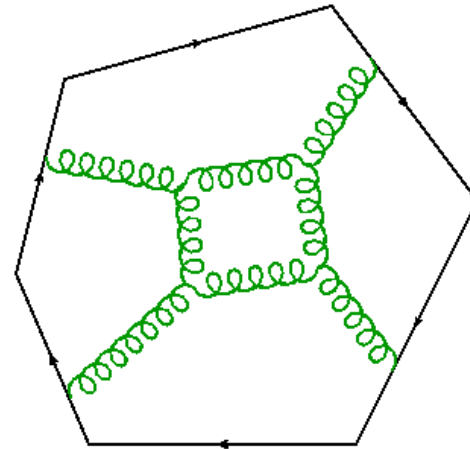
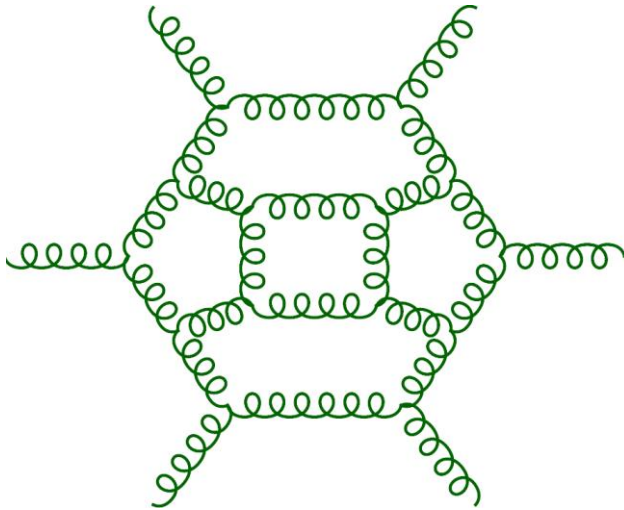


# N=4 Super-Yang-Mills Amplitudes and Cosmic Galois Theory



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1609.00669 with S. Caron-Huot, M. von Hippel, A. McLeod,  
18mm.nnnnn also with F. Dulat and G. Papathanasiou

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# Hexagon function bootstrap

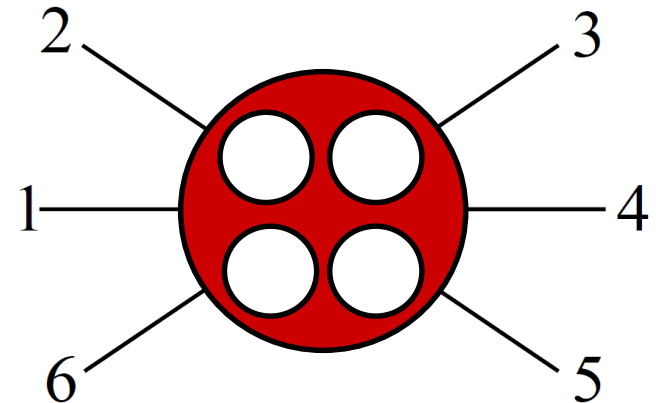
LD, Drummond, Henn, 1108.4461, 1111.1704;

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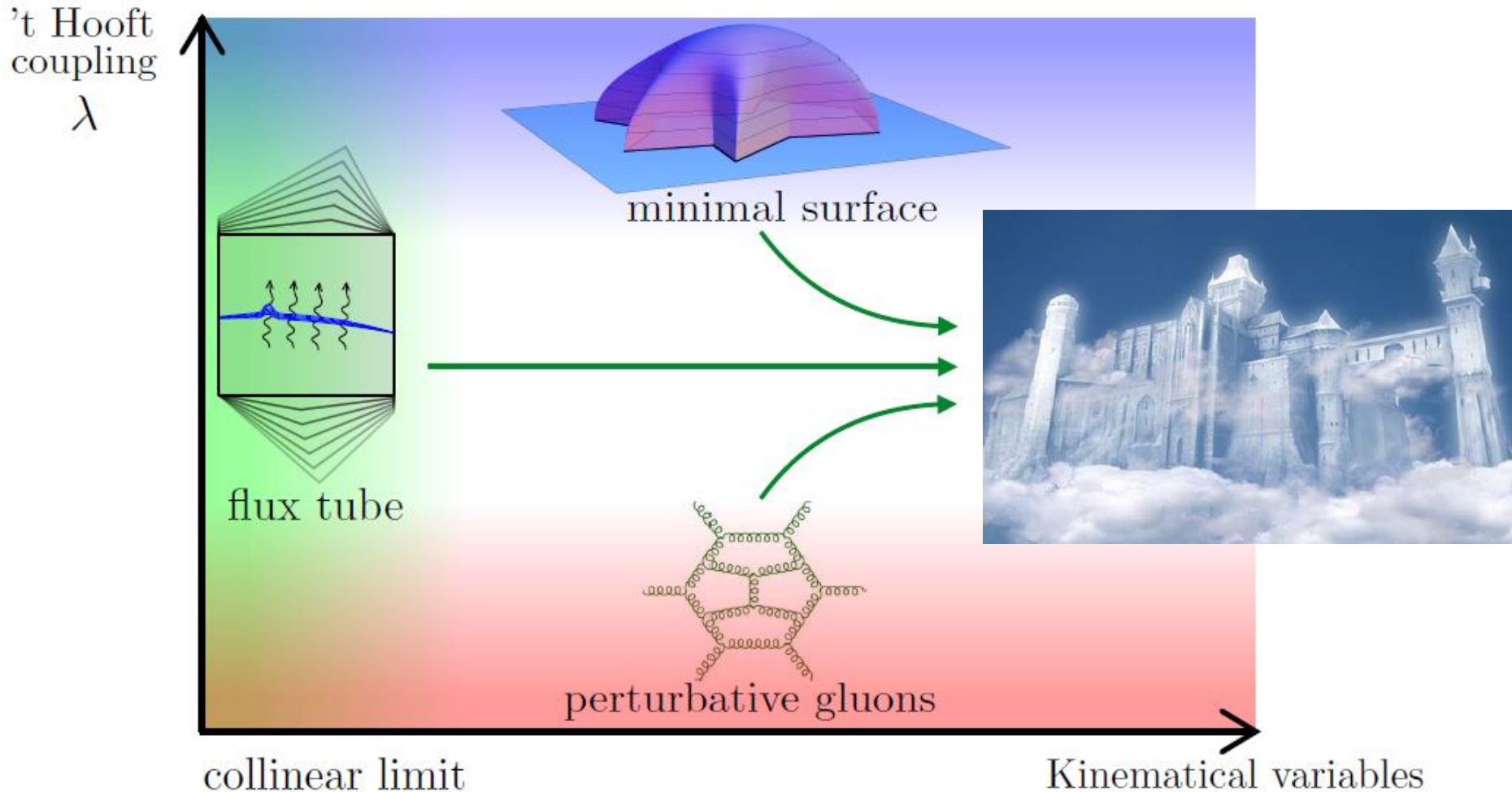
Use analytical properties of perturbative amplitudes in planar  $N=4$  SYM to determine them directly, **without ever peeking inside the loops**



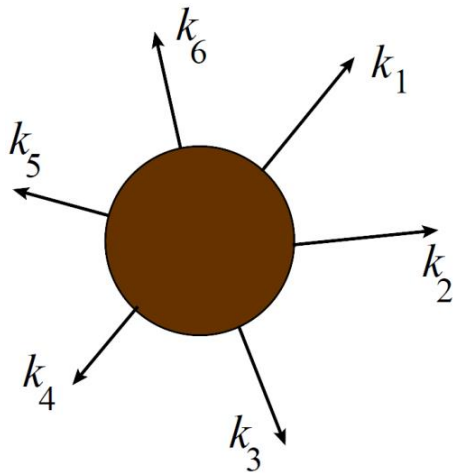
Step toward doing this **nonperturbatively** (no loops to peek inside) for general kinematics

# Solving Planar N=4 SYM

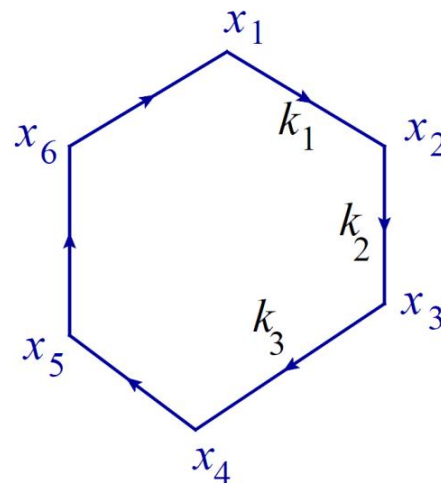
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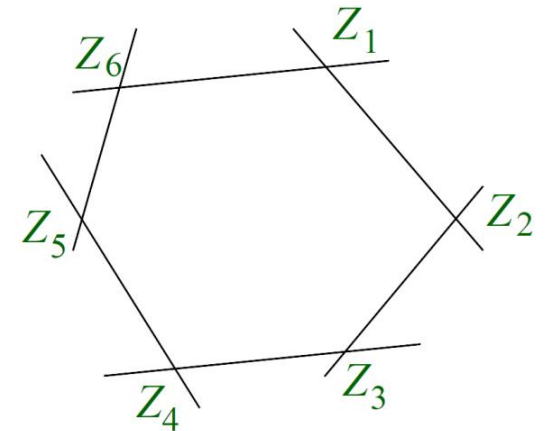
# Amplitudes = Wilson loops



Spacetime



Dual Spacetime



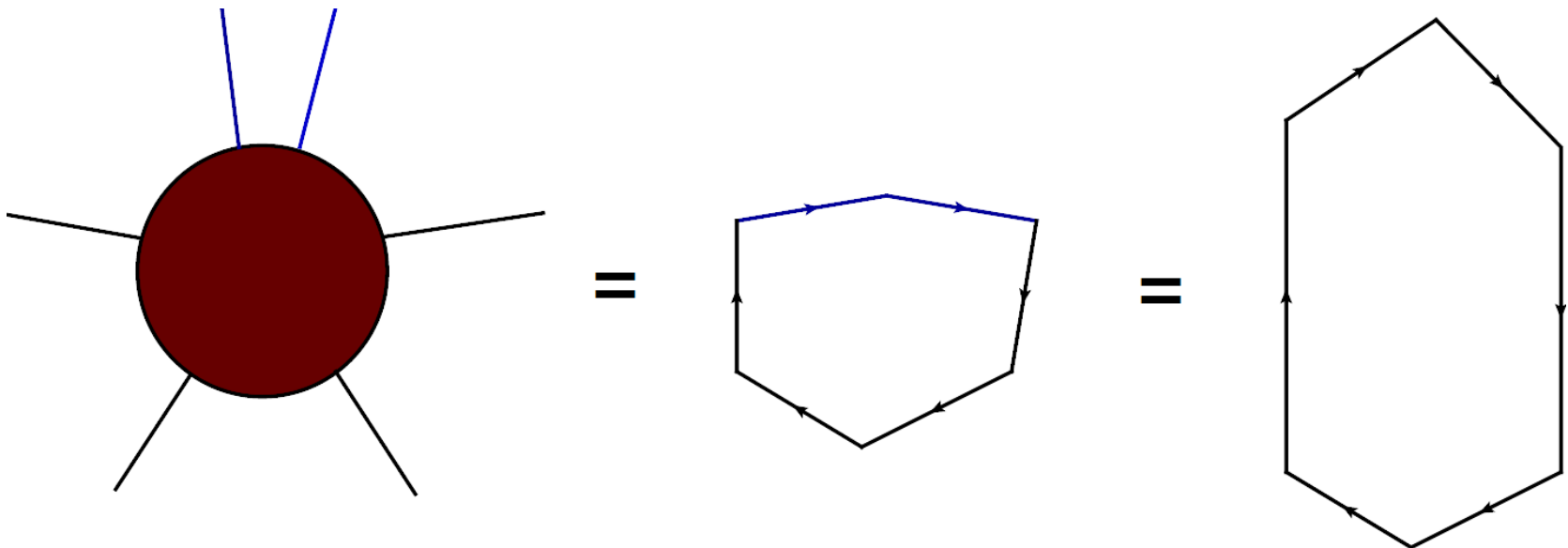
Momentum Twistor Space

Alday, Maldacena, 0705.0303  
Drummond, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, 0707.0243  
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0709.2368, 0712.1223, 0803.1466;  
Bern, LD, Kosower, Roiban, Spradlin,  
Vergu, Volovich, 0803.1465

Hodges, 0905.1473  
Arkani-Hamed et al,  
0907.5418, 1008.2958,  
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Adamo, Bullimore, Mason,  
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# (Near) collinear (OPE) limit

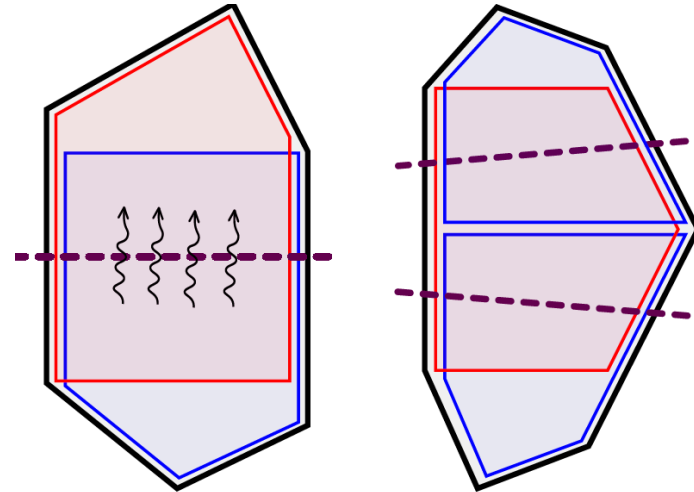
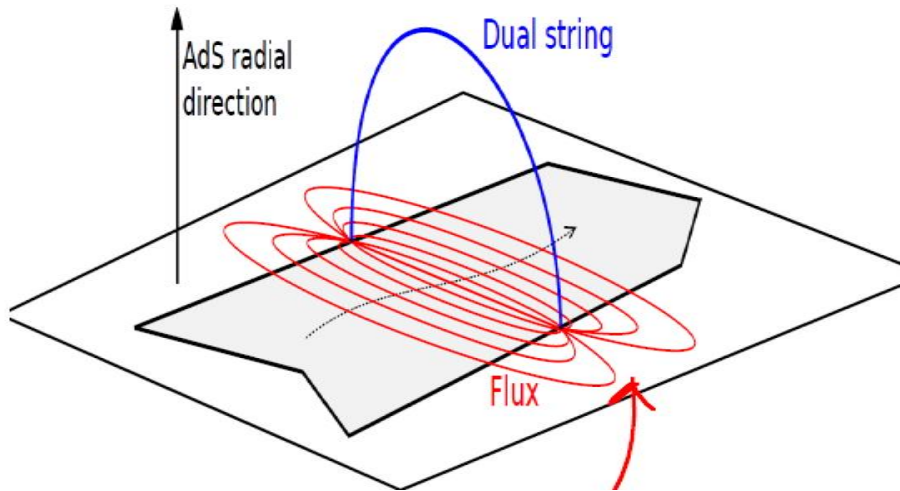


