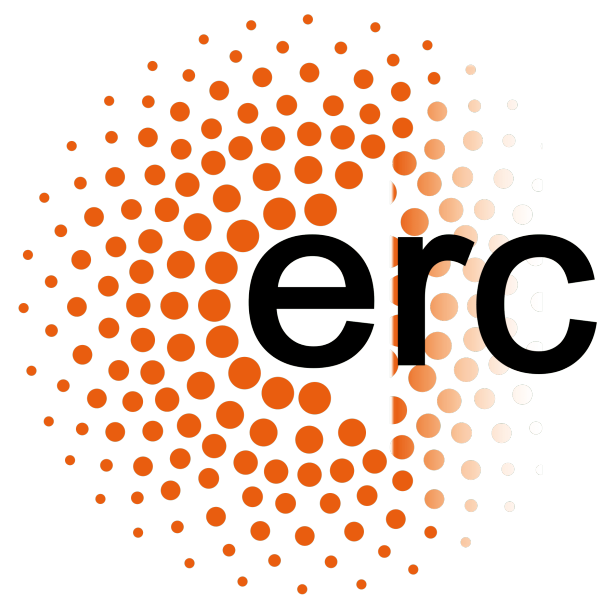


# A+AMFlow for master integrals in singular kinematics

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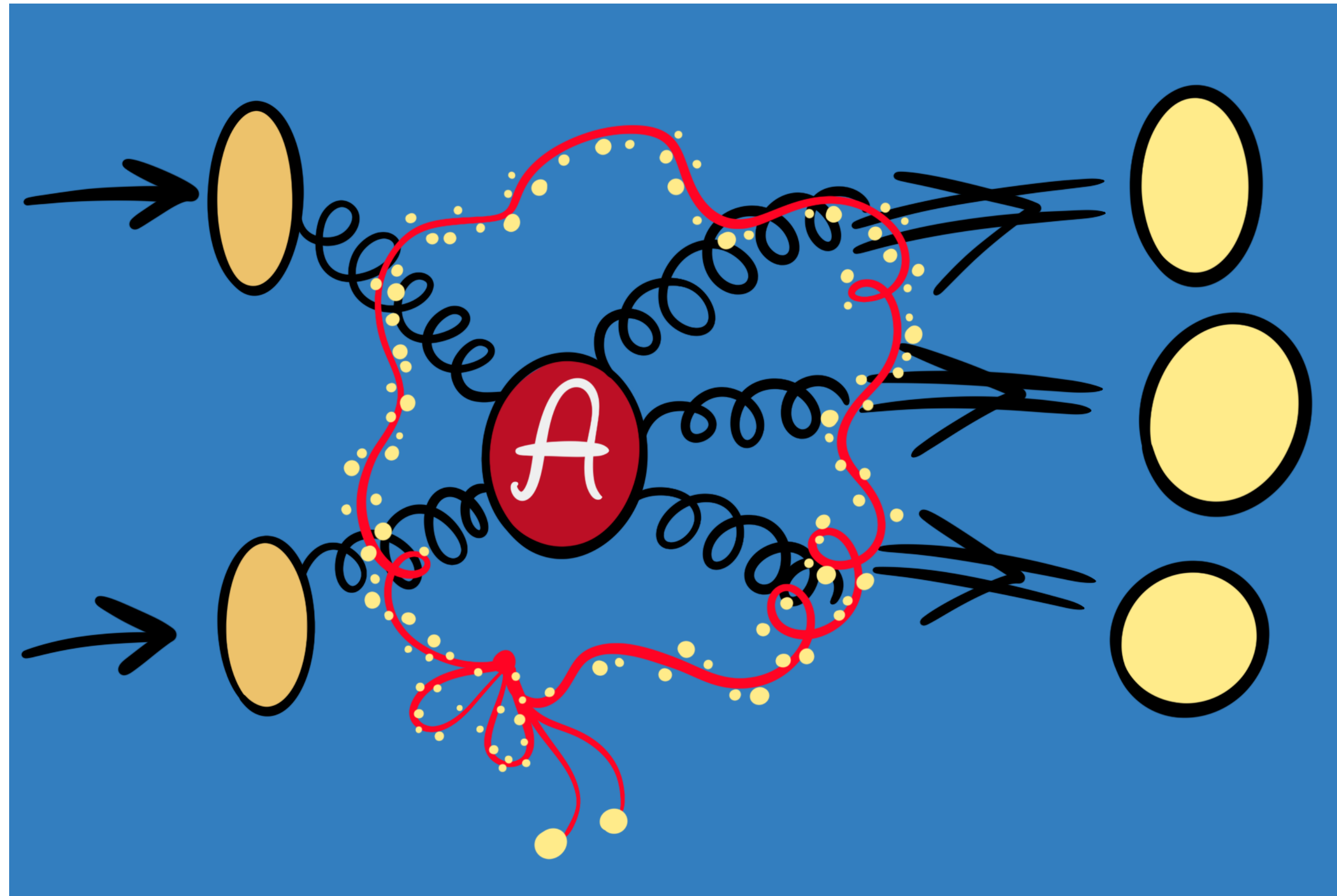


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# Recipe for a theoretical prediction



- PDFs to describe the proton structure
- **hard scattering**
- radiation and evolution to hadronic states

# BUILDING A $N^3LO, n$ -PARTONS FINAL STATE

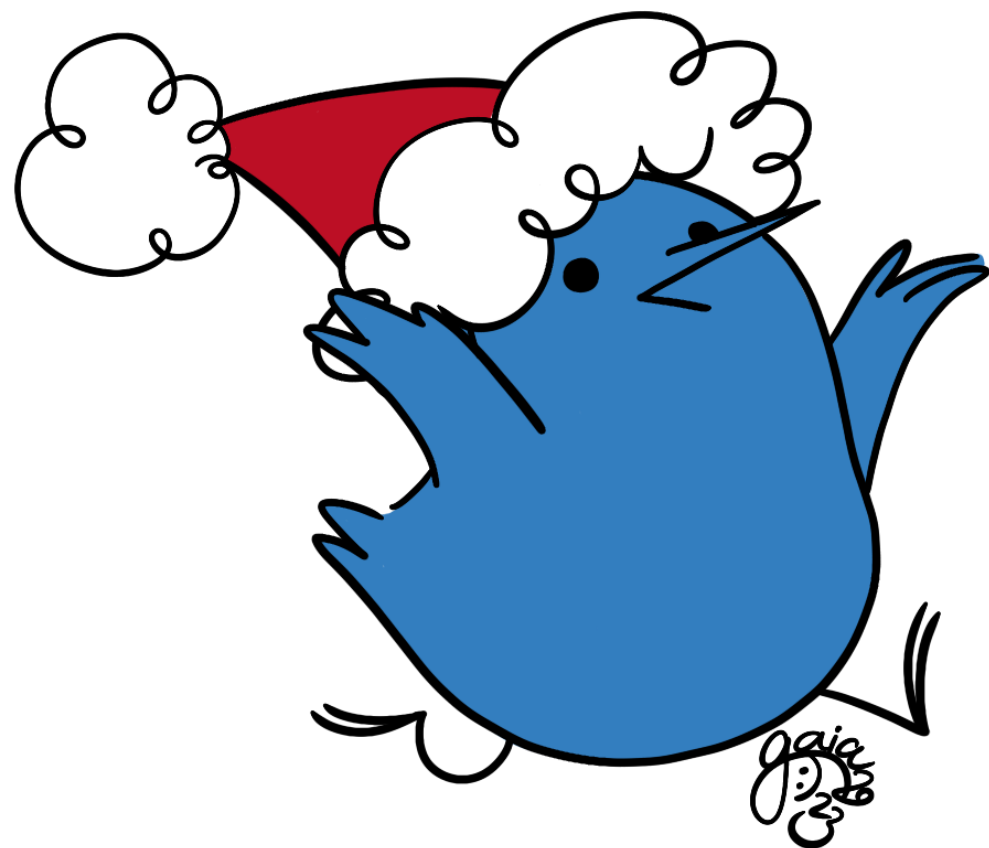
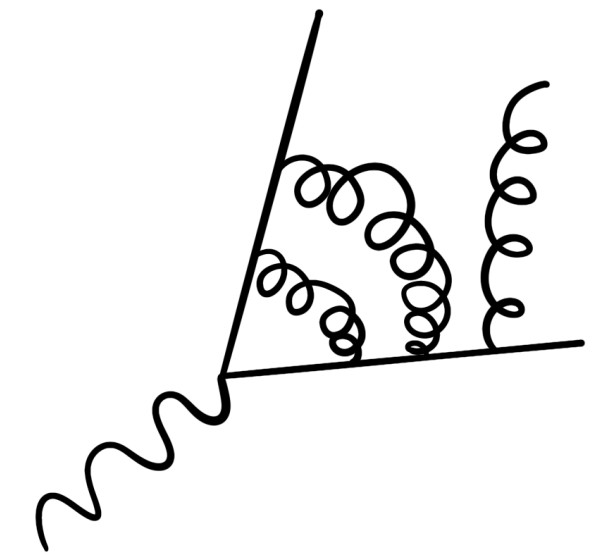
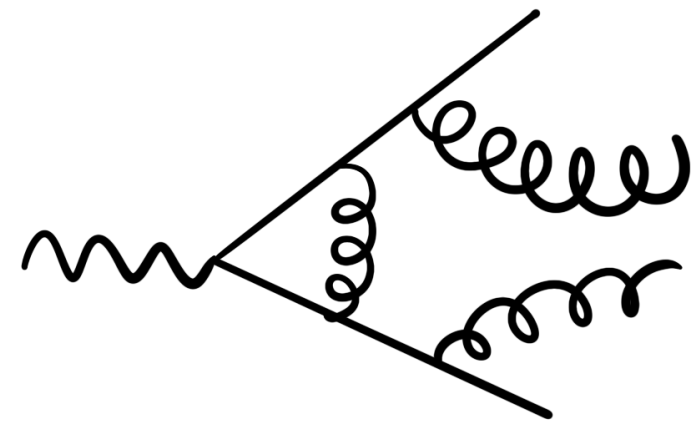
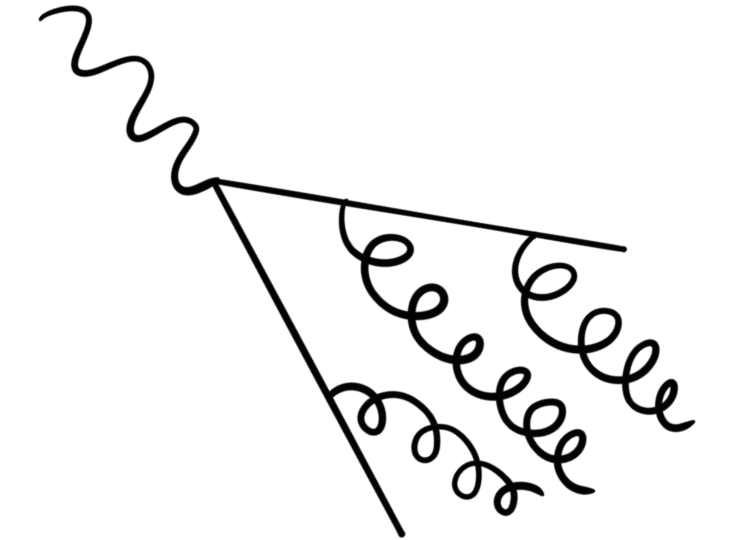
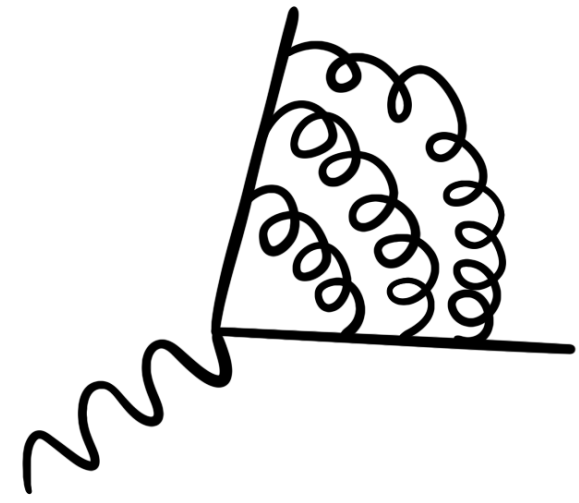
- perturbation theory: series expansion in power of  $\alpha_S$
- $n$ -partons final state
- contribution from all matrix elements of the same order in  $\alpha_S$

