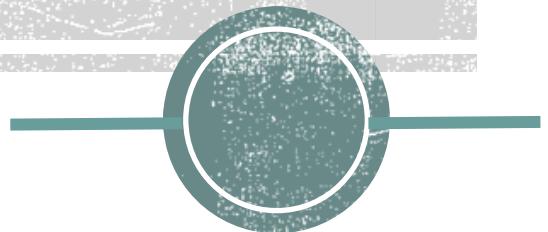


# = Exploring causality of loop amplitudes with the loop-tree duality =

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# Motivation

Improve theoretical predictions

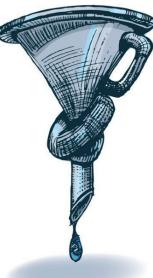


Achieve higher perturbative orders

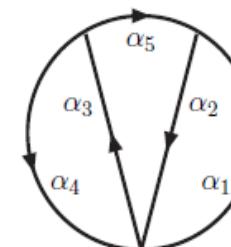
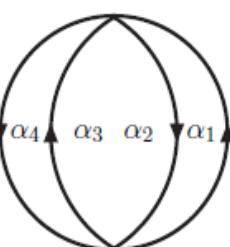
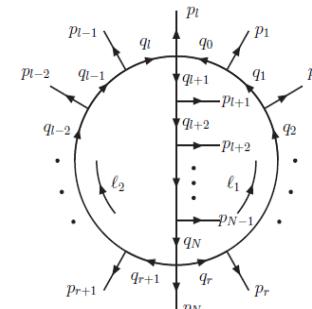
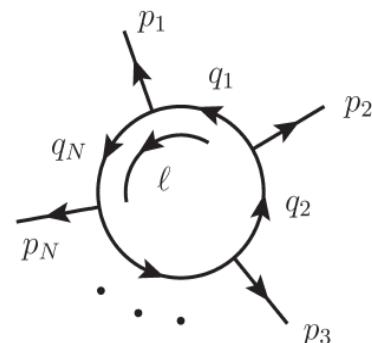


Quantum fluctuations at high-energy scattering processes

= Multiloop scattering amplitudes =



Loop diagrams



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Duality relation  
(LTD)

Singular  
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Applications

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# Loop-Tree Duality

- **What** does LTD do?

Opens any loop diagram to a forest of non-disjoint trees.

- **How** does it do?

Exploits the Cauchy residue theorem to reduce the dimension of the integration domain by one unit:

$$\int_{\mathbf{q}} \int d\mathbf{q}_0 \prod_{i=1}^N G_F(q_i) = -2\pi i \int_{\mathbf{q}} \sum_i \text{Res}_{\{Im q_0 < 0\}} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^N G_F(q_i) \right]$$

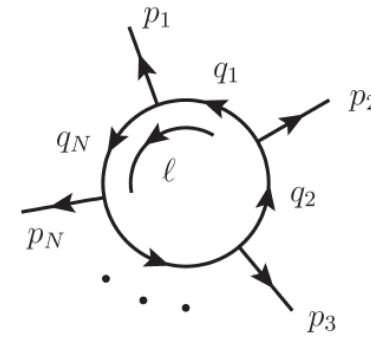
Minkowski space



Euclidean space

# Loop-Tree Duality

□ At one loop



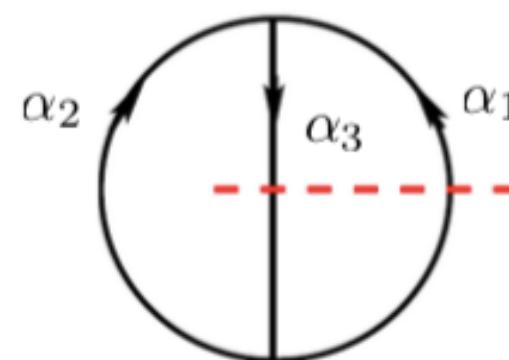
$$= - \sum_i \int_{\ell} \tilde{\delta}(q_i) \mathcal{N}\left(\ell, \{p_j\}_N\right) \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^N G_D(q_i; q_j)$$

- $\tilde{\delta}(q_i) = i2\pi\theta(q_{i,0})\delta(q_i^2 - m_i^2)$  sets internal line on-shell, positive energy mode.
- $G_D(q_i; q_j) = \frac{1}{q_j^2 - m_j^2 - i0\eta k_{ji}}$  **dual propagator**,  $k_{ji} = q_j - q_i$
- Modification of the customary **+i0** Feynman's prescription. Only the **sign** matters.
- $\eta$  a future-like vector, convenient to take  $\eta^\mu = (1, \mathbf{0})$ .