# Flux tubes at finite coupling

Alday, Gaiotto, Maldacena, Sever, Vieira, 1006.2788;

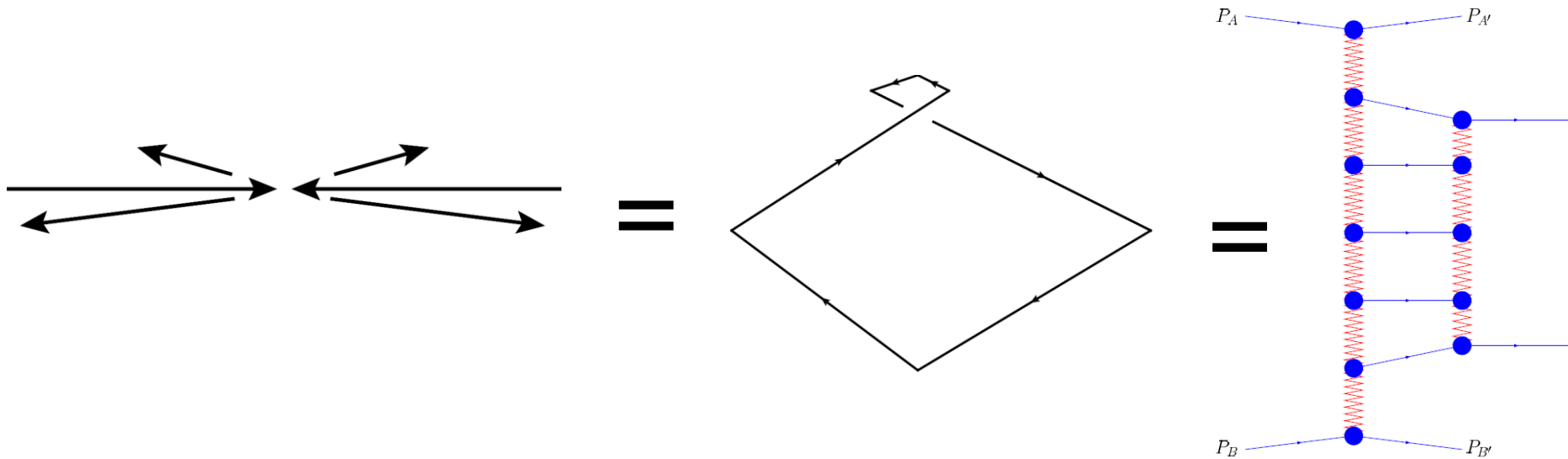
Basso, Sever, Vieira, 1303.1396, 1306.2058, 1402.3307, 1407.1736, 1508.03045

BSV+Caetano+Cordova, 1412.1132, 1508.02987



- Tile  $n$ -gon with pentagon transitions.
- Quantum integrability  $\rightarrow$  compute pentagons **exactly** in 't Hooft coupling
- 4d S-matrix as expansion (OPE) in **number of flux-tube excitations** = expansion around **near collinear limit**

# Multi-Regge limit



- Amplitude factorizes in Fourier-Mellin space

Bartels, Lipatov, Sabio Vera, 0802.2065, Fadin, Lipatov, 1111.0782;

LD, Duhr, Pennington, 1207.0186; Pennington, 1209.5357;

Basso, Caron-Huot, Sever, 1407.3766 (analytic continuation from OPE limit);

Broedel, Sprenger, 1512.04963; Lipatov, Prygarin, Schnitzer, 1205.0186;

LD, von Hippel, 1408.1505; Del Duca, Druc, Drummond, Duhr, Dulat, Marzucca, Papathanasiou, Verbeek, 1606.08807



# Dual conformal invariance

- Wilson  $n$ -gon invariant under

$$x_i^\mu \rightarrow \frac{x_i^\mu}{x_i^2}, \quad x_{ij}^2 \rightarrow \frac{x_{ij}^2}{x_i^2 x_j^2}$$

$$x_{ij}^2 = (k_i + k_{i+1} + \dots + k_{j-1})^2$$

- Fixed, up to functions of invariant cross ratios:

$$u_{ijkl} \equiv \frac{x_{ij}^2 x_{kl}^2}{x_{ik}^2 x_{jl}^2}$$

- $x_{i,i+1}^2 = k_i^2 = 0 \rightarrow$  no such variables for  $n = 4, 5$

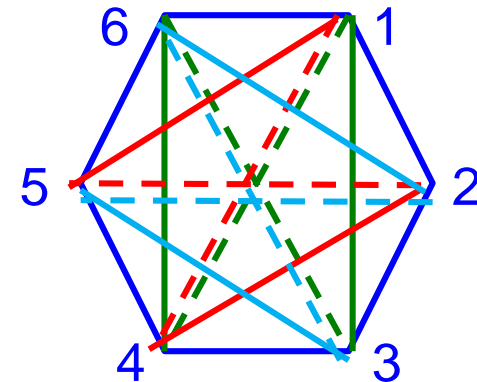
$n = 6 \rightarrow$  precisely 3 ratios:

In general,  $3n-15$  ratios

$$u = \frac{x_{13}^2 x_{46}^2}{x_{14}^2 x_{36}^2} = \frac{s_{12} s_{45}}{s_{123} s_{345}}$$

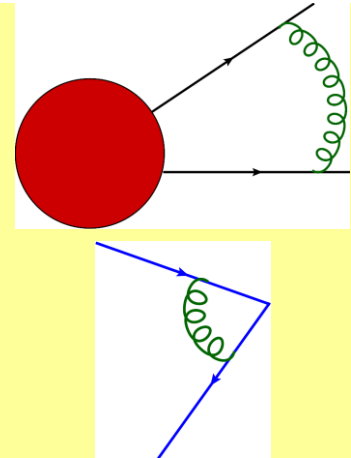
$$v = \frac{s_{23} s_{56}}{s_{234} s_{123}}$$

$$w = \frac{s_{34} s_{61}}{s_{345} s_{234}}$$



# Removing Divergences

- On-shell amplitudes **IR divergent** due to long-range gluons
- Polygonal Wilson loops **UV divergent** at cusps, anomalous dimension  $\gamma_K$
- Both removed by dividing by a **known function**, the **BDS-like ansatz** [Bern, LD, Smirnov, hep-th/0505205](#), [Alday, Gaiotto, Maldacena, 0911.4708](#)
- Normalized amplitude is finite, (dual) conformally invariant.
- **BDS-like**  $\rightarrow$  also maintain important relation due to causality (Steinmann)



# BDS-like ansatz

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{BDS-like}}}{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{MHV}(0)}} = \exp \left[ \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} a^L \left( f^{(L)}(\epsilon) \frac{1}{2} \hat{M}_6(L\epsilon) + C^{(L)} \right) \right]$$

where  $f^{(L)}(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{4} \gamma_K^{(L)} + \epsilon \frac{L}{2} \mathcal{G}_0^{(L)} + \epsilon^2 f_2^{(L)}$  are constants, and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}_6(\epsilon) &= M_6^{1\text{-loop}}(\epsilon) + Y(u, v, w) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^6 \left[ -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} (1 - \epsilon \ln s_{i,i+1}) - \ln s_{i,i+1} \ln s_{i+1,i+2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln s_{i,i+1} \ln s_{i+3,i+4} \right] + 6\zeta_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$Y(u, v, w) = \text{Li}_2(1-u) + \text{Li}_2(1-v) + \text{Li}_2(1-w) + \frac{1}{2} (\ln^2 u + \ln^2 v + \ln^2 w)$$

- BDS-like ansatz contains all IR poles, but **no 3-particle invariants**.
- BDS-like removes  $Y$  from BDS
- $Y$  is dual conformally invariant part of one-loop amplitude  $M_6^{1\text{-loop}}$  containing all 3-particle invariants

# 6-point BDS-like normalized amplitude

Define

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{MHV}}}{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{BDS-like}}} \equiv \mathcal{E}(u, v, w)$$

No 3-particle invariants in denominator of  $\mathcal{E}$   
→ Necessary for Steinmann constraints to hold  
→ A unique choice (up to **constant**)

# Basic bootstrap assumption

- **MHV**:  $L$  loop coefficient  $\mathcal{E}^{(L)}(u, v, w)$  is a linear combination of weight  $2L$  hexagon functions at any loop order  $L$
- **NMHV**: BDS-like normalized super-amplitude

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{NMHV}} \equiv \frac{A_{\text{NMHV}}}{A_{\text{MHV}}^{\text{BDS-like}}}$$

Drummond, Henn, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, 0807.1095;  
LD, von Hippel, McLeod, 1509.08127

has expansion

$$\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{NMHV}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ [(1) + (4)]E(u, v, w) + [(2) + (5)]E(v, w, u) + [(3) + (6)]E(w, u, v) \right. \\ \left. + [(1) - (4)]\tilde{E}(u, v, w) - [(2) - (5)]\tilde{E}(v, w, u) + [(3) - (6)]\tilde{E}(w, u, v) \right]$$

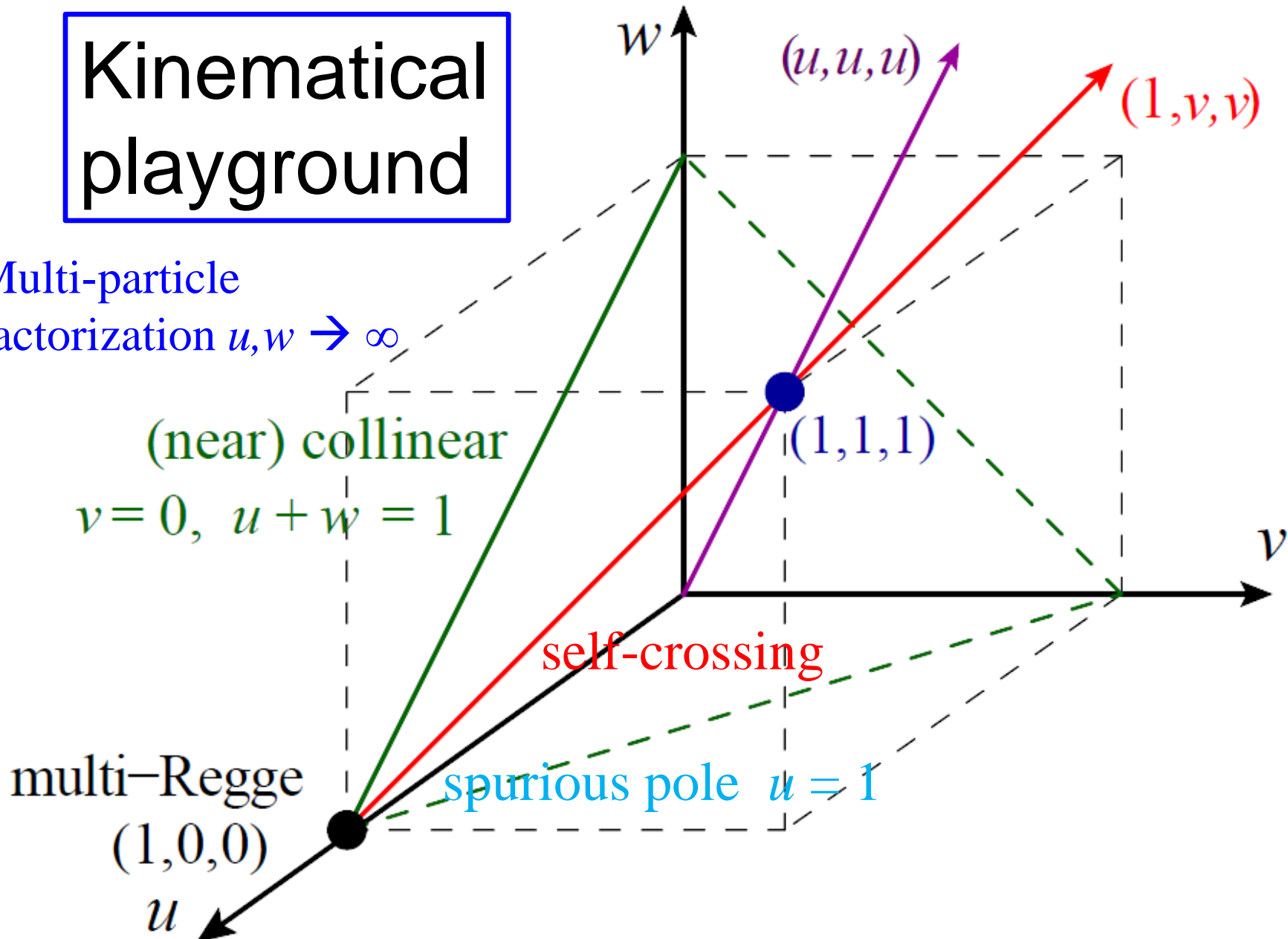
Grassmann-containing dual superconformal invariants,  $(a) = [bcdef]$

$E^{(L)}, \tilde{E}^{(L)} =$  hexagon functions

# Kinematical playground

Multi-particle

factorization  $u, w \rightarrow \infty$



# Iterated integrals

Chen; Goncharov; Brown

- Generalized polylogarithms, or  $n$ -fold iterated integrals, or weight  $n$  pure transcendental functions  $f$ .