we need **several ingredients:**

- $n$ -partons @ 3-loops  $\rightarrow$  **VVV**
- $(n + 1)$ -partons @ 2-loops  $\rightarrow$  **RVV**
- $(n + 2)$ -partons @ 1-loop  $\rightarrow$  **RRV**
- $(n + 3)$ -partons @ tree lvl.  $\rightarrow$  **RRR**

## IR divergencies

- when partons become **soft** or **collinear**
- **subtraction schemes**



# Antenna subtraction

See Matteo Marcoli's talk!

## initial — final antennae

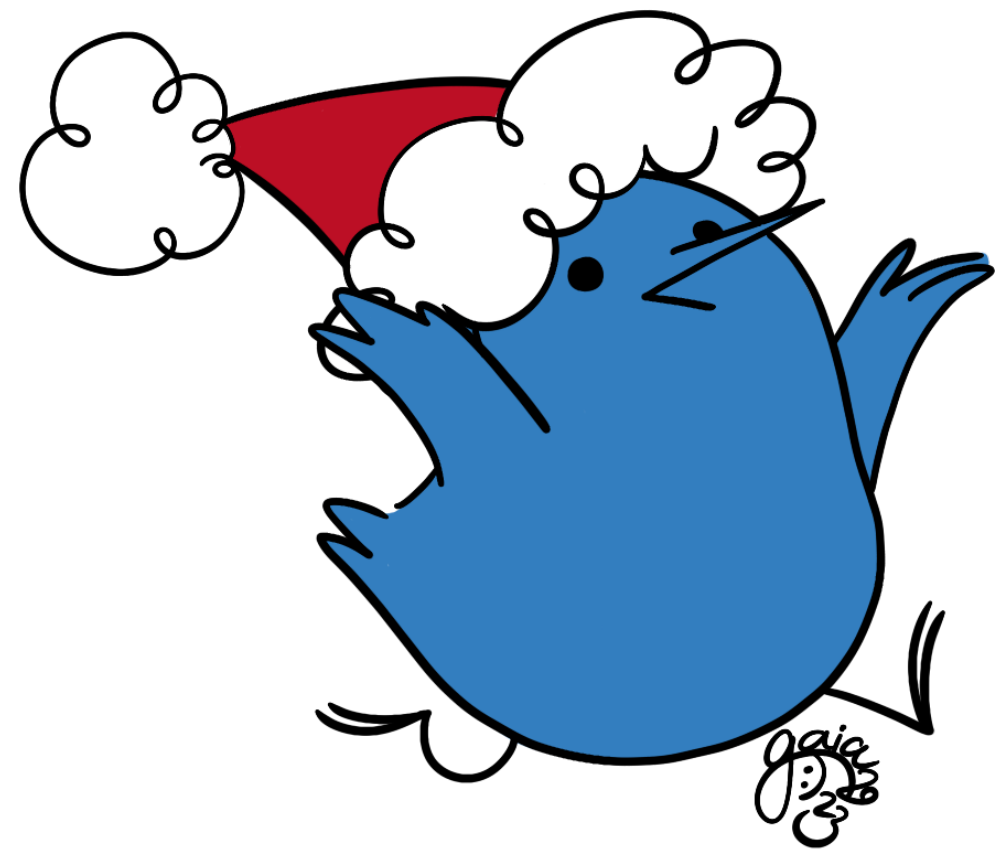
Hard radiators both in the **initial—state** and **final—state** partons

### rederivation of NNLO $2 \rightarrow 3, 2 \rightarrow 2$ IF antennae

Daleo, Gehrmann-De Ridder,  
Gehrmann, Luisoni (2009)

- known but required a lot of hands-on labour
- go higher in the transcendental weight [N3LO]
- develop a more **automated workflow**

**IF antennae building blocks:  
phase space integrals for DIS**



# NNLO DIS kinematics

$$q_1 + q_2 \rightarrow p_1 + p_2 + (p_3)$$

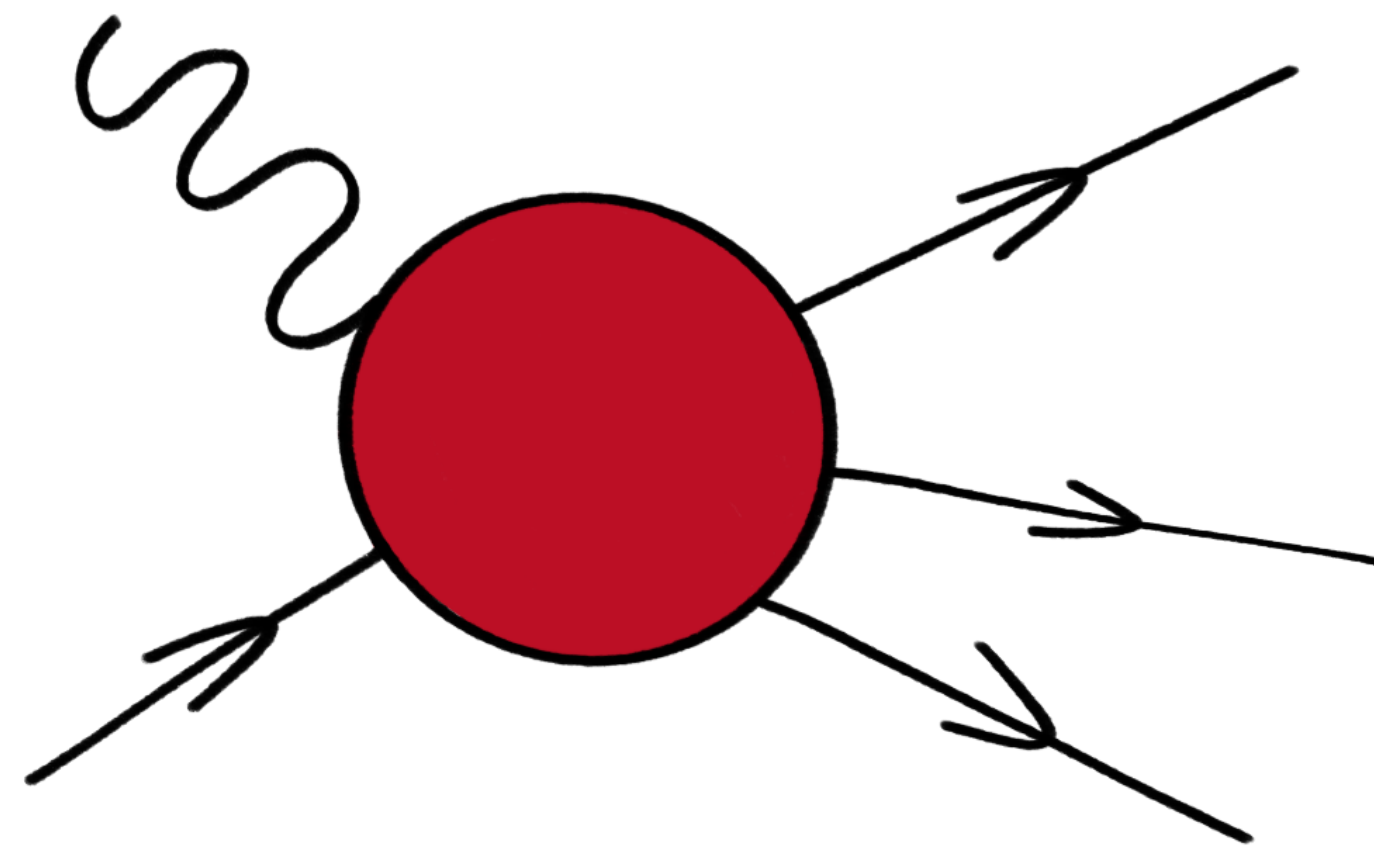
## kinematics

- $q_2^2 = -Q^2 < 0$
- $q_1^2 = 0$
- $p_i^2 = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$