# Loop-Tree Duality

- Dual representation of the two-loop integral as a function of double-cut only.

$$\int_{\ell_1} \int_{\ell_2} \mathcal{N} \left( \{\ell_1, \ell_2\}, \{p_j\}_N \right) G_F(\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2 \cup \alpha_3) = \int_{\ell_1} \int_{\ell_2} \mathcal{N} \left( \{\ell_1, \ell_2\}, \{p_j\}_N \right) [G_D(\alpha_1) G_D(\alpha_2 \cup \alpha_3) + G_D(-\alpha_1 \cup \alpha_2) G_D(\alpha_3) - G_D(\alpha_1) G_F(\alpha_2) G_D(\alpha_3)]$$



Reversing  
momentum flow

$$G_F(\alpha_k) = - \sum_{i \in \alpha_k} G_F(q_i)$$

$$G_D(\alpha_k) = - \sum_{i \in \alpha_k} \int_{\ell} \tilde{\delta}(q_i) \prod_{j \neq i} G_D(q_i; q_j)$$

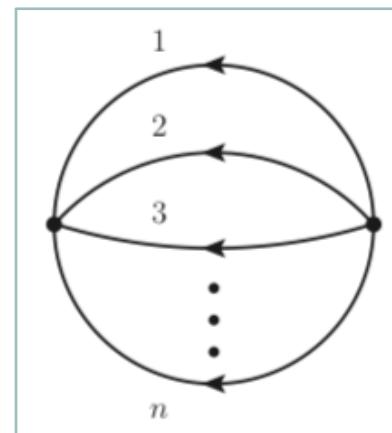
# New dual representation to all orders

- Can we find explicit and more compact analytic expressions with the LTD formalism to **all orders**?

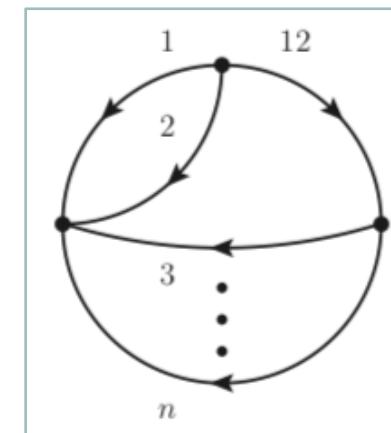


Powerful guide to identify the appropriated dual contributions to all orders

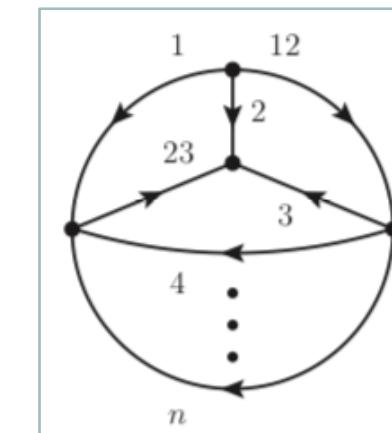
$MLT$



$NMLT$



$N^2 MLT$



# Notation

- $S$  : set of internal propagators that depend on  $\ell_s$  with momenta

$$q_{i_s} = \ell_s + k_{i_s}, \quad i_s \in S$$

and  $k_{i_s}$  a linear combination of external momenta,  $\{p_j\}_N$

- Feynman propagator

$$G_F(q_{i_s}) = \frac{1}{q_{i_s,0}^2 - (q_{i_s,0}^{(+)})^2} \quad \text{where} \quad q_{i_s,0}^{(+)} = \sqrt{\mathbf{q}_{i_s}^2 + m_{i_s}^2 - i0}$$

$q_{i_s,0}$  and  $\mathbf{q}_{i_s}$  time and spacial components of  $q_{i_s}$ ,  $m_{i_s}$  its mass, and  $i0$  the usual Feynman's infinitesimal imaginary prescription.

