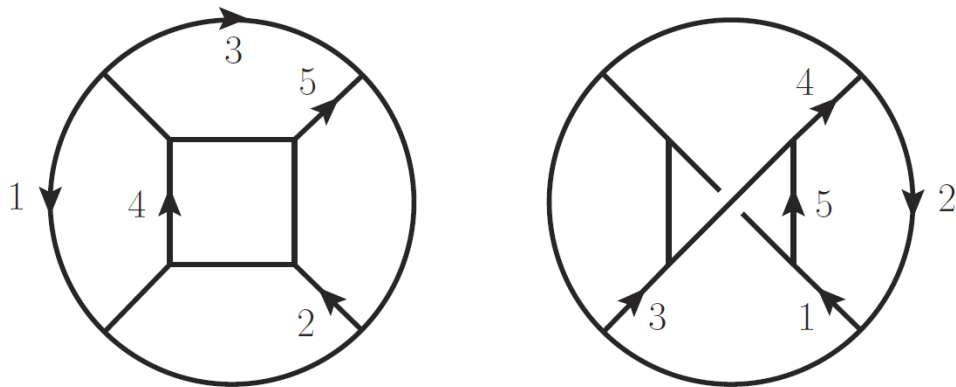


# Five-loop UV behavior of $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity

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# Outline

- Background
- Five-loop results for  $\mathcal{N} = 8$  supergravity
- Maximal-cut calculation
- Full calculation
- All-loop patterns & future outlook

# Is $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUGRA a finite theory of gravity?

- Previous calculations: finite up to 4 loops,  $D_c = 4 + 6/L$

Deser, Kay, Stelle, 1977; Tomboulis, 1977; Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Kosower, Roiban 2007; Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban 2009, 2012

- Symmetry arguments: divergent at 7 loops, or 5 loops at  $D_c = 24/5$ , due to counterterm  $\sim D^8 R^4$ .

Green, Russo, Vanhove 2010; Bossard, Howe, Stelle 2011; Beisert, Elvang, Freedman, Kiermaier, Morales, Stieberger 2010; Vanhove 2010; Bjornsson, Green 2010; Bjornsson 2010

- “Enhanced cancellations” beyond symmetry arguments

*N = 4 finite in D = 5 at 2 loops:* Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang 2012

*N = 4 finite in D = 4 at 3 loops:* Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang 2012

*N = 5 finite in D = 4 at 4 loops:* Bern, Davies, Dennen 2014

- This talk: the 5-loop calculation & paths to higher loops

# The five-loop results

[Bern, Carrasco, Chen, Edison, Johansson, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, MZ, 2018]

- $\mathcal{N} = 8$  SUGRA is **UV finite** in  $D = 22/5$ , confirming symmetry predictions.
- $\mathcal{N} = 8$  SUGRA **diverges** in  $D = 24/5$ , as positive-definite vacuum integrals.  $\implies$  Nonzero coefficient of  $D^8 R^4$ .

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(5)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -\frac{16 \times 629}{25} \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^{12} (s^2 + t^2 + u^2)^2 stu M_4^{\text{tree}} \left( \frac{1}{48} \text{[Diagram 1]} + \frac{1}{16} \text{[Diagram 2]} \right)$$

$$= -17.9 \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^{12} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{12}} (s^2 + t^2 + u^2)^2 stu M_4^{\text{tree}} \frac{1}{\epsilon}.$$