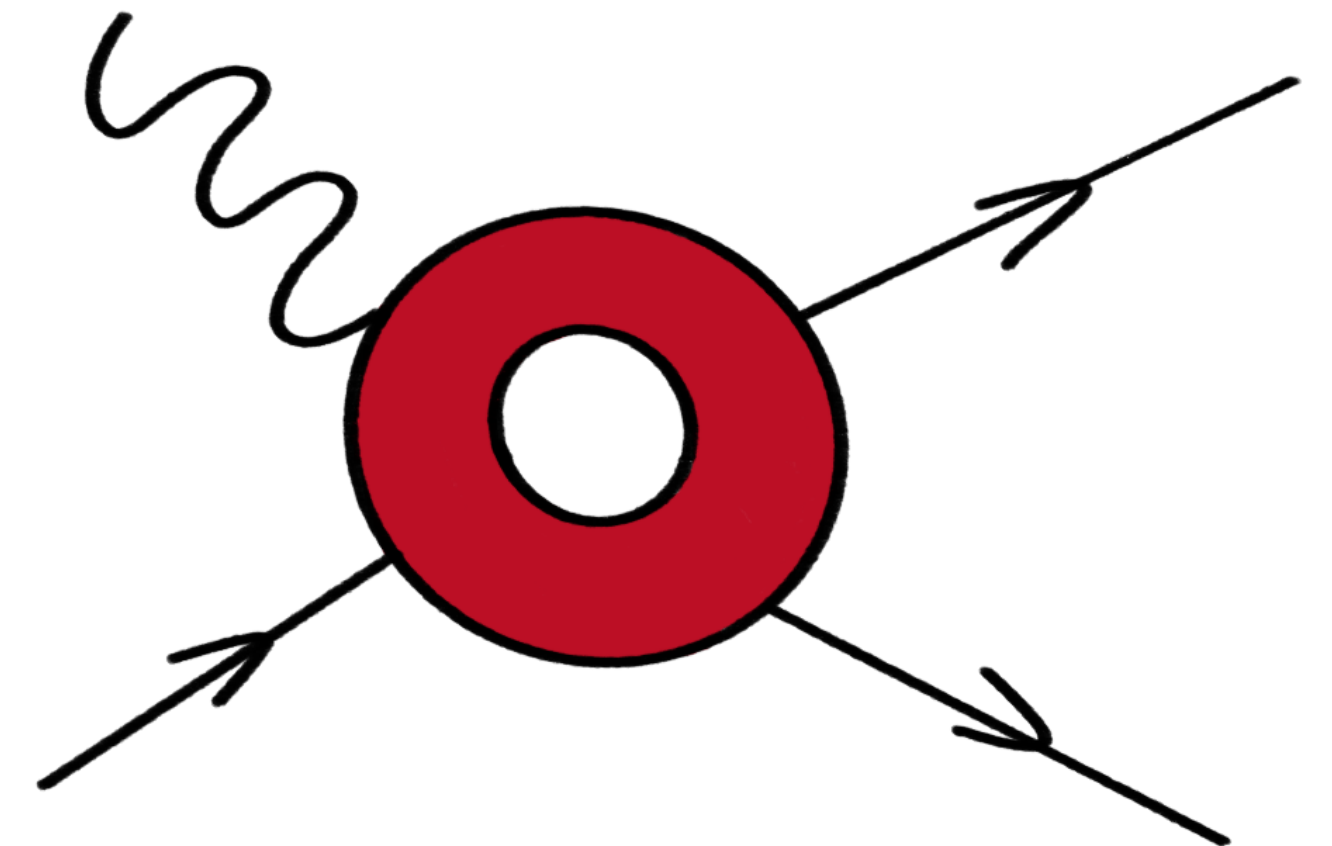
$$Q^2 = 1$$

## invariants

- $s = (q_1 + q_2)^2$
- $z = \frac{1}{2q_1q_2} \longrightarrow s = \frac{(1-z)}{z}$



2 → 3



2 → 2

We're interested in:  
phase space ints for 2 → 2 and 2 → 3 DIS

# Reverse Unitarity

- integration over  $n$ -particles phase space

$$d\Pi_n = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^d p_i}{(2\pi)^d} \delta^+(p_i^2) \delta^d\left(q_1 + q_2 - \sum_i p_i\right)$$

- reverse unitarity: [Anastasiou, Melnikov \(2002\)](#)

**phase space  $\rightarrow$  (cut) loops**

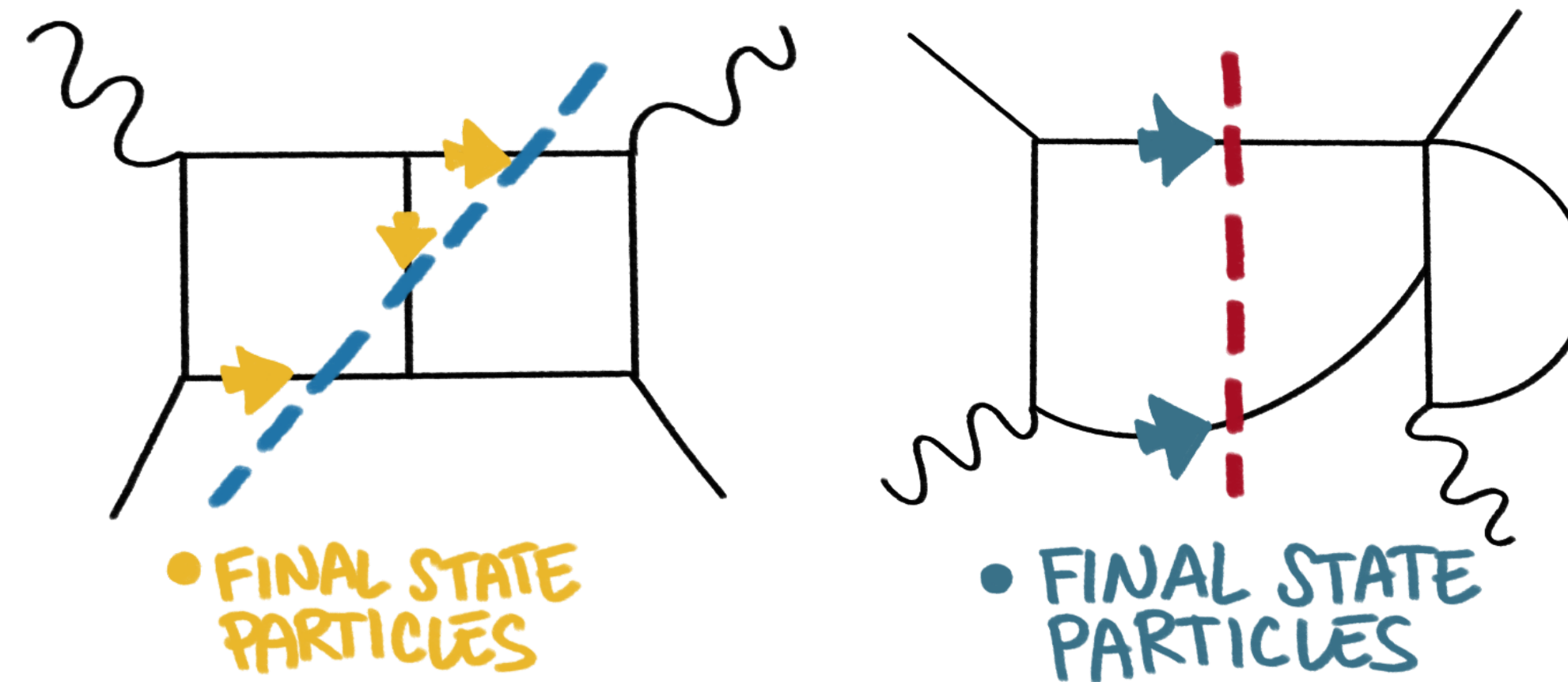
via the following identification

$$-2\pi i \delta^+(p_i^+) = \frac{1}{p_i^2 + i0} - \frac{1}{p_i^2 - i0} = \frac{1}{[p^2]_{cut}}$$