- Define by derivatives:

$$d f = \sum_{s_k \in \mathcal{S}} f^{s_k} d \ln s_k$$

$\mathcal{S}$  = finite set of rational expressions, “symbol letters”, and

$f^{s_k} \equiv \{n - 1, 1\}$  component of a “coproduct”  $\Delta$

$f^{s_k}$  are also pure functions, weight  $n-1$

- Iterate:  $d f^{s_k} \Rightarrow f^{s_j, s_k} \equiv \{n - 2, 1, 1\}$  component
- Symbol =  $\{1, 1, \dots, 1\}$  component (maximally iterated)

Goncharov, Spradlin, Vergu, Volovich, 1006.5703

# Example 1: Harmonic Polylogarithms of one variable (HPLs $\{0,1\}$ )

Remiddi, Vermaseren, hep-ph/9905237

- Subsector of hexagon functions.
- Gen'lize classical polylogs:  $\text{Li}_n(u) = \int_0^u \frac{dt}{t} \text{Li}_{n-1}(t)$ ,  $\text{Li}_1(t) = -\ln(1-t)$
- Define HPLs by iterated integration:
 
$$H_{0,\vec{w}}(u) = \int_0^u \frac{dt}{t} H_{\vec{w}}(t), \quad H_{1,\vec{w}}(u) = \int_0^u \frac{dt}{1-t} H_{\vec{w}}(t)$$
- Or by derivatives
 
$$dH_{0,\vec{w}}(u) = H_{\vec{w}}(u) d\ln u \quad dH_{1,\vec{w}}(u) = -H_{\vec{w}}(u) d\ln(1-u)$$
- Symbol letters:  $\mathcal{S} = \{u, 1-u\}$
- Weight  $n$  = length of binary string  $\vec{w}$
- Number of functions at weight  $n = 2L$ :  $2^{2L}$



# Values of HPLs $\{0,1\}$ at $u = 1$

- Classical polylogs

$$\text{Li}_n(u) = \int_0^u \frac{dt}{t} \text{Li}_{n-1}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{u^k}{k^n}$$

evaluate to Riemann zeta values

$$\text{Li}_n(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^n} = \zeta(n) \equiv \zeta_n$$

- HPL's evaluate to **nested sums** called **multiple zeta values (MZVs)**:

$$\zeta_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m} = \sum_{k_1 > k_2 > \dots > k_m > 0} \frac{1}{k_1^{n_1} k_2^{n_2} \dots k_m^{n_m}}$$

Weight  $n = n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m$

- MZV's** obey many identities, e.g. stuffle

$$\zeta_{n_1} \zeta_{n_2} = \zeta_{n_1, n_2} + \zeta_{n_2, n_1} + \zeta_{n_1 + n_2}$$

- All reducible to Riemann zeta values until **weight 8**.

**Irreducible MZVs:**  $\zeta_{5,3}, \zeta_{7,3}, \zeta_{5,3,3}, \zeta_{9,3}, \zeta_{6,4,1,1}, \dots$

# Example 2: Single-valued harmonic polylogarithms of one complex variable

Brown, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris, Ser. I 338 (2004) 527

- Also a subsector of hexagon functions, in the “multi-Regge limit”
- Symbol letters:  $\mathcal{S} = \{z, 1 - z, \bar{z}, 1 - \bar{z}\}$
- Also require function to be real analytic in  $(z, \bar{z}) \in \mathbb{C} - \{0, 1\}$
- Constrains the first entry of the symbol to be  $z\bar{z} \leftrightarrow \ln |z|^2$  or  $(1 - z)(1 - \bar{z}) \leftrightarrow \ln |1 - z|^2$
- **Brown:** One SVHPL for each HPL
- **Powerful constraint:**  $4^{2L} \rightarrow 2^{2L}$  functions

# Hexagon symbol letters

- Momentum twistors  $Z_i^A$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,6$  transform simply under dual conformal transformations. Hodges, 0905.1473
- Construct 4-brackets  $\varepsilon_{ABCD} Z_i^A Z_j^B Z_k^C Z_l^D \equiv \langle ijkl \rangle$
- 15 projectively invariant combinations of 4-brackets can be factored into 9 basic ones:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{u, v, w, 1 - u, 1 - v, 1 - w, y_u, y_v, y_w\}$$

$$u = \frac{\langle 6123 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle}{\langle 6134 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle} \quad 1 - u = \frac{\langle 6135 \rangle \langle 2346 \rangle}{\langle 6134 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle} \quad y_u = \frac{\langle 1345 \rangle \langle 2456 \rangle \langle 1236 \rangle}{\langle 1235 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle \langle 1246 \rangle}$$

+ cyclic

# Hexagon function symbol letters (cont.)

- $y_i$  not independent of  $u_i$  :  
 $y_u \equiv \frac{u - z_+}{u - z_-}$  , ... where
- $$z_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}[-1 + u + v + w \pm \sqrt{\Delta}]$$
- $$\Delta = (1 - u - v - w)^2 - 4uvw$$

- Function space graded by **parity**:

$$\begin{array}{l} i\sqrt{\Delta} \leftrightarrow -i\sqrt{\Delta} \\ z_+ \leftrightarrow z_- \\ y_i \leftrightarrow 1/y_i \\ u_i \leftrightarrow u_i \end{array}$$

# Branch cut condition

- All massless particles  $\rightarrow$  all branch cuts start at origin in

$$s_{i,i+1}, s_{i,i+1,i+2}$$

- $\rightarrow$  Branch cuts all start from 0 or  $\infty$  in

$$u = \frac{s_{12}s_{45}}{s_{123}s_{345}} \quad \text{or } v \text{ or } w$$

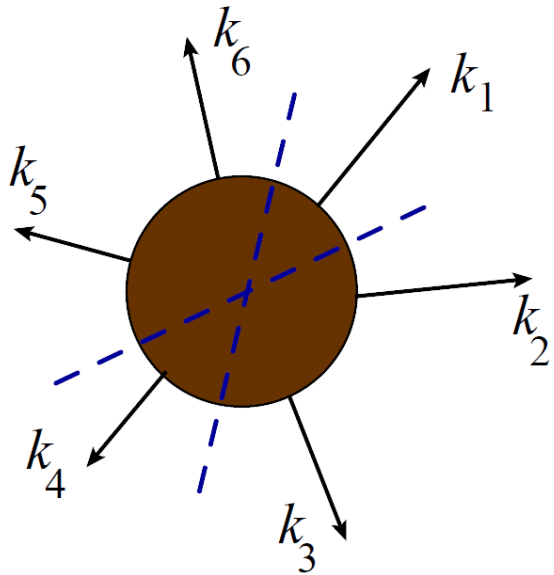
$\rightarrow$  First symbol entry  $\in \{u, v, w\}$  GMSV, 1102.0062

- Powerful constraint: At weight 8 (four loops) we would have **1,675,553** functions without it; exactly **6,916** with it.
- **But most of the 6,916 functions are still unphysical.**

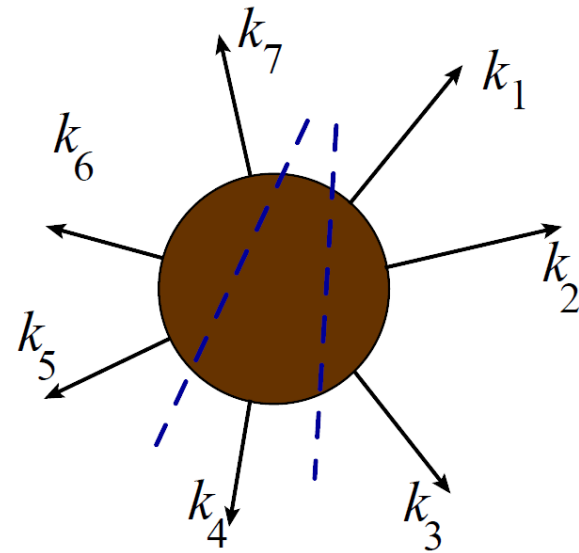
# Steinmann relations

Steinmann, *Helv. Phys. Acta* (1960)    Bartels, Lipatov, Sabio Vera, 0802.2065

- Amplitudes should not have **overlapping** branch cuts:



Not Allowed



Allowed

$$\text{Disc}_{s_{234}} \left[ \text{Disc}_{s_{123}} \mathcal{E}(u, v, w) \right] = 0$$

# Steinmann relations (cont.)

S. Caron-Huot, LD, M. von Hippel, A. McLeod, 1609.00669

$$\text{Disc}_{s_{234}} \left[ \text{Disc}_{s_{123}} \mathcal{E}(u, v, w) \right] = 0 \quad + \text{cyclic conditions}$$

$$u = \frac{s_{12}s_{45}}{s_{123}s_{345}} \quad v = \frac{s_{23}s_{56}}{s_{234}s_{123}} \quad w = \frac{s_{61}s_{34}}{s_{345}s_{234}}$$

$$\ln^2 u \quad \ln^2 \frac{uv}{w}$$

**NO**      **OK**

$$\frac{uv}{w} = \frac{s_{12}s_{23}s_{45}s_{56}}{s_{34}s_{61}s_{123}^2}$$

Analogous  
constraints for  $n=7$

LD, J. Drummond,  
T. Harrington, A. McLeod,  
G. Papathanasiou,  
M. Spradlin, 1612.08976

First two entries restricted to 6 out of 9:

$$\text{Li}_2(1 - 1/u) \quad \text{Li}_2(1 - 1/v) \quad \text{Li}_2(1 - 1/w)$$

$$\ln^2 \frac{uv}{w} \quad \ln^2 \frac{vw}{u} \quad \ln^2 \frac{wu}{v}$$

# Iterative Construction of Steinmann hexagon functions

$\{n-1,1\}$  coproduct  $F^x$  characterizes first derivatives, defines  $F$  up to additive constant (a multiple zeta value).

$$\left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right|_{v,w} = \frac{F^u}{u} - \frac{F^{1-u}}{1-u} + \frac{1-u-v-w}{u\sqrt{\Delta}} F^{y_u} + \frac{1-u-v+w}{(1-u)\sqrt{\Delta}} F^{y_v} + \frac{1-u+v-w}{(1-u)\sqrt{\Delta}} F^{y_w}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln y_u}{\partial u}$$

1. Insert general linear combinations for  $F^x$
2. Apply “integrability” constraint that mixed-partial derivatives are equal (largest linear algebra computation)
3. Stay in space of functions with good branch cuts and obeying Steinmann by imposing a few more “zeta-valued” conditions in each iteration.



# Simple all-loop constraints on $\mathcal{E}$

- $S_3$  permutation **symmetry** in  $\{u, v, w\}$
- Even under “**parity**”.
- “Remainder function”  $R_6$  vanishes in **collinear** limit ( $R_6 \rightarrow R_5 = 0$ )  
 $v \rightarrow 0$                        $u + w \rightarrow 1$



$$\frac{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{MHV}}}{\mathcal{A}_6^{\text{BDS-like}}} \equiv \mathcal{E}(u, v, w) = \exp\left[R_6 - \frac{\gamma_K(a)}{8} Y\right] \quad \gamma_K(a) = \text{cusp anom. dim.}$$

$$Y(u, v, w) \equiv \text{Li}_2(1-u) + \text{Li}_2(1-v) + \text{Li}_2(1-w) + \frac{1}{2}(\ln^2 u + \ln^2 v + \ln^2 w)$$

# $\bar{Q}$ equation for MHV

Bullimore, Skinner, 1112.1056; Caron-Huot, He, 1112.1060

- First derivative of  $\mathcal{E}$  constrained by dual superconformal invariance.
- In terms of **final entry** of symbol, restricts to 6 of 9 possible letters:

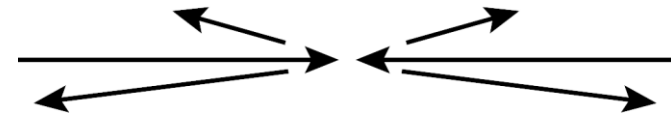
$$\left\{ \frac{u}{1-u}, \frac{v}{1-v}, \frac{w}{1-w}, y_u, y_v, y_w \right\}$$

- In terms of  $\{n-1,1\}$  coproducts, equivalent to:

$$\mathcal{E}^u + \mathcal{E}^{1-u} = \mathcal{E}^v + \mathcal{E}^{1-v} = \mathcal{E}^w + \mathcal{E}^{1-w} = 0$$

- Similar (but more intricate) constraints for NMHV  
[Caron-Huot], LD, von Hippel McLeod, 1509.08127

# Multi-Regge limit



- Euclidean MRK limit **vanishes**
- To get **nonzero result** for physical region, first let

$$u \rightarrow u e^{-2\pi i}, \text{ then } u \rightarrow 1, \quad v, w \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{v}{1-u} \rightarrow \frac{1}{|1-z|^2} \quad \frac{w}{1-u} \rightarrow \frac{|z|^2}{|1-z|^2}$$

$$R_6^{(L)} \rightarrow (2\pi i) \sum_{r=0}^{L-1} \ln^r(1-u) [g_r^{(L)}(z, \bar{z}) + 2\pi i h_r^{(L)}(z, \bar{z})]$$

$g_r^{(L)}$  and  $h_r^{(L)}$

all well understood by now;  
all SVHPLs (**Brown, 2004**);  
also NMHV behavior

$$\text{weight} = 2L - r - 1$$

Fadin, Lipatov, 1111.0782;  
LD, Duhr, Pennington, 1207.0186;  
Pennington, 1209.5357;  
Basso, Caron-Huot, Sever, 1407.3766;  
Broedel, Sprenger, 1512.04963

Lipatov, Prygarin, Schnitzer, 1205.0186;  
LD, von Hippel, 1408.1505

# Master Table

(MHV, NMHV): parameters left in  $(\mathcal{E}^{(L)}, E^{(L)} \& \tilde{E}^{(L)})$

Constraint	$L = 1$	$L = 2$	$L = 3$	$L = 4$	$L = 5$	$L = 6$
0. Steinmann OLD	(7,7)	(37,39)	(174,190)	(758,839)	(3105,3434)	?????
1. Steinmann NEW	(6,6)	(25,27)	(92,105)	(313,372)	(991,1214)	(2951,742?)
2. Symmetry	(2,4)	(7,16)	(22,56)	(66,190)	(197,602)	(???,???)
3. Final entry	(1,1)	(4,3)	(11,6)	(30,16)	(85,39)	(262,102)
4. Collinear limit	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0*,0*)	(0*,2*)	(1*,5*)	(6*,17*)
5. LL MRK	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(1,2)
6. NLL MRK	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(1,0)
7. NNLL MRK	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(1,0)
8. N <sup>3</sup> LL MRK	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(1,0)
9. all MRK	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(1,0)
10. $T^1$ OPE	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(1,0)
11. $T^2 F^2 \ln^4 T$ OPE	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)
12. all $T^2 F^2$ OPE	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)

(0,0) → amplitude uniquely determined

# “Steinmann NEW” = minimal function space

- Want to describe, not only  $(\mathcal{E}^{(L)}, E^{(L)} \& \tilde{E}^{(L)})$  to a given loop order, but also derivatives ( $\{n-k, 1, 1, \dots, 1\}$  coproducts) of even higher loop answers.
- **But nothing more.**
- How many functions do we need?
- We take multiple derivatives/coproducts of amplitudes we know, and ask how much more of the Steinmann space we can remove.

