

integrands and amplitudes for two-loop five-point scattering in QCD

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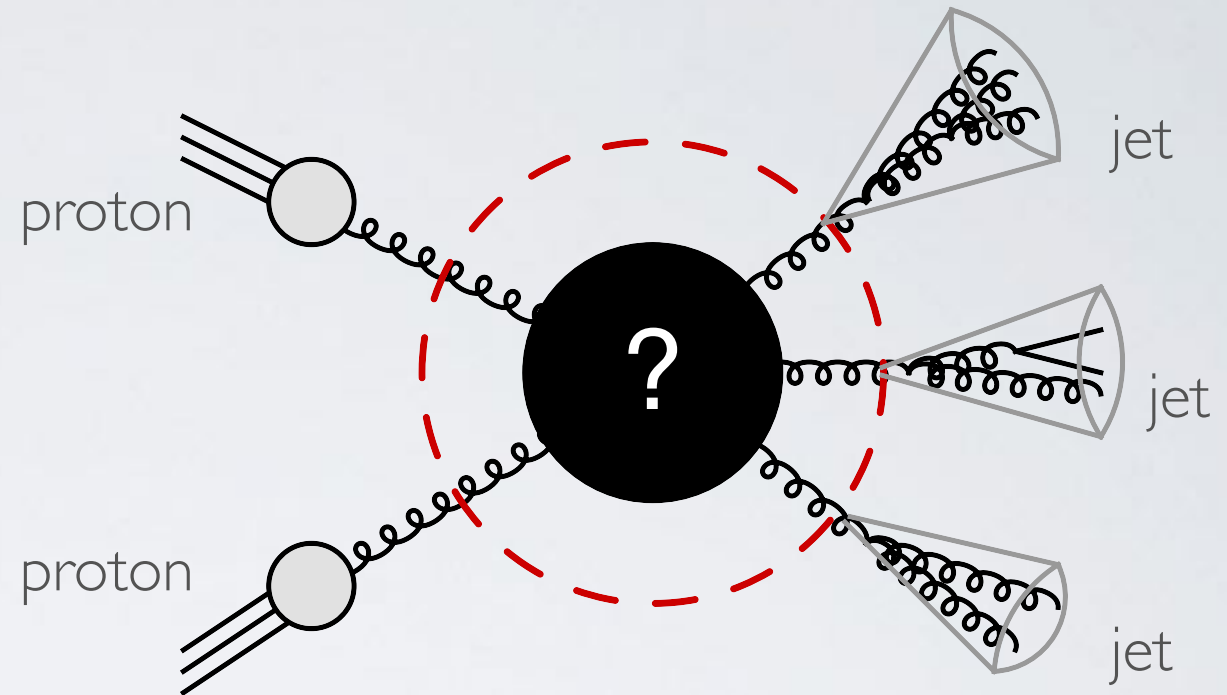
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Amplitudes
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new precision frontier: $2 \rightarrow 3$ scattering

$(2 \rightarrow 3)/(2 \rightarrow 2)$ ratio
quantities become accessible
systematic errors cancel
high precision observables

