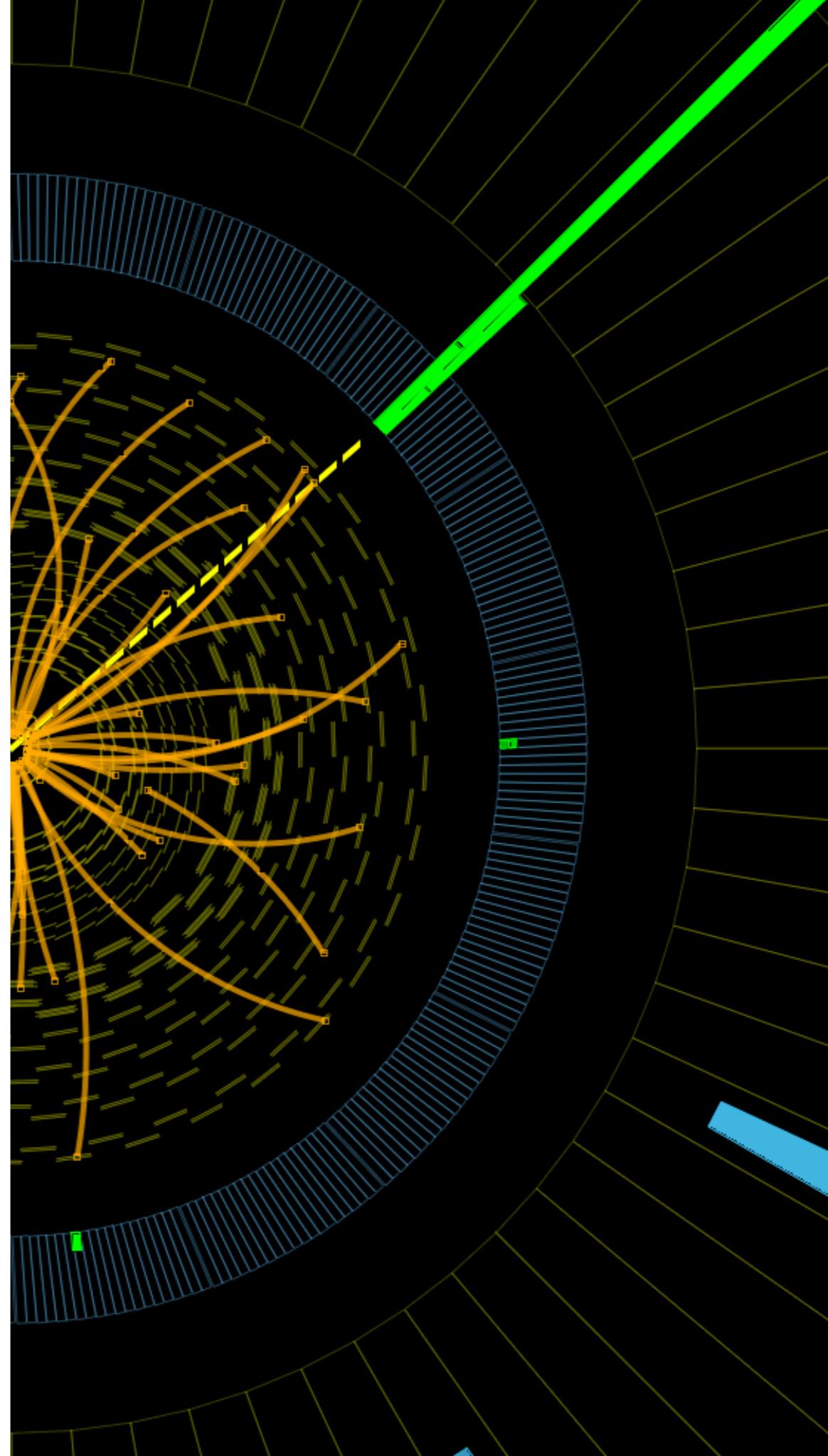


# PROGRESS IN MULTI-LOOP CALCULATIONS

(FOR TOP AND HIGGS  
PHYSICS)

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# PRECISION QCD @ LHC

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Precision @ the LHC, means (mainly) precision in QCD, in a very dirty environment!

Factorisation of long and short range physics

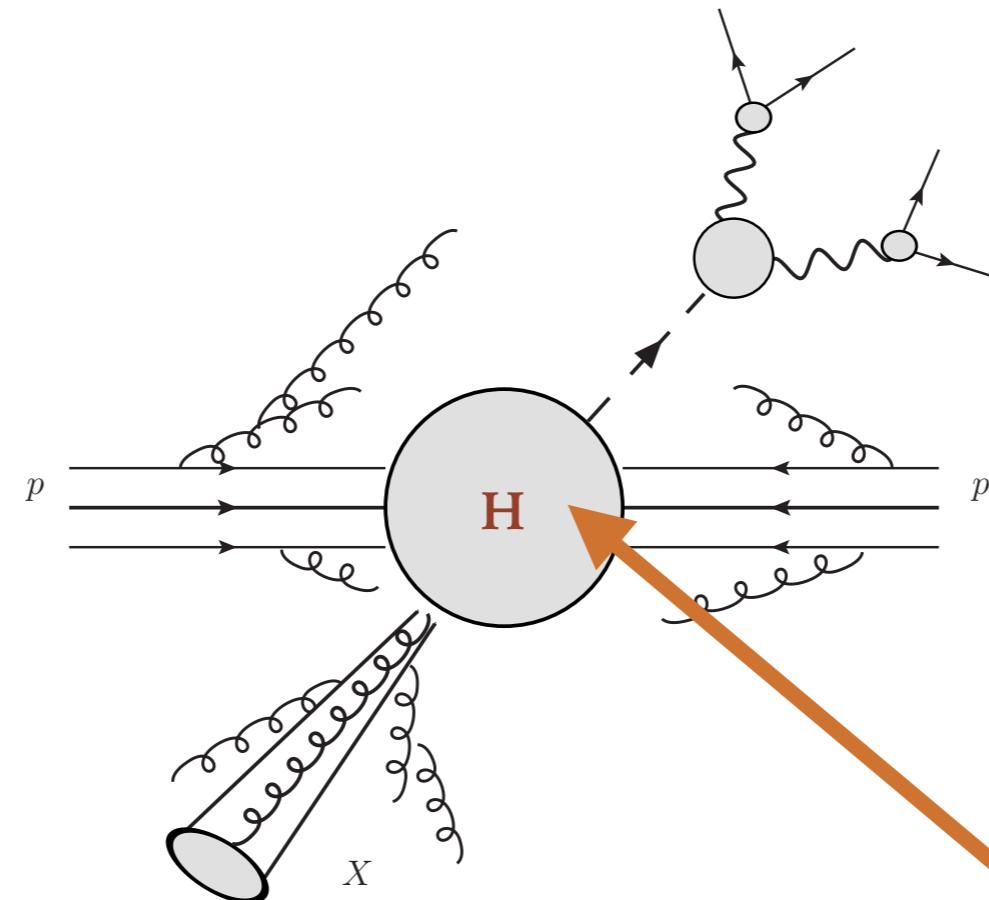
Non perturbative corrections

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}}{Q}\right) \sim \text{few percent?}$$