FIESTA: Smirnov,  
Smirnov, Tentyukov

# Challenges in a 5-loop calculation

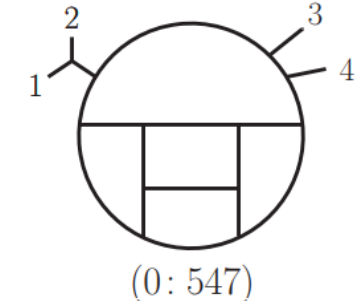
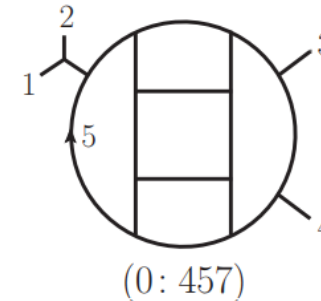
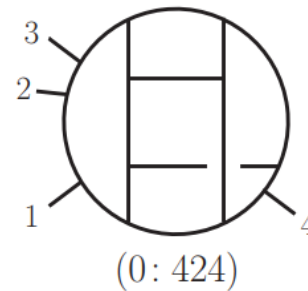
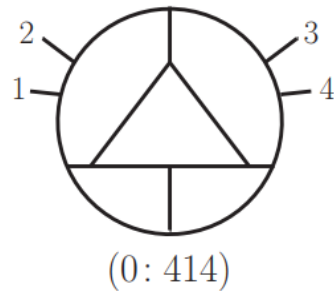
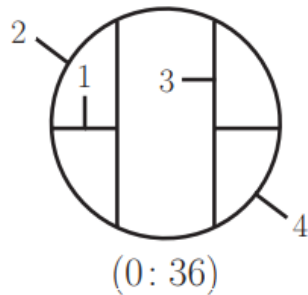
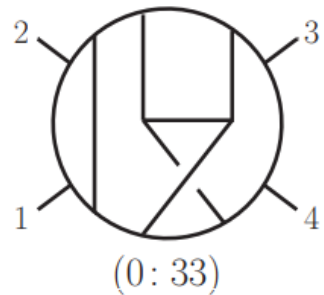
## 1) The loop integrand:

Explosion of terms in Feynman diagrams,  $\sim 10^{31}$  terms at 5-loop 4-point

*Solution: (Generalized) double copy*

$$\mathcal{N}_{GR} \sim \mathcal{N}_{YM} \tilde{\mathcal{N}}_{YM} + J \tilde{J} \quad [\text{Bern, Carrasco, Chen, Johansson, Roiban 2017}]$$

$J \sim$  BCJ discrepancy function gives  $N^{\geq 2}$  Max contact terms

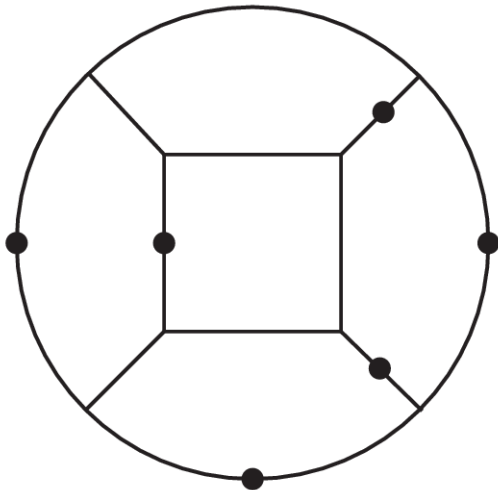


# Challenges in a 5-loop calculation

## 2) Integration in UV region:

Large number of vacuum integrals, high-degree numerators

*Solutions: finding better integrand, **Unitarity cuts and IBP for vacuum integrals***



× (degree-6 numerator) = ?

# Warmup: 2-loop $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SUGRA in $D = 5$

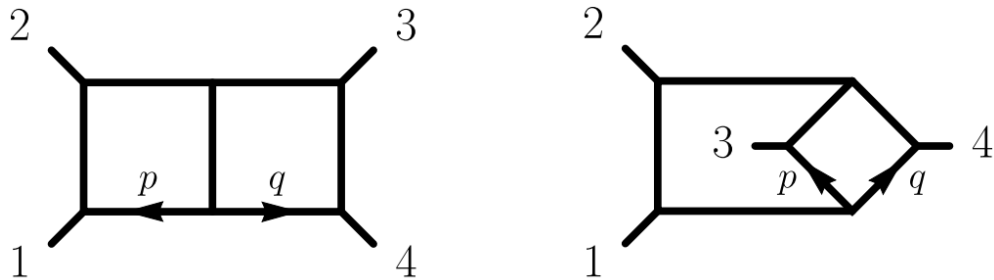
[Bern, Enciso, Parra-Martinez, MZ, 2018]

$$\mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SUGRA} \cong (\mathcal{N} = 4) \otimes (\mathcal{N} = 0)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{SUGRA}} = \sum_i \frac{n_i^{\text{SYM}} \cdot n_i^{\text{YM}}}{\text{propagators}}$$

Enhanced cancellation from double copy

[Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang 2012]

