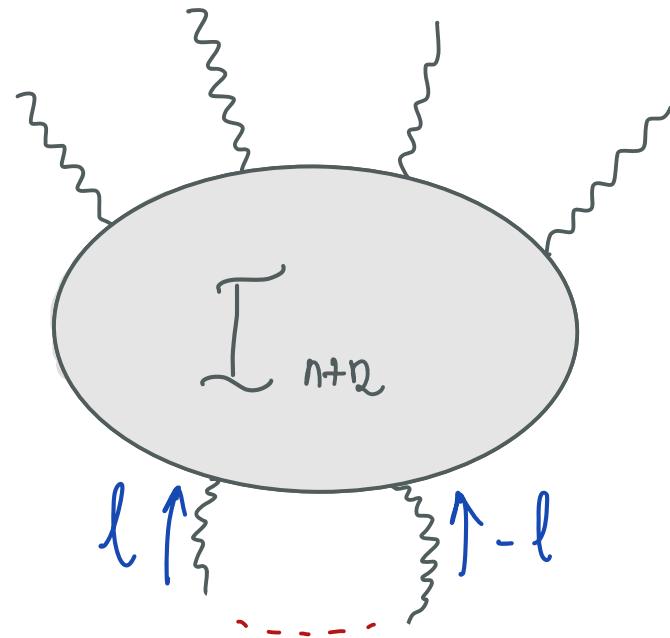
$\neq 0$  Complex Kinematics!

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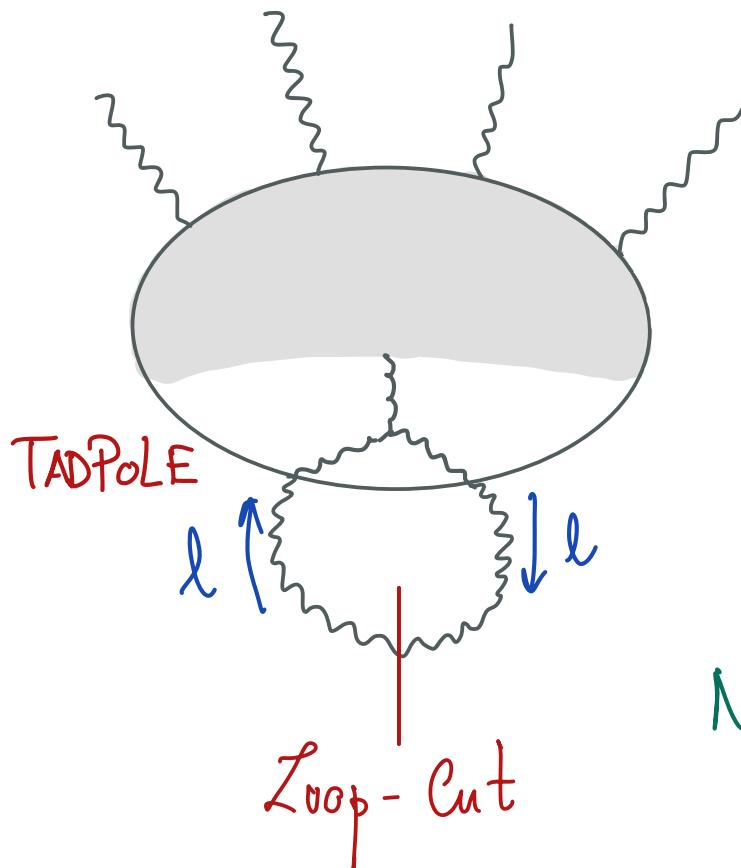
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Tree-Glue