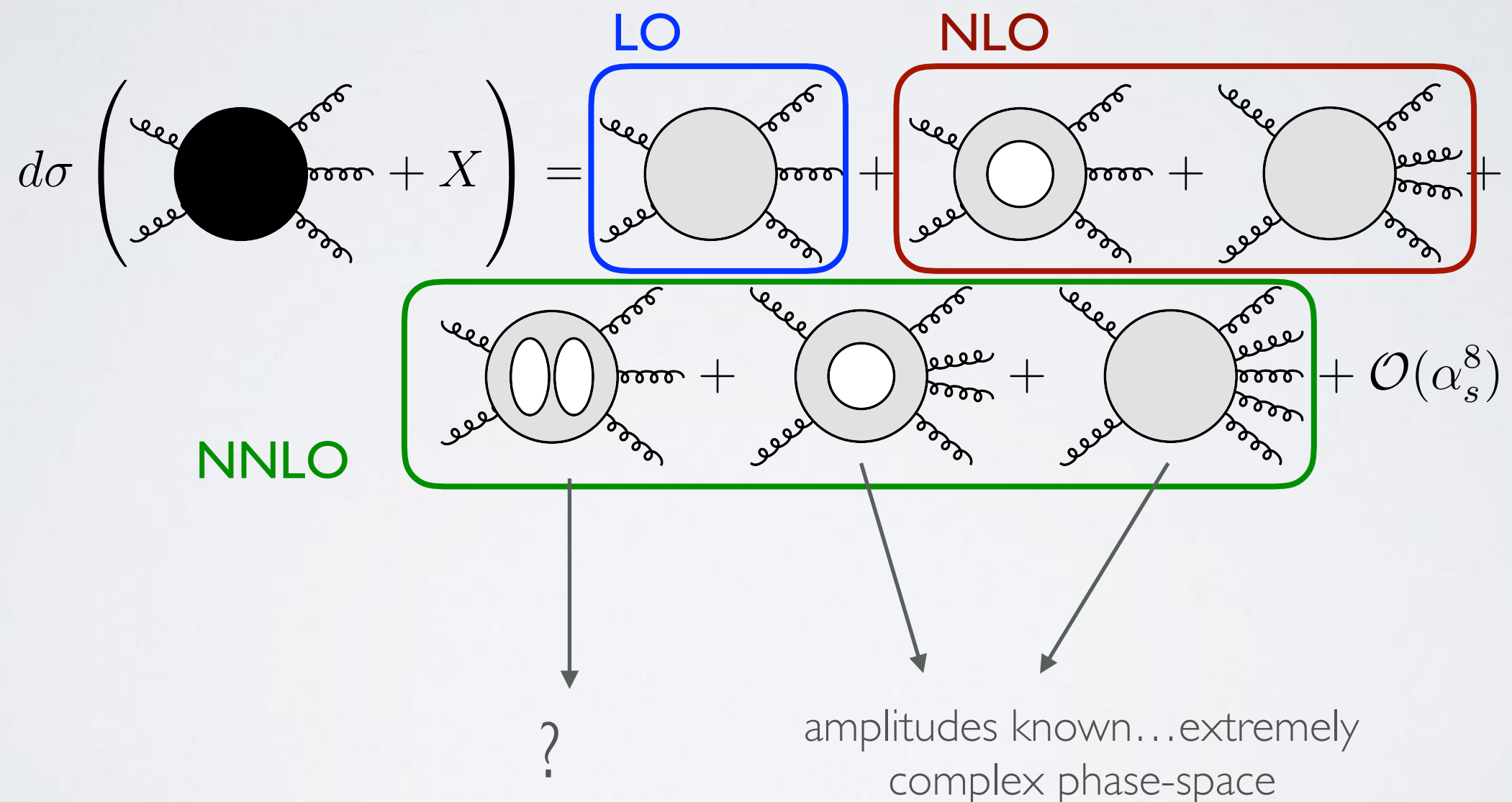


process	precision observables
$pp \rightarrow 3j$	jet multiplicity ratios, α_s at high energies, 3-jet mass
$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + j$	background to Higgs p_T , signal/background interference effects
$pp \rightarrow H + 2j$	Higgs p_T , Higgs coupling through vector boson fusion (VBF)
$pp \rightarrow V + 2j$	Vector boson p_T , W^+/W^- ratios and multiplicity scaling
$pp \rightarrow VV + j$	backgrounds to p_T spectra for new physics decaying via vector boson

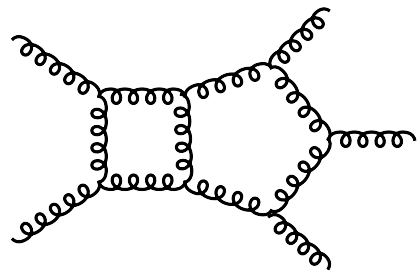
key example: $3j/2j$ ratio at the LHC can probe of the running of α_s in a new energy regime

e.g. CMS @ 7 TeV $\alpha_s(m_Z^2) = 0.1148 \pm 0.0014(\text{exp.}) \pm 0.0018(\text{PDF}) \pm 0.0050(\text{theory})$

new precision frontier: 2 \rightarrow 3 scattering



complexity for $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes



planar gluon scattering

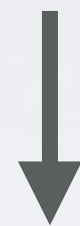
		$2 \rightarrow 2$		$2 \rightarrow 3$	
		$\mathcal{N} = 4$	QCD	$\mathcal{N} = 4$	QCD
one loop	integrand basis	1	65	5	175
	master integrals	1	2	1	2
two loops	integrand basis	2	15360	15	55580
	master integrals	1	7	3	61

these types of amplitudes
might not be so impressive
these days in SUSY theories...

very important in the development of on-shell
methods such as unitarity, leading singularities, etc.

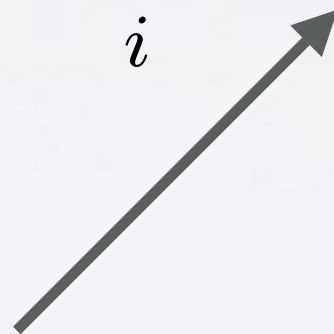
**Bern, Rozowsky, Yan, Czakon, Dixon, Kosower,
Cachazo, Spradlin, Volovich...**

$$(\text{amplitude}) = \sum_c (\text{colour})_c (\text{ordered amplitude})_c$$



strip colour factors

$$(\text{ordered amplitude}) = \sum_i (\text{kinematic})_i (\text{integral})_i$$



rational function
of kinematics



special basis of
functions

summary of state-of-the-art

first results for planar $2 \rightarrow 3$
parton scattering amplitudes

$2 \rightarrow 3$ master integrals

[Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever arXiv:1511.09404]

[Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti arXiv:1511.05409]

[Chicherin, Henn, Mitev arXiv:1712.09610]

a first look at two-loop five-gluon
amplitudes in QCD

[SB, Brønnum-Hansen, Hartanto,
Peraro arXiv:1712.02229]

Planar two-loop five-gluon
amplitudes from numerical unitarity

[Abreu, Febres-Cordero, Ita,
Page, Zeng arXiv:1712.03946]

Efficient integrand reduction for
particles with spin

[Boels, Jin, Luo arXiv:1802.06761]

Two-loop five-point massless QCD
amplitudes within the IBP approach

[Chawdhry, Lim, Mitov arXiv:1805.09182]

an on-shell toolbox for multi-loop integrands

momentum twistors
[Hodges (2009)]

six-dimensional spinor-helicity
[Cheung, O'Connell (2009)]

finite field reconstruction
[von Manteuffel, Schabinger (2014)]
[Peraro (2016)]

$$A = \int_k \sum_i \frac{\Delta_i(k, p)}{(\text{propagators})_i}$$

(generalised) unitarity cuts
[Bern, Rozowsky, Yan, Dixon, Kosower, de Freitas, Wong... (1997-)]

integrand reduction
[Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, Mastrolia, SB, Frellesvig, Zhang, Peraro, Mirabella, ... (2005-)]

$$A = \sum_i S_i \frac{C(\Delta_i) \Delta_i}{\prod D_\alpha}$$

colour/kinematics relations
[Bern, Carrasco, Johansson (2008)]

previously...all-plus test cases

[SB, Frellesvig, Zhang (2013)]

$$\text{cyclic}(00) = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \Delta(\text{diagram 1}) + \Delta(\text{diagram 2}) + \Delta(\text{diagram 3}) + \Delta(\text{diagram 4})$$

[SB, Mogull, O'Connell, Ochirov (2015)]

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_5^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) = & \sum_{\sigma \in S_5} I \left[C(\text{diagram 1}) \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 2}) + \Delta(\text{diagram 3}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 4}) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 5}) + \Delta(\text{diagram 6}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 7}) \right) \right. \\ & + C(\text{diagram 8}) \left(\frac{1}{4} \Delta(\text{diagram 9}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 10}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 11}) \right. \\ & \left. - \Delta(\text{diagram 12}) + \frac{1}{4} \Delta(\text{diagram 13}) \right) \\ & \left. + C(\text{diagram 14}) \left(\frac{1}{4} \Delta(\text{diagram 15}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 16}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta(\text{diagram 17}) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

analytic d-dimensional integrands using six-dimensional spinor-helicity and generalised unitarity cuts

amplitudes and integrands

$$A = \int_k \sum_i \frac{\Delta_i(k, p)}{(\text{propagators})_i}$$

how can we parameterise the irreducible numerator?

