

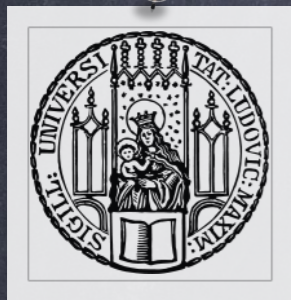
The Momentum Amplituhedron

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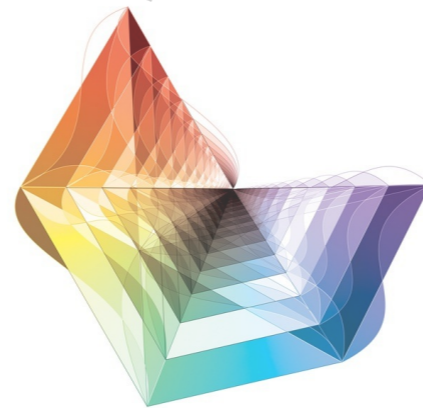
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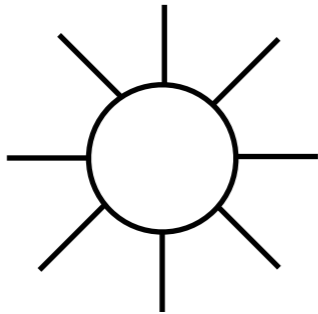
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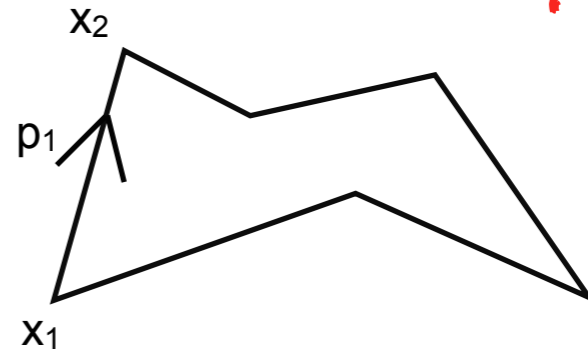
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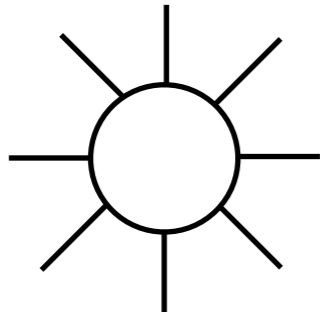
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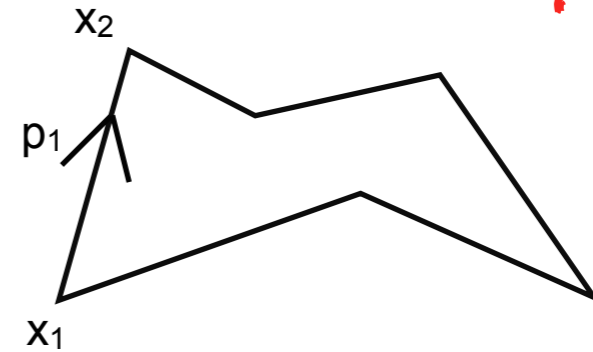
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$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} z_a \\ \varphi_1^A \chi_{aA} \\ \vdots \\ \varphi_k^A \chi_{aA} \end{pmatrix}$$

Diagram annotations: A red arrow labeled 'm' points to the top element z_a . A red arrow labeled 'k'' points to the bottom element $\varphi_k^A \chi_{aA}$. A green arrow points from the 'Wilson Loop' text to the matrix Z .

Generalization of polytope in Grassmannian:

$$Y_\alpha^I = \sum_{a=1}^n c_{\alpha a} Z_a^I \quad \begin{array}{l} I = 1, 2, \dots, k' + m \\ \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, k' \end{array}$$



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External data:
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$\Omega_{n,k'}^{(m)}$: **volume form** with logarithmic singularities on all boundaries of the space

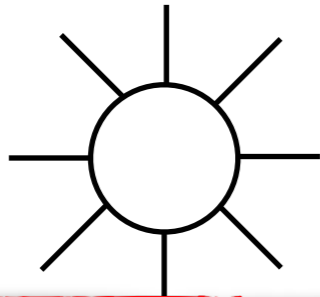
Found by push-forward of canonical forms via Φ_Z

$$\Omega_{n,k'}^{(m)} = \sum_{\sigma} \text{dlog } \alpha_1^\sigma \wedge \text{dlog } \alpha_2^\sigma \wedge \dots \wedge \text{dlog } \alpha_{k'm}^\sigma$$

Logarithmic differential form

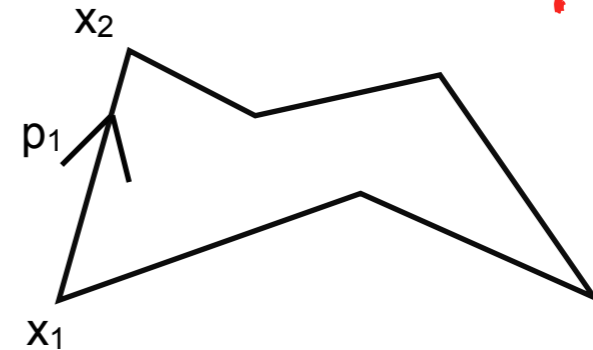
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Non-chiral superspace

$$(\lambda_i^a, \eta_i^r \mid \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{a}}, \tilde{\eta}_i^{\dot{r}}), \quad a, \dot{a}, r, \dot{r} = 1, 2$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{q}^{\dot{a}r} = \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{a}} \eta_i^r \\ q^{ar} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^a \tilde{\eta}_i^{\dot{r}} \end{array} \right.$$

Associate a, \dot{a} with $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ R-symmetry indices:

$$\eta^a \rightarrow d\lambda^a, \quad \tilde{\eta}^{\dot{a}} \rightarrow d\tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{a}}$$

n -point super-amplitude in non-chiral space \leftrightarrow $2n$ form

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Amplitudes as forms

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$$\mathcal{A}_{n,k} := (dq)^4 \wedge \Omega_{n,k}$$



$2n-4$ form

Example: 4-point MHV

$$\Omega_{4,2} = \frac{(d\tilde{q})^4}{st} = \text{dlog} \frac{\langle 12 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \wedge \text{dlog} \frac{\langle 23 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \wedge \text{dlog} \frac{\langle 34 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle} \wedge \text{dlog} \frac{\langle 41 \rangle}{\langle 13 \rangle}$$

Geometry whose canonical form gives the amplitude form?

Momentum amplituhedron!

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Bosonized spinor helicity variables:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_i^{\dot{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{a}} \\ \tilde{\phi}_a^{\dot{\alpha}} \cdot \tilde{\eta}_i^{\dot{a}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dot{A} = (\dot{a}, \dot{\alpha}) = 1, \dots, k+2 \quad \Lambda_i^A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i^a \\ \phi_a^\alpha \cdot \eta_i^a \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = (a, \alpha) = 1, \dots, n-k+2$$

{ matrix $\tilde{\Lambda}$ positive and matrix Λ^\perp positive }

Positive region

Momentum amplituhedron: Image of the positive Grassmannian $G_+(k, n)$ through the map

$$\Phi_{(\Lambda, \tilde{\Lambda})} : G_+(k, n) \rightarrow G(k, k+2) \times G(n-k, n-k+2)$$

defined as:

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Check 1.

Dimension

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dimension $2n$

Dimension of $G_+(k, n)$ through the map is lower dimensional:
Momentum amplituhedron lives in the co-dimension 4 surface

$$P^{a\dot{a}} = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y^\perp \cdot \Lambda)_i^a (\tilde{Y}^\perp \cdot \tilde{\Lambda})_i^{\dot{a}} = 0$$

Equivalent to momentum conservation

Dimension $2n-4$

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Sign flips

Conjecture from
Scatt. Eqs
(S. He, C. Zhang)

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Define $X_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{A}} = (\Lambda^{\perp})_i^{\bar{A}} c_{\dot{\alpha}i}$, $\bar{A} = 1, \dots, k-2$, $\dot{\alpha} = 1, \dots, k$ $X \in G(k-2, k)$

Ordinary amplituhedron
with $m=2$, $k \rightarrow k-2$

{ $(X12), (X13), \dots, (X1n)$ } $k-2$ sign flips

$$(Xij) = \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_k} X_{\dot{\alpha}_1}^1 \dots X_{\dot{\alpha}_{k-2}}^{k-2} c_{\dot{\alpha}_{k-1}, i} c_{\dot{\alpha}_k, j}$$

But $(Xij) = \langle Yij \rangle$

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$$\langle Y_{ii+1} \rangle = 0, \quad [\tilde{Y}_{ii+1}] = 0 \quad \text{Collinear Limits}$$

$$S_{i,i+1,\dots,i+p} = 0, \quad p = 2, \dots, n-4 \quad \text{Factorizations}$$

Uplift of planar Mandelstam variables

$$S_{i,i+1,\dots,i+p} = \sum_{i \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq i+p} \langle Y_{j_1 j_2} \rangle [\tilde{Y}_{j_1 j_2}]$$

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Volume form

=
Differential form with log singularities on all boundaries
=
Sum over cells of push-forwards of canonical diff-form

! Positive geometry \rightarrow no singularities inside momentum amplituhedron. Positivity of Λ^{\perp} and $\tilde{\Lambda}$ is not enough to guarantee Mandelstams $S > 0$. But: space of allowed kinematics large.

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→ Volume function

$$\Omega_{n,k} \wedge d^4 P \delta^4(P) = \prod_{\alpha=1}^{n-k} \langle Y_1 \dots Y_{n-k} d^2 Y_{\alpha} \rangle \prod_{\dot{\alpha}=1}^k [\tilde{Y}_1 \dots \tilde{Y}_k d^2 \tilde{Y}_{\dot{\alpha}}] \delta^4(P) \Omega_{n,k}$$

→ Amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{n,k}^{\text{tree}} = \delta^4(p) \int d\phi_a^1 \dots d\phi_a^{n-k} \int d\tilde{\phi}_{\dot{a}}^1 \dots d\tilde{\phi}_{\dot{a}}^k \Omega_{n,k}(Y^*, \tilde{Y}^*, \Lambda, \tilde{\Lambda})$$

Reference subspaces

→ Integral representation

$$\delta^4(P) \Omega_{n,k} = \int \frac{d^{(n-k) \cdot (n-k)} g}{(\det g)^{n-k}} \int \omega_{n,k} \prod_{\alpha=1}^{n-k} \delta^{(n-k+2)}(Y_{\alpha}^A - g_{\alpha}^{\beta} (c^{\perp})_{\beta i} \Lambda_i^A) \prod_{\dot{\alpha}=1}^k \delta^{(k+2)}(\tilde{Y}_{\dot{\alpha}}^A - c_{\dot{\alpha}i} \tilde{\Lambda}_i^A)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{4,2} &= \bigwedge_{j=1}^4 \text{dlog} \alpha_j = \text{dlog} \frac{\langle Y12 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle} \wedge \text{dlog} \frac{\langle Y23 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle} \wedge \text{dlog} \frac{\langle Y34 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle} \wedge \text{dlog} \frac{\langle Y14 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\langle 1234 \rangle^2}{\langle Y12 \rangle \langle Y23 \rangle \langle Y34 \rangle \langle Y41 \rangle} \langle Yd^2 Y_1 \rangle \langle Yd^2 Y_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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Related by
momentum conservation

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$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\langle Y12 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle}, \alpha_2 = \frac{\langle Y23 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle}, \alpha_3 = \frac{[\tilde{Y}\hat{3}4]}{[\tilde{Y}\hat{1}\hat{3}]}, \alpha_4 = \frac{[\tilde{Y}64]}{[\tilde{Y}\hat{1}\hat{3}]}, \alpha_5 = \frac{[\tilde{Y}6\hat{1}]}{[\tilde{Y}\hat{1}\hat{3}]}, \alpha_6 = \frac{[\tilde{Y}4\hat{1}]}{[\tilde{Y}\hat{1}\hat{3}]}, \alpha_7 = \frac{[\tilde{Y}45]}{[\tilde{Y}64]}, \alpha_8 = \frac{[\tilde{Y}56]}{[\tilde{Y}64]}$$

$$\hat{\Lambda}_1 = \tilde{\Lambda}_1 + \frac{\langle Y23 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle} \tilde{\Lambda}_2, \hat{\Lambda}_3 = \tilde{\Lambda}_3 + \frac{\langle Y12 \rangle}{\langle Y13 \rangle} \tilde{\Lambda}_2$$

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Spurious singularities

Divergences on the 15 boundaries of the momentum amplituhedron:

$$\langle Y_{ii+1} \rangle = 0, i = 1, \dots, 6, \quad [\tilde{Y}_{ii+1}] = 0, i = 1, \dots, 6, \quad S_{i,i+1,i+2} = 0, i = 1, 2, 3$$

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$$\Omega_{6,3}^{(123)} = \frac{(\langle Y12 \rangle [12456] + \langle Y13 \rangle [13456] + \langle Y23 \rangle [23456])^2 ([\tilde{Y}45] \langle 12345 \rangle + [\tilde{Y}46] \langle 12346 \rangle + [\tilde{Y}56] \langle 12356 \rangle)^2}{S_{123} \langle Y12 \rangle \langle Y23 \rangle [Y45] [Y56] \langle Y1 | 5 + 6 | 4 \tilde{Y} \rangle \langle Y3 | 4 + 5 | 6 \tilde{Y} \rangle}$$

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Reduces to

$$\delta^4(q) (\tilde{\eta}_4 [56]_{\tilde{\lambda}} + \tilde{\eta}_5 [64]_{\tilde{\lambda}} + \tilde{\eta}_6 [45]_{\tilde{\lambda}})^2$$

Momentum Amplituhedron

Examples

* NMHV₆ amplitudes:

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Reduces to

$$\delta^4(\tilde{q}) (\eta_1 \langle 23 \rangle_{\lambda} + \eta_2 \langle 31 \rangle_{\lambda} + \eta_3 \langle 12 \rangle_{\lambda})^2$$

Agrees with the one found in (S. He, C. Zhang):

$$\Omega_{6,3}^{(123)} = \frac{\delta^4(q) \delta^4(\tilde{q}) (\tilde{\eta}_4 [56]_{\tilde{\lambda}} + \tilde{\eta}_5 [64]_{\tilde{\lambda}} + \tilde{\eta}_6 [45]_{\tilde{\lambda}})^2 (\eta_1 \langle 23 \rangle_{\lambda} + \eta_2 \langle 31 \rangle_{\lambda} + \eta_3 \langle 12 \rangle_{\lambda})^2}{s_{123} \langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle [45] [56] \langle 1 | 5 + 6 | 4 \rangle \langle 3 | 4 + 5 | 6 \rangle}$$

Conclusions

New positive geometry for tree-level amplitudes in $N=4$ SYM
in spinor helicity space

- ✓ Bosonized spinor helicity variables + positivity constraints
- ✓ Sign-flip conditions + Mandelstam with additional constrs
- ✓ Amplitude from the canonical form with log singularities on the boundaries

- Loop amplitudes?
- Extension to other theories: e.g. non-planar, less-, non-supersymmetric?

Thank you!