Precise determination of parton content of proton

PDFs Currently known at level  $\sim$  few % for LHC

$$pp \rightarrow HX \rightarrow l_1\bar{l}_1 + l_2\bar{l}_2 + X$$



This Talk: focus on **HARD SCATTERING**

Aim to  $\sim$  % precision

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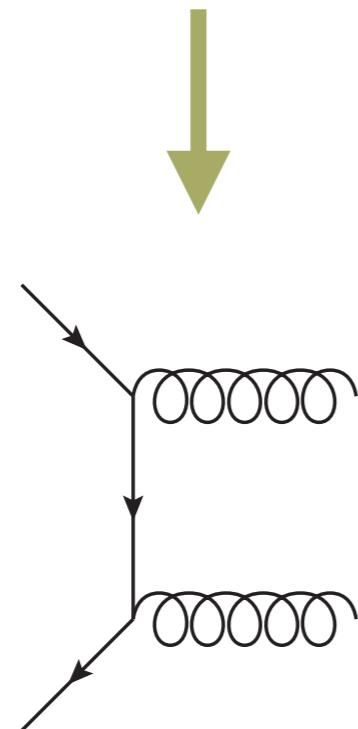
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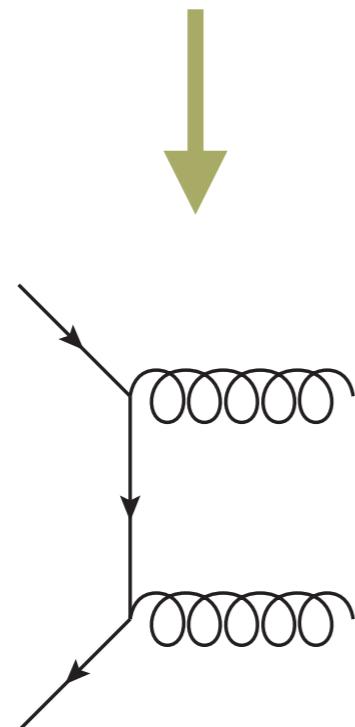


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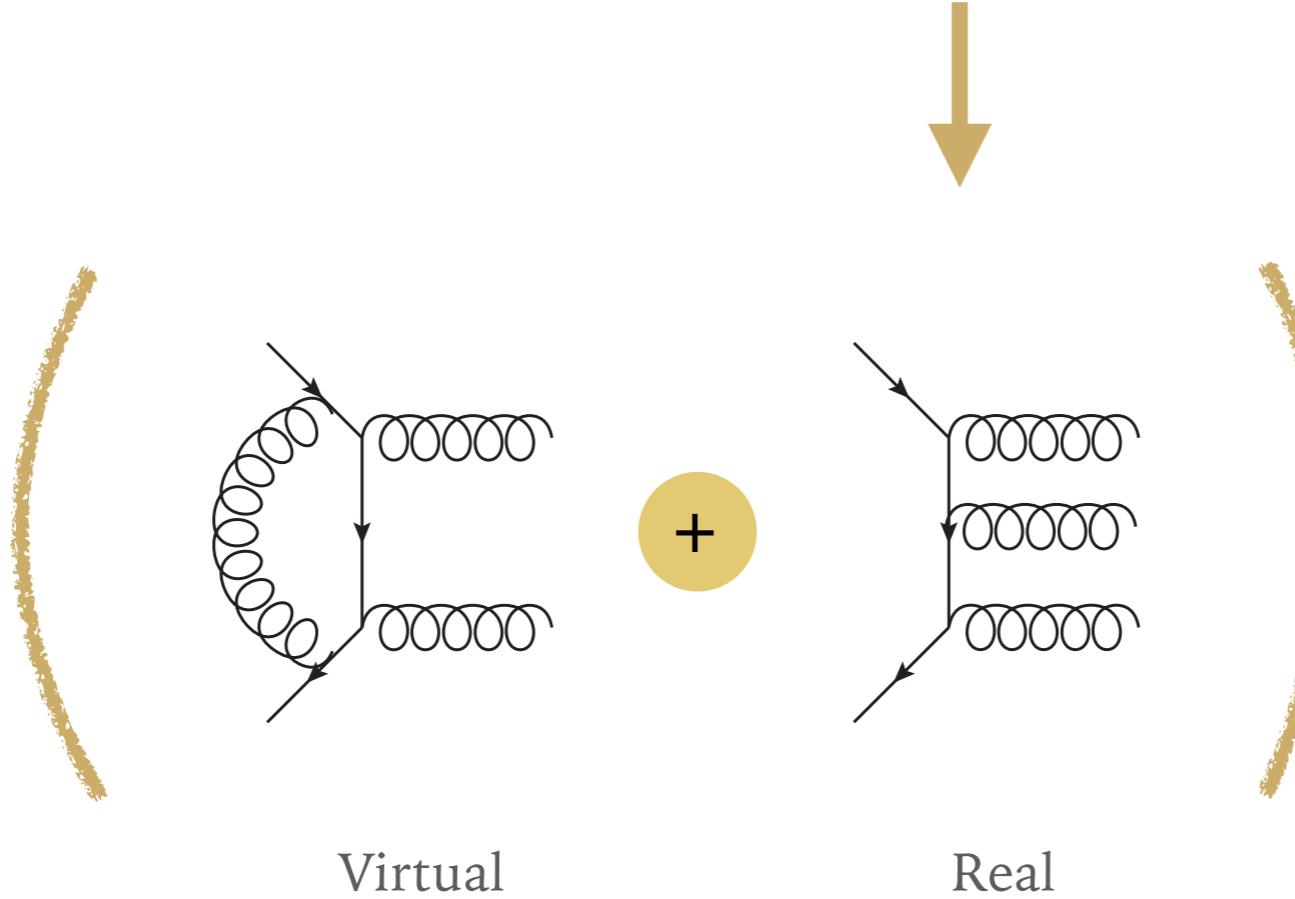
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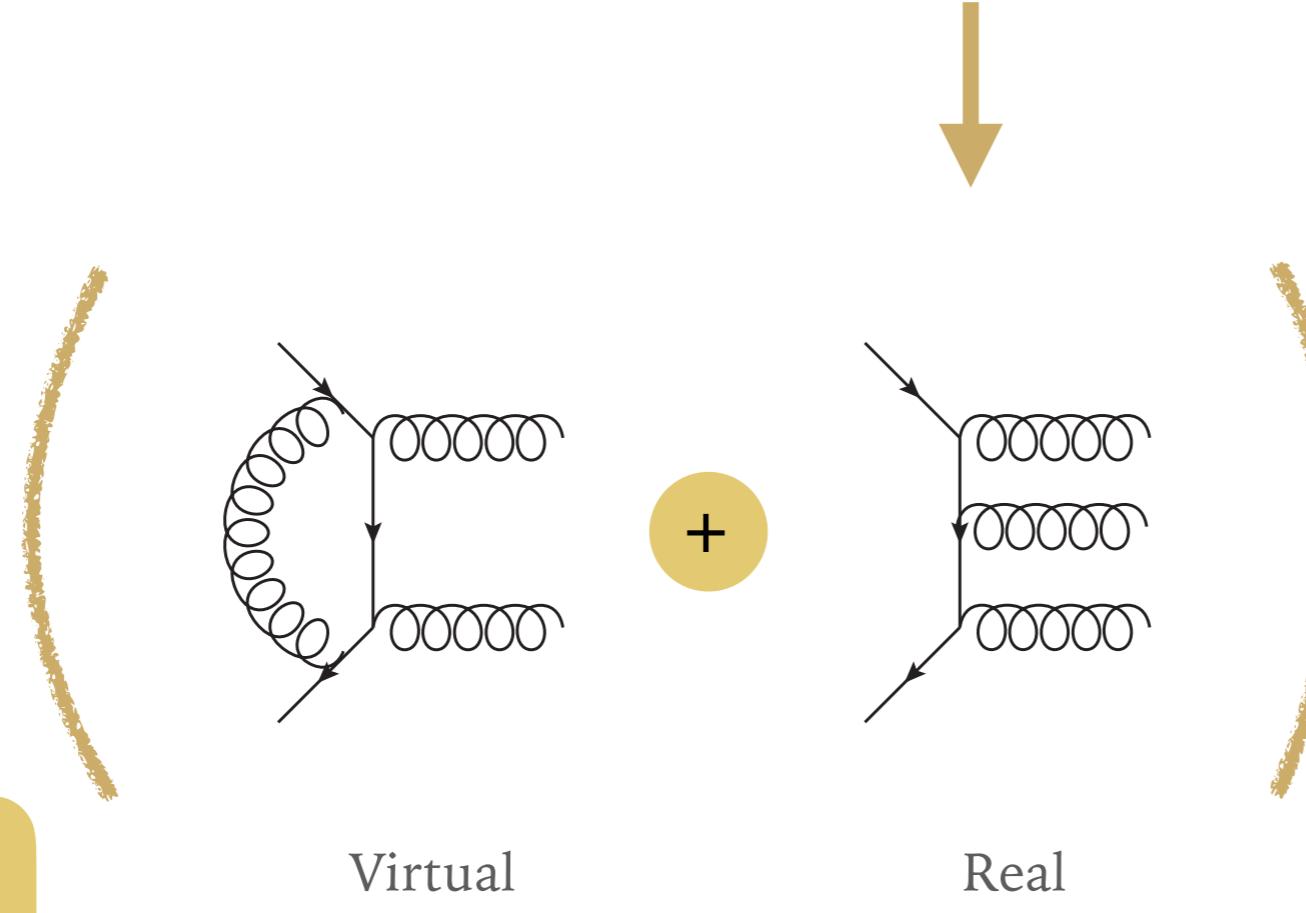
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# THE NLO REVOLUTION (ONE-LOOP VIRTUAL AMPLITUDES)