constructing the integrand basis

[c.f. van Neerven, Vermaseren (1983)]

$$k_i^\mu = k_{\parallel,i}^\mu + k_{\perp,i}^\mu, \quad k_{\perp,i} = k_{\perp,i}^{[4]} + k_{\perp,i}^{[-2\epsilon]}$$

$$k_{\parallel,i}^\mu = \sum_{j=1}^{d_{\parallel}} a_{ij} v_j^\mu$$

$$k_{\perp,i}^{\mu,[4]} = \sum_{j=1}^{d_{\perp,[4]}} b_{ij} w_j^\mu$$

(linear system)
ISPs $\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{p}$ (and
propagators)

quadratic relations amongst the
numerator ISPs remain

$$\mu_{ij} = k_i \cdot k_j - k_{\parallel,i} \cdot k_{\parallel,j} - k_{\perp,i}^{[4]} \cdot k_{\perp,j}^{[4]}$$

spurious ISPs $\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{w}$

any integrand is a function of: $k_i \cdot p_j$, $k_i \cdot w_j$ and μ_{ij}

constructing the integrand basis

$$\Delta(k_i \cdot p_j, k_i \cdot w_j, \mu_{ij}) = \sum (\text{coefficients})(\text{monomial})$$

- updated algorithm no longer requires polynomial division

- integrand contains spurious terms

$$\int_k k_i \cdot w_j = 0$$

- integrand basis depends on the ordering of the possible ISP monomials

- beyond one-loop the integrals can be further reduced using integration-by-parts identities

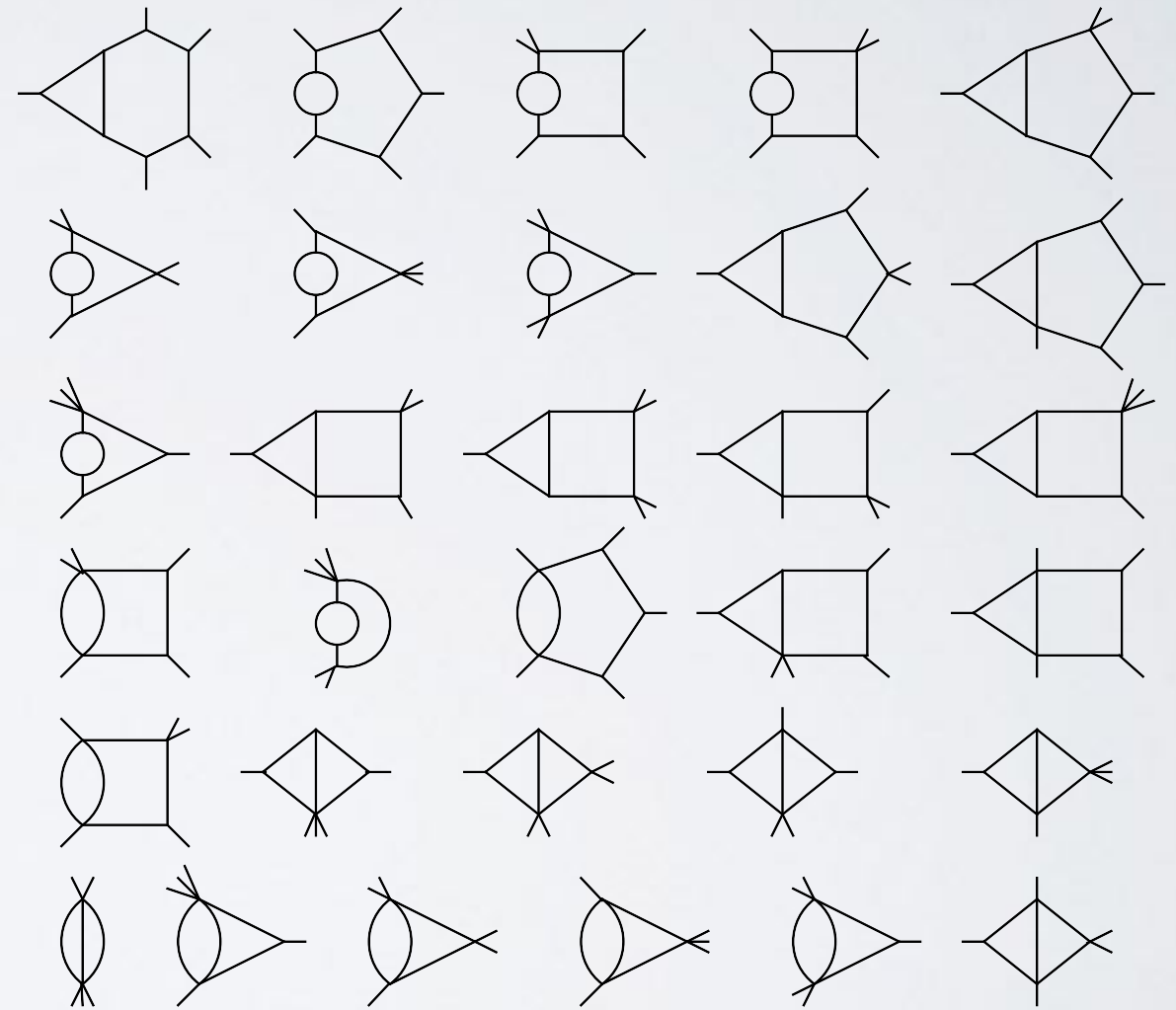
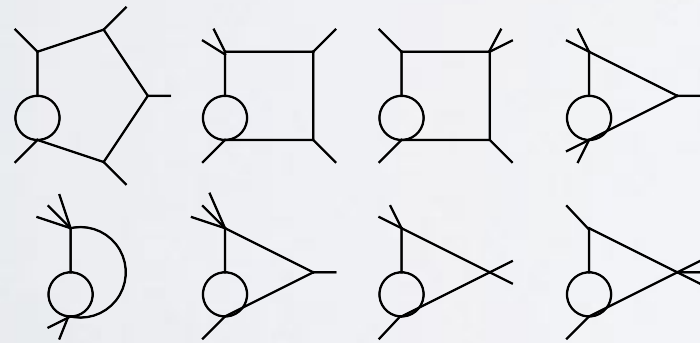
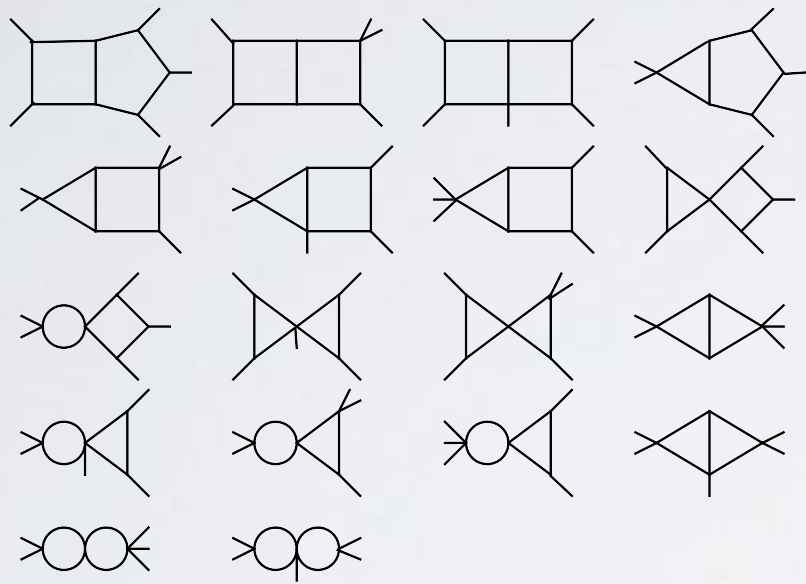
$$\int_k \frac{\partial}{\partial k_\mu} \frac{v_\mu(k, p)}{(\text{propagators})} = 0$$