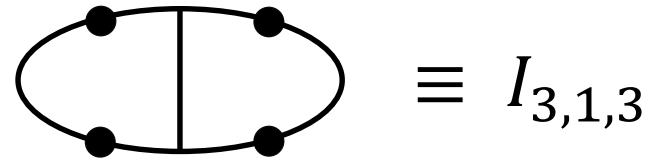


(++++ ) numerators (both diagrams)

$$\lambda_p^2 \lambda_q^2 + \lambda_p^2 \lambda_{p+q}^2 + \lambda_q^2 \lambda_{p+q}^2$$

1<sup>st</sup> step: vacuum expansion

$$\int d^5 p d^5 q \frac{\lambda_p^2 \lambda_q^2 + \lambda_p^2 \lambda_{p+q}^2 + \lambda_q^2 \lambda_{p+q}^2}{(p^2)^A (q^2)^B [(p+q)^2]^C}$$



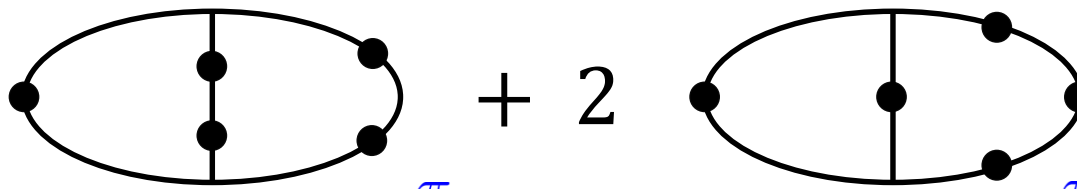
2<sup>nd</sup> step: Lorentz invariance

$$\frac{3}{70} \int d^5 p d^5 q \frac{p^2 + q^2 + (p+q)^2}{(p^2)^A (q^2)^B [(p+q)^2]^C}$$

(Planar) + (Nonplanar)  $\propto I_{1,2,2} + 2I_{1,1,3} \sim 0?$

3<sup>rd</sup> step: integration ...

# Maximal-cut vacuum integrals



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram 1} + 2 \text{ Diagram 2} = I_{1,2,2} + 2I_{1,1,3} = \text{UV finite?} \\
 & = -\frac{\pi}{192\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0) \qquad = \frac{\pi}{96\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

No one-loop divergence in 5D, UV from max. cut!  $\frac{1}{l^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \delta(l^2 - m^2)$

Classic use of cuts: *cut integrand* = product of trees

Also consider *cut integrals*, defined on contours preserving integral relations

Kosower, Larsen, 2012; Caron-Huot, Larsen, 2012; Sogaard, 2013;  
 Johansson, Kosower, Larsen, 2013; Sogaard, Zhang, 2013; Sogaard, Zhang, 2014;  
 Abreu, Britto, Durh, Gardi, 2017; Bosma, Sogaard, Zhang 2017; Schabinger 2017;  
 Primo, Tancredi 2016, 2017

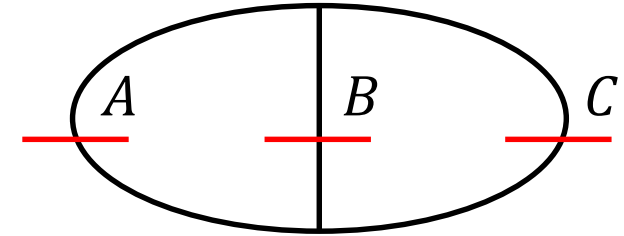


# Maximal-cut vacuum integrals

Baikov representation of Feynman integrals [Baikov, 1996]

$$I_{A,B,C} = \int d^5 p d^5 q \frac{1}{(p^2)^A (q^2)^B [(p+q)^2]^C}$$

$$\propto \int \frac{dz_1}{z_1^A} \frac{dz_2}{z_2^B} \frac{dz_3}{z_3^C} P(z_1, z_2, z_3),$$