Unitarity @ 1 loop

[Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau, '04]

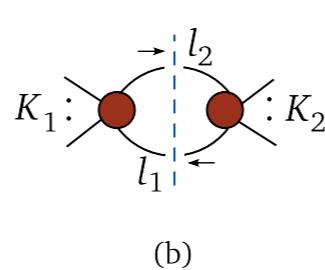
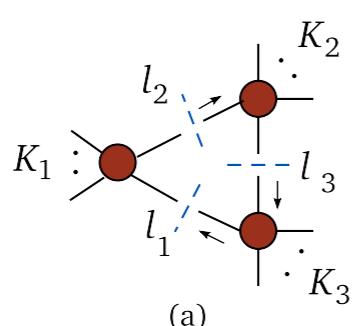
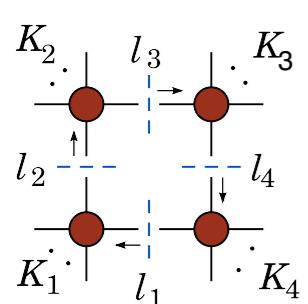
[Bern Dixon, Kosover, '05]

[Ellis, Kunszt, Melnikov, Zanderighi, '08]

Every 1 loop amplitude can be decomposed in boxes, triangles, bubbles and tadpoles

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of a 1-loop amplitude (represented by a shaded circle) into four types of master integrals. The decomposition is given by:

$$= \sum_i C_i^4 \text{ (Box)} + \sum_i C_i^3 \text{ (Triangle)} + \sum_i C_i^2 \text{ (Bubble)} + \sum_i C_i^1 \text{ (Tadpole)} + \mathcal{R}$$



All Master integrals known analytically  
in terms of simple functions:  
logarithms, di-logarithms

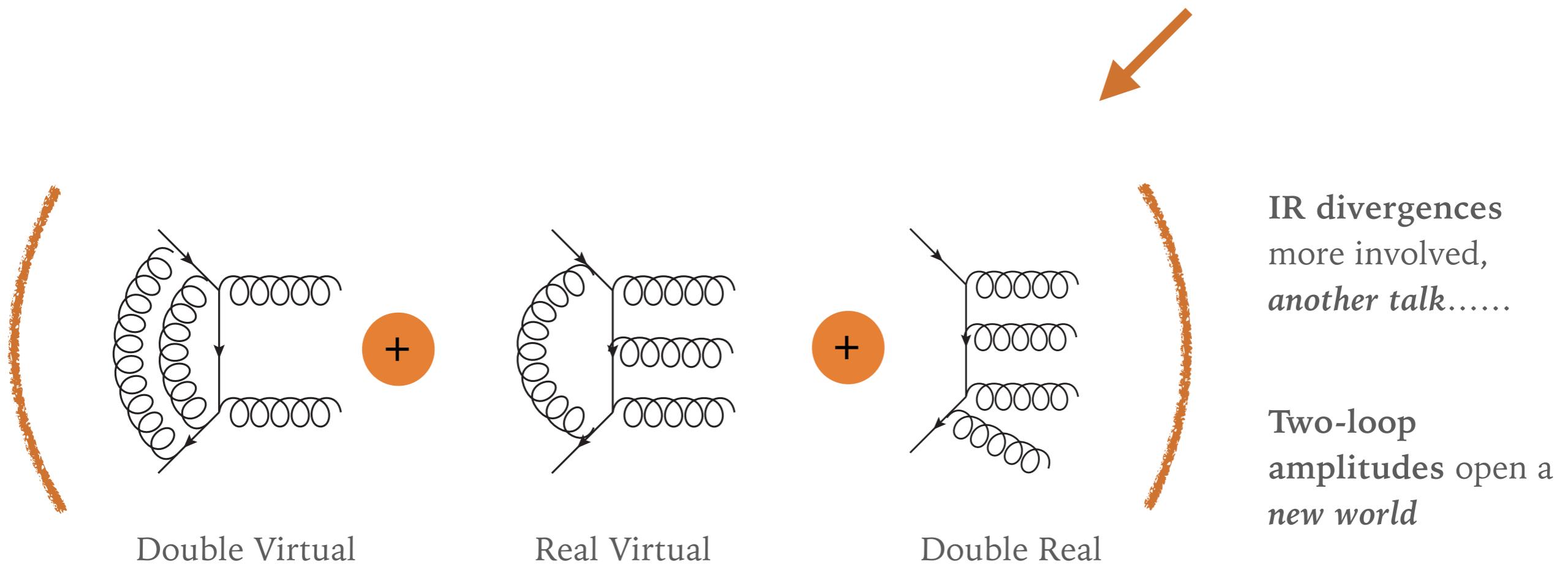
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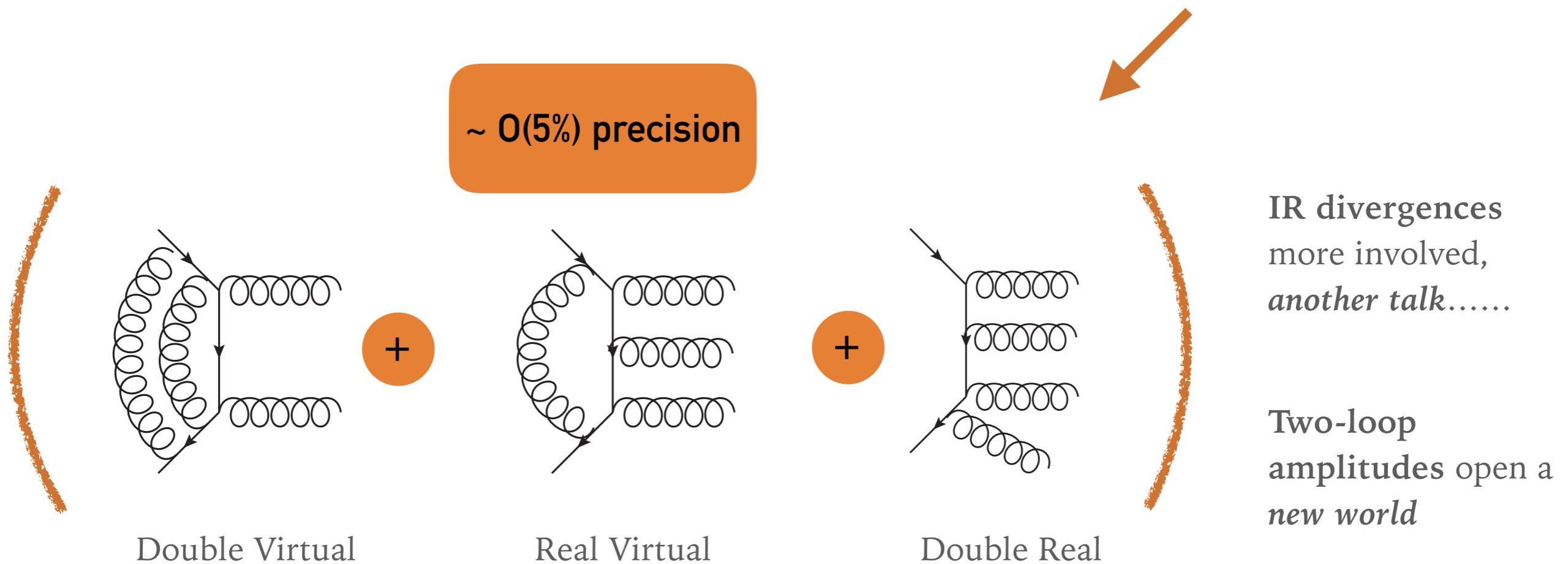
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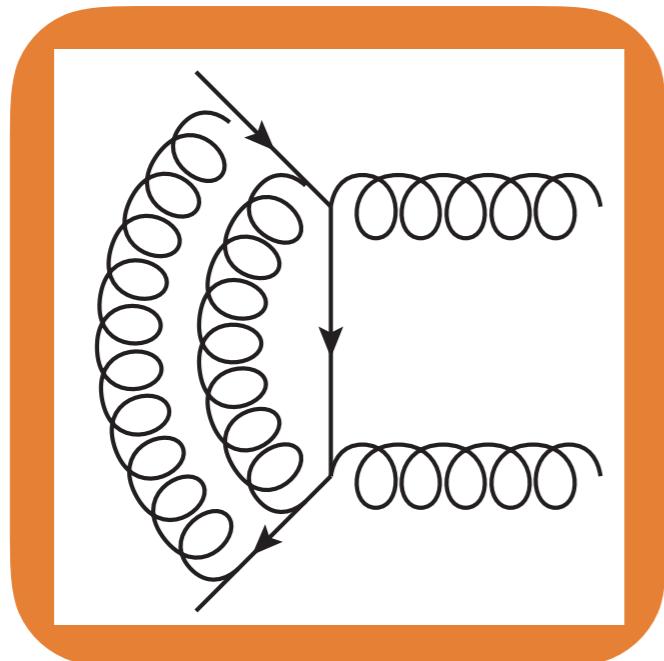