many new ideas for efficient solutions of IBP systems:

Kosower, Kajda, Gluza, Schabinger, von Manteuffel, Ita, Larsen, Zhang, Böhm, Georgoudis, Schönemann, Abreu, Page, Febres-Cordero, Zeng

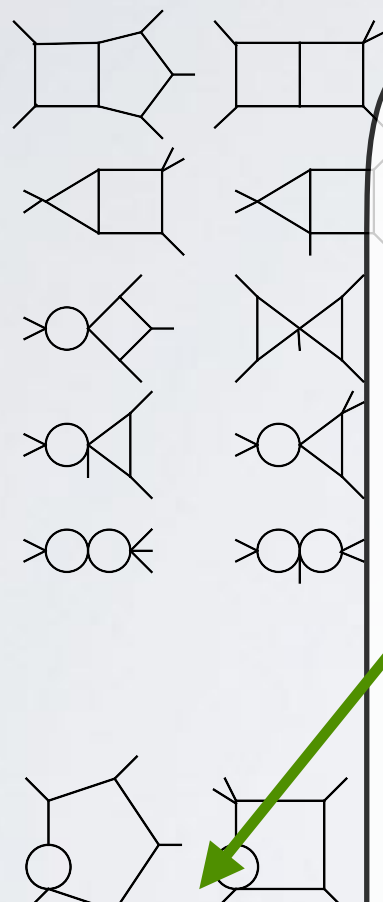
[see talks by Febres-Cordero, Larsen, Zeng]

two-loop five-gluon scattering in QCD



a first look at two-loop five-gluon scattering in QCD

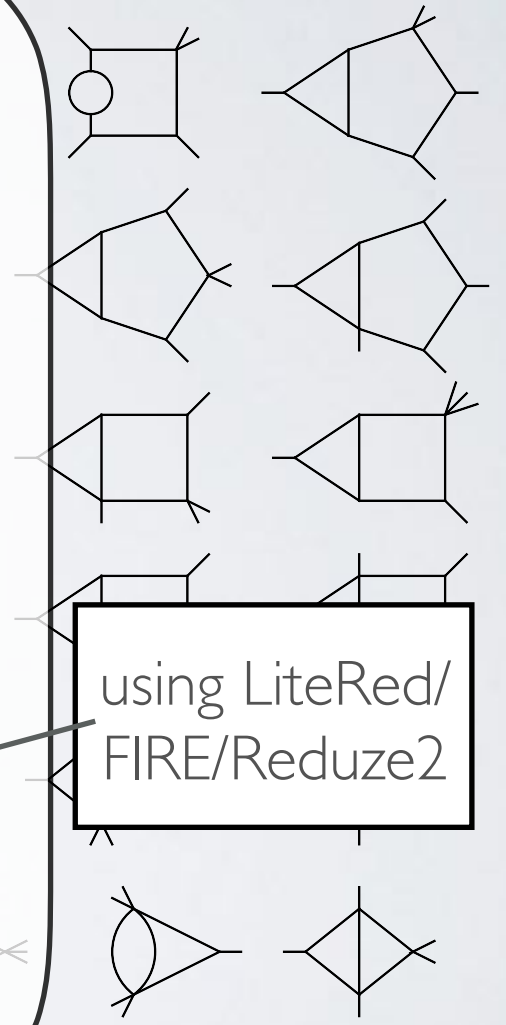
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(analytic) integrand reconstruction from **finite-field evaluations** of unitarity cuts in six dimensions

numerical reduction to 'master integrals'* with IBPs

(by-passing original sector decomposition, SecDec/FIESTA)



using LiteRed/
FIRE/Reduze2

application to scattering amplitudes:
Peraro [1608.0192]

* Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti (2015), Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever (2015)

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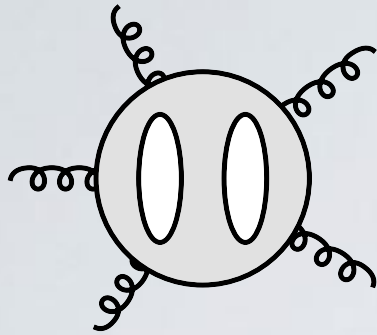
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helicity	flavour	non-zero coefficients	non-spurious coefficients	contributions @ $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$
	$(d_s - 2)^0$	50	50	0
+++++	$(d_s - 2)^1$	175	165	50
	$(d_s - 2)^2$	320	90	60
-++++	$(d_s - 2)^0$	1153	761	405
	$(d_s - 2)^1$	8745	4020	3436
	$(d_s - 2)^2$	1037	100	68
---++	$(d_s - 2)^0$	2234	1267	976
	$(d_s - 2)^1$	11844	5342	4659
	$(d_s - 2)^2$	1641	71	48
-+--+	$(d_s - 2)^0$	3137	1732	1335
	$(d_s - 2)^1$	15282	6654	5734
	$(d_s - 2)^2$	3639	47	32