# Minimal function space (cont.)

- First surprise already at weight 2
- The many, many  $\{2, 1, 1, \dots, 1\}$  coproducts of the weight 12 functions  $(\mathcal{E}^{(6)}, E^{(6)} \& \tilde{E}^{(6)})$  span only a 6 dimensional subspace of the 7 dimensional Steinmann space, with basis:

$$\text{Li}_2(1 - 1/u) \quad \ln^2 \frac{uv}{w} + 4\zeta_2 \quad \text{plus cyclic}$$

$\zeta_2$  is not an independent element!

# Minimal Steinmann space

- At higher weights, we find that all zeta values are **not independent elements** of the basis, **except**  $\zeta_4, \zeta_6, \zeta_8, \zeta_{10}, \dots$

- That is,

$$\zeta_2, \zeta_3, \zeta_5, \zeta_2 \zeta_3, \zeta_3^2, \zeta_7, \zeta_2 \zeta_5, \zeta_3 \zeta_4, \zeta_{5,3}, \zeta_3 \zeta_5, \zeta_2 \zeta_3^2, \dots$$

- are **absorbable into other functions**

- There are also **additional Steinmann constraints**, restricting pairs of adjacent entries, but deeper into the symbol than the first two entries.

# Cosmic Galois Theory $\leftrightarrow$ Co-action principle

[Cartier (2001); Connes, Marcolli (2004)]; Brown, Panzer, Schnetz (~2013+)

- Classical Galois group: Discrete group permuting points = roots of a polynomial
- Is there a kind of continuous group acting on the space of numbers/functions generated by QFT?
- Look for stability (closure) under co-action  $\Delta$ :

$$\Delta H \subset H \otimes F$$

where  $\Delta$  acting on weight  $n$  has components

$\{n-r, r\}$ ,  $r = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .  $\Delta$  can be computed from iterated integral representations of functions or MZVs.

- Closure *trivial* if  $H =$  *all* polylogs or *all* MZVs.
- *Nontrivial* if  $H$  is restricted in some way.



# Motivic decomposition of MZV's

Brown, 1102.1310 [math.NT]

- Can use Hopf co-algebra to represent any MZV in terms of words composed of an “ $f$ -basis” of non-commuting letters  $f_3, f_5, f_7, \dots$  while  $\pi^{2k}$  commutes.
- Generating function for independent MZVs at weight  $w$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n)t^n &= \frac{1}{1-t^2} \frac{1}{1-t^3-t^5-\dots} = \frac{1}{1-t^2-t^3} \\ &= 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + t^4 + 2t^5 + 2t^6 + 3t^7 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

- $f$ -basis makes manifest a set of odd weight **derivations**,  $\partial_3, \partial_5, \partial_7, \dots$  which **clip**  $f_3, f_5, f_7, \dots$  off back of a word
- This structure let's us probe co-action beyond  $\{n-1, 1\}$

# High loop $\phi^4$ primitive UV divergences (periods)

period	$\sum_m f_m^N \delta_m(P_\bullet)$
$P_1$	0
$P_3$	$6f_3P_1$
$P_4$	$20f_5P_1$
$P_5$	$\frac{441}{8}f_7P_1$
$P_{6,1}$	$168f_9P_1$
$P_{6,2}$	$\frac{2}{3}f_3P_3^2 + \frac{1063}{9}f_9P_1$
$P_{6,3}$	$\frac{63}{5}f_3P_4 - 30f_5P_3$
$P_{6,4}$	$-\frac{648}{5}f_3P_4 + 720f_5P_3$
$P_{7,1}$	$\frac{33759}{64}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,2}$	$\frac{7}{12}f_3P_3P_4 - \frac{5}{18}f_5P_3^2 - \frac{195379}{192}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,3}$	$\frac{1}{3}f_3P_3P_4 - \frac{31}{9}f_5P_3^2 - \frac{960211}{240}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,4}, P_{7,7}$	$\frac{160}{21}f_3P_5 - 20f_5P_4 + 70f_7P_3$
$P_{7,5}, P_{7,10}$	$-\frac{24}{7}f_3P_5 + 45f_5P_4 - \frac{63}{2}f_7P_3$
$P_{7,6}$	$\frac{7}{12}f_3P_3P_4 + \frac{145}{18}f_5P_3^2 + \frac{502247}{64}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,8}$	$f_3(7P_{6,3} - \frac{161}{30}P_3P_4) + \frac{527}{9}f_5P_3^2 + \frac{2756439}{20}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,9}$	$f_3(\frac{7}{2}P_{6,3} - \frac{133}{80}P_3P_4) - \frac{217}{24}f_5P_3^2 + \frac{4136619}{160}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,11}$	$f_2^6(-\frac{2755}{864}P_{6,1} + \frac{35}{27}P_3^3) + \frac{14}{9}f_4^6P_5 + \frac{1017}{22}f_6^6P_4 - \frac{36918}{43}f_8^6P_3$
$P_{8,1}$	$1716f_{13}P_1$
$P_{8,2}$	$f_3(\frac{145}{147}P_3P_5 - \frac{27}{80}P_4^2) + \frac{29}{40}f_5P_3P_4 + \frac{47}{16}f_7P_3^2 + \frac{94871691}{22400}f_{13}P_1$

Panzer, Schnetz,  
1603.04289

At weight 11, new non-MZV  
numbers appear

The result for the QED contribution  $a_e$  to the electron  $g - 2$  is

Laporta, 1704.06996;  
Schnetz, 1711.05118

## 4 loop Electron $g-2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_e \cong & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right) \\
 & + \left( \frac{197}{144} + \frac{1}{12} \pi^2 + \frac{27}{32} f_3^6 - \frac{1}{4} g_1^6 \pi^2 \right) \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^2 \\
 & + \left( \frac{28259}{5184} + \frac{17101}{810} \pi^2 + \frac{139}{16} f_3^6 - \frac{149}{9} g_1^6 \pi^2 - \frac{525}{32} g_1^6 f_3^6 + \frac{1969}{8640} \pi^4 - \frac{1161}{128} f_5^6 \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{83}{64} f_3^6 \pi^2 \right) \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3 \\
 & + \left( \frac{1243127611}{130636800} + \frac{30180451}{155520} \pi^2 - \frac{255842141}{2419200} f_3^6 - \frac{8873}{36} g_1^6 \pi^2 + \frac{126909}{2560} \frac{f_4^6}{i\sqrt{3}} \right. \\
 & \quad - \frac{84679}{1280} g_1^6 f_3^6 + \frac{169703}{3840} \frac{f_2^6 \pi^2}{i\sqrt{3}} + \frac{779}{108} g_1^6 g_1^6 \pi^2 + \frac{112537679}{3110400} \pi^4 - \frac{2284263}{25600} f_5^6 \\
 & \quad + \frac{8449}{96} g_1^6 g_1^6 f_3^6 - \frac{12720907}{345600} f_3^6 \pi^2 - \frac{231919}{97200} g_1^6 \pi^4 + \frac{150371}{256} \frac{f_6^6}{i\sqrt{3}} + \frac{313131}{1280} g_1^6 f_5^6 \\
 & \quad - \frac{121383}{1280} f_2^6 f_4^6 - \frac{14662107}{51200} f_3^6 f_3^6 + \frac{8645}{128} \frac{f_2^6 g_1^6 f_3^6}{i\sqrt{3}} - \frac{231}{4} g_1^6 g_1^6 g_1^6 f_3^6 - \frac{16025}{48} \frac{f_4^6 \pi^2}{i\sqrt{3}} \\
 & \quad + \frac{4403}{384} g_1^6 f_3^6 \pi^2 - \frac{136781}{1920} f_2^6 f_2^6 \pi^2 + \frac{7069}{75} f_2^4 f_2^4 \pi^2 - \frac{1061123}{14400} f_3^6 g_1^6 \pi^2 \\
 & \quad + \frac{1115}{72} \frac{f_2^6 g_1^6 g_1^6 \pi^2}{i\sqrt{3}} + \frac{781181}{20736} \frac{f_2^6 \pi^4}{i\sqrt{3}} - \frac{4049}{1080} g_1^6 g_1^6 \pi^4 + \frac{90514741}{54432000} \pi^6 \\
 & \quad - \frac{95624828289}{2050048} f_7^6 - \frac{29295}{512} g_1^6 f_2^6 f_4^6 + \frac{107919}{512} g_1^6 f_3^6 f_3^6 + \frac{337365}{256} f_3^6 g_1^6 f_3^6 \\
 & \quad - \frac{55618247}{409600} f_5^6 \pi^2 - \frac{1055}{256} g_1^6 f_2^6 f_2^6 \pi^2 + \frac{26}{3} f_1^4 f_2^4 f_2^4 \pi^2 + \frac{553}{4} g_1^6 f_3^6 g_1^6 \pi^2 \\
 & \quad - \frac{35189}{1024} f_3^6 g_1^6 g_1^6 \pi^2 + \frac{79147091}{2211840} f_3^6 \pi^4 - \frac{3678803}{4354560} g_1^6 \pi^6 \\
 & \left. + \sqrt{3}(E_{4a} + E_{5a} + E_{6a} + E_{7a}) + E_{6b} + E_{7b} + U \right) \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^4 .
 \end{aligned}$$

$f_k^4$  = weight  $k$   
primitives for  
4<sup>th</sup> roots of unity

$g_1^6, f_k^6$  = weight  $k$   
primitives for  
6<sup>th</sup> roots of unity

$E_i$  = elliptic

$U$  = unknown

# At $(u, v, w) = (1, 1, 1)$ , amplitude $\rightarrow$ MZVs

MHV

$$\mathcal{E}^{(1)}(1, 1, 1) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{(2)}(1, 1, 1) = -10 \zeta_4,$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{(3)}(1, 1, 1) = \frac{413}{3} \zeta_6,$$

$$\mathcal{E}^{(4)}(1, 1, 1) = -\frac{5477}{3} \zeta_8 + 24 \left[ \zeta_{5,3} + 5 \zeta_3 \zeta_5 - \zeta_2 (\zeta_3)^2 \right],$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}^{(5)}(1, 1, 1) = & \frac{379957}{15} \zeta_{10} - 12 \left[ 4 \zeta_2 \zeta_{5,3} + 25 (\zeta_5)^2 \right] \\ & - 96 \left[ 2 \zeta_{7,3} + 28 \zeta_3 \zeta_7 + 11 (\zeta_5)^2 - 4 \zeta_2 \zeta_3 \zeta_5 - 6 \zeta_4 (\zeta_3)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Allowed MZV's obey a Galois  
“co-action” principle, restricting the  
combinations that can appear  
**Brown, Panzer, Schnetz**

$$E^{(1)}(1, 1, 1) = -2 \zeta_2,$$

$$E^{(2)}(1, 1, 1) = 26 \zeta_4,$$

$$E^{(3)}(1, 1, 1) = -\frac{940}{3} \zeta_6,$$

$$E^{(4)}(1, 1, 1) = \frac{36271}{9} \zeta_8 - 24 \left[ \zeta_{5,3} + 5 \zeta_3 \zeta_5 - \zeta_2 (\zeta_3)^2 \right],$$

$$\begin{aligned} E^{(5)}(1, 1, 1) = & -\frac{1666501}{30} \zeta_{10} + 12 \left[ 4 \zeta_2 \zeta_{5,3} + 25 (\zeta_5)^2 \right] \\ & + 132 \left[ 2 \zeta_{7,3} + 28 \zeta_3 \zeta_7 + 11 (\zeta_5)^2 - 4 \zeta_2 \zeta_3 \zeta_5 - 6 \zeta_4 (\zeta_3)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  Evidence that the hexagon space  
is closed under elements of the co-  
action beyond the  $\{n-1, 1\}$  component