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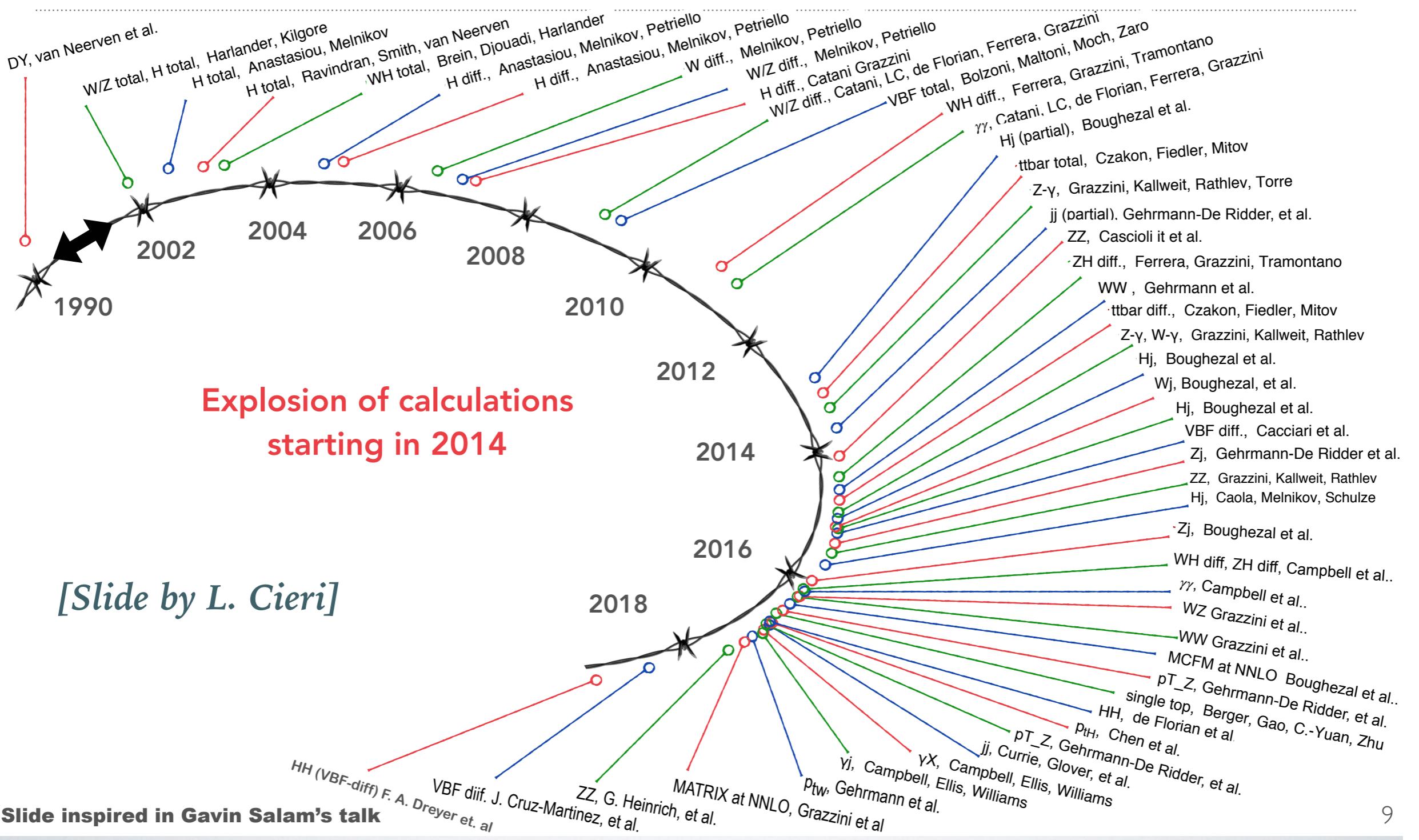
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This Talk!