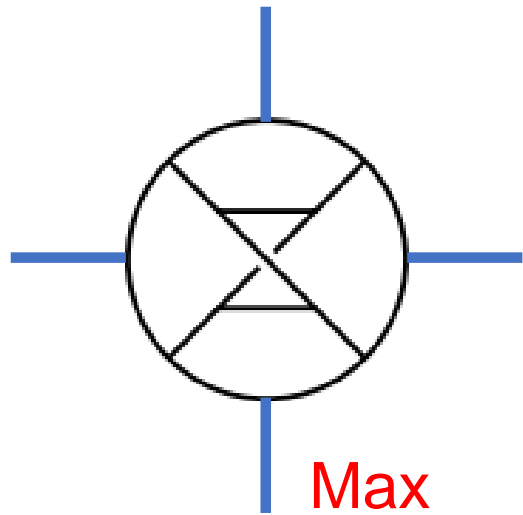
where  $P(z_1, z_2, z_3) = 2z_1 z_2 + 2z_2 z_3 + 2z_3 z_1 - z_1^2 - z_2^2 - z_3^2$

contour prescription:  $\int \frac{dz}{z^A} \rightarrow \oint_{\Gamma_\epsilon(0)} \frac{dz}{z^A}$ .  $I_{A,B,C} = \text{Coeff of } z_1^{A-1} z_2^{B-1} z_3^{C-1} \text{ in } P$

$$+ 2 \cong 2 + 2 \cdot (-1) = 0 \quad \checkmark \text{ UV finite}$$

# Max. cut calculation at 5 loops

- 1) Vacuum expansion, only from diagrams containing top-level vacuums



- 2) Apply Lorentz invariance (transverse-space integrand reduction)  
e.g. talk by [Christian Bronnum-Hansen](#)
- 3) Integration of vacuums on maximal cut

# Max. cut calculation at 5 loops

- Analytic integration possible in some cases, e.g. crossed cube topology  
[Bern, Carrasco, Chen, Johansson, Roiban, MZ, 2017]
- Generic cases: *unitarity-compatible integration-by-parts (IBP) reduction*.  
[Gluza, Kajda, Kosower, 2010; Ita 2015; Larsen, Zhang 2015 ...] Talks by David Koswer, Vasily Sotnikov
- Linear relations between max.-cut vacuum integrals. Solve small linear system of size  $\sim 500$ .

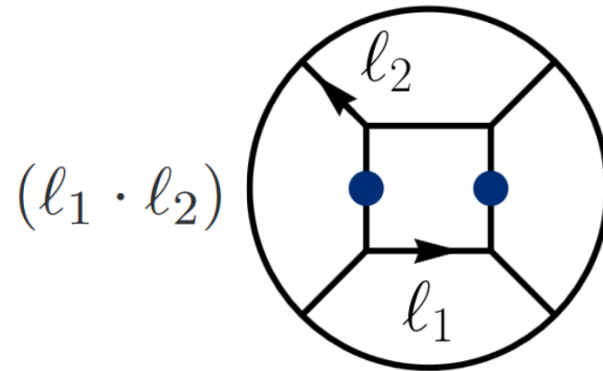
$$D = \frac{22}{5} : \mathcal{M}_4^{(5)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} \propto 0$$

Surprisingly, both  
are the full results!

$$D = \frac{24}{5} : \mathcal{M}_4^{(5)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} \propto \left( \frac{1}{48} \text{ (square-in-circle)} + \frac{1}{16} \text{ (cross-in-circle)} \right)$$