NMHV

# MZV's found in full hexagon function space at (1,1,1), in $f$ -basis

$\zeta_{12}, 7f_{3,9} - 6\zeta_4 f_{3,5}, 5f_{3,9} - 3\zeta_6 f_{3,3}, \zeta_2 f_{3,7} - \zeta_6 f_{3,3}, 7f_{5,7} - \zeta_2 f_{5,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{5,3}, 5f_{7,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{7,3}$   
 $f_{11}, \zeta_2 f_9, \zeta_4 f_7, \zeta_6 f_5, \zeta_8 f_3, 5f_{3,3,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{3,3,3}$   
 $\zeta_{10}, 7f_{3,7} - \zeta_2 f_{3,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{3,3}, 5f_{5,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{5,3}$   
 $7f_9 - 6\zeta_4 f_5, 5f_9 - 3\zeta_6 f_3, \zeta_2 f_7 - \zeta_6 f_3$   
 $\zeta_8, \zeta_{5,3} + 5\zeta_3 \zeta_5 - \zeta_2 (\zeta_3)^2 = 5f_{3,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{3,3}$   
 $7\zeta_7 - \zeta_2 \zeta_5 - 3\zeta_4 \zeta_3 = 7f_7 - \zeta_2 f_5 - \zeta_4 f_3$   
 $\zeta_6$   
 $5\zeta_5 - 2\zeta_2 \zeta_3 = 5f_5 - 2\zeta_2 f_3$   
 $\zeta_4$   
 $-$   
 $\zeta_2$   
 $-$   
 $1$

$\rightarrow 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + t^4 + 2t^5 + 2t^6 + 3t^7 + \dots$   
 $\rightarrow 1 + t^2 + t^4 + t^5 + t^6 + t^7 + 2t^8 + 3t^9 + \dots$

- Co-action principle manifest
- Far fewer MZVs than “expected”

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}^{(6)}(1, 1, 1) = & -\frac{2273108143}{6219} \zeta_{12} + 2264 \left[ 7f_{3,9} - 6\zeta_4 f_{3,5} \right] + 6536 \left[ 5f_{3,9} - 3\zeta_6 f_{3,3} \right] \\ & - 3072 \left[ \zeta_2 f_{3,7} - \zeta_6 f_{3,3} \right] + 5328 \left[ 7f_{5,7} - \zeta_2 f_{5,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{5,3} \right] \\ & + 4224 \left[ 5f_{7,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{7,3} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E^{(6)}(1, 1, 1) = & \frac{5066300219}{6219} \zeta_{12} - 4664 \left[ 7f_{3,9} - 6\zeta_4 f_{3,5} \right] - 11384 \left[ 5f_{3,9} - 3\zeta_6 f_{3,3} \right] \\ & + 5664 \left[ \zeta_2 f_{3,7} - \zeta_6 f_{3,3} \right] - 8928 \left[ 7f_{5,7} - \zeta_2 f_{5,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{5,3} \right] \\ & - 6528 \left[ 5f_{7,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{7,3} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

# Confession: need BDS-like-like

- To get the amplitudes into the minimal space requires, starting at 3 loops, **one more redefinition** of the BDS ansatz, by a **multi-loop constant**  $\rho$ :

$$A_6^{\text{BDS-like}'} = A_6^{\text{BDS-like}} \times \rho$$

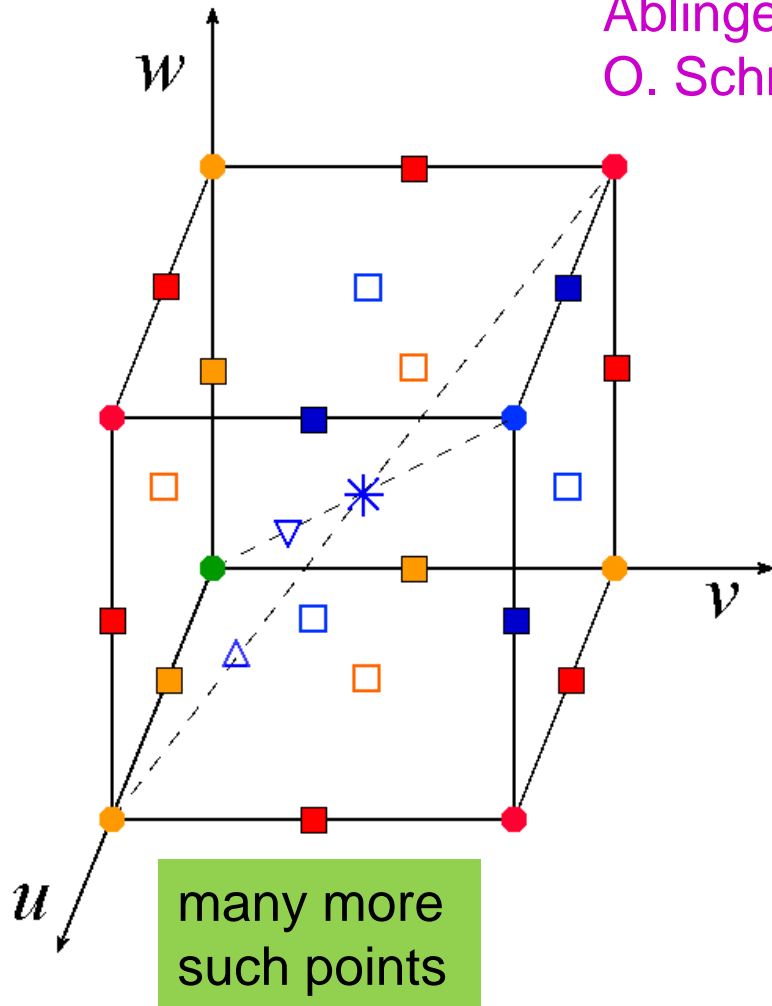
$$\begin{aligned} \rho = & 1 + (\zeta_3)^2 a^3 - 10\zeta_3\zeta_5 a^4 \\ & + \left[ -\zeta_4(\zeta_3)^2 + \frac{105}{2}\zeta_3\zeta_7 + \frac{57}{2}(\zeta_5)^2 \right] a^5 \\ & + \left[ \frac{25}{4}\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 + 7\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 294\zeta_3\zeta_9 - \frac{651}{2}\zeta_5\zeta_7 \right] a^6 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \frac{N_c g^2}{8\pi^2} = \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2}$$

- What is the meaning of  $\rho$ ?**

# Menagerie of “cyclotomic” polylogs at unity

Ablinger, Blumlein, Schneider, 1105.6063, 1310.5645;  
O. Schnetz, **HyperlogProcedures**



- MZVs
- , □ Alternating sums
- \* 4th roots of unity
- ▽, △ 6th roots of unity

finite

1 variable singular

2 variables singular

3 variables singular

Galois co-action principle applies to entire function space at every point at which we have checked it!!

e.g.

$$u = v = w, \quad y_u = y_v = y_w = y,$$

$$u = \frac{y}{(1+y)^2} \quad 1 - u = \frac{1+y+y^2}{(1+y)^2}$$



On the line  $(u, u, 1)$ , everything collapses to **HPLs of  $u$** .

In a linear representation, and a very compressed notation,

$$H_1^u H_{2,1}^u = H_1^u H_{0,1,1}^u = 3H_{0,1,1,1}^u + H_{1,0,1,1}^u \rightarrow 3h_7^{[4]} + h_{11}^{[4]}$$

2 and 3 loop answers:

$$\begin{aligned} R_6^{(2)}(u, u, 1) &= h_1^{[4]} - h_3^{[4]} + h_9^{[4]} - h_{11}^{[4]} - \frac{5}{2}\zeta_4, \\ R_6^{(3)}(u, u, 1) &= -3h_1^{[6]} + 5h_3^{[6]} + \frac{3}{2}h_5^{[6]} - \frac{9}{2}h_7^{[6]} - \frac{1}{2}h_9^{[6]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{11}^{[6]} - h_{13}^{[6]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{17}^{[6]} \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{2}h_{19}^{[6]} - \frac{1}{2}h_{21}^{[6]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{23}^{[6]} - 3h_{33}^{[6]} + 5h_{35}^{[6]} + \frac{3}{2}h_{37}^{[6]} - \frac{9}{2}h_{39}^{[6]} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}h_{41}^{[6]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{43}^{[6]} - h_{45}^{[6]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{49}^{[6]} + \frac{3}{2}h_{51}^{[6]} - \frac{1}{2}h_{53}^{[6]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{55}^{[6]} \\ &\quad + \zeta_2 \left[ -h_1^{[4]} + 3h_3^{[4]} + 2h_5^{[4]} - h_9^{[4]} + 3h_{11}^{[4]} + 2h_{13}^{[4]} \right] \\ &\quad + \zeta_4 \left[ -2h_1^{[2]} - 2h_3^{[2]} \right] + \zeta_3^2 + \frac{413}{24}\zeta_6, \end{aligned}$$

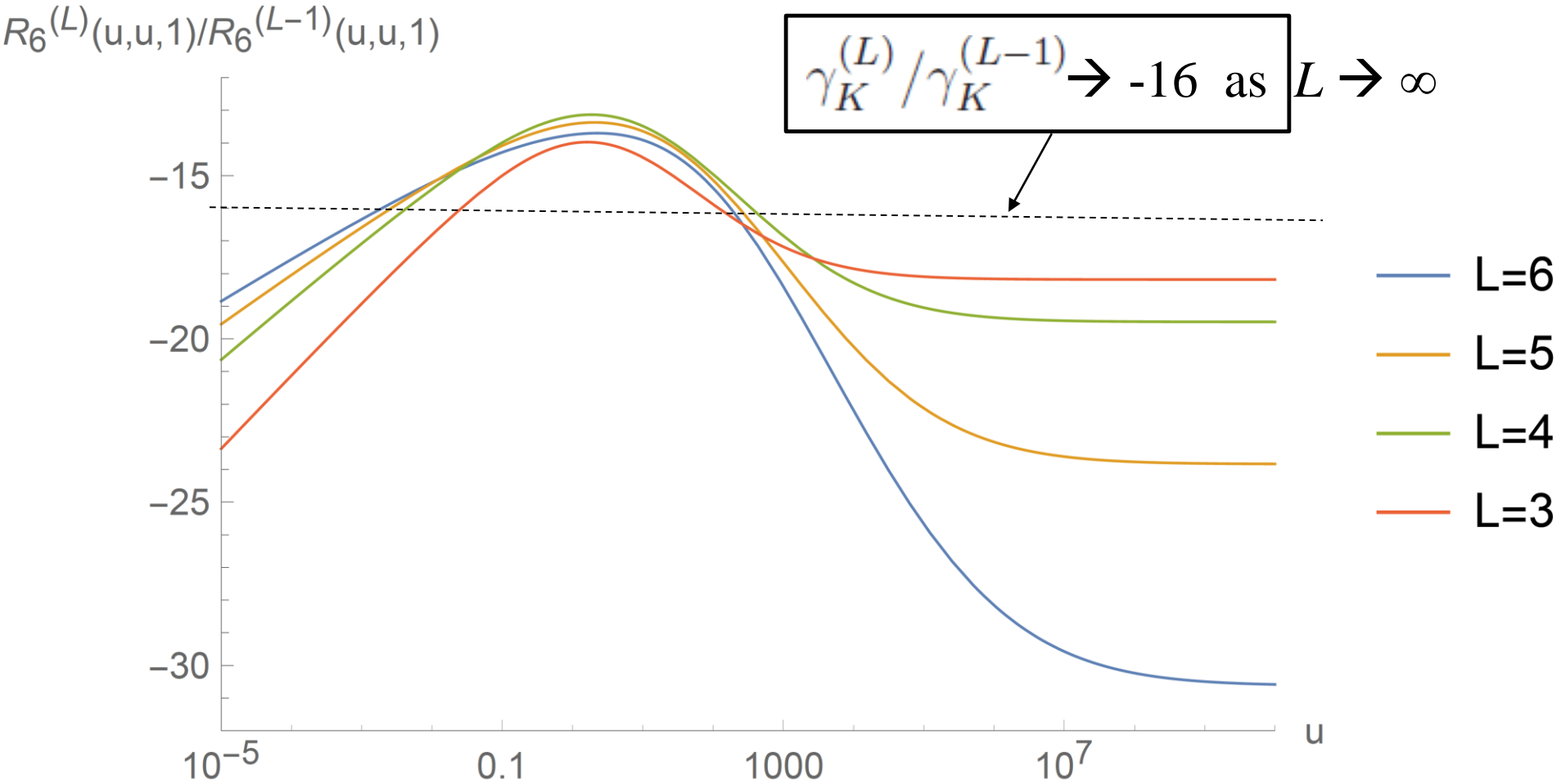
4 loop answer  $\rightarrow$

5 loop answer is several pages

6 loop answer is a novel!