*A lot of developments...*

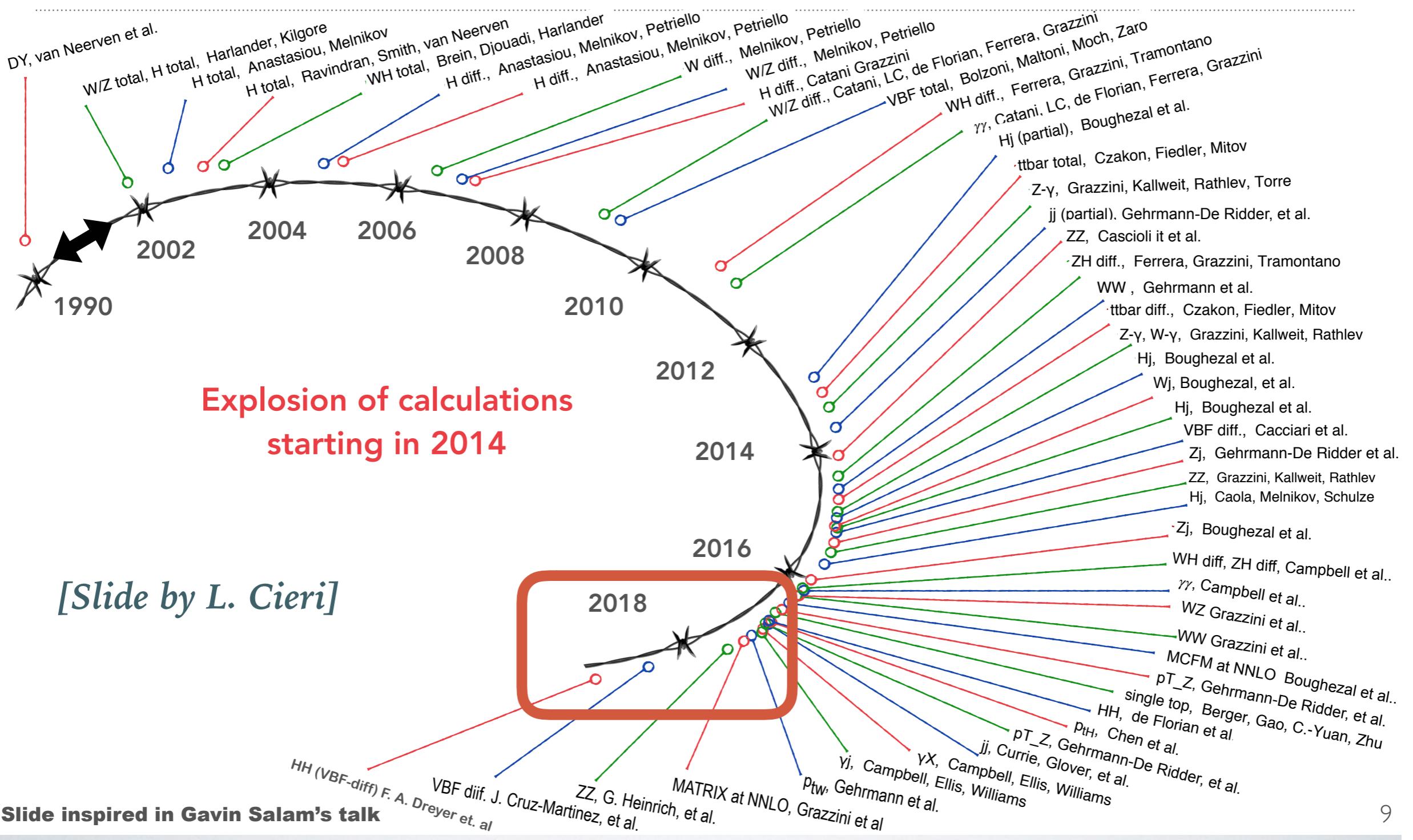
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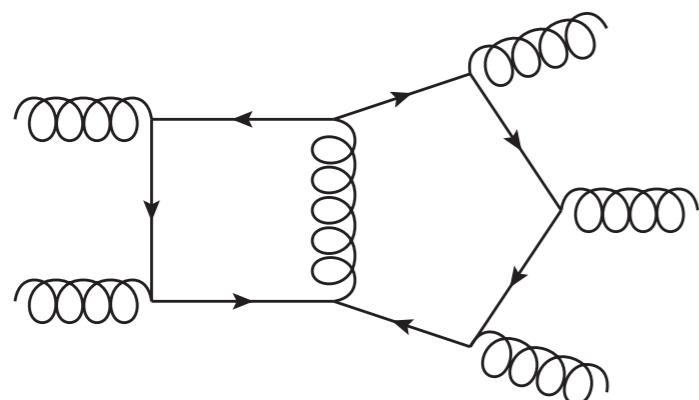
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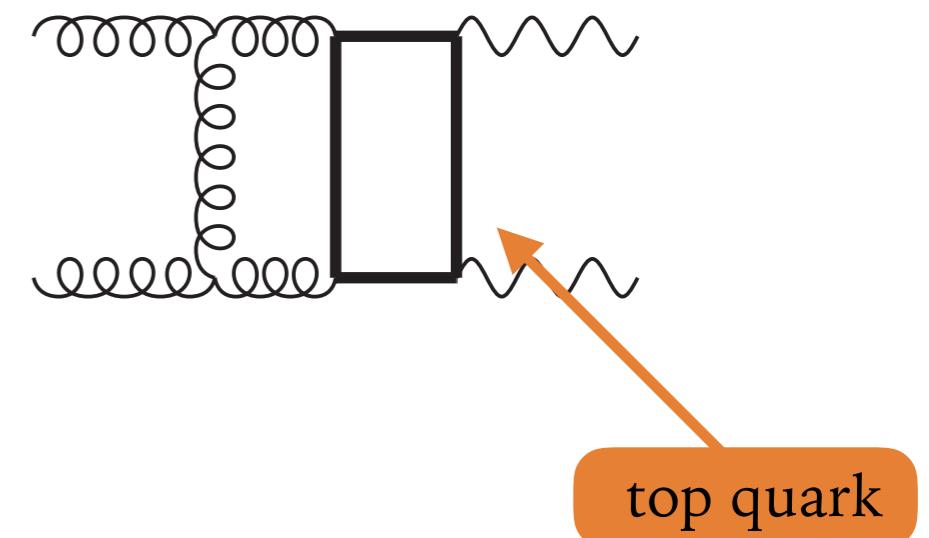
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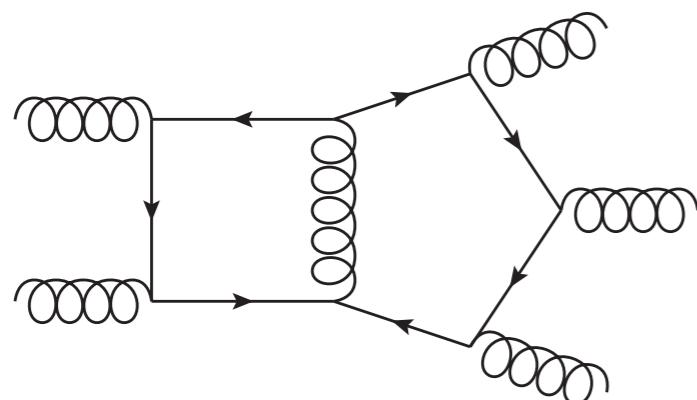
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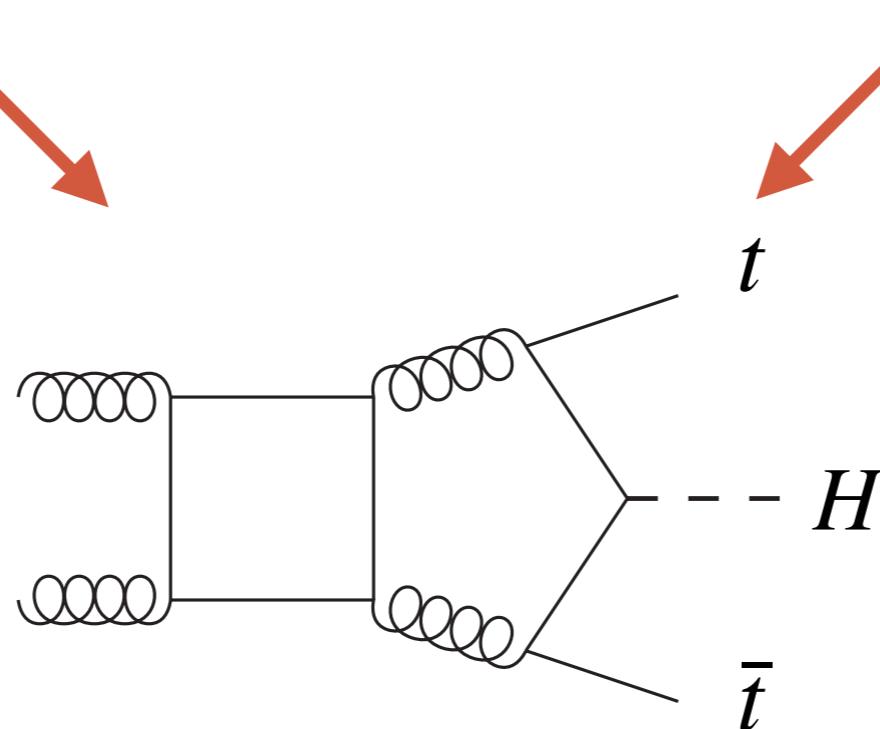
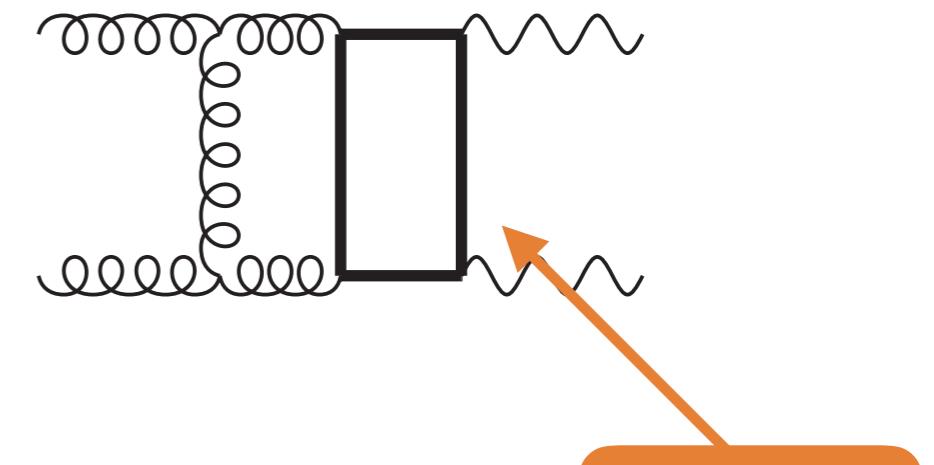
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$t\bar{t} + X$  production...?!?!