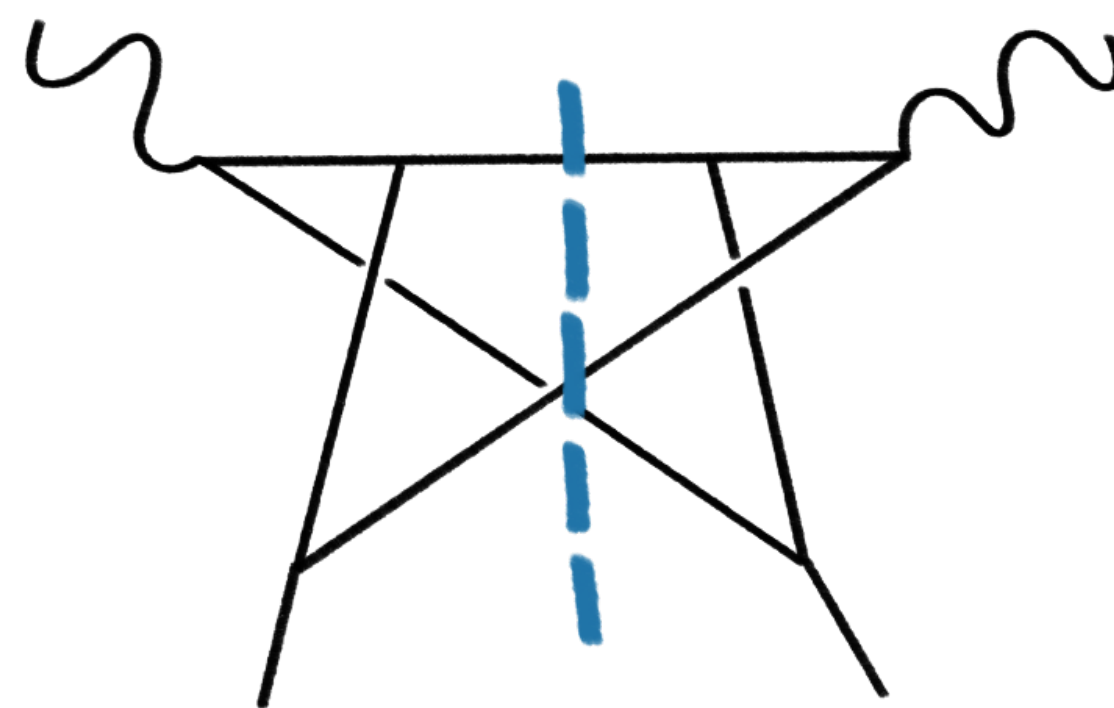
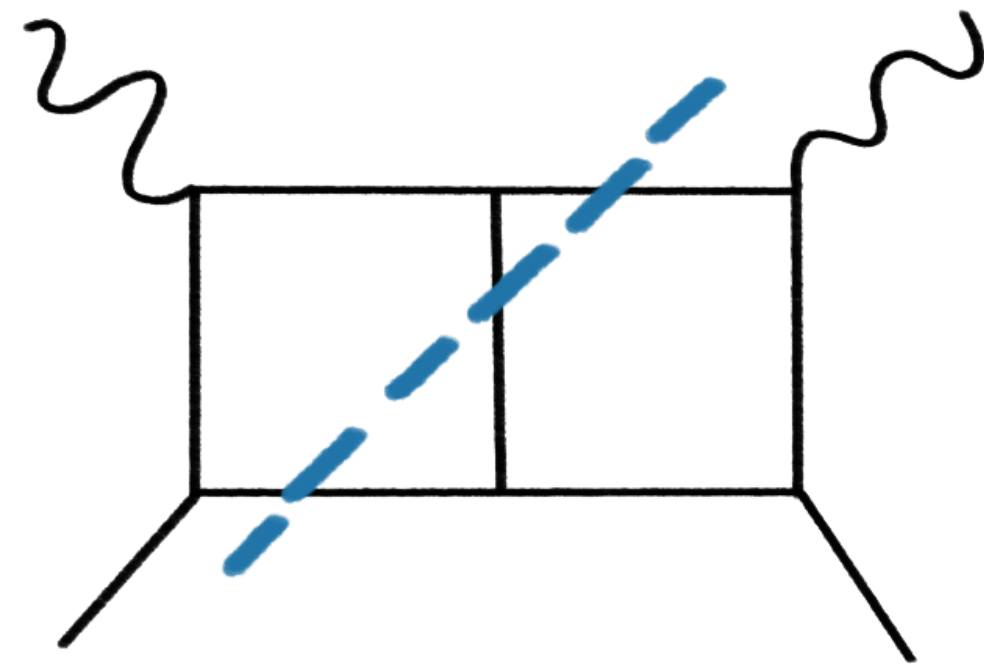
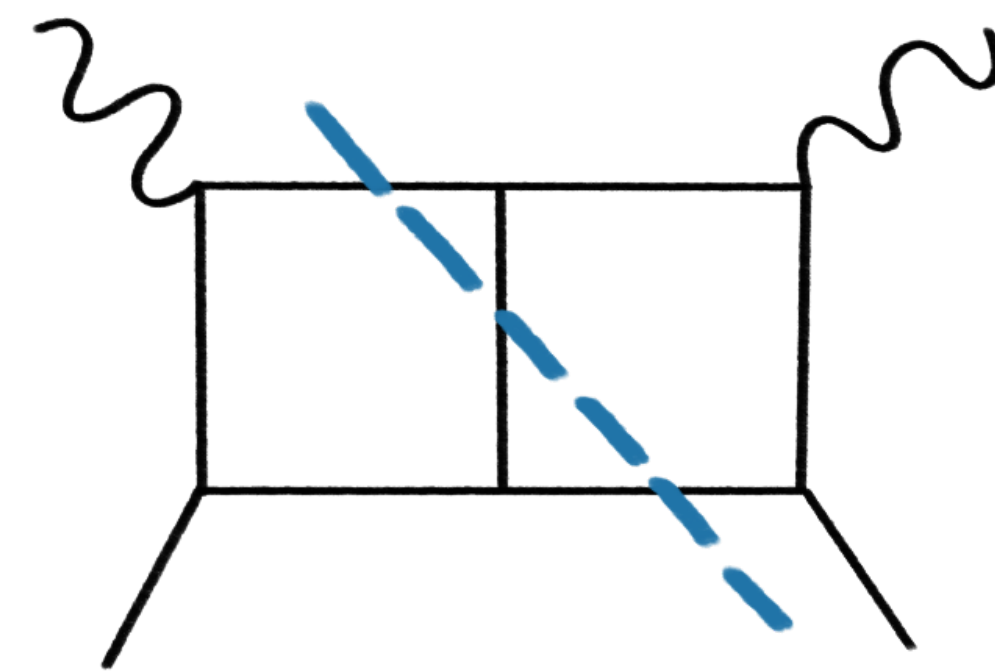
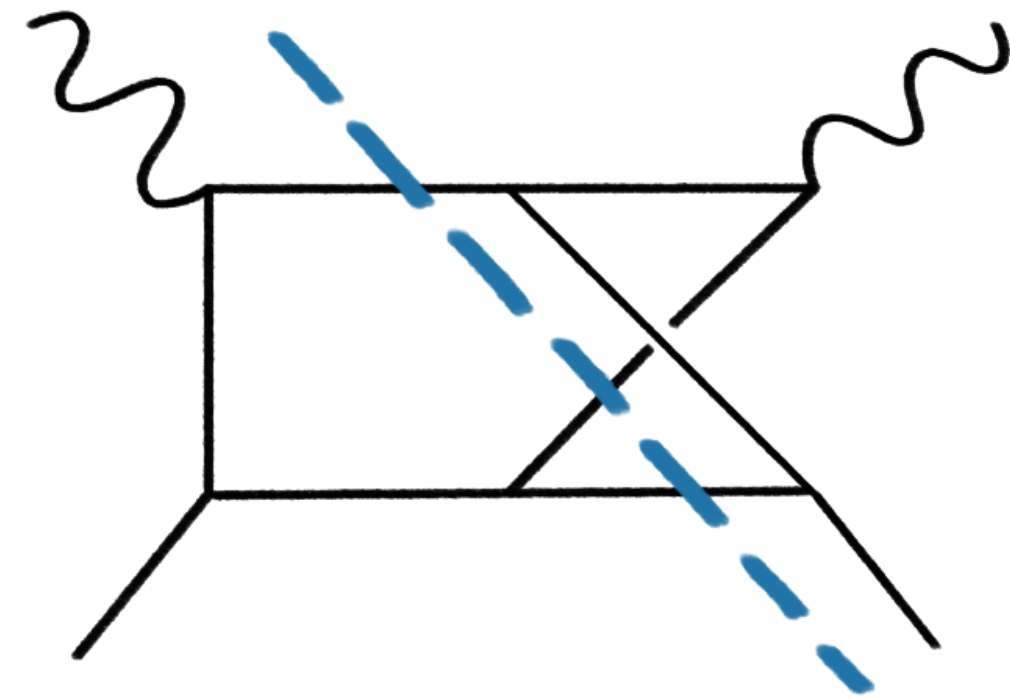
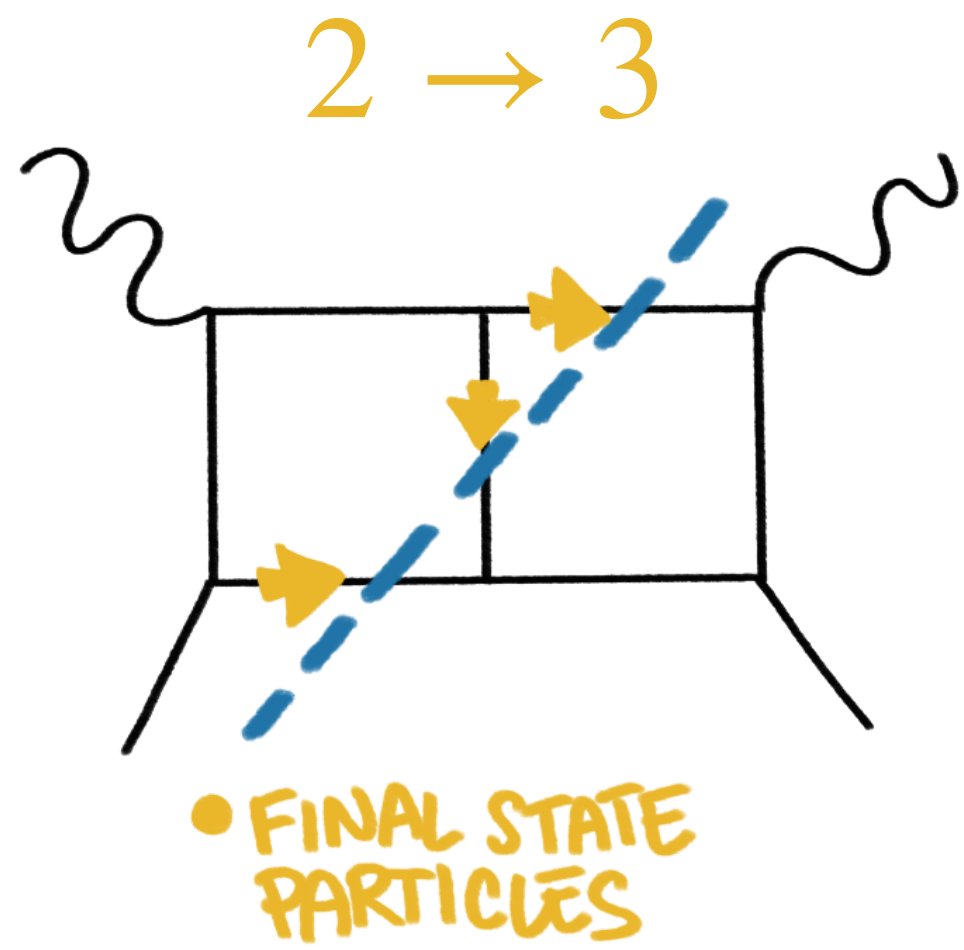
**loop—calculations** tools!

- Write down the forward DIS scattering process at NNLO
- Find physical cuts
  - 2 cuts  $\rightarrow$  phase space  $2 \rightarrow 2$  @ 1loop
  - 3 cuts  $\rightarrow$  phase space  $2 \rightarrow 3$  @ tree level



- write all integrals as a function of a minimal, linearly independent set of **master integrals** using IBP identities