$$\begin{aligned} R_6^{(4)}(u, u, 1) &= 15h_1^{[8]} - 41h_3^{[8]} - \frac{31}{2}h_5^{[8]} + \frac{105}{2}h_7^{[8]} - \frac{7}{2}h_9^{[8]} + \frac{53}{2}h_{11}^{[8]} + 12h_{13}^{[8]} - 42h_{15}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + \frac{5}{2}h_{17}^{[8]} + \frac{11}{2}h_{19}^{[8]} + \frac{9}{2}h_{21}^{[8]} - \frac{41}{2}h_{23}^{[8]} + h_{25}^{[8]} - 13h_{27}^{[8]} - 7h_{29}^{[8]} - 5h_{31}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + 6h_{33}^{[8]} - 11h_{35}^{[8]} - 3h_{37}^{[8]} + 3h_{39}^{[8]} - 4h_{43}^{[8]} - 4h_{45}^{[8]} - 11h_{47}^{[8]} + \frac{3}{2}h_{49}^{[8]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{51}^{[8]} \\ &\quad - 3h_{53}^{[8]} - 5h_{55}^{[8]} + \frac{3}{2}h_{57}^{[8]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{59}^{[8]} + 9h_{65}^{[8]} - 25h_{67}^{[8]} - 9h_{69}^{[8]} + 27h_{71}^{[8]} - 2h_{73}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + 9h_{75}^{[8]} + 2h_{77}^{[8]} - 23h_{79}^{[8]} + 2h_{81}^{[8]} - h_{85}^{[8]} - 8h_{87}^{[8]} + 2h_{89}^{[8]} - 3h_{91}^{[8]} + \frac{5}{2}h_{97}^{[8]} \\ &\quad - \frac{7}{2}h_{99}^{[8]} - \frac{1}{2}h_{101}^{[8]} + \frac{5}{2}h_{103}^{[8]} + \frac{1}{2}h_{105}^{[8]} + \frac{1}{2}h_{107}^{[8]} + \frac{1}{2}h_{109}^{[8]} - \frac{5}{2}h_{111}^{[8]} + 15h_{129}^{[8]} \\ &\quad - 41h_{131}^{[8]} - \frac{31}{2}h_{133}^{[8]} + \frac{105}{2}h_{135}^{[8]} - \frac{7}{2}h_{137}^{[8]} + \frac{53}{2}h_{139}^{[8]} + 12h_{141}^{[8]} - 42h_{143}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + \frac{5}{2}h_{145}^{[8]} + \frac{11}{2}h_{147}^{[8]} + \frac{9}{2}h_{149}^{[8]} - \frac{41}{2}h_{151}^{[8]} + h_{153}^{[8]} - 13h_{155}^{[8]} - 7h_{157}^{[8]} \\ &\quad - 5h_{159}^{[8]} + 6h_{161}^{[8]} - 11h_{163}^{[8]} - 3h_{165}^{[8]} + 3h_{167}^{[8]} - 4h_{171}^{[8]} - 4h_{173}^{[8]} \\ &\quad - 11h_{175}^{[8]} + \frac{3}{2}h_{177}^{[8]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{179}^{[8]} - 3h_{181}^{[8]} - 5h_{183}^{[8]} + \frac{3}{2}h_{185}^{[8]} - \frac{3}{2}h_{187}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + 9h_{193}^{[8]} - 25h_{195}^{[8]} - 9h_{197}^{[8]} + 27h_{199}^{[8]} - 2h_{201}^{[8]} + 9h_{203}^{[8]} + 2h_{205}^{[8]} - 23h_{207}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + 2h_{209}^{[8]} - h_{213}^{[8]} - 8h_{215}^{[8]} + 2h_{217}^{[8]} - 3h_{219}^{[8]} + \frac{5}{2}h_{225}^{[8]} - \frac{7}{2}h_{227}^{[8]} - \frac{1}{2}h_{229}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + \frac{5}{2}h_{231}^{[8]} + \frac{1}{2}h_{233}^{[8]} + \frac{1}{2}h_{235}^{[8]} + \frac{1}{2}h_{237}^{[8]} - \frac{5}{2}h_{239}^{[8]} \\ &\quad + \zeta_2 \left[ 2h_1^{[6]} - 14h_3^{[6]} - \frac{15}{2}h_5^{[6]} + \frac{37}{2}h_7^{[6]} - \frac{5}{2}h_9^{[6]} + \frac{25}{2}h_{11}^{[6]} + 7h_{13}^{[6]} - \frac{1}{2}h_{17}^{[6]} \right. \\ &\quad \quad + \frac{5}{2}h_{19}^{[6]} + \frac{7}{2}h_{21}^{[6]} + \frac{9}{2}h_{23}^{[6]} - 3h_{25}^{[6]} + 3h_{27}^{[6]} + 2h_{33}^{[6]} - 14h_{35}^{[6]} - \frac{15}{2}h_{37}^{[6]} \\ &\quad \quad + \frac{37}{2}h_{39}^{[6]} - \frac{5}{2}h_{41}^{[6]} + \frac{25}{2}h_{43}^{[6]} + 7h_{45}^{[6]} - \frac{1}{2}h_{49}^{[6]} + \frac{5}{2}h_{51}^{[6]} + \frac{7}{2}h_{53}^{[6]} \\ &\quad \quad \left. + \frac{9}{2}h_{55}^{[6]} - 3h_{57}^{[6]} + 3h_{59}^{[6]} \right] \\ &\quad + \zeta_4 \left[ \frac{15}{2}h_1^{[4]} - \frac{55}{2}h_3^{[4]} - \frac{41}{2}h_5^{[4]} + \frac{15}{2}h_9^{[4]} - \frac{55}{2}h_{11}^{[4]} - \frac{41}{2}h_{13}^{[4]} \right] \\ &\quad + \left( \zeta_2 \zeta_3 - \frac{5}{2}\zeta_5 \right) \left[ h_3^{[3]} + h_7^{[3]} \right] - \left( \zeta_3^2 - \frac{73}{4}\zeta_6 \right) \left[ h_1^{[2]} + h_3^{[2]} \right] \\ &\quad - \frac{3}{2}\zeta_2 \zeta_3^2 - \frac{5}{2}\zeta_3 \zeta_5 - \frac{471}{4}\zeta_8 + \frac{3}{2}\zeta_{5,3}. \end{aligned}$$

# Numerical values on $(u, u, 1)$ – and finite radius of convergence of perturbation theory



# Beyond 6 gluons

- Cluster algebras provide strong clues to “the right functions”

Golden, Goncharov, Paulos, Spradlin, Volovich, Vergu, 1305.1617, 1401.6446, 1411.3289; Spradlin talk at Amplitudes 2016; Drummond, Foster, Gurdogan, 1710.10953

- Power seen particularly in symbol of 3-loop MHV 7-point amplitude. 6 variables, 42 letters.

Drummond, Papathanasiou, Spradlin 1412.3763

- With Steinmann relations, can go to 4-loop MHV and 3-loop non-MHV LD, Drummond, McLeod, Harrington, Papathanasiou, Spradlin, 1612.08976, and in progress

# Summary & Outlook

- Steinmann hexagon (heptagon) functions provide **solution space for planar N=4 SYM amplitudes/WLs** over full kinematical phase space, for 6 (7) gluons, both MHV and NMHV, to high loop orders.
- 6 point: used only multi-Regge limits, OPE at 6 loops
- 7 point (**symbol**): only basic collinear limits needed.
- Rich algebraic structure: Lots of evidence for closure of hexagon functions under co-action principle [**Schnetz**], as also seen in  $g-2$ ,  $\phi^4$
- Can we go to **finite coupling** for **generic kinematics**? What are the **right finite-coupling functions**? Clues from OPE/integrability?

# Extra Slides

# Cosmic Galois Theory

Studies the symmetries of ‘periods’ (integrals of rational functions over domains given by rational inequalities)

- The space of functions appearing in the six-point amplitude is (conjecturally) stable under the coaction
- This property can be formulated as a ‘coaction principle’

$$\Delta \mathcal{H}^{\text{hex}} \subset \mathcal{H}^{\text{hex}} \otimes \mathcal{H}^{\pi}$$

which incorporates the branch cut condition, but also constrains the constants that can show up

- This can be alternately formulated in terms of the action of the ‘cosmic Galois group’  $C$  which is dual to this coaction

$$C \times \mathcal{H}^{\text{hex}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{\text{hex}}$$

# Cosmic Galois Theory

- The Lie algebra of  $C$  includes a set of elements  $\partial_{2m+1}$  that act on the zeta values as

$$\partial_{2m+1}\zeta_{2n+1} = \delta_{m,n}$$

and that satisfy the Leibniz rule. So, for example,

$$\partial_3(\zeta_7\zeta_3^2) = 2\zeta_7\zeta_3$$

- There is no  $\partial_2$ , because including even zeta values on both sides of the coaction leads to contradictions
- These operators also act nontrivially on multiple zeta values

Brown, [arXiv:1102.1310](https://arxiv.org/abs/1102.1310) [math.NT]

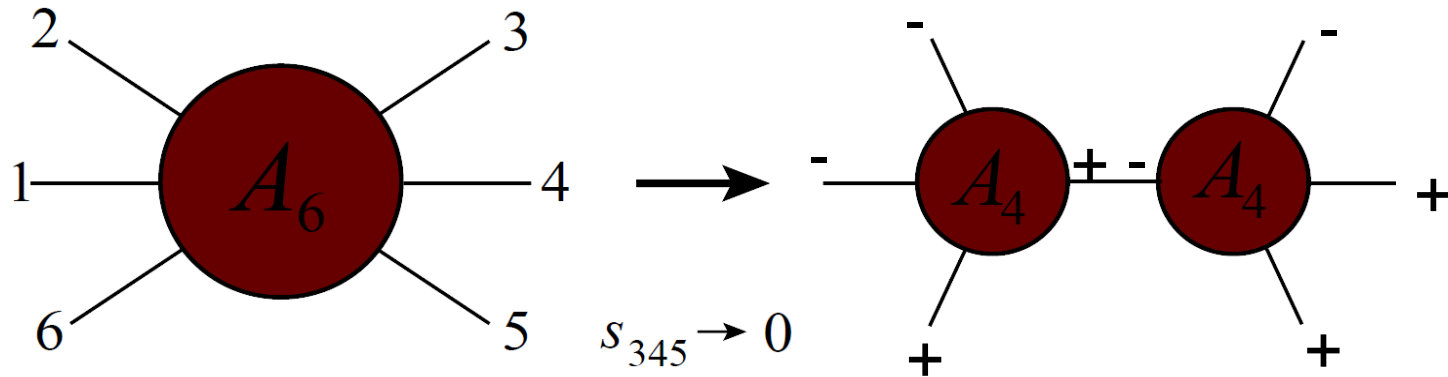
# MZV restrictions

Weight	All MZVs	$\mathcal{H}^{\text{hex}}(1, 1, 1)$	$\mathcal{H}^{\text{hex}}$ indep.
0	1	1	1
1	—	—	—
2	$\zeta_2$	$\zeta_2$	—
<b>×</b> 3	$\zeta_3$	—	—
4	$\zeta_4$	$\zeta_4$	$\zeta_4$
<b>×</b> 5	$\zeta_5, \zeta_2\zeta_3$	$5\zeta_5 - 2\zeta_2\zeta_3$	—
<b>★</b> 6	$\zeta_6, (\zeta_3)^2$	$\zeta_6$	$\zeta_6$
<b>×</b> <b>×</b> 7	$\zeta_7, \zeta_2\zeta_5, \zeta_3\zeta_4$	$7\zeta_7 - \zeta_2\zeta_5 - 3\zeta_3\zeta_4$	—
<b>★</b> <b>★</b> 8	$\zeta_8, \zeta_{5,3}, \zeta_3\zeta_5, \zeta_2(\zeta_3)^2$	$\zeta_8, \zeta_{5,3} + 5\zeta_3\zeta_5 - \zeta_2(\zeta_3)^2$	$\zeta_8$



# NMHV Multi-Particle Factorization

Bern, Chalmers, hep-ph/9503236; LD, von Hippel, 1408.1505



$$A_6^{\text{NMHV}}(k_i) \xrightarrow{s_{345} \rightarrow 0} A_4(k_6, k_1, k_2, K) \frac{F_6(K^2, s_{i,i+1})}{K^2} A_4(-K, k_3, k_4, k_5)$$

Look at for NMHV: MHV tree has no pole

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{MHV}}^{(0)} = i \frac{\delta^4(p) \delta^8(q)}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \cdots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

$$u = \frac{s_{12}s_{45}}{s_{123}s_{345}} \rightarrow \infty \quad w = \frac{s_{61}s_{34}}{s_{345}s_{234}} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$u/w \text{ and } v = \frac{s_{23}s_{56}}{s_{234}s_{123}} \text{ fixed}$$

# Multi-Particle Factorization (cont.)

(1) = (4)  $\rightarrow \infty$ , rest finite

$\rightarrow$  look at  $E(u,v,w)$

Or rather at  $U(u,v,w) = \ln E(u,v,w)$

$$\frac{A_{\text{NMHV}}}{A_{\text{BDS-like}}} \approx e^U [(1) + (4)]$$

# Factorization limit of $U$

$$U^{(1)}(u, v, w) = -\frac{1}{4} \ln^2(uw/v) - \zeta_2$$

$$U^{(2)}(u, v, w)|_{u,w \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{3}{4} \zeta_2 \ln^2(uw/v) - \frac{1}{2} \zeta_3 \ln(uw/v) + \frac{71}{8} \zeta_4$$

$$U^{(3)}(u, v, w)|_{u,w \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{3} \zeta_3 \ln^3(uw/v) - \frac{75}{8} \zeta_4 \ln^2(uw/v) + (7 \zeta_5 + 8 \zeta_2 \zeta_3) \ln(uw/v) - \frac{721}{8} \zeta_6 - 3 (\zeta_3)^2$$

...