A lot of physics potential in particular in  $t\bar{t}H$ !!!

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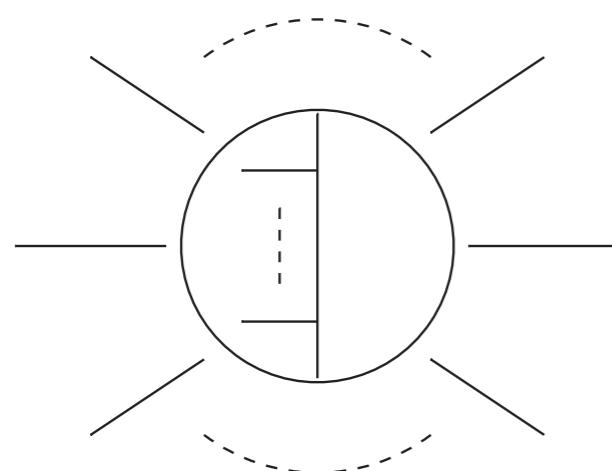
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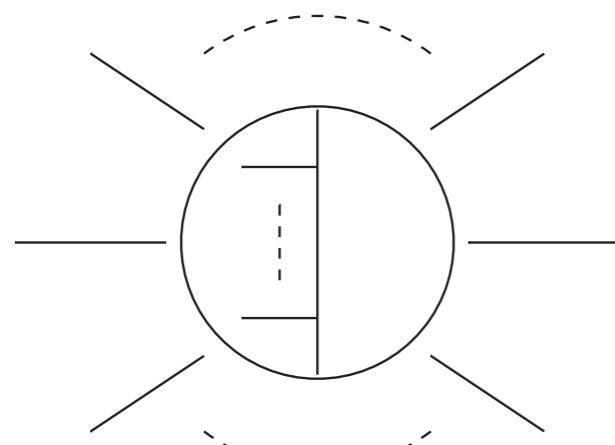
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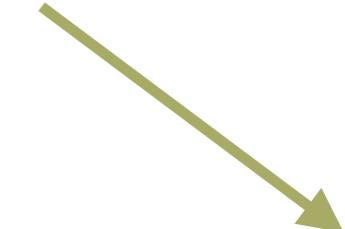
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the process considered



Fundamental process-independent  
building blocks: Master Integrals

Very complicated rational  
functions, hundreds of  
**Mbs** for complicated  
processes:

**Algebraic Complexity**

Very involved **special  
functions** with  
complicated mathematical  
properties:

**Analytic complexity**

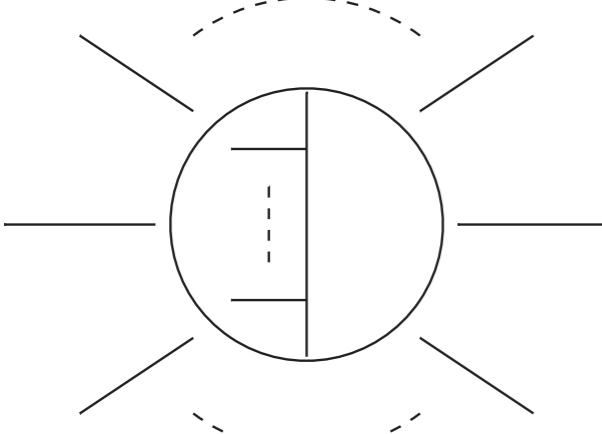
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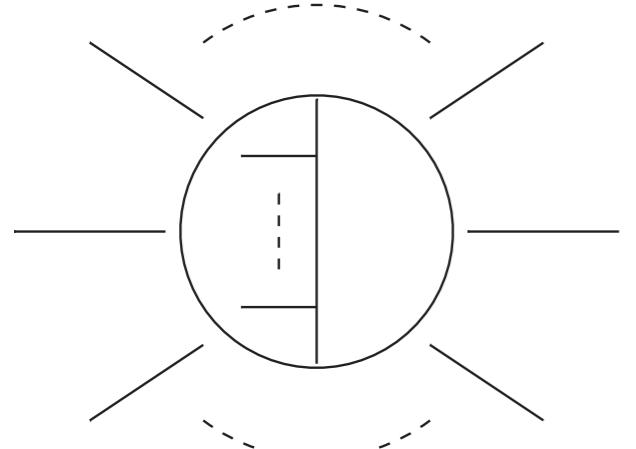

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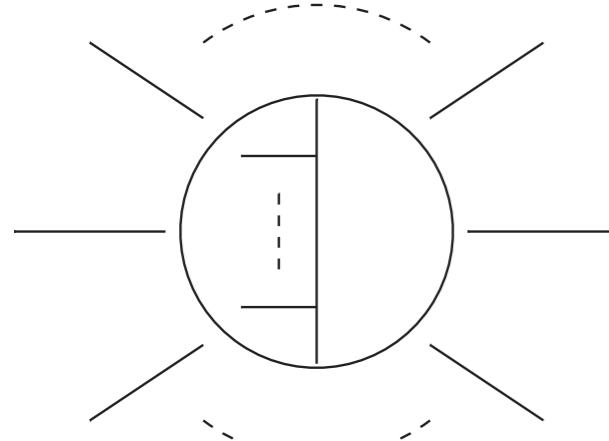
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A Feynman diagram showing a square loop with four external lines. Each line is represented by a wavy line segment. The top and bottom segments have arrows pointing to the right, while the left and right segments have arrows pointing upwards. A dashed line extends from the bottom-right corner of the square.