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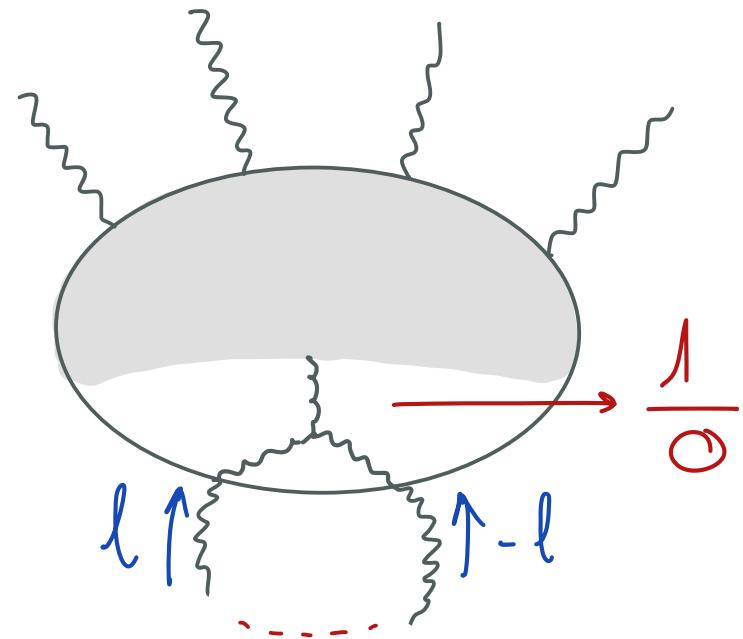
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DIVERGENT!  
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No "The" Integrand.

\* Adler Zero X

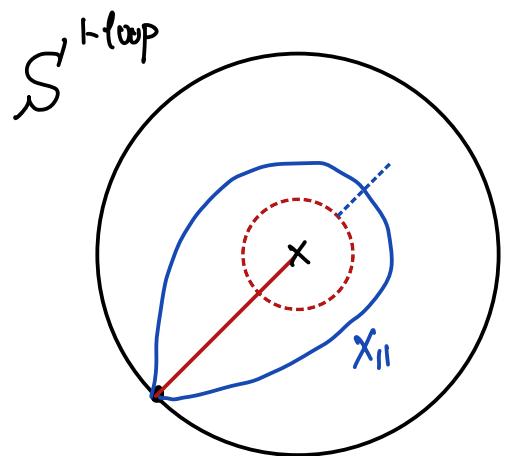
\* Gauge Invariant X



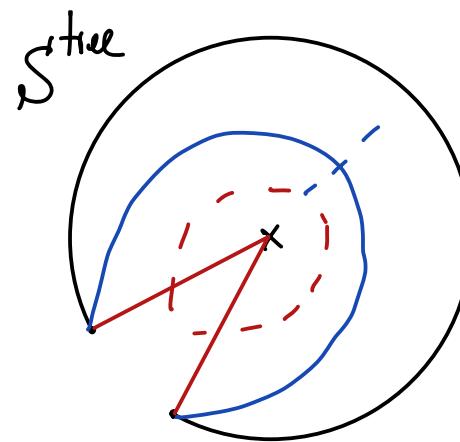
Tree-Gluon

[cancels in maximal SUSY]