TABLE I. The number of non-zero coefficients found at the integrand level both before ('non-zero') and after ('non-spurious') removing monomials which integrate to zero. Last column ('contributions @ $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ ') gives the number of coefficients contributing to the finite part. Each helicity amplitude is split into the components of $d_s - 2$.

$$\mathcal{A}^{(L)}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = n^L g_s^3 \sum_{\sigma \in S_5/Z_5} \text{tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(5)}}) \times A^{(L)}(\sigma(1), \sigma(2), \sigma(3), \sigma(4), \sigma(5)), \quad (1)$$

$$A^{(2)}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = \int [dk_1][dk_2] \sum_T \frac{\Delta_T(\{k\}, \{p\})}{\prod_{\alpha \in T} D_\alpha}$$



universal poles

$$P^{(2)} = I^{(2)} A^{(0)} + I^{(1)} A^{(1)}$$

[Catani] [Becher,Neubert]
[Gnendiger,Signer, Stockinger]

numerical evaluation in the Euclidean region

$$x_1 = -1, \quad x_2 = \frac{79}{90}, \quad x_3 = \frac{16}{61}, \quad x_4 = \frac{37}{78}, \quad x_5 = \frac{83}{102}.$$

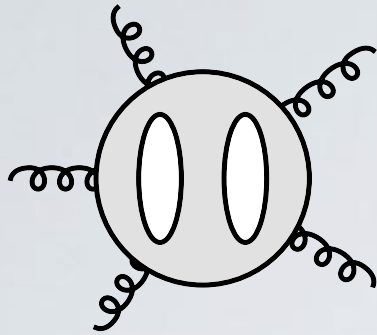
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	ϵ^{-4}	ϵ^{-3}	ϵ^{-2}	ϵ^{-1}	ϵ^0
$\widehat{A}_{---+++}^{(2),[0]}$	12.5	27.7526	-23.7728	-168.1162	-175.2103
$P_{---+++}^{(2),[0]}$	12.5	27.7526	-23.7728	-168.1163	—
$\widehat{A}_{-+---}^{(2),[0]}$	12.5	27.7526	2.5028	-35.8084	69.6695
$P_{-+---}^{(2),[0]}$	12.5	27.7526	2.5028	-35.8086	—

	ϵ^{-4}	ϵ^{-3}	ϵ^{-2}	ϵ^{-1}	ϵ^0
$\widehat{A}_{+++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	-6.4324	-5.3107
$P_{+++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	-6.4324	—
$\widehat{A}_{-++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	-12.7492	-22.0981
$P_{-++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	-12.7492	—
$\widehat{A}_{--+++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-1.8175	-0.4869	3.1270
$P_{--+++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-1.8175	-0.4869	—
$\widehat{A}_{-+---}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-2.7759	-5.0018	0.1807
$P_{-+---}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-2.7759	-5.0018	—

	$\widehat{A}_{+++++}^{(2),[2]}$	$\widehat{A}_{-++++}^{(2),[2]}$	$\widehat{A}_{--+++}^{(2),[2]}$	$\widehat{A}_{-+---}^{(2),[2]}$
ϵ^0	3.6255	-0.0664	0.2056	0.0269

evaluation in the physical region



reduction to MI of Gehrmann,
Henn, Lo Presti (or alternatively
Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever)

$d_s=2$ fully analytic
full d_s dep. partially numerical

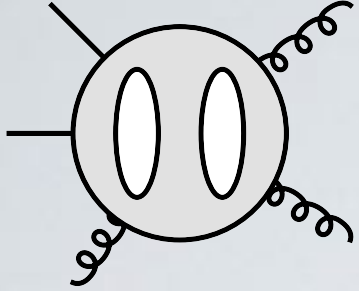
$$x_1 = \frac{113}{7}, \quad x_2 = -\frac{2}{9} - \frac{i}{19}, \quad x_3 = -\frac{1}{7} - \frac{i}{5}, \quad x_4 = \frac{1351150}{13847751}, \quad x_5 = -\frac{91971}{566867}.$$

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	ϵ^{-4}	ϵ^{-3}	ϵ^{-2}	ϵ^{-1}	ϵ^0
$\widehat{A}_{--+++}^{(2),[0]}$	12.5	-9.17716 + 47.12389 i	-107.40046 - 25.96698 i	17.24014 - 221.41370 i	388.44694 - 167.45494 i
$P_{--+++}^{(2),[0]}$	12.5	-9.17716 + 47.12389 i	-107.40046 - 25.96698 i	17.24013 - 221.41373 i	—
$\widehat{A}_{-+--+}^{(2),[0]}$	12.5	-9.17716 + 47.12389 i	-111.02853 - 12.85282 i	-39.80016 - 216.36601 i	342.75366 - 309.25531 i
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$\widehat{A}_{+++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	0.60532 - 12.48936 i	35.03354 + 9.27449 i
$P_{+++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	0.60532 - 12.48936 i	—
$\widehat{A}_{-++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	-7.59409 - 2.99885 i	-0.44360 - 20.85875 i
$P_{-++++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	0	-2.5	-7.59408 - 2.99885 i	—
$\widehat{A}_{--+++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-0.65676 - 0.42849 i	-1.02853 + 0.30760 i	-0.55509 - 6.22641 i
$P_{--+++}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-0.65676 - 0.42849 i	-1.02853 + 0.30760 i	—
$\widehat{A}_{-+--+}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-0.45984 - 0.97559 i	1.44962 + 0.53917 i	-0.62978 + 2.07080 i
$P_{-+--+}^{(2),[1]}$	0	-0.625	-0.45984 - 0.97559 i	1.44962 + 0.53917 i	—

	$\widehat{A}_{+++++}^{(2),[2]}$	$\widehat{A}_{-++++}^{(2),[2]}$	$\widehat{A}_{--+++}^{(2),[2]}$	$\widehat{A}_{-+--+}^{(2),[2]}$
ϵ^0	0.60217 - 0.01985 i	-0.10910 - 0.01807 i	-0.06306 - 0.01305 i	-0.03481 - 0.00699 i



fermion channels

preliminary!