# Full calculation at 5 loops

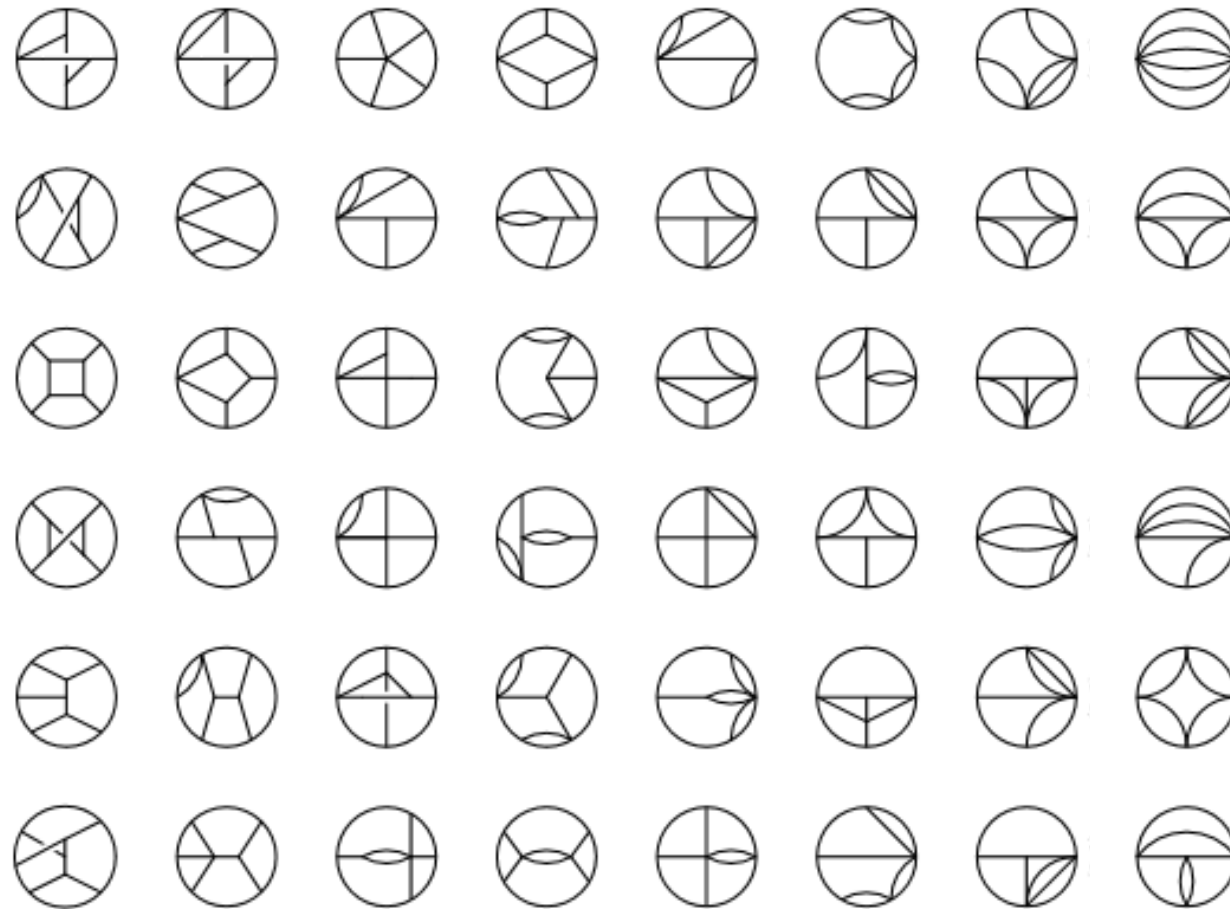
- Want full results without assumptions.
- Old integrand: spurious quartic divergence in  $D = 24/5$   
~ 17 million distinct vacuum integrals (up to **6 dots**).



- Found Improved integrand: log. divergent at top level,  
~ 140 thousand distinct vacuum integrals (up to **4 dots**).

# Five-loop vacuum topologies

[Thomas Luthe 2015 thesis]



QCD beta function:

Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kuhn, 2016

Herzog, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2017

Luthe, Maier, Marquard, Schroder, 2017

**More propagators**

**Fewer propagators**



# Relations from $SL(L)$ relabeling symmetry

- Feynman integrals have linear relations from *integration by parts*

[Chetyrkin, Tkachev, 1981]

- IR regulators (e.g. internal mass) would cause huge redundancy. Solution: no regulator,  $d$ -indep. IBP relations w/o mixing IR & UV

[Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Kosower, Roiban 2007

Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban 2009, 2012]

- **Simple systematic construction:** [Bern, Enciso, Parra-Martinez, MZ, 2017]

Infinitesimal  $SL(L)$  relabeling symmetry  $\Delta l_i^\mu = \omega_{ij} l_j^\mu$

Directly relating log. divergent vacuums

# Full calculation results

- In  $D = 22/5$ : UV finite, as expected. [Integral identification: A. Pak, 2011; J. Hoff, 2016]
- In  $D = 24/5$ : 2.8 million relations between 0.85 million *canonical* integrals.  
8 master integrals. Linear algebra over finite fields. Software: Finred, Linbox  
[Schabinger, von Manteuffel, 2014; Peraro, 2016; Maierhofer, Usovitsch, Uwer, 2017]
- **Summing up diagrams... Cancellation of lower-level coefficients! No triangles.**

$$\left(\frac{1}{48}\right) \text{Diagram 1} + \left(\frac{1}{16}\right) \text{Diagram 2} + 0 \text{Diagram 3} + 0 \text{Diagram 4}$$