# Notation

- Encoding in a compact way

$$G_F(1, \dots, n) = \prod_{i \in 1 \cup \dots \cup n} (G_F(q_i))^{a_i},$$

$a_i$  an arbitrary power.

- $L$ -loop scattering amplitude is expressed as

$$\mathcal{A}_N^{(L)}(1, \dots, n) = \int_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_L} \mathcal{N}\left(\{\ell_i\}_L, \{p_j\}_N\right) G_F(1, \dots, n),$$

in the Feynman representation and integration measure

$$\int_{\ell_i} = -i\mu^{4-d} \int \frac{d^d \ell_i}{(2\pi)^d}.$$

# Notation

- Considering two internal lines that depend on the same loop momentum:

$$G_D(s; t) = -2\pi i \sum_{i_s \in s} \text{Res} (G_F(s, t), \text{Im } \eta q_{i_s} < 0)$$

- Recursive residue involving several lines:

$$G_D(1, \dots, s; n) = -2\pi i \sum_{i_s \in s} \text{Res} (G_D(1, \dots, s-1; s, n), \text{Im } \eta q_{i_s} < 0)$$


The diagram shows a dashed line connecting two rectangular boxes. The left box is labeled 'On-shell' and the right box is labeled 'Off-shell'. This visualizes the recursive nature of the residue calculation, where an off-shell line is being integrated over.

We also introduce numerators and define the corresponding unintegrated open dual amplitudes as

$$\mathcal{A}_D^{(L)}(1, \dots, r; n).$$

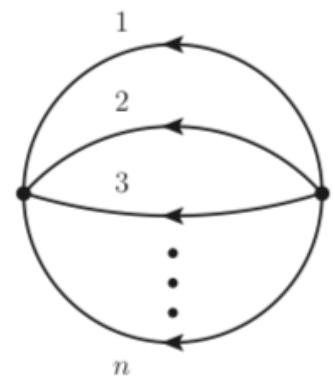
# Maximal Loop Topology (*MLT*)

- *MLT* is a  $L$ -loop topology with  $n = L + 1$  sets of propagators.

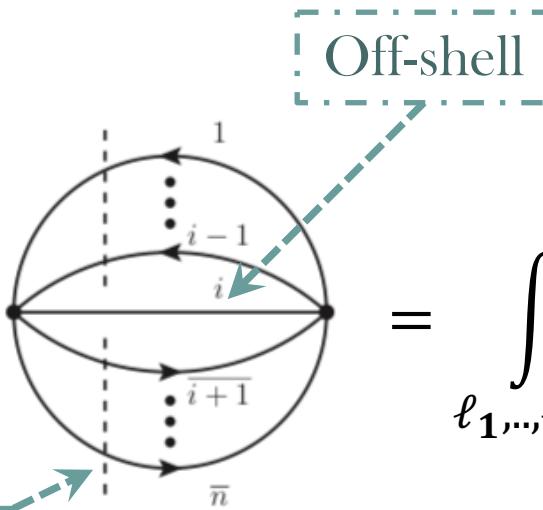
$$q_{i_s} = \begin{cases} \ell_s + k_{i_s}, & s \in \{1, \dots, L\} \\ -\sum_{s=1}^L \ell_s + k_{i_n}, & s = n \end{cases}$$

- Proven by induction:

$$\mathcal{A}_{MLT}^{(L)}(1, \dots, n)$$



$$= \sum_{i=1}^n$$



$$= \int_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_L} \sum_{i=1}^n$$

$$\mathcal{A}_D^{(L)}(1, \dots, i-1, \overline{i+1}, \dots, \bar{n}; i)$$

Momentum flow reversed  
n - 1 on-shell propagators

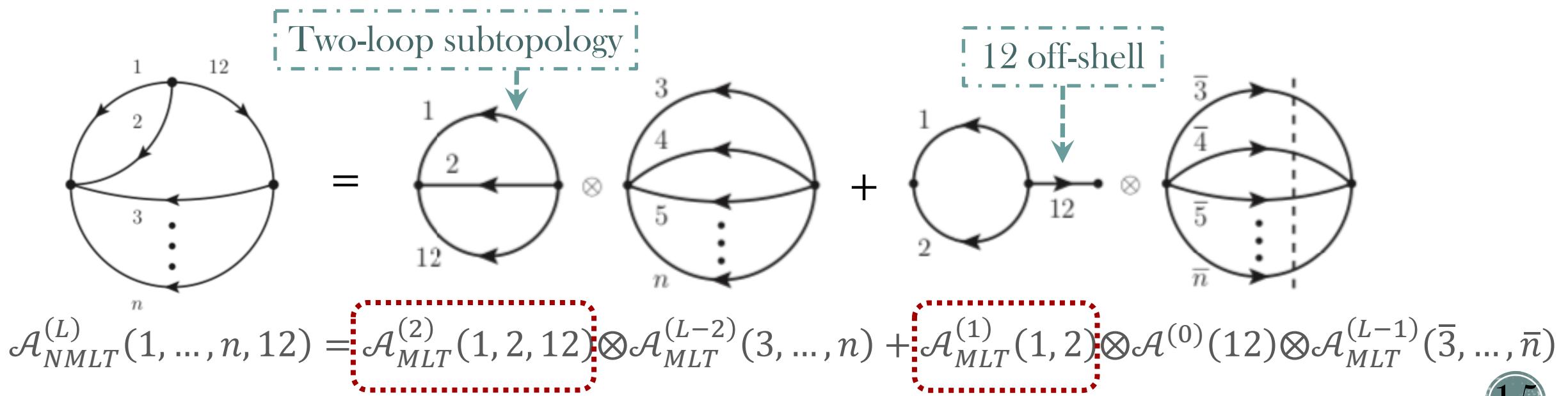
# Maximal Loop Topology (*MLT*)

- We have the dual cancellations of unphysical or non-causal singularities, which are essential to support that all the causal and anomalous thresholds, and infrared singularities are restricted to a compact region (see Aguilera's talk).
- $\mathcal{A}_{MLT}^{(L)}(1, \dots, n)$  can be written in terms of causal propagators only. We conjecture that this holds to all-orders/topologies.

# Next-to-Maximal Loop Topology ( $NMLT$ )

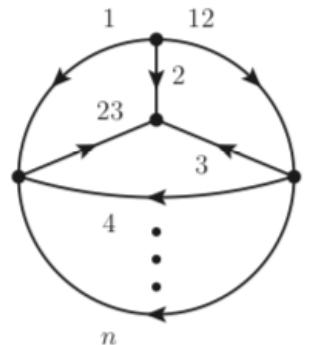
- $\square$   $NMLT$ , the next multiloop topology in complexity contains an extra set of momenta, denoted by 12.

$$q_{i_s} = \begin{cases} \ell_s + k_{i_s}, & s \in \{1, \dots, L\} \\ -\sum_{s=1}^L \ell_s + k_{i_n}, & s = n \\ -\ell_1 - \ell_2 + k_{i_{12}}, & s = 12 \end{cases}$$