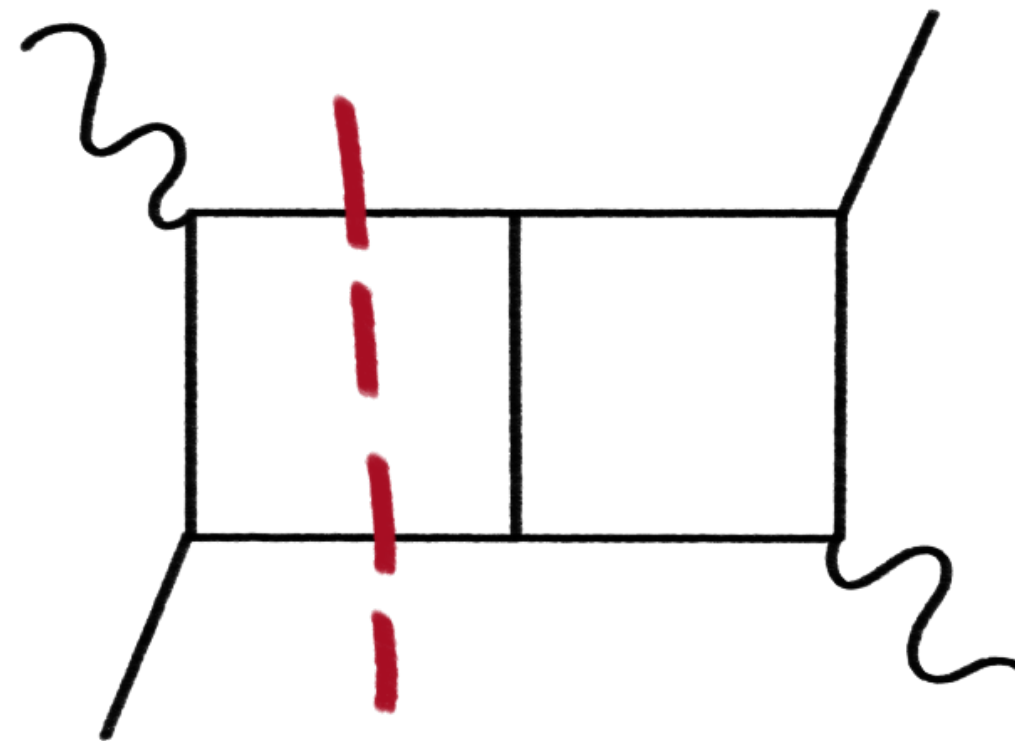
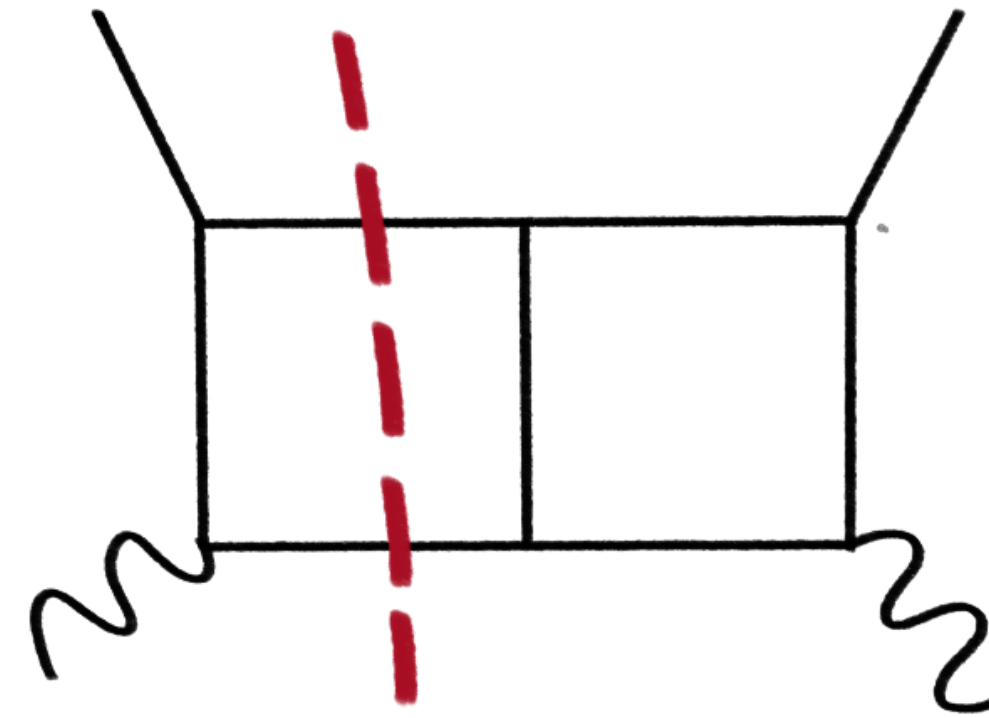
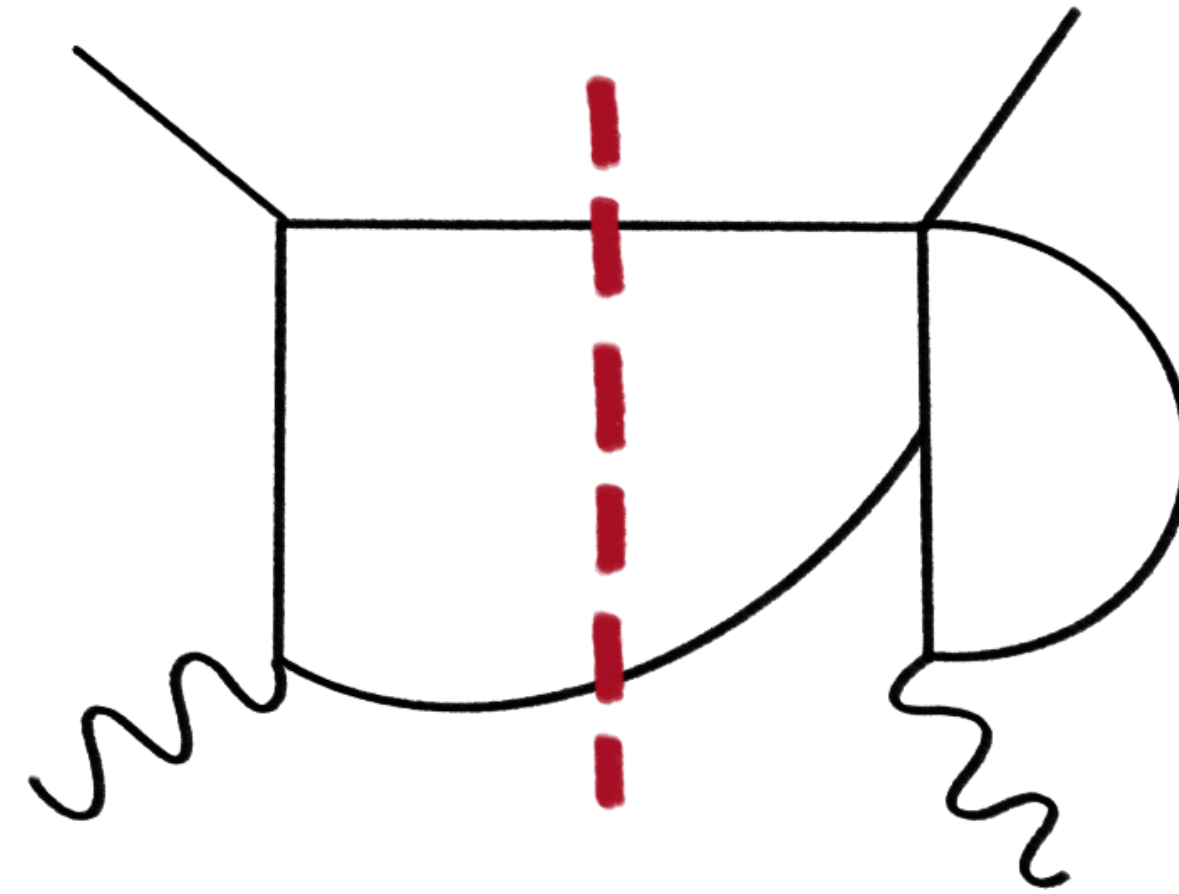
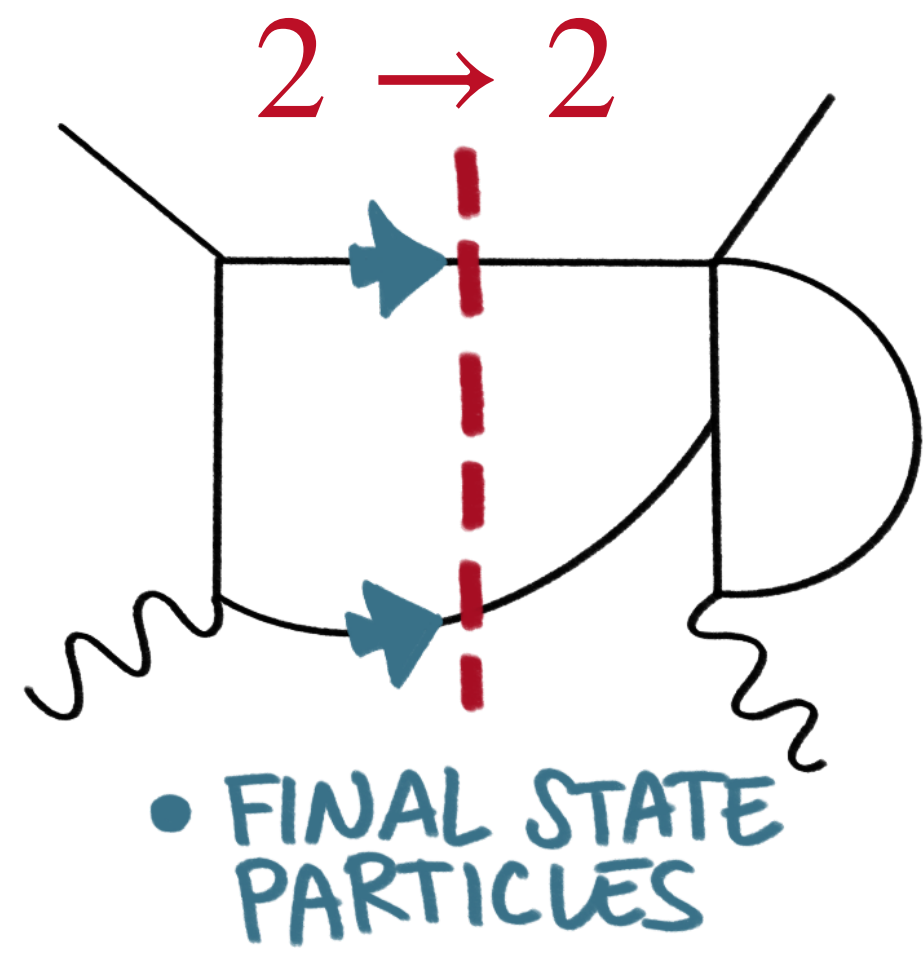
# RR master integrals families



Canonical DE & solution in terms of HPLs



# RV master integrals families



Canonical DE & solution in terms of HPLs

# Computation of MIs

Can be done

- analytically in terms of special functions (MPLs, elliptic functions, ... )
- numerically (Sector decomposition, AMFlow)

most effective method is **Differential Equations (DE)**

- derivative of MIs with respect to external invariants and/or internal masses
- reduce it again to MIs
- obtain a **system of DEs for the MIs**

$$\partial_z \vec{g} = M \cdot \vec{g}$$

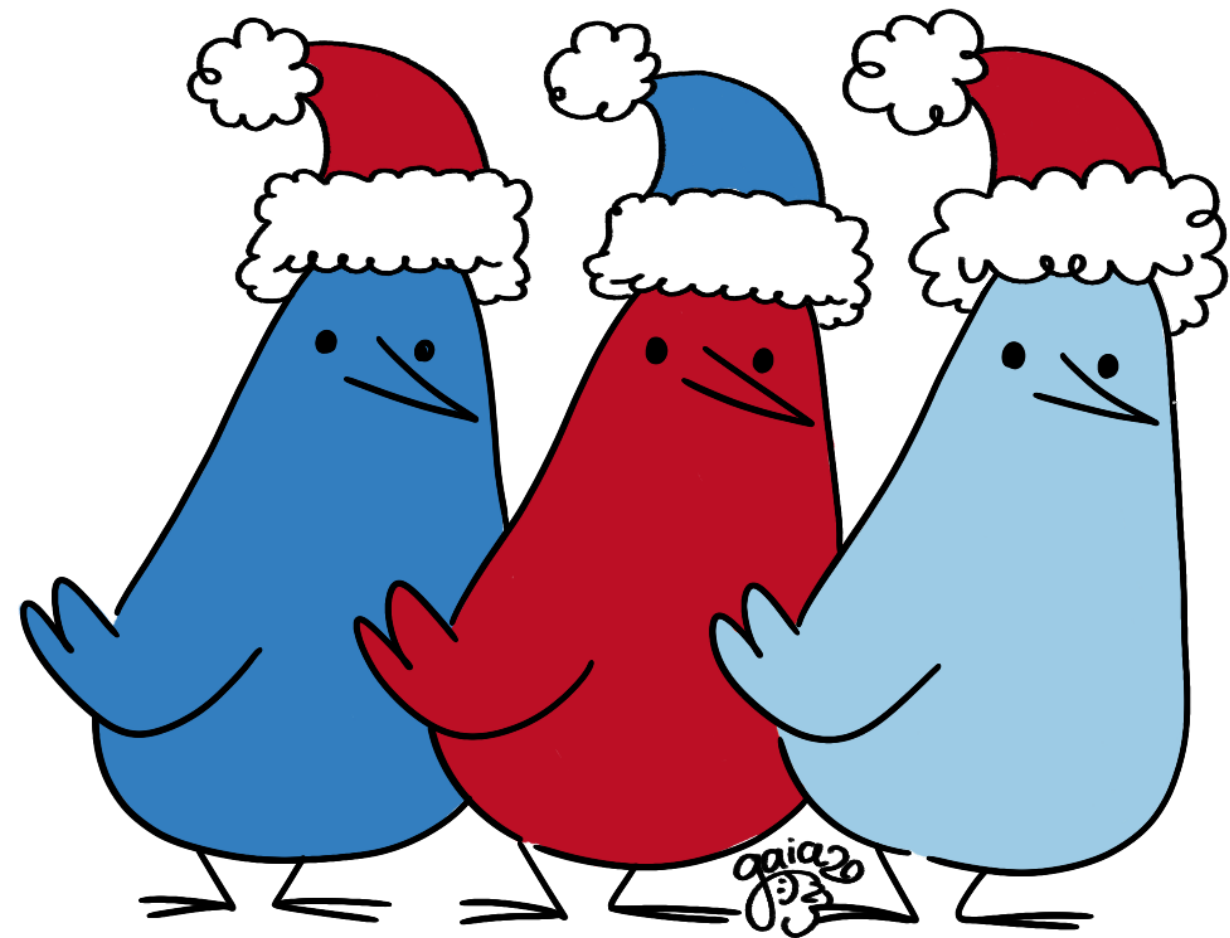


# DEs for master integrals



How to solve a differential equation:

- Generic solution
- Boundary condition



- System of DEs for the master integrals
- Can be put in canonical form:  $\partial_z \vec{g} = \epsilon A \cdot \vec{g}$
- Generic solution in terms of iterated integrals
- In our calculations: only HPLs!