=diagram symmetry factors!  $|S_4 \times S_2|$ ,  $|D_8|$

$$+0 \text{Diagram 5} + 0 \text{Diagram 6} + 0 \text{Diagram 7} + 0 \text{Diagram 8}$$

# All-loop patterns: $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUGRA

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(1)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -3 \mathcal{K}_G \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^4 \text{ (circle with 4 dots) },$$

Cross-order relations from removing propagators

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -8 \mathcal{K}_G \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^6 (s^2 + t^2 + u^2) \left( \frac{1}{4} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, vertical line)} + \frac{1}{4} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, vertical line, center dot)} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(3)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -60 \mathcal{K}_G \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^8 stu \left( \frac{1}{6} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, Y-shape)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, Y-shape, center dot)} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(4)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -\frac{23}{2} \mathcal{K}_G \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^{10} (s^2 + t^2 + u^2)^2 \left( \frac{1}{4} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, triangle)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, triangle, center dot)} + \frac{1}{4} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, triangle, center dot, edge dot)} \right),$$

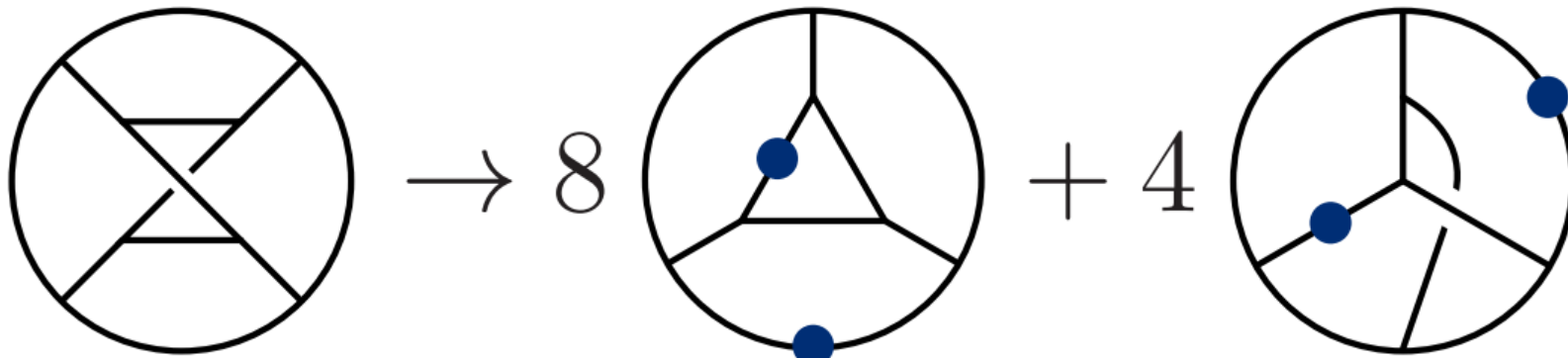
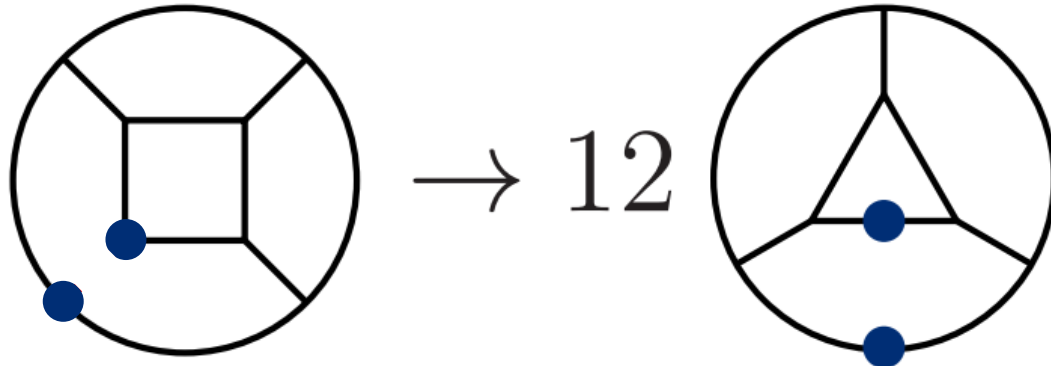
$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(5)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -\frac{16 \times 629}{25} \mathcal{K}_G \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^{12} (s^2 + t^2 + u^2)^2 \left( \frac{1}{48} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, square)} + \frac{1}{16} \text{ (circle with 4 dots, square, diagonals)} \right),$$