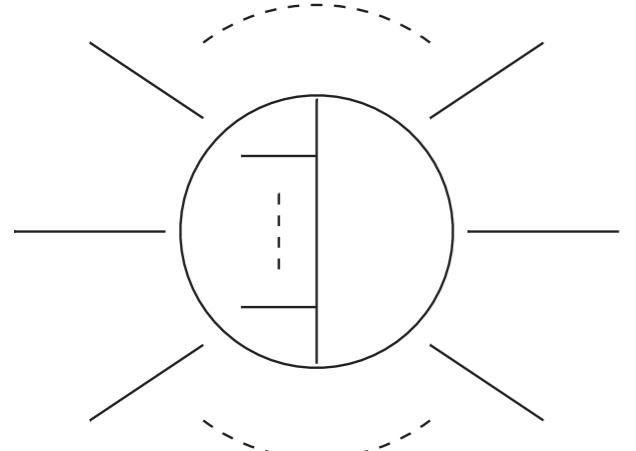
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Interesting problem: can we exploit simplifications from 4-dimensional external states? -> [Chen ‘19] [Peraro, Tancredi ‘19](\*)

(\*) Simplify way to extract form factors using ’t Hooft-Veltman scheme

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Conceptually “simple”, requires *enormous computational resources*

improvement in algorithms

Unitarity-compatible IBPs

Finite-fields based techniques

KIRA, [Maierhöfer, Usovitsch, Uwer]  
Block-dig system [Guan, Liu et al]

[Ita, Abreu, Page, Bosma, Kosower,  
Georgoudis, Larsen, Zhang, Zeng, ...]

[von Manteuffel, Schabinger]  
FiniteFlow [Perarol]

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Preliminary interesting results for  
decompositions into masters “without IBPs”  
—> generalisation of 1-loop unitarity?

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Keep an eye on it!

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# **ANALYTIC COMPLEXITY**

**(A.K.A COMPUTING THE INTEGRALS...)**

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Feynman integrals are source of **analytic structure** of the scattering amplitudes

Multivalued functions. **Branch-cut structure dictated by causality / unitarity!**

A Feynman diagram illustrating a loop integral. On the left, a wavy line enters a circular loop. An arrow points from the loop to a more complex diagram on the right. This second diagram shows a wavy line entering a vertex, which then splits into two paths that meet at another vertex before exiting as a wavy line. A vertical red line, representing a branch cut, passes through the second vertex. A red arrow points downwards from the top of this branch cut towards the mathematical expressions below.

$$\sim \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds'}{s' - s - i\epsilon} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s'(s' - 4m^2)}}$$
$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{s(s - 4m^2)}} \ln \left( \frac{\sqrt{s - 4m^2} + \sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{s - 4m^2} - \sqrt{s}} \right)$$

Multivalued functions, language of Riemann surfaces...

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There exist *numerical techniques* that attempt to define general and flexible strategies for the evaluation of Feynman integrals

- Sector decomposition (see S. Jones' talk)  $HH$ ,  $H + \text{jet}$  @ NLO through top loop
- Local subtraction of multiloop amplitudes [Anastasiou, Sterman '18]
- Application of loop-tree duality [Capatti, Hirschi et al '19] [Interesting, keep an eye!]
- ...

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We are discovering how geometry can help *simplify our approach to calculation of Feynman integrals*

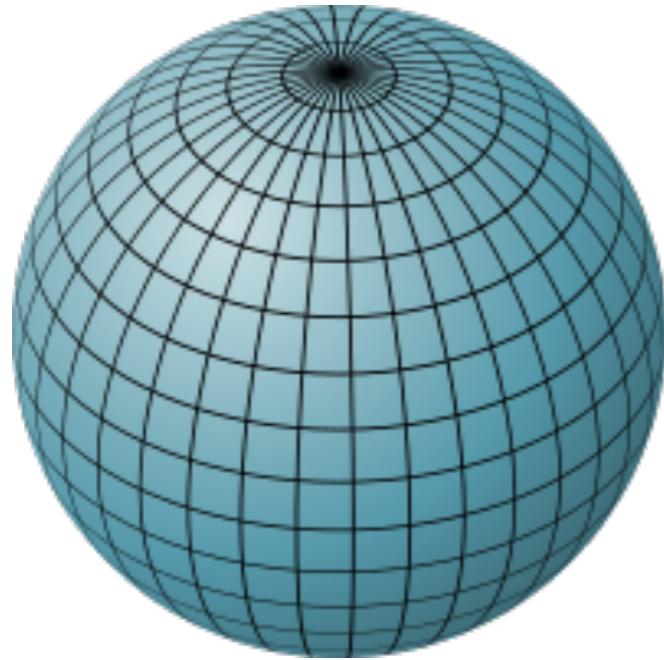
Feynman integrals naturally live on (complex) Riemann surfaces

$$\mathcal{I} \sim \int_0^\infty \prod_j dx_j \frac{\mathcal{U}^n}{\mathcal{F}^m}, \quad \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F} \text{ pol.} \rightarrow y = \mathcal{F}(x_1, \dots, x_n)^k$$

# EASY CASE: GENUS 0

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For the simplest kind of surface: Riemann Sphere  $\rightarrow$  genus 0



Multiple Polylogarithms are born!

Integrate Rational Functions

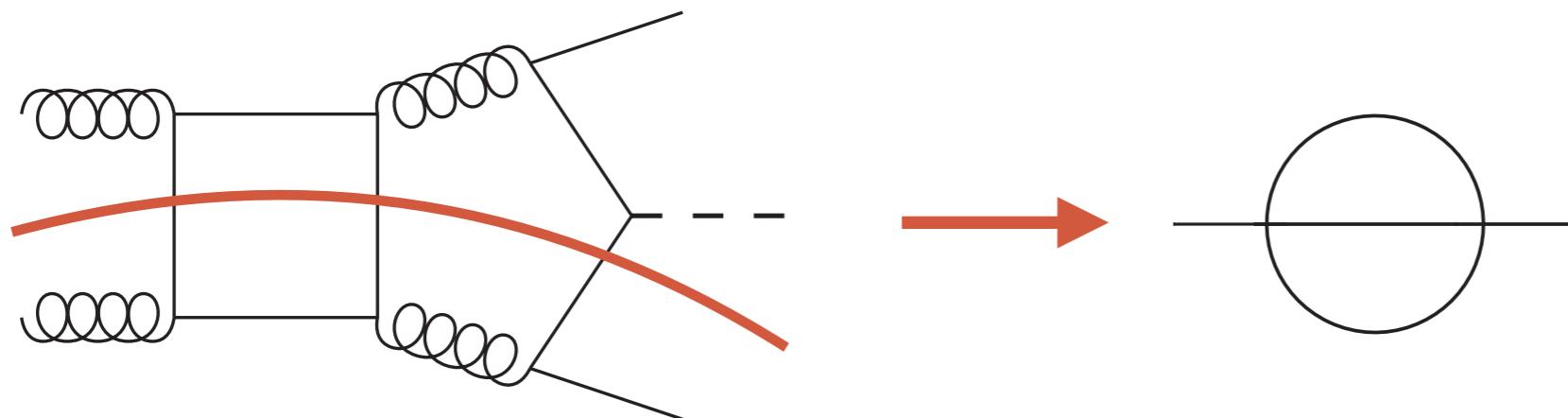
With complex poles on  
the Riemann sphere

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# THE ELLIPTIC WORLD: GENUS 1

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At two loops, MPLs are not enough -> there is more than rational functions



The sunrise integral

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(3m - \sqrt{s})(\sqrt{s} + m)^3}} K \left( \frac{16m^3 \sqrt{s}}{(3m - \sqrt{s})(\sqrt{s} + m)^3} \right)$$