- Simple polynomial in  $\ln(uw/v)$ , form dictated by Steinmann relations

$$\frac{uw}{v} = \frac{s_{12}s_{34}}{s_{56}} \cdot \frac{s_{45}s_{61}}{s_{23}} \cdot \frac{1}{s_{345}^2}$$

- Sudakov logs due to on-shell intermediate state

- All orders form available via analytic continuation from the near-collinear (OPE) limit. Basso, Sever, Vieira (Sever talk at Amplitudes 2015)

# All hexagon letter are rational in terms of $y_i$

$$u = \frac{y_u(1-y_v)(1-y_w)}{(1-y_u y_v)(1-y_u y_w)}, \quad v = \frac{y_v(1-y_w)(1-y_u)}{(1-y_v y_w)(1-y_v y_u)}, \quad w = \frac{y_w(1-y_u)(1-y_v)}{(1-y_w y_u)(1-y_w y_v)}$$

$$1-u = \frac{(1-y_u)(1-y_u y_v y_w)}{(1-y_u y_v)(1-y_u y_w)}, \quad \text{etc.}, \quad \sqrt{\Delta} = \frac{(1-y_u)(1-y_v)(1-y_w)(1-y_u y_v y_w)}{(1-y_u y_v)(1-y_v y_w)(1-y_w y_u)}$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{y_i, 1-y_i, 1-y_i y_j, 1-y_u y_v y_w\}$$

“extra” 10<sup>th</sup> letter



# MRK Master formulae

$$w = -z, \quad w^* = -\bar{z}$$

- MHV:

$$e^{R+i\pi\delta}|_{\text{MRK}} = \cos \pi\omega_{ab} + i \frac{a}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{w}{w^*}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\nu}{\nu^2 + \frac{n^2}{4}} |w|^{2i\nu} \Phi_{\text{Reg}}(\nu, n)$$

$$\times \left( -\frac{1}{1-u} \frac{|1+w|^2}{|w|} \right)^{\omega(\nu, n)}$$

NLL: Fadin, Lipatov, 1111.0782;  
Caron-Huot, 1309.6521

- NMHV:

$$\exp(R^{\text{NMHV}} + i\pi\delta)|_{\text{MRK}} = \mathcal{P} \exp(R^{\text{MHV}} + i\pi\delta)$$

$$= \cos \pi\omega_{ab} - i \frac{a}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{w}{w^*}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\nu}{(i\nu + \frac{n}{2})^2} |w|^{2i\nu}$$

$$\times \Phi_{\text{Reg}}^{\text{NMHV}}(\nu, n) \left( -\frac{1}{1-u} \frac{|1+w|^2}{|w|} \right)^{\omega(\nu, n)}$$

LL: Lipatov, Prygarin, Schnitzer, 1205.0186

# NMHV MRK limit

Like  $g, h$  for  $R_6$ :

Extract  $p, q$  from  $V, \tilde{V}$

→ linear combinations of SVHPLs [Brown, 2004]

$$R_6^{(L)} \rightarrow (2\pi i) \sum_{r=0}^{L-1} \ln^r(1-u) [g_r^{(L)}(w, w^*) + 2\pi i h_r^{(L)}(w, w^*)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\text{MRK}}^{(L)} = & (2\pi i) \sum_{r=0}^{L-1} \ln^r(1-u) \left[ \frac{1}{1+w^*} (p_r^{(L)}(w, w^*) + 2\pi i q_r^{(L)}(w, w^*)) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{w^*}{1+w^*} (p_r^{(L)}(w, w^*) + 2\pi i q_r^{(L)}(w, w^*)) \Big|_{(w, w^*) \rightarrow (\frac{1}{w}, \frac{1}{w^*})} \right] + \mathcal{O}(1-u) \end{aligned}$$

- Then match  $p, q$  to master formula for factorization in Fourier-Mellin space

# MRK limits agree with all-orders predictions

Basso, Caron-Huot, Sever 1407.3766

- BFKL eigenvalue:

$$E^{(1)}(\nu, n), E^{(2)}(\nu, n), E^{(3)}(\nu, n)$$

LL,

NLL,

NNLL,

NNNLL

- Impact factors:

$$\Phi_{\text{Reg}}^{(N)\text{MHV},(1)}(\nu, n), \Phi_{\text{Reg}}^{(N)\text{MHV},(2)}(\nu, n), \Phi_{\text{Reg}}^{(N)\text{MHV},(3)}(\nu, n), \Phi_{\text{Reg}}^{(N)\text{MHV},(4)}(\nu, n)$$

- All zeta-valued linear combinations of:

derivatives of  $\ln \Gamma\left(1 \pm i\nu + \frac{n}{2}\right)$   $\frac{i\nu}{\nu^2 + \frac{n^2}{4}}, \frac{n}{\nu^2 + \frac{n^2}{4}}$

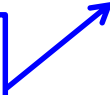
# $\bar{Q}$ equation for NMHV

Caron-Huot, He, 1112.1060; S. Caron-Huot (2015);  
LD, von Hippel, McLeod, 1509.08127

$$\bar{Q}\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{6,1} = \frac{\gamma_K}{8} \int d^2|3 \mathcal{Z}_7 [\mathcal{R}_{7,2} - \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{6,1} \mathcal{R}_{7,1}^{\text{tree}}] + \text{cyclic}$$

$$\bar{Q}_a^A = \sum_{i=1}^n \chi_i^A \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_i^a} \quad \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{6,1} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{NMHV}}}{\mathcal{A}_{\text{BDS-like}}}$$

prevents second (simpler) term  
from generating new “final entries”



→ Only 18 out of  $5 \times 9 = 45$  possible R-invariants x final entries:

$$(1) d \ln(uw/v), \quad (1) d \ln\left(\frac{(1-w)u}{w(1-u)y_v}\right),$$

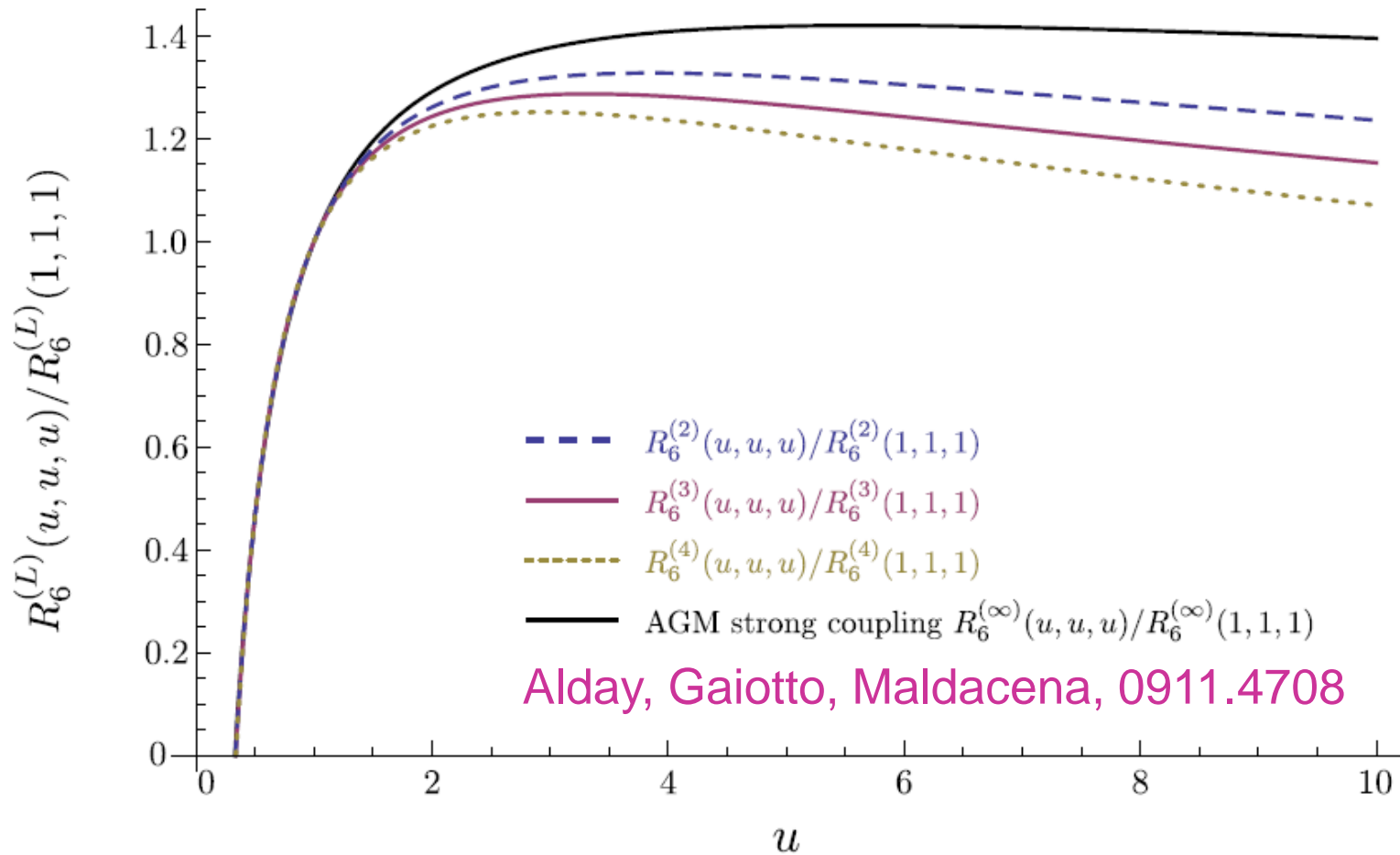
$$[(2) + (5) + (3) + (6)] d \ln\left(\frac{v}{1-v}\right) + (1) d \ln\left(\frac{w}{y_u(1-w)}\right) + (4) d \ln\left(\frac{u}{y_w(1-u)}\right)$$

+ cyclic



$L$	$\gamma_K^{(L)} / \gamma_K^{(L-1)}$	$\bar{R}_6^{(L)}(1, 1, 1)$	$\overline{\ln \mathcal{W}}_{\text{hex}}^{(L)}(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$
2	-1.6449340	$\infty$	-2.7697175
3	-3.6188549	-7.0040885	-5.0036164
4	-4.9211827	-6.5880519	-5.8860842
5	-5.6547494	-6.7092373	-6.3453695
6	-6.0801089	-6.8736364	??
7	-6.3589220	—	—
8	-6.5608621	—	—
9	-6.7164600	—	—
10	-6.8410049	—	—
11	-6.9432839	—	—
12	-7.0288902	—	—
13	-7.1016320	—	—

# Rescaled $R_6^{(L)}(u, u, u)$ and strong coupling



Alday, Gaiotto, Maldacena, 0911.4708

$(u, u, u) \rightarrow$  cyclotomic polylogs (weak coupling)  
 $\arccos^2(1/4/u)$  (strong coupling)

# Iterative construction

$$\left. \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right|_{v,w} = \frac{F^u}{u} - \frac{F^{1-u}}{1-u} + \frac{1-u-v-w}{u\sqrt{\Delta}} F^{yu} + \frac{1-u-v+w}{(1-u)\sqrt{\Delta}} F^{yv} + \frac{1-u+v-w}{(1-u)\sqrt{\Delta}} F^{yw}$$

- $F$  weight  $n$ , from  $F^x$  weight  $n-1$  (already classified)

- Just need to impose: 1. mixed-partial:

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial u_i \partial u_j} = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial u_j \partial u_i}, \quad i \neq j$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^{u,v} &= F^{v,u} - F^{yu,yv} + F^{yv,yu}, \\ F^{v,w} &= F^{w,v} - F^{yv,yw} + F^{yw,yv}, \\ F^{w,u} &= F^{u,w} - F^{yw,yu} + F^{yu,yw}, \\ F^{1-u,1-v} &= F^{1-v,1-u} + F^{yu,yv} - F^{yv,yw} - F^{yw,yu} + F^{yv,yw} + F^{yw,yu} - F^{yu,yv}, \\ F^{1-v,1-w} &= F^{1-w,1-v} + F^{yv,yw} - F^{yw,yu} - F^{yw,yv} + F^{yw,yu} + F^{yu,yv} - F^{yu,yw}, \\ F^{1-w,1-u} &= F^{1-u,1-w} + F^{yw,yu} - F^{yw,yv} - F^{yu,yw} + F^{yu,yv} + F^{yv,yw} - F^{yv,yu}, \\ F^{u,1-v} &= F^{1-v,u} + F^{yu,yw} - F^{yw,yu}, \\ F^{v,1-w} &= F^{1-w,v} + F^{yv,yu} - F^{yw,yv}, \\ F^{w,1-u} &= F^{1-u,w} + F^{yw,yv} - F^{yw,yu}, \\ F^{u,1-w} &= F^{1-w,u} + F^{yu,yv} - F^{yw,yu}, \\ F^{v,1-u} &= F^{1-u,v} + F^{yv,yw} - F^{yw,yv}, \\ F^{w,1-v} &= F^{1-v,w} + F^{yw,yu} - F^{yu,yw}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^{u,yu} &= F^{yu,u}, \\ F^{v,yv} &= F^{yv,v}, \\ F^{w,yw} &= F^{yw,w}, \\ F^{u,yw} &= F^{w,yu} - F^{yu,w} + F^{yw,u}, \\ F^{v,yu} &= F^{u,yv} - F^{yv,u} + F^{yu,v}, \\ F^{w,yv} &= F^{v,yw} - F^{yw,v} + F^{yw,w}, \\ F^{1-v,yv} &= F^{yv,1-v} - F^{yu,1-u} + F^{1-u,yu} + F^{yu,w} - F^{w,yu} - F^{yw,v} + F^{v,yw}, \\ F^{1-w,yw} &= F^{yw,1-w} - F^{yv,1-v} + F^{1-v,yv} + F^{yv,u} - F^{u,yv} - F^{yu,w} + F^{w,yu}, \\ F^{1-u,yu} &= F^{yu,1-u} - F^{yw,1-w} + F^{1-w,yw} + F^{yw,v} - F^{v,yw} - F^{yw,u} + F^{u,yv}, \\ F^{1-u,yv} &= F^{yv,1-u} + F^{yw,w} - F^{w,yv}, \\ F^{1-v,yw} &= F^{yw,1-v} + F^{yw,u} - F^{u,yw}, \\ F^{1-w,yu} &= F^{yu,1-w} + F^{yu,v} - F^{v,yu}, \\ F^{1-u,yw} &= F^{yw,1-u} + F^{yw,v} - F^{v,yw}, \\ F^{1-v,yu} &= F^{yu,1-v} + F^{yu,w} - F^{w,yu}, \\ F^{1-w,yv} &= F^{yv,1-w} + F^{yv,u} - F^{u,yv}. \end{aligned}$$

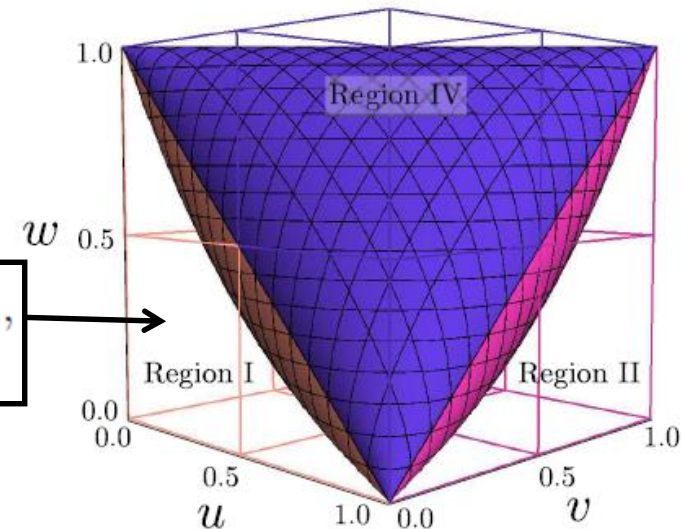
- 2. No bad branch cuts:

$$F^{1-u_i}(y_i = 1, y_j, y_k) = 0$$

# Hexagon functions as generalized polylogarithms in $y_i$

$$G(a_1, \dots, a_n; z) = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(a_2, \dots, a_n; t)$$