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Leading-colour amplitude:

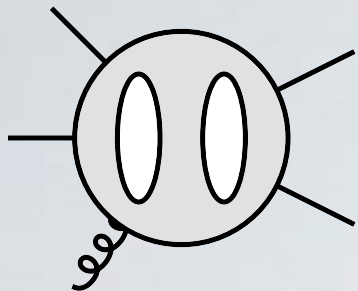
$$\underline{A^{(L)}(1_q, 2_g, 3_g, 4_g, 5_{\bar{q}})} = n^L g_s^3 \sum_{\sigma \in S_3} (T^{a_{\sigma(2)}} T^{a_{\sigma(3)}} T^{a_{\sigma(4)}})_{i_1}^{\bar{i}_5} A^{(L)}(1_q, \sigma(2), \sigma(3), \sigma(4), 5_{\bar{q}})$$

checks against
poles in CDR

$$n = m_\epsilon N_c \alpha_s / (4\pi), \quad \alpha_s = g_s^2 / (4\pi), \quad m_\epsilon = i(4\pi)^\epsilon e^{-\epsilon\gamma_E}$$

$$\hat{A}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 \lambda_5}^{(2)} = \frac{A^{(2)}(1_q^{\lambda_1}, 2^{\lambda_2}, 3^{\lambda_3}, 4^{\lambda_4}, 5_{\bar{q}}^{\lambda_5})}{A^{(0)}(1_q^{\lambda_1}, 2^{\lambda_2}, 3^{\lambda_3}, 4^{\lambda_4}, 5_{\bar{q}}^{\lambda_5})}$$

	ϵ^{-4}	ϵ^{-3}	ϵ^{-2}	ϵ^{-1}	ϵ^0
$\hat{A}_{++++-}^{(2)}$	0	0	-4	-13.5322768031	6.048656403
$P_{++++-}^{(2)}$	0	0	-4	-13.5322768028	—
$\hat{A}_{+++--}^{(2)}$	8	7.9682909085	-52.3927085027	-140.1563714534	47.5687220127
$P_{+++--}^{(2)}$	8	7.9682909085	-52.3927085034	-140.1563714829	—
$\hat{A}_{++-+-}^{(2)}$	8	7.9682909085	-32.2213536407	-47.9234973502	145.9720111187
$P_{++-+-}^{(2)}$	8	7.9682909085	-32.2213536403	-47.9234973889	—
$\hat{A}_{+-++-}^{(2)}$	8	7.9682909084	-40.8851109385	-87.0299398048	101.2329971544
$P_{+-++-}^{(2)}$	8	7.9682909085	-40.8851109386	-87.0299398374	—



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	ϵ^{-4}	ϵ^{-3}	ϵ^{-2}	ϵ^{-1}	ϵ^0
$\widehat{A}_{+-++-}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548748	-32.0984879203	-41.3935016796	149.3305056672
$P_{+-++-}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548747	-32.0984879200	-41.3935017002	—
$\widehat{A}_{+---+-}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548747	-4.6165799244	-6.3236903564	-32.0327897453
$P_{+---+-}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548747	-4.6165799294	-6.3236903481	—
$\widehat{A}_{+--+--+}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548747	-38.294786128	-43.5232972386	-56.7196838792
$P_{+--+--+}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548747	-38.294786128	-43.5232972694	—
$\widehat{A}_{+-----}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548747	-26.7131604905	-69.7580529817	22.2365337061
$P_{+-----}^{(2)}$	4.5	2.2831548747	-26.7131604895	-69.758052969	—

can we use this for phenomenology? $\int d\Phi_3 \sum_{\text{colour, helicity}} 2\text{Re}(A^{(2)} A^{(0)})$

the analytic integrands are very large...

proceed numerically?

this was a good option at NLO
(BLACKHAT, NJET, GOSAM,
OPENLOOPS,...)

also works at two loops

see talk from **Febres-Cordero**

- universal IR and UV poles not manifest
- large cancellations between topologies
- high rank tensor integrals lead to extremely difficult IBP systems (IBPs are d-dim.)
- need to understand analytic structure better: what is a 'good' basis?

related questions:
(quasi) finite integrals
local integrals, pure functions...

[von Mantueffel, Schabinger, Panzer]

[Arkani-Hamed, Bourjaily, Cachazo, Trnka]

back to one-loop

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_5^{(1)} = & \sum^5 \text{[square diagram]} \{1, \mu_{11}, \mu_{11}^2\} + \\
 & \sum^5 \text{[triangle diagram]} \{1, \mu_{11}\} + \sum^5 \text{[triangle diagram]} \{1, \mu_{11}\} + \\
 & \sum^5 \text{[circle diagram]} \{1, \mu_{11}\} + \text{spurious}
 \end{aligned}$$

d-dimensional basis
(EGKM, OPP etc.)

expansion around $d=4$
rational terms come from
UV poles

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{IR} \\
 & \swarrow \quad \searrow \quad \searrow \\
 A_5^{(1)} = & \sum^5 \text{[square diagram]} \{1\} + \sum^5 \text{[triangle diagram]} \{1\} + \sum^5 \text{[triangle diagram]} \{1\} + \\
 & \sum^5 \text{[circle diagram]} \{1\} + R + \text{spurious} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \\
 & \uparrow \\
 & \text{UV}
 \end{aligned}$$

back to one-loop

local numerators regulate IR

[Arkani-Hamed, Bourjaily, Cachazo, Trnka (2012)]

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_5^{(1)} - I^{(1)} A_5^{(0)} = & \Delta \left(\text{square with two internal lines} \right) \{ (k - k_1^*), (k - k_2^*) \} + \\
 & \Delta \left(\begin{matrix} i+1 \\ i \end{matrix} \right) \left(\text{bubble diagram} \right) \left\{ 1 - \frac{(k)^2 (k - p_{i,i+1})^2}{(k + p_{1,i-1})^2 (k + p_{1,i-1} - p_{1,2})^2} \right\} + \\
 & \Delta \left(\begin{matrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right) \left(\text{bubble diagram} \right) \{ \mu_{11} \} + \text{spurious} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

universal IR poles

UV counter-terms to push all rational terms into bubble numerator

[still not quite as good as BDK '93...additional spurious pole cancellations between rational term and bubble coefficients]

an attempt at 2-loops

the pentagon-box sector of our planar integrand has the most complicated integrals

standard gauge theory power counting: 76 integrand coefficients

old version

$$\{k_1 \cdot p_1, k_2 \cdot p_2, k_2 \cdot p_3, \mu_{11}, \mu_{12}, \mu_{22}\}$$