Henn (2013)

**$\epsilon$ -dependence  
is factored out**

# Boundary conditions

we look at the kinematic limit  $z \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow s \rightarrow 0$  (**soft limit**)

## RR

$$I_i^{RR} \sim (1-z)^{n_i-2\epsilon} \sum_j c_j(\epsilon)(1-z)^j, \quad n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- extract the **leading behavior** of the MIs
- rescaling the integrals w.r.t. their leading behavior  $\rightarrow$  regularity
- imposing that in this limit the terms  $\log(1-z)$  and poles in  $(1-z)$  vanish
- **relations between boundaries** of different MIs

# RV

$$I_i^{RV} \sim (1-z)^{m_i-2\epsilon} \sum_j d_j(\epsilon)(1-z)^j + (1-z)^{l_i-\epsilon} \sum_j e_j(\epsilon)(1-z)^j, \quad m_i, l_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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# Now we need to fix the remaining boundaries!

$$I_i^{RR} \sim (1-z)^{n_i-2\epsilon} \sum_j c_j(\epsilon)(1-z)^j, \quad n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{We need } c_0(\epsilon)$$

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We need  $d_0(\epsilon), e_0(\epsilon)$

## Wishlist:

- Analytic boundaries
- General algorithm to obtain them

# AMFlow framework Liu, Ma (2022)

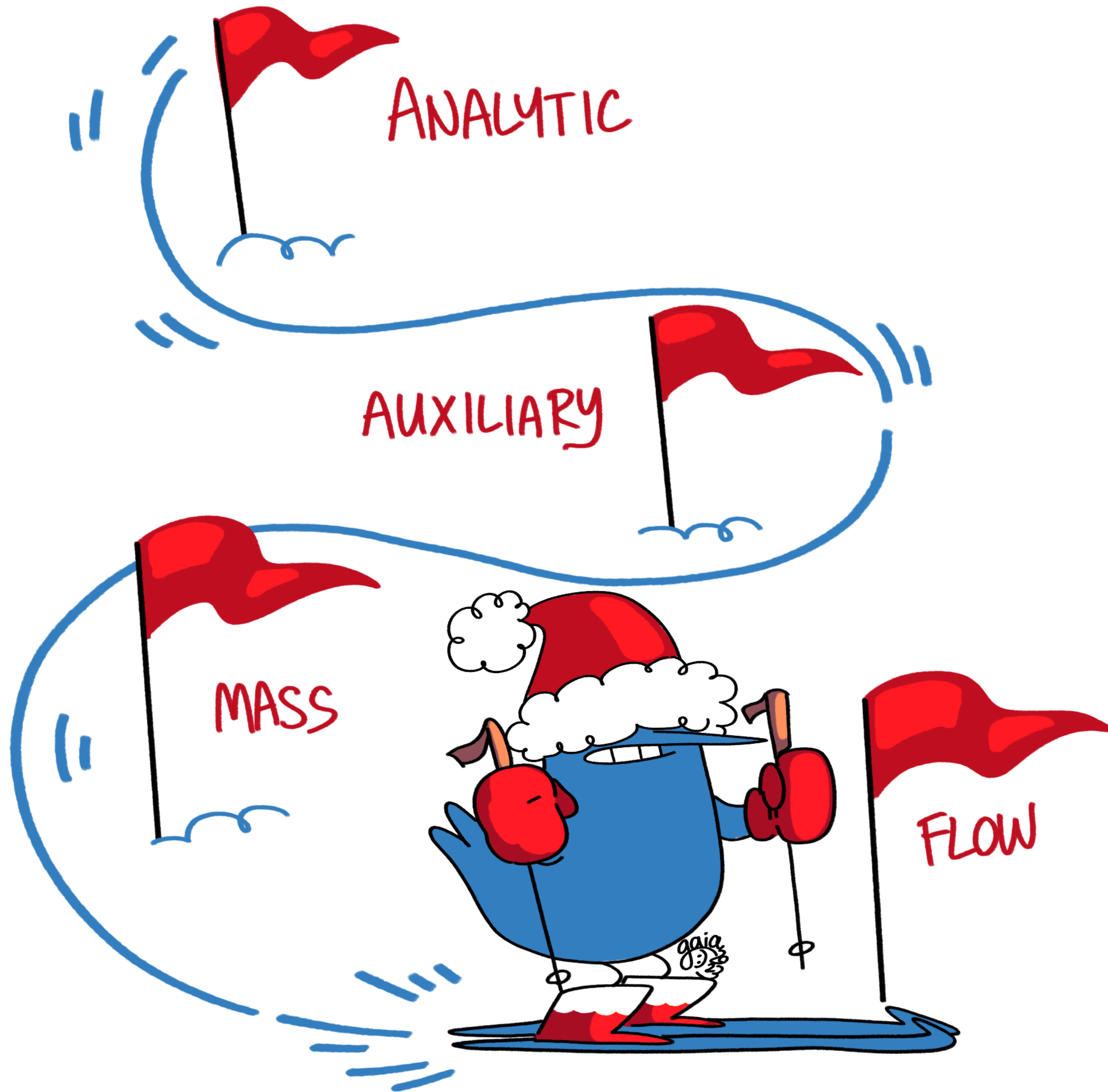
- Fully **numerical**
- Evaluate FI at any loop order in a **non-singular** point

## Outline:

- Add aux mass  $\eta^2$  to some propagators  $\rightarrow$  auxiliary family
- Derive DE with respect to the mass  $I^{phys}(\epsilon, \vec{z}) \rightarrow I^{aux}(\epsilon, \vec{z}, \eta^2)$

$$\partial_{\eta^2} \vec{I}^{aux} = A_{\eta} \cdot \vec{I}^{aux}$$

- “Flow”  $\eta^2 \rightarrow 0$  for physical solution:  $\lim_{\eta^2 \rightarrow 0} I^{aux} = I^{phys}$
- All implemented in a MATHEMATICA package





# AAMFlow

GF, Gehrman, Schönwald (to appear)

- Fully **analytical** → can be used near **singular** points

## Outline:

- Add aux mass  $\eta^2$  to **chosen** propagators:
  - limits in kinematical variable and  $\eta^2$  need to **commute**
- Derive DE with respect to  $\eta^2$  & solve it
- Fix constants of integration in  $\eta^2 \rightarrow \infty$  limit (easy!)
- “Flow” to  $\eta^2 \rightarrow 0$  for physical solution:
  - **method of regions** to extract the physical solution

We look at the boundaries in  $z \rightarrow 1$ : kinematical endpoint singularity

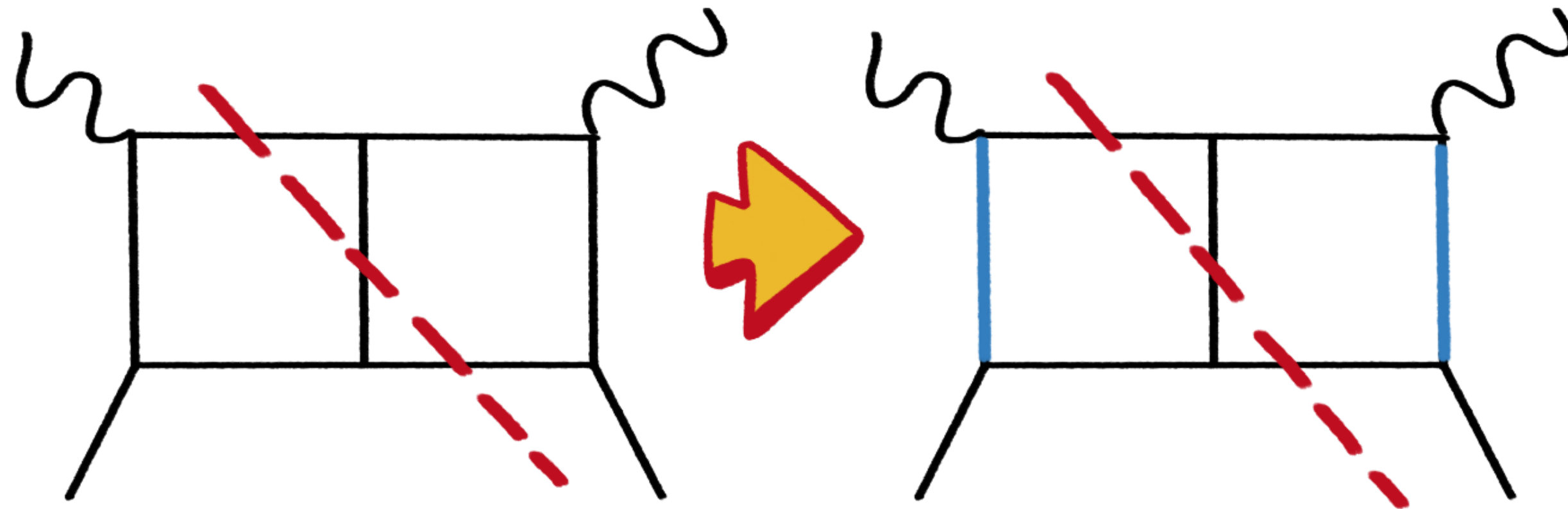
## RECIPE:

- \* choose a family for which to calculate the boundaries
- \* choose propagators to which add an auxiliary mass
- \* derive DE with respect to  $u = 1/\eta^2$
- \* fix constants of integration in  $\lim u \rightarrow 0$
- \* limit  $\eta^2 \rightarrow 0$  & disentangle regions
- \* extract physical region