Region I:  $\begin{cases} \Delta > 0, & 0 < u_i < 1, & \text{and } u + v + w < 1, \\ 0 < y_i < 1. \end{cases}$

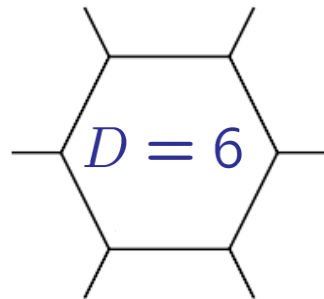


$$\mathcal{G} = \left\{ G(\vec{w}; y_u) \mid w_i \in \{0, 1\} \right\} \cup \left\{ G(\vec{w}; y_v) \mid w_i \in \left\{ 0, 1, \frac{1}{y_u} \right\} \right\} \cup \left\{ G(\vec{w}; y_w) \mid w_i \in \left\{ 0, 1, \frac{1}{y_u}, \frac{1}{y_v}, \frac{1}{y_u y_v} \right\} \right\}$$

- Useful for analytics and for numerics for  $\Delta > 0$

**GiNAC implementation:** [Vollinga, Weinzierl, hep-th/0410259](#)

# First true ( $y$ -containing) hexagon function



$$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}_6(u, v, w)$$

A real integral  
so it must be  
**Steinmann**

- Weight 3, totally symmetric in  $\{u, v, w\}$
- First parity odd function, so:

$$\tilde{\Phi}_6^u = \tilde{\Phi}_6^v = \tilde{\Phi}_6^w = \tilde{\Phi}_6^{1-u} = \tilde{\Phi}_6^{1-v} = \tilde{\Phi}_6^{1-w} = 0$$

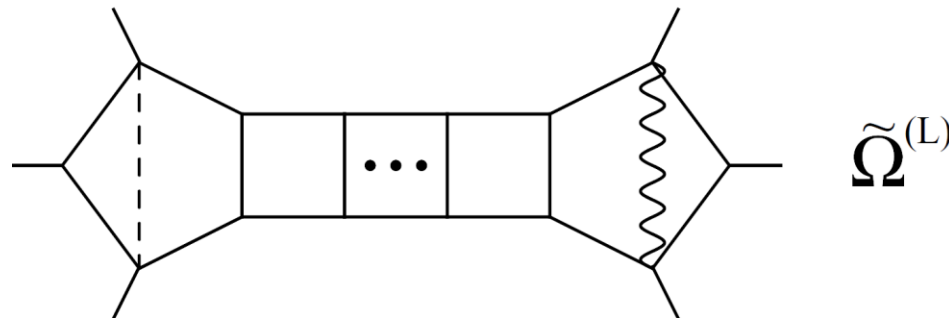
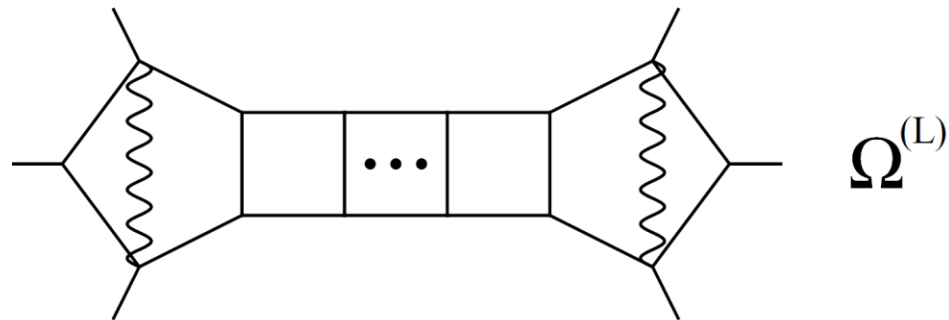
- Only independent  $\{2, 1\}$  coproduct:

$$\tilde{\Phi}_6^{y_u} = -\Omega^{(1)}(v, w, u) = -H_2^u - H_2^v - H_2^w - \ln v \ln w + 2\zeta_2$$

$$H_2^u = \text{Li}_2(1 - u)$$

- Encapsulates first order differential equation found earlier  
[LD, Drummond, Henn, 1104.2787](#)

# Infinite class of integrals



- Differential equations [Drummond, Henn, Trnka, 1010.3679](#)  
easy to solve in space of Steinmann hexagon functions  
[Caron-Huot, LD, von Hippel, McLeod, Papathanasiou, 1806.01361](#)

# 6 variables, 42 letters

$$a_{11} = \frac{\langle 1234 \rangle \langle 1567 \rangle \langle 2367 \rangle}{\langle 1237 \rangle \langle 1267 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle},$$

$$a_{41} = \frac{\langle 2457 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle}{\langle 2345 \rangle \langle 4567 \rangle},$$

$$a_{21} = \frac{\langle 1234 \rangle \langle 2567 \rangle}{\langle 1267 \rangle \langle 2345 \rangle},$$

$$a_{51} = \frac{\langle 1(23)(45)(67) \rangle}{\langle 1234 \rangle \langle 1567 \rangle}$$

$$a_{31} = \frac{\langle 1567 \rangle \langle 2347 \rangle}{\langle 1237 \rangle \langle 4567 \rangle},$$

$$a_{61} = \frac{\langle 1(34)(56)(72) \rangle}{\langle 1234 \rangle \langle 1567 \rangle}$$

$$\langle a(bc)(de)(fg) \rangle \equiv \langle abde \rangle \langle acfg \rangle - \langle abfg \rangle \langle acde \rangle$$

- plus cyclic,  $i \rightarrow i+1 \pmod{7}$ ,  $a_{ji} \rightarrow a_{j,i+1}$  ( $6 \times 7 = 42$ )

# Number of (first 2 entry) Steinmann heptagon **symbols**

Weight $k =$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	$7''$
parity +, flip +	4	16	48	154	467	1413	4163	3026
parity +, flip -	3	12	43	140	443	1359	4063	2946
parity -, flip +	0	0	3	14	60	210	672	668
parity -, flip -	0	0	3	14	60	210	672	669
Total	7	28	97	322	1030	3192	9570	7309

**Table 1.** Number of Steinmann heptagon symbols at weights 1 through 7, and those satisfying the MHV next-to-final entry condition at weight 7.

Enough to get **symbols** of 4 loop MHV & 3 loop NMHV amplitude.  
Even less boundary data needed: just well-defined collinear limits.



# 6 loops at (1,1,1)

## MHV

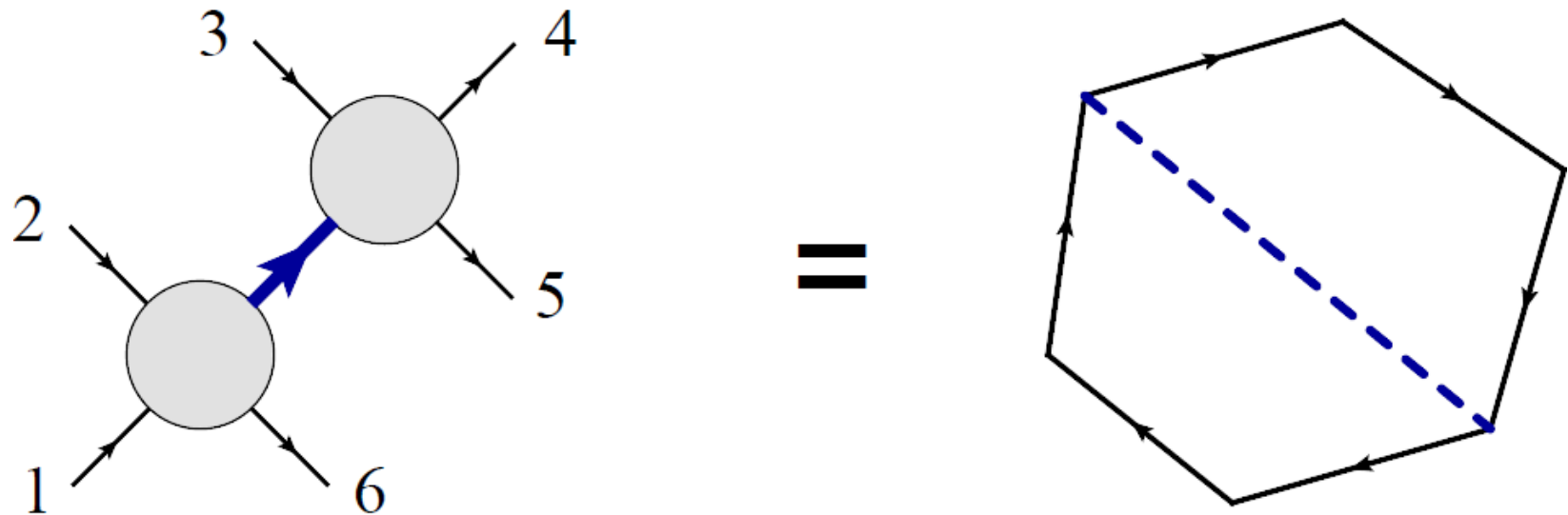
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}^{(6)}(1,1,1) = & -\frac{2273108143}{6219}\zeta_{12} + \frac{260}{3}\left[140\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 56\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - 10\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 60\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 + 49\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right] \\ & + 384\left[\zeta_2\zeta_{7,3} + 14\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 + 3\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right] \\ & + 120\left[4\zeta_4\zeta_{5,3} + 20\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right] \\ & + \frac{5392}{3}\left[\zeta_{9,3} + 27\zeta_3\zeta_9 + 20\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 2\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - \zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 6\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 5\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right]\end{aligned}$$

## NMHV

$$\begin{aligned}E^{(6)}(1,1,1) = & \frac{5066300219}{6219}\zeta_{12} - \frac{344}{3}\left[140\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 56\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - 10\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 60\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 + 49\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right] \\ & - 528\left[\zeta_2\zeta_{7,3} + 14\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 + 3\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right] \\ & + 60\left[4\zeta_4\zeta_{5,3} + 20\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right] \\ & - \frac{9952}{3}\left[\zeta_{9,3} + 27\zeta_3\zeta_9 + 20\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 2\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - \zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 6\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 5\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right]\end{aligned}$$

# Factorization on multi-particle pole

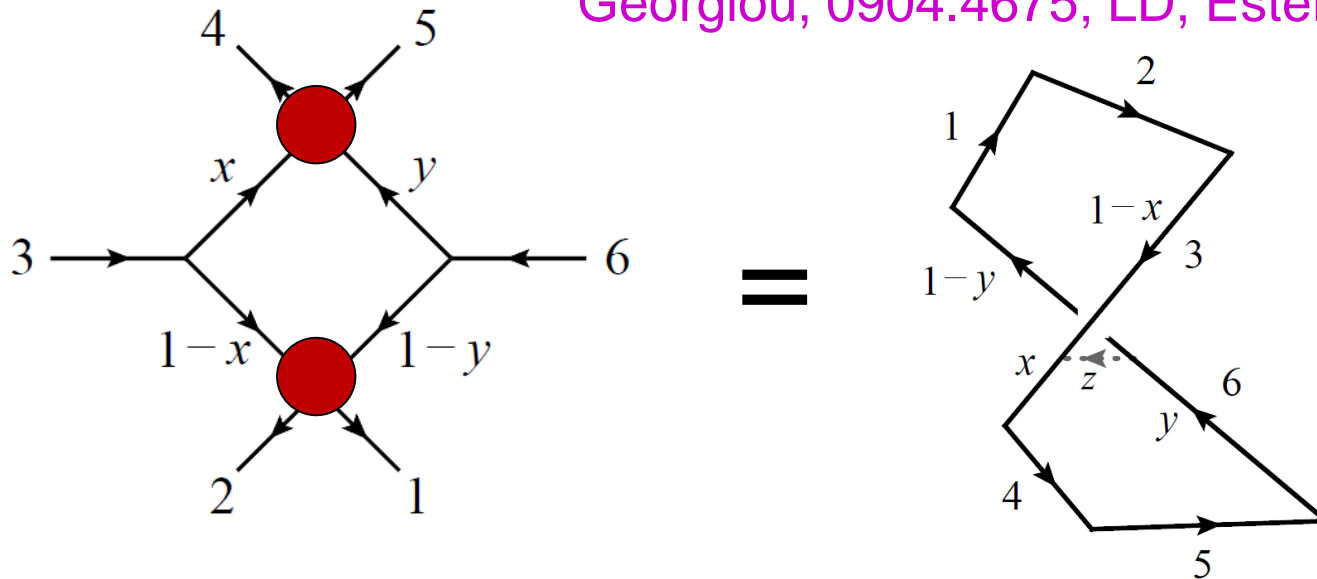
Bern, Chalmers, hep-ph/9503236; LD, von Hippel, 1408.1505;  
Basso, Sever, Vieira (Sever talk at Amplitudes 2015)



- Virtual Sudakov region,  $A \sim \exp[-\ln^2 \delta]$ ,  
 $\delta \sim s_{345}$
- Can study to very high accuracy in planar N=4 SYM

# Double-parton-scattering-like limit

Georgiou, 0904.4675; LD, Esterlis, 1602.02107



- Self-crossing limit of Wilson loop
- Overlaps MRK limit
- Another Sudakov region
- Singularities  $\sim$  Wilson line RGE

Korchemsky and Korchemskaya hep-ph/9409446