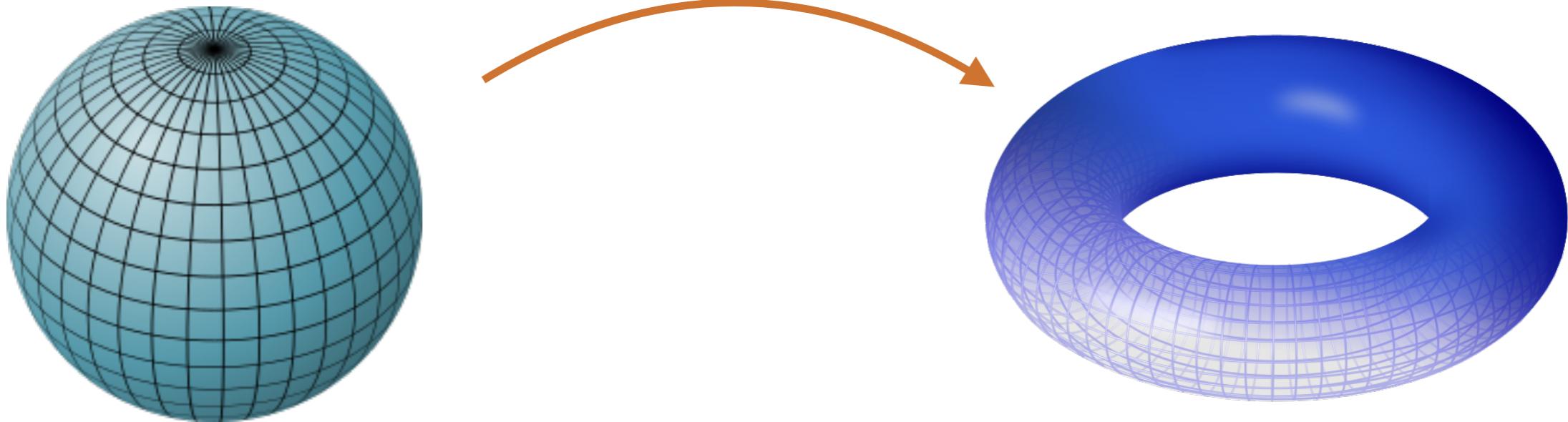
$$K(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(1 - z^2)(1 - x z^2)}}$$

Complete elliptic integral of 1st kind

# THE ELLIPTIC WORLD: GENUS 1

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It turns out that the geometry associated to an elliptic curve is a **complex torus**!

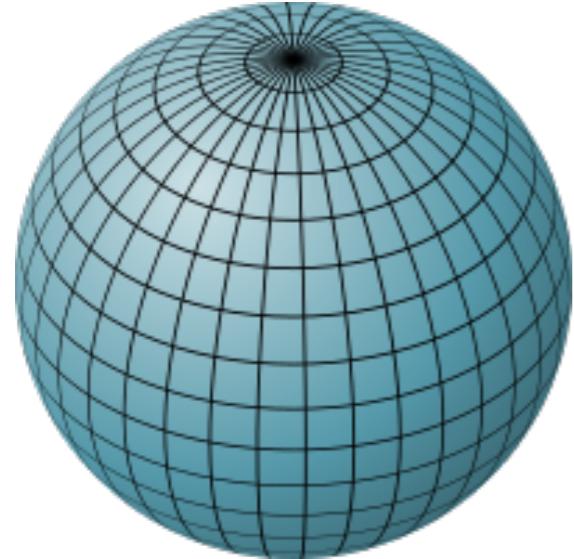


From Genus 0 to Genus 1!

But apart from the geometry, not much changes conceptually!

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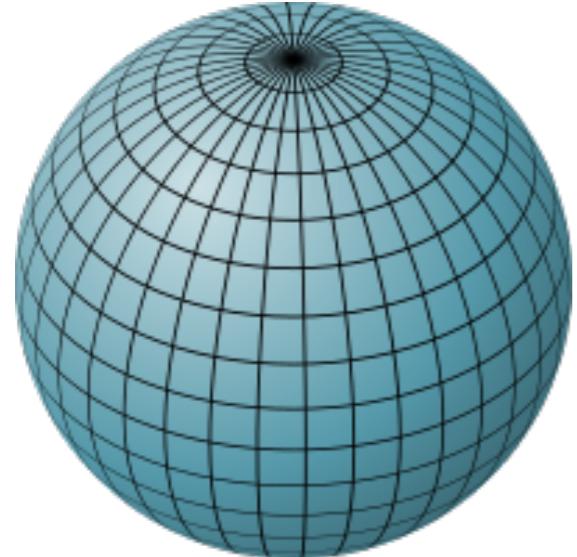
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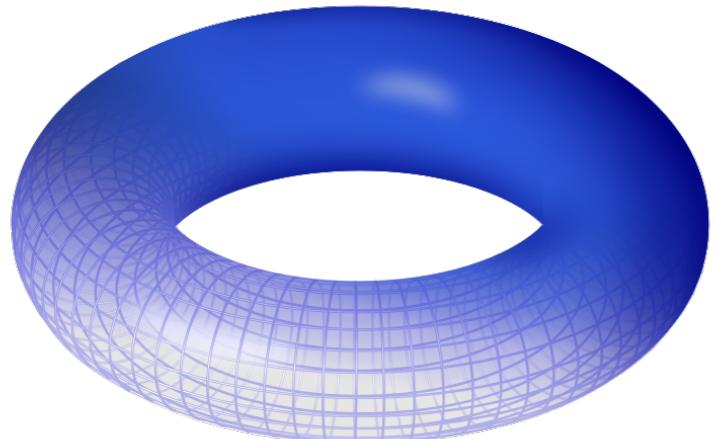
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Repeating MPLs  
construction on a more  
complicated geometry



$$\mathcal{E}_4\left(\frac{n_1}{c_1} \dots \frac{n_k}{c_k}; x, \vec{a}\right) = \int_0^x dt \ \Psi_{n_1}(c_1, t, \vec{a}) \ \mathcal{E}_4\left(\frac{n_2}{c_2} \dots \frac{n_k}{c_k}; t, \vec{a}\right)$$

[Brown, Levin '11; Adams, Weinzierl '13,'15; Broedel, Duhr, Dulat, Penante, Tancredi '17,'18,'19; Broedel, Mafra, Matthes, Schlotterer '15,'16]

A lot of progress in understanding these functions, very exciting!

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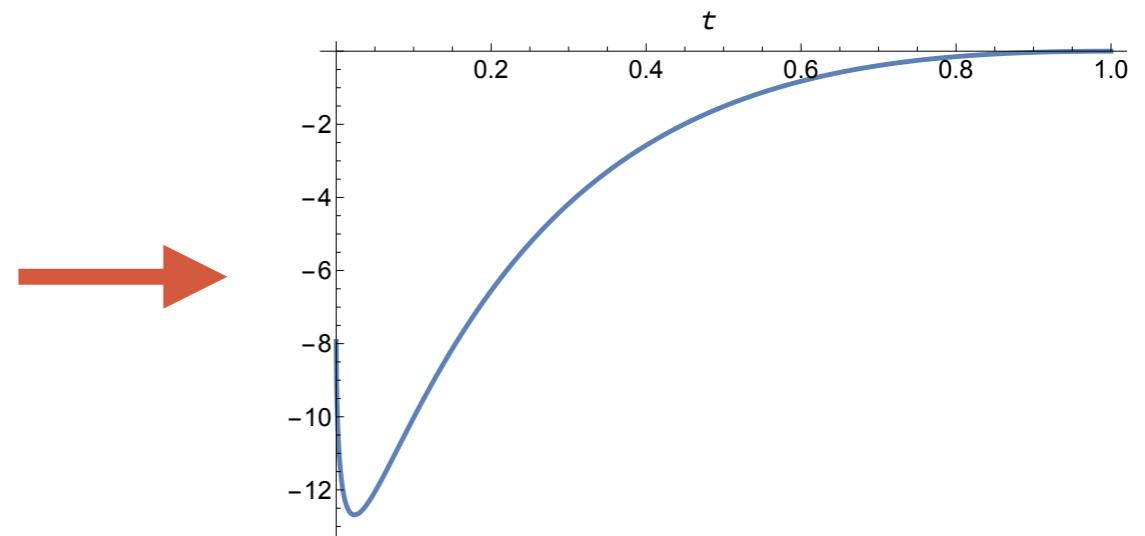