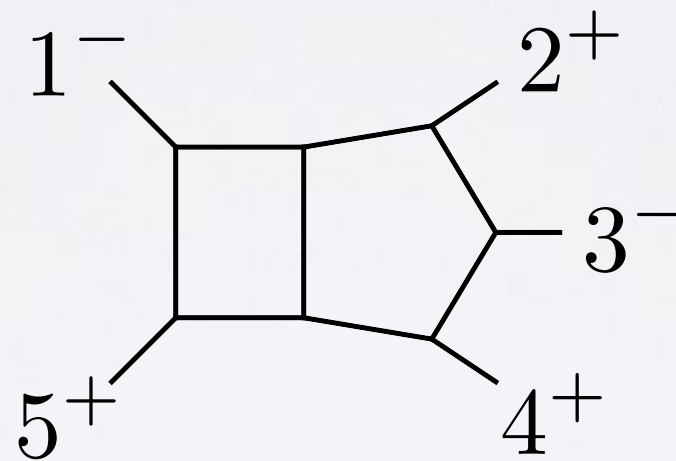
54 non-zero integrand coeffs.

28 non-zero coeffs. at $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

worst case:

$$(k_2 \cdot p_2)^4 \mu_{11}$$

(rank 4, 1 dot)



$$k_2 \cdot n_2 = \langle 5k_2 1 \rangle$$

$$k_1 \cdot n_1 \sim (k_1 - n_1)^2 \propto \text{tr}_+(p_2 k_1 (k_1 - p_{23}) p_4)$$

new version

local numerators

$$\{k_1 \cdot n_1, k_1 \cdot n_1^*, k_1 \cdot n_2, k_2 \cdot n_2^*, \mu_{11}, \mu_{12}, \mu_{22}\}$$

(over complete set)

55 non-zero integrand coeffs.

4 non-zero coeffs. at $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

worst case:

$$k_2 \cdot n_2 k_1 \cdot n_1$$

(rank 2)

summary

- two-loop amplitudes from on-shell building blocks:
 - generalised unitarity cuts and integrand reduction in d-dimensions
 - reconstruction of rational functions over finite fields
 - first results for realistic processes. Lots more to do for NNLO

a local integrand **basis**?

[‘prescriptive unitarity’ Bourjaily, Herrmann, Trnka (2017)]

non-planar?

[Arkani-Hamed Bourjaily, Cachazo, Postnikov, Trnka (2015)]

[Bern, Herrmann, Litsey, Stankowicz, Trnka (2016)]

[Bern, Enciso, Ita, Zeng (2017)]

backup

one-loop box example

propagators

$$P = \langle x_{14}^2 - \mu_{11} - stu, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{13} \rangle$$

scalar products

irreducible numerator

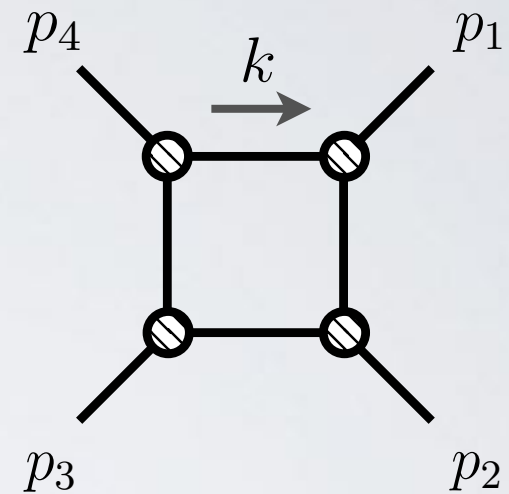
$$\Delta_4 = c_0 + c_1 x_{14} + c_2 \mu_{11} + c_3 \mu_{11} x_{14} + c_4 \mu_{11}^2$$

on-shell solution

$$\bar{k}^\mu = \frac{s(1+\tau)}{4\langle 4|2|1\rangle} \langle 4|\gamma^\mu|1\rangle + \frac{s(1-\tau)}{4\langle 1|2|4\rangle} \langle 1|\gamma^\mu|4\rangle$$

$$x_{14} = \frac{st}{2}\tau \quad \mu_{11} = -\frac{st}{4u}(1-\tau^2)$$

$$x_{ij} = k_i \cdot v_j \quad k_i^{[-2\epsilon]} \cdot k_j^{[-2\epsilon]} = -\mu_{ij}$$



tree-level "data"

$$\Delta_4(k(\tau)) = \sum_{i=0}^4 d_i \tau^i$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{t}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & t & -\frac{st}{u} & \frac{st^2}{2u} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{st}{u} & -\frac{3st^2}{2u} & \frac{s^2t^2}{u^2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{st^2}{u} & -\frac{2s^2t^2}{u^2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{s^2t^2}{u^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ c_3 \\ c_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_0 \\ d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \\ d_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