No triangles + BCJ-like symmetry factors



# All-loop patterns: $\mathcal{N} = 8$ SUGRA

Cross-order relations from removing propagators



# All-loop patterns: $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(1)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = g^4 \mathcal{K}_{\text{YM}} \left( N_c (\tilde{f}^{a_1 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_4} + \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_4 a_1}) - 3 B^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} \right) \text{Diagram 1},$$

Cross-order relations from removing propagators

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -g^6 \mathcal{K}_{\text{YM}} \left[ F^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} \left( N_c^2 \text{Diagram 2} + 48 \left( \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 3} + \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 4} \right) \right) + 48 N_c G^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} \left( \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 3} + \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 4} \right) \right],$$

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(3)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = 2 g^8 \mathcal{K}_{\text{YM}} N_c F^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} \left( N_c^2 \text{Diagram 5} + 72 \left( \frac{1}{6} \text{Diagram 6} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 7} \right) \right),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(4)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -6 g^{10} \mathcal{K}_{\text{YM}} N_c^2 F^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} \left( N_c^2 \text{Diagram 8} + 48 \left( \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 9} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 10} + \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 11} \right) \right),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(5)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = \frac{144}{5} g^{12} \mathcal{K}_{\text{YM}} N_c^3 F^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} \left( N_c^2 \text{Diagram 12} + 48 \left( \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 13} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 14} + \frac{1}{4} \text{Diagram 15} \right) \right),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(6)} \Big|_{\text{leading}} = -120 g^{14} \mathcal{K}_{\text{YM}} F^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4} N_c^6 \left( \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 16} + \frac{1}{4} (\ell_1 + \ell_2)^2 \text{Diagram 17} - \frac{1}{20} \text{Diagram 18} \right) + \mathcal{O}(N_c^4),$$

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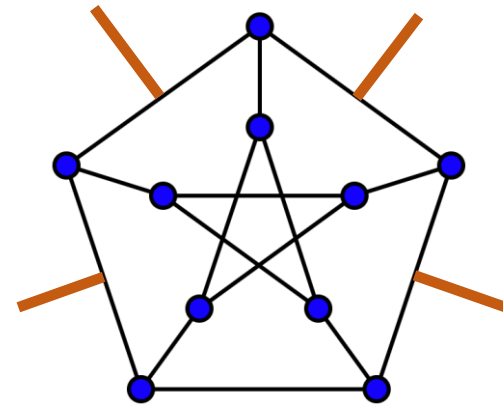
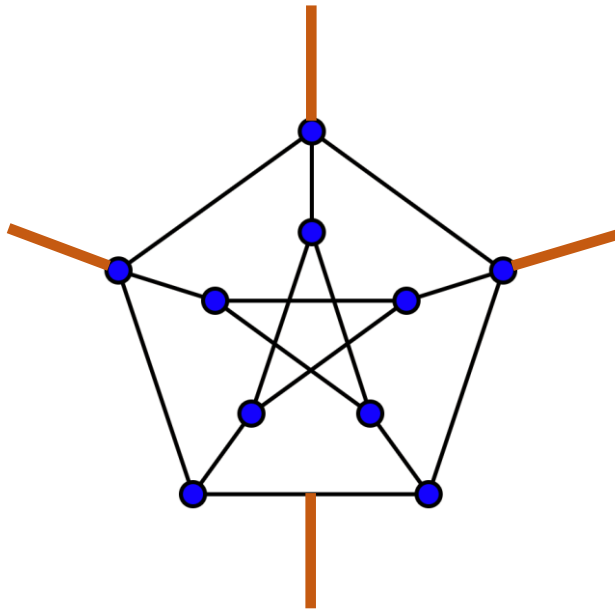
# Conclusions

- UV behavior of  $\mathcal{N} = 8$  SUGRA worse than  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM at 5 loops
- Implication for 4D unclear, but further progress within reach.
- Simplifications from vacuum cuts suggest paths to higher loops.
- All-loop patterns: symmetry coefficients & cross-order relations

**Thank you!**

# Outlook – higher loops

- Gauge invariant sub-component of UV divergence (max. cut vacuum coefficients) may be extracted from a subset of 4-point diagrams.



[Center: Peterson graph, Wikipedia]

- Conjectural all-loop patterns constrain results – explore other theories too.