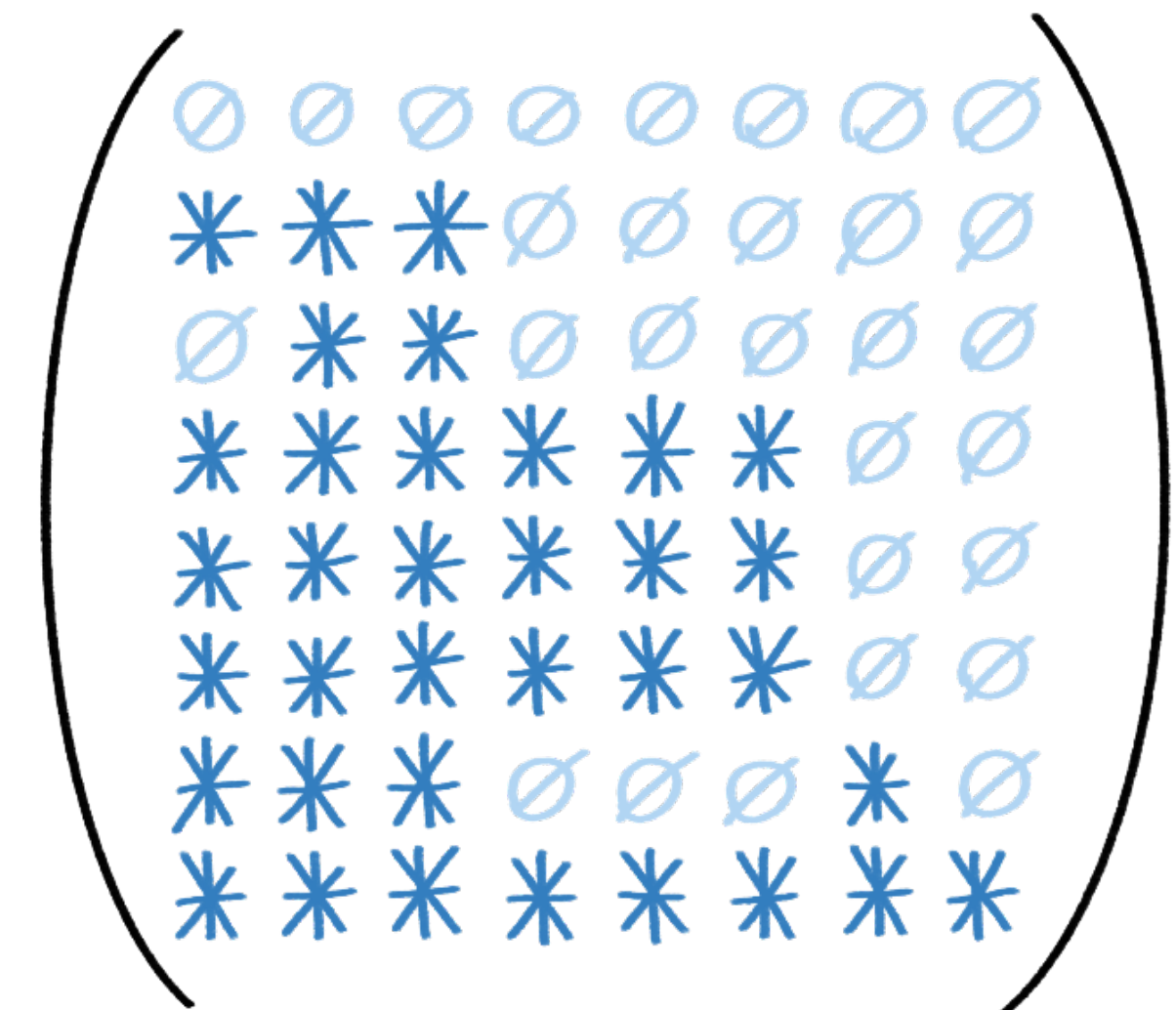
# Proof of concept

$$I_i^{RR} \sim (1-z)^{n_i-2\epsilon} \sum_j c_j(\epsilon)(1-z)^j, \quad n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- We need  $c_0(\epsilon)$  of this top sector:



- Add auxiliary mass  $\rightarrow$  auxiliary topology
- Differential equation wrt  $u = 1/\eta^2$  for the  $c_0(\epsilon)$



8 master integrals

# Intermezzo: large mass limit

Beneke, Smirnov (1997)

- Depends on scaling of loop moms

soft  $k \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  or large  $k \sim \mathcal{O}(\eta)$

- **SOFT** propagators:

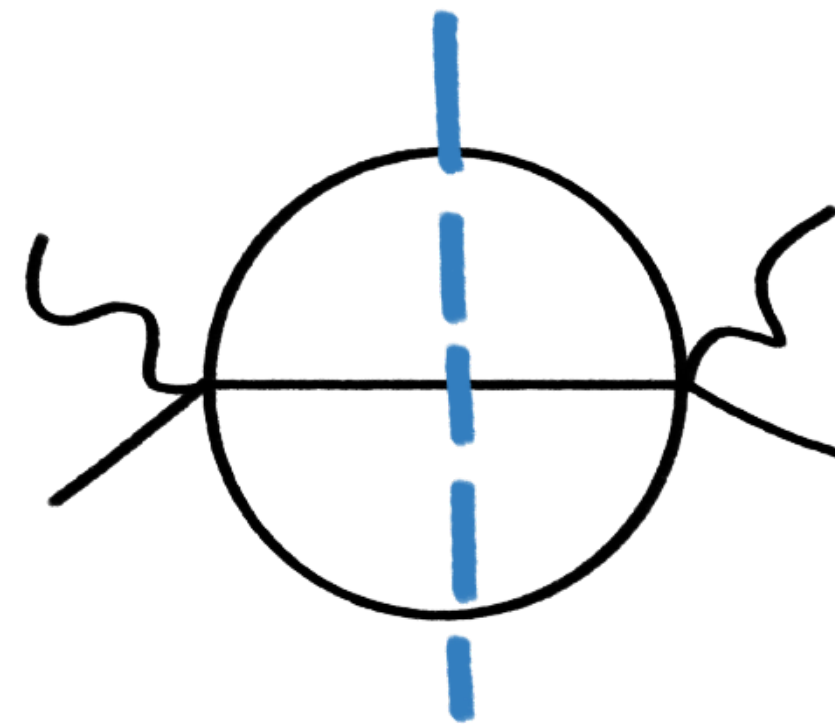
$$\frac{1}{(k+p)^2 - \eta^2} \sim -\frac{1}{\eta^2}$$

- **LARGE** propagators:

$$\frac{1}{(k+p)^2 - \kappa\eta^2} \sim -\frac{1}{k^2 - \eta^2}, \quad \kappa \in \{0,1\}$$

# Large mass limit: RR ints

- Loop momentum scales **only soft**
  - **“Pinch” propagators with auxiliary mass**
- Example of boundaries



+ topologies reducible to it!

Integrated  $2 \rightarrow 3$  phase space

# Large mass limit: RV ints

- Loop momentum scales **soft** or **large**
- We have two regions

$$\lim_{\eta^2 \rightarrow \infty} \vec{I}_{RV}^{aux} = \underbrace{\lim_{\eta^2 \rightarrow \infty, k \sim SOFT} \vec{I}_{RV}^{aux}}_{k \sim SOFT} + \underbrace{\lim_{\eta^2 \rightarrow \infty, k \sim LARGE} \vec{I}_{RV}^{aux}}_{k \sim LARGE}$$

$$\int d\mathbb{T}_2 \frac{1}{D_j} \text{ (triangle diagram) }$$

- Most complicated soft region
- $D_j$  depends only on kinematics

$$\int d\mathbb{T}_2 \underline{\mathcal{O}}^{\eta^2}$$

- All large regions are massive tadpoles

# Flow to vanishing auxiliary mass

We have the solution of  $I^{aux}(\eta^2)$   $\lim_{\eta^2 \rightarrow 0} I^{aux} = I^{phys}$

We can take naively the limit  $\eta^2 \rightarrow 0$  in our solution and obtain this expansion:

$$c_0(\eta, \epsilon) = \sum_{k=\min}^{\infty} \epsilon^k \left[ r_{k,0} + \sum_{m=1}^k r_{k,m} \log^m(\eta) \right] \Rightarrow r_{k,m} \text{ known!}$$

But we also know the analytic structure of the limit

$$c_0(\eta, \epsilon) = d_0(\epsilon) + \eta^{-\epsilon} d_1(\epsilon) + \eta^{-2\epsilon} d_2(\epsilon) + \mathcal{O}(\eta)$$

Hard region = physical region

$$c_0(\eta, \epsilon) = d_0(\epsilon) + \eta^{-\epsilon} d_1(\epsilon) + \eta^{-2\epsilon} d_2(\epsilon) + \mathcal{O}(\eta)$$

$\epsilon$ -expansion gives:

$$c_{ij}^{(l)} = d_0^{(0)} + d_1^{(0)} + d_2^{(0)}$$

$$\left( d_R = \sum_{k=\min}^{\infty} \epsilon^k d_R^{(k)}, \quad R = 0, 1, 2 \right)$$

$$+ \epsilon \left( d_0^{(1)} + \left( -d_1^{(0)} - 2d_2^{(0)} \right) \log(\eta) + d_1^{(1)} + d_2^{(1)} \right)$$

$$+ \epsilon^2 \left( d_0^{(2)} + d_1^{(2)} + d_2^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( d_1^{(0)} + 4d_2^{(0)} \right) \log^2(\eta) + \left( -d_1^{(1)} - 2d_2^{(1)} \right) \log(\eta) \right)$$

$$+ \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

Compare this with

$$c_0(\eta, \epsilon) = \sum_{k=\min}^{\infty} \epsilon^k \left[ r_{k,0} + \sum_{m=1}^k r_{k,m} \log^m(\eta) \right]$$

$\Rightarrow$  **extract hard region: all the  $d_0^{(k)}$**



We can obtain e.g.  $d_0^{(0)}$  by comparing the two limits

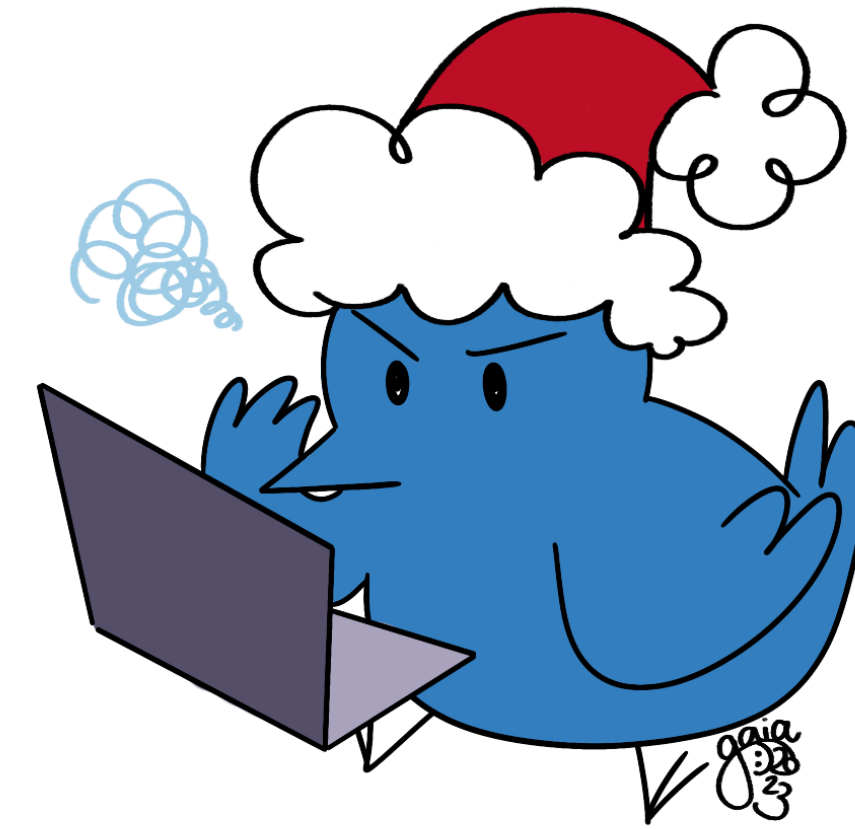
$$c_0(\eta, \epsilon) = r_{0,0} + \dots + \epsilon r_{1,1} \log(\eta) + \dots + \epsilon^2 r_{2,2} \log^2(\eta) \quad r_{0,0}, r_{1,1}, r_{2,2} \text{ known!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c_0(\eta, \epsilon) = & d_0^{(0)} + d_1^{(0)} + d_2^{(0)} \\ & + \epsilon \left( d_0^{(1)} + \left( -d_1^{(0)} - 2d_2^{(0)} \right) \log(\eta) + d_1^{(1)} + d_2^{(1)} \right) \\ & + \epsilon^2 \left( d_0^{(2)} + d_1^{(2)} + d_2^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( d_1^{(0)} + 4d_2^{(0)} \right) \log^2(\eta) + \left( -d_1^{(1)} - 2d_2^{(1)} \right) \log(\eta) \right) \\ & + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