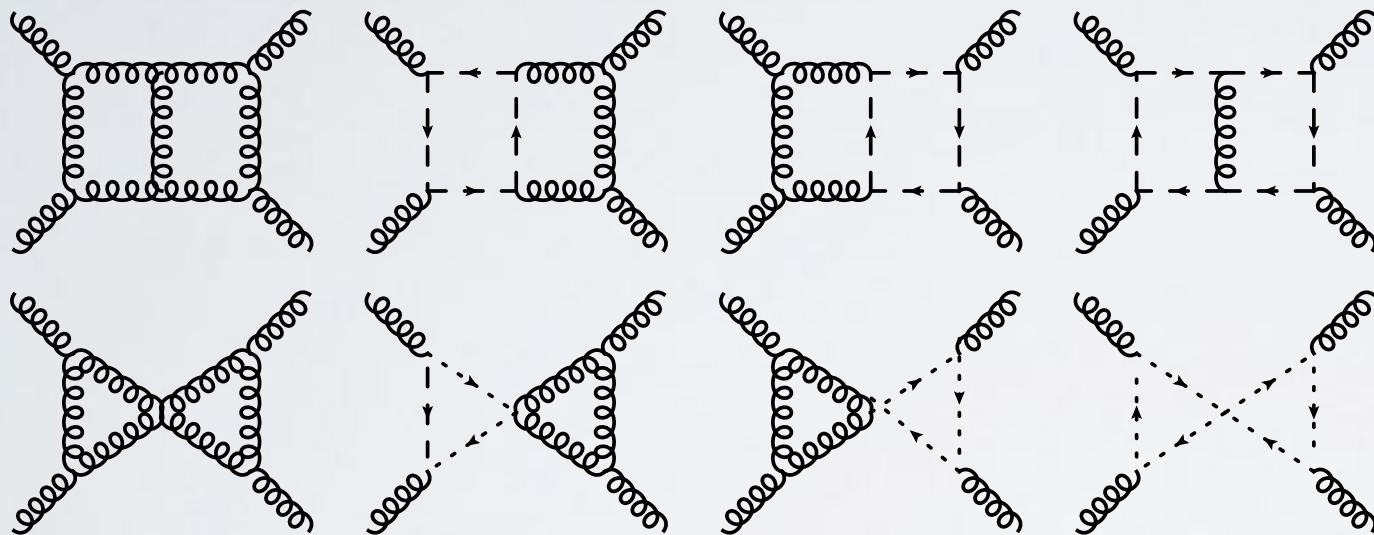
continue reduction with subtractions

$$\Delta_{3;123}(k(\tau_1, \tau_2)) = N(k(\tau_1, \tau_2), p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) - \frac{\Delta_4(k(\tau_1, \tau_2))}{(k(\tau_1, \tau_2) + p_4)^2}$$

numerator construction

FDH scheme at two-loops

[Bern, De Freitas, Dixon, Wong (2002)]



$$g^\mu{}_\mu = d_s$$

c.f. Feynman rules + Feynman gauge and ghosts (scalars)

Tree-amplitudes using

six-dimensional helicity method

need to capture $\mu_{11}, \mu_{22}, \mu_{12}$

[Cheung, O'Connell (2009)]

[Bern, Carrasco, Dennen, Huang, Ita (2011)]

[Davies (2012)]

use **momentum twistors** to deal with the complicated kinematics at $2 \rightarrow 3$

[Hodges (2009)]

momentum twistors

[Hodges (2009)]

recall: spinor-helicity $SU(2) \times SU(2) \sim p_i^\mu \leftrightarrow (\lambda_{\alpha i}, \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{\alpha}})$

$$Z_{iA} = (\lambda_\alpha(i), \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}(i))$$

kinematic variables with manifest momentum conservation
or
a **rational** phase space generator

$$W_i^A = (\tilde{\mu}_\alpha(i), \tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}(i)) = \frac{\varepsilon^{ABCD} Z_{(i-1)B} Z_{iC} Z_{(i+1)D}}{\langle i-1i \rangle \langle ii+1 \rangle} \Rightarrow \tilde{\lambda}^{(i)\dot{\alpha}} = \frac{\langle i-1i \rangle \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}(i+1) + \langle i+1i-1 \rangle \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}(i) + \langle ii+1 \rangle \mu^{\dot{\alpha}}(i-1)}{\langle i-1i \rangle \langle ii+1 \rangle}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_\alpha(i) \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}(i) = 0_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$$

manifest UV and IR poles at the integrand level

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{[Diagram: square with wavy internal line]} &= \text{[Diagram: square with solid internal line]} (k - k^{*,(1)})^2 \\
 \text{[Diagram: square with dashed diagonal internal line]} &= \text{[Diagram: square with solid diagonal internal line]} (k - k^{*,(2)})^2
 \end{aligned}$$

local numerators manage IR divergences
 [Arkani-Hamed, Bourjaily, Cachazo, Trnka (2012)]

remove d-dimensional integrals with UV counter-terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{[Diagram: square]} \mu_{11}^2 + \frac{1}{u} \left(\text{[Diagram: square with top-left and bottom-right corners crossed]} \mu_{11} + \text{[Diagram: square with top-right and bottom-left corners crossed]} \mu_{11} - \text{[Diagram: square with top-left and bottom-left corners crossed]} \mu_{11} \right) &= \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \\
 \text{[Diagram: square]} \mu_{11}^2 - \frac{1}{s} \left(\text{[Diagram: square with top-left and bottom-right corners crossed]} \mu_{11} \right) &= \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \left(\text{[Diagram: square with two external lines on each side]} \right) \{ (k - k^{*,(1)})^2, (k - k^{*,(2)})^2 \} + \text{spurious} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

manifest UV and IR poles at the integrand level

also find counter-terms for the triangle topologies

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{p}_{345} \triangleleft \mu_{11} + \frac{1}{3s_{12}} \ast \triangleleft \mu_{11} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \\
 & \text{p}_{45} \triangleleft \mu_{11} + \frac{1}{3(s_{23} - s_{45})} \left(\ast \triangleleft \mu_{11} - \triangleleft \ast \mu_{11} \right) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \\
 & \text{p}_{34} \triangleleft \mu_{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \left(\triangleleft \mu_{11} \right) \{1\} + \text{spurious} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon).$$

manifest UV and IR poles at the integrand level

- UV counter-terms for both 4d and 6d bubbles
- Use p_{12} bubble - $p_{i,i+1}$ cuts become subtractions for the p_{12} cut

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\begin{array}{c} i+1 \\ \circlearrowleft \\ i \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \circlearrowleft \\ 1 \end{array} \right) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \\
 & \left(\begin{array}{c} i+1 \\ \circlearrowleft \\ i \end{array} \right) \mu_{11} - \frac{s_{12}}{s_{i,i+1}} \left(\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \circlearrowleft \\ 1 \end{array} \right) \mu_{11} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Delta \left(\begin{array}{c} i+1 \\ \circlearrowleft \\ i \end{array} \right) \left\{ 1 - \frac{(k)^2 (k - p_{i,i+1})^2}{(k + p_{1,i-1})^2 (k + p_{1,i-1} - p_{1,2})^2} \right\} + \text{spurious} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon). \\
 & \Delta \left(\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \circlearrowleft \\ 1 \end{array} \right) \{1, \mu_{11}\} + \text{spurious} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon).
 \end{aligned}$$