In Surface language: Loop-cut

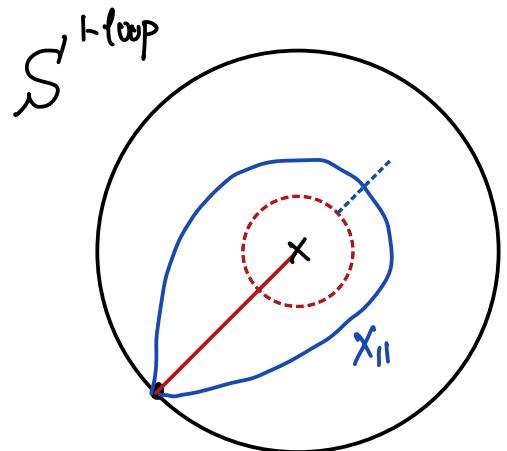


$X_{11} = 0$  in momentum space

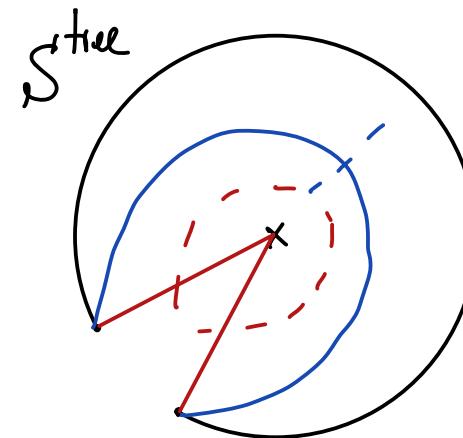


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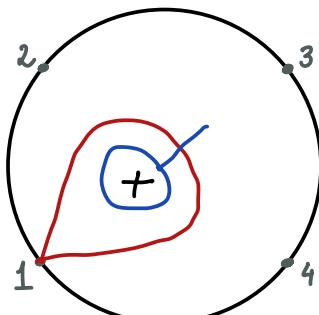
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BUT,

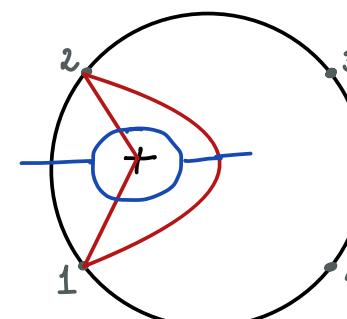
in Surface integral CAN keep curves w/o standard momentum

$$A_{2n}^{\mathcal{E}} = \int \pi \frac{dy}{y^{1+\delta}} \prod_{c \in S} \mu_{ij}^{x_c}$$

HOMOLOGY  $\rightarrow$  HOMOTOPY!



$x_{11} \sim \text{tadpoles}$



$x_{2,1} \sim \text{Bubbles}$

Lorenzian  $\xrightarrow{\text{Tree}}$  Complex  $\xrightarrow{\text{Loop}}$  "Surface" Kinematics  
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$$A_{2n}^{\infty} = \int \prod_{C \in S} \frac{dy}{y^{1+s}} \prod_{i,j} u_{ij} x_c$$

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\* Adler-Zweig (Pions)

\* Gauge Invariance (Gluons).

\* Splits ~ Multi-soft limits.  $\Rightarrow$  All-order statements for Pions and Gluons.

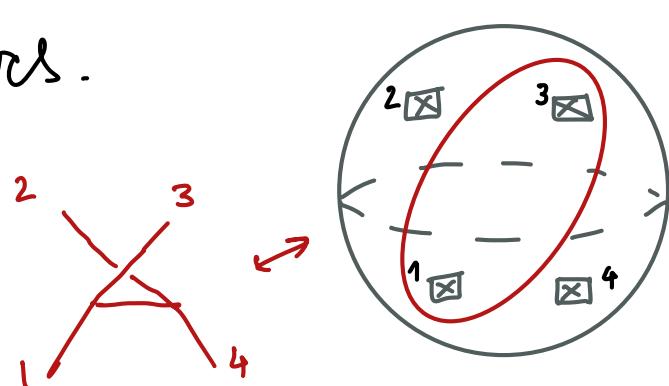
$$A_{2n}^8 = \int \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{dy_j}{y_j^{1+s}} \prod_{i=1}^m \mu_i g_i X_C^i$$

# Outlook...

- \* Fermions.
- \* Realistic particle content. (Beyond) SM

$$\begin{array}{ccc} u(n) & & \text{SU(3)} \times \text{SU(2)} \times \text{U(1)} \\ \phi_j \xrightarrow{\quad} & \rightarrow & Q(3, 2, +\frac{1}{6}) \\ & & H(1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}) \end{array} \rightarrow \text{Extension of SM?}$$

- \* Gravity from Closed Curves.



Thank You!