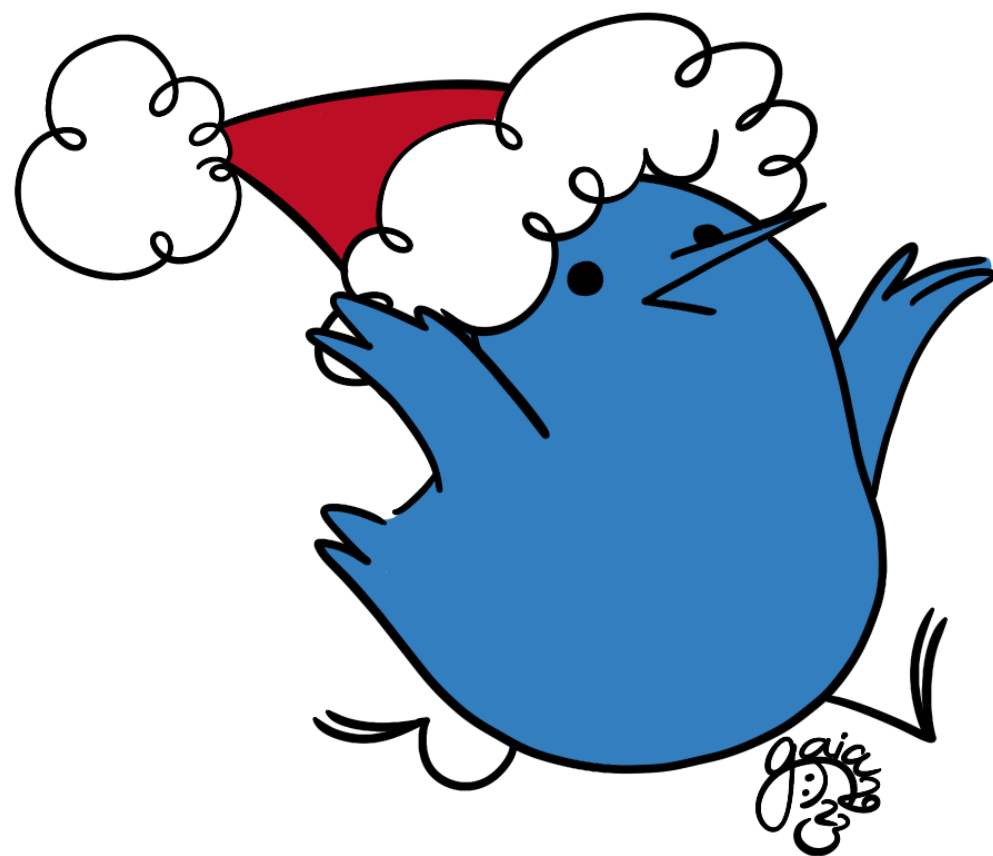
Set up this system of eq.s  
to obtain  $d_0^{(0)}$

$$\begin{cases} -d_1^{(0)} - 2d_2^{(0)} = r_{1,1}, & \bullet \\ d_1^{(0)}/2 + 2d_2^{(0)} = r_{2,2}, & \bullet \\ d_0^{(0)} + d_1^{(0)} + d_2^{(0)} = r_{0,0} & \bullet \end{cases}$$

- Analogous system for all  $d_0^{(k)}$
- Fixed all  $\epsilon$ -expansion of hard region:

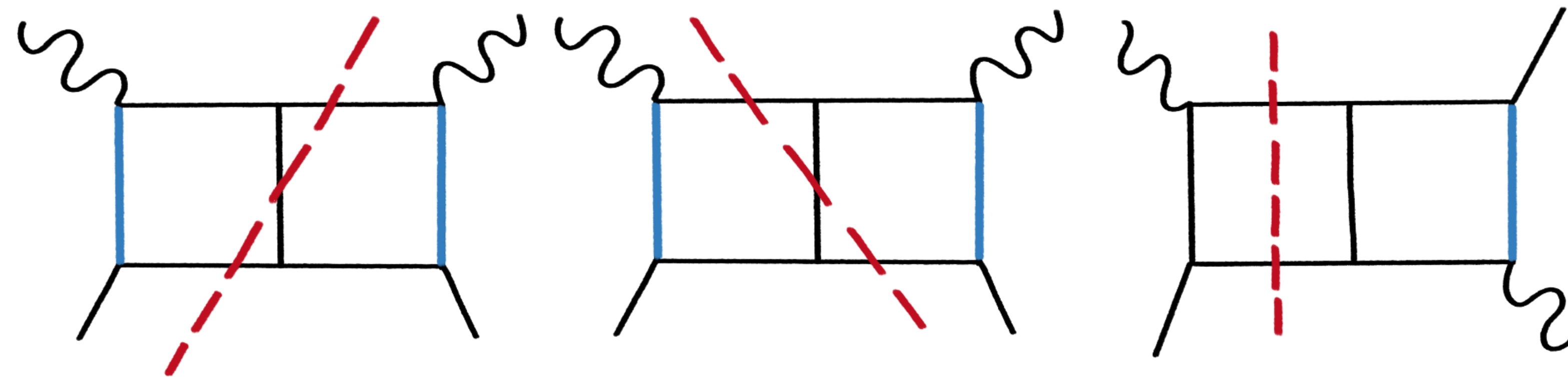


$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} I = (1 - z)^{-1+2\epsilon} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{5\pi^2}{6\epsilon} + \frac{38\zeta_3}{3} + \frac{7\pi^4}{72}\epsilon \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{562\zeta_5}{5} - \frac{74\pi^2\zeta_3}{9} \right) \epsilon^2 + \left( \frac{155\pi^6}{1008} - \frac{191\zeta_3^2}{9} \right) \epsilon^3 \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4) \right\} + \mathcal{O}\left((1 - z)^0\right)$$



# Results

- Procedure applied to fix all nontrivial RR and RV boundaries
- Required the following auxiliary topologies:



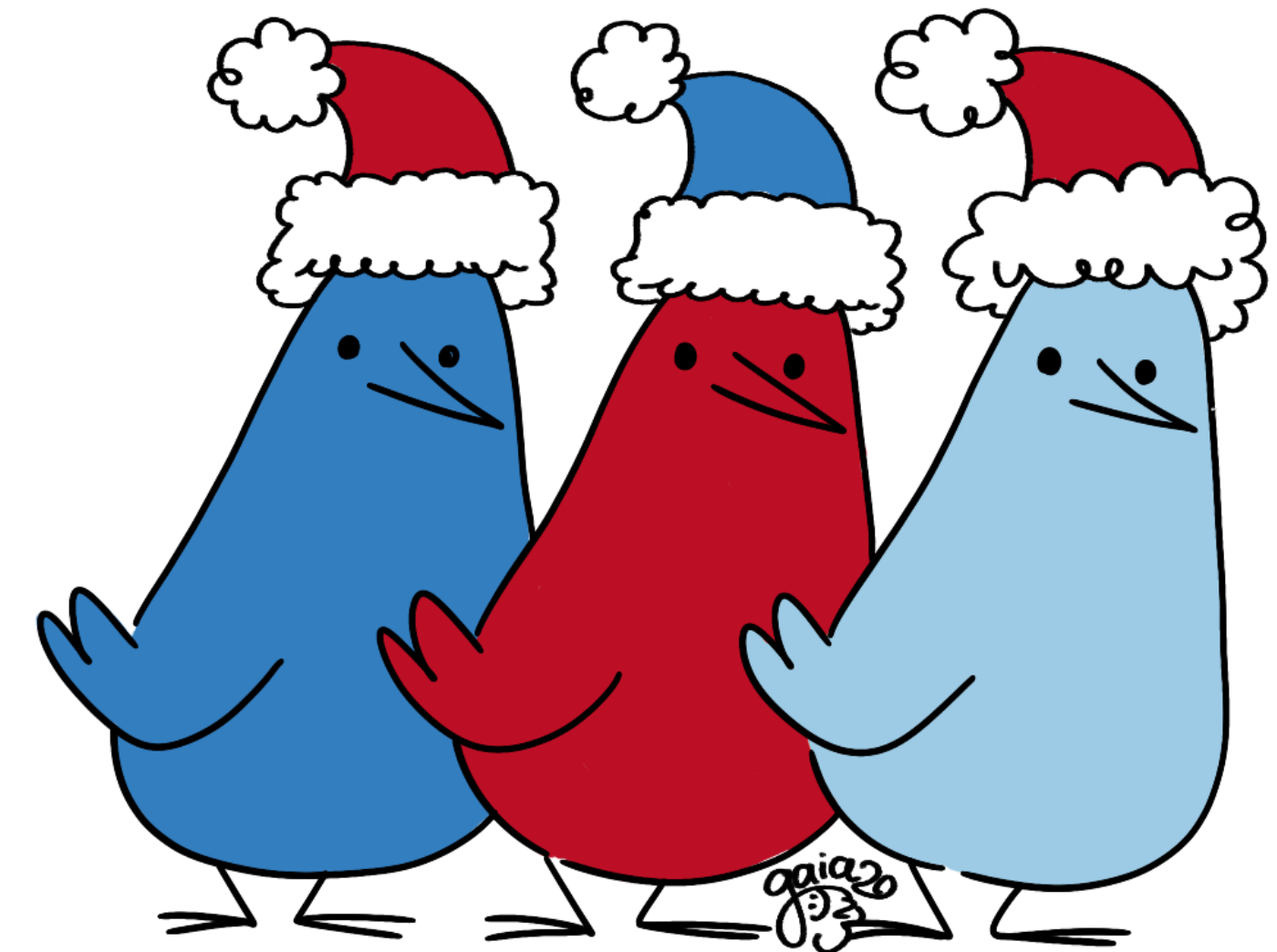
- Results used to derive IF antennae functions at higher epsilon order

# Conclusion

- Analytical extension of auxiliary-mass-flow method
- Feasible to study integrals near singular kinematical points
- Automated procedure

## & Outlook

- Extension to 3 loop integrals



**Thank you  
for your  
attention!**



Fig.1 Practical way to  
add auxiliary mass