# Next-to-Next-to-Maximal Loop Topology ( $N^2MLT$ )

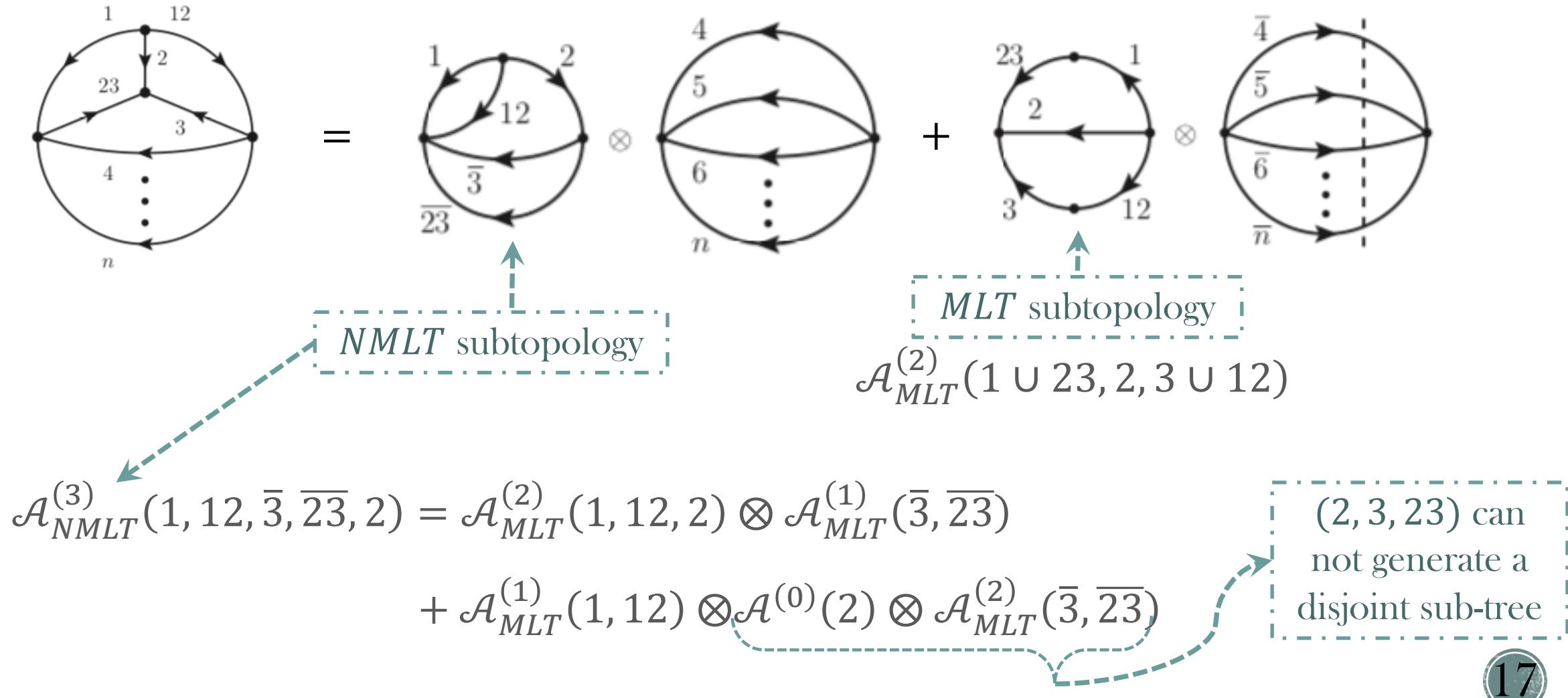
- $N^2MLT$ , the next multiloop topology in complexity contains, besides the 12-set another set denoted 23.



$$q_{i_s} = \begin{cases} \ell_s + k_{i_s}, & s \in \{1, \dots, L\} \\ -\sum_{s=1}^L \ell_s + k_{i_n}, & s = n \\ -\ell_1 - \ell_2 + k_{i_{12}}, & s = 12 \\ -\ell_2 - \ell_3 + k_{i_{23}}, & s = 23 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{N^2MLT}^{(L)}(1, \dots, n, 12, 23) &= \boxed{\mathcal{A}_{NMLT}^{(3)}(1, 12, \bar{3}, \bar{23}, 2)} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{MLT}^{(L-3)}(4, \dots, n) \\ &\quad + \boxed{\mathcal{A}_{MLT}^{(2)}(1 \cup 23, 2, 3 \cup 12)} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{MLT}^{(L-2)}(\bar{4}, \dots, \bar{n}) \end{aligned}$$

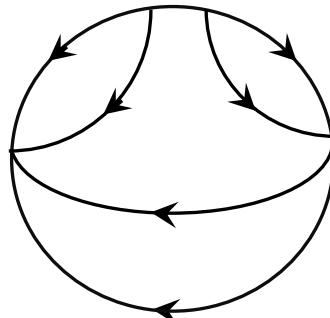
# Next-to-Next-to-Maximal Loop Topology ( $N^2MLT$ )



# Higher orders

- More complex topologies at higher orders.

For example the multiloop topology made of one *MLT* and two two-loop *NMLT* subtopologies appears for the first time at four loops.



This topology is open to non-disjoint trees by leaving three loop sets off-shell and by introducing on-shell conditions in the others under certain conditions.

# Conclusions

- We have obtained a very compact dual representation for selected loop topologies to all orders up to three loops. New topologies at four loops qualitatively described.
- These loop-tree dual representations exhibit a nested form in terms of simpler topologies. We conjecture that this factorization works at all orders.
- The explicit expressions presented allow us to describe any scattering amplitude up to three-loops.
- This reformulation of LTD based on the original dual relation is particularly advantageous to reveal formal aspects of multiloop scattering amplitudes.

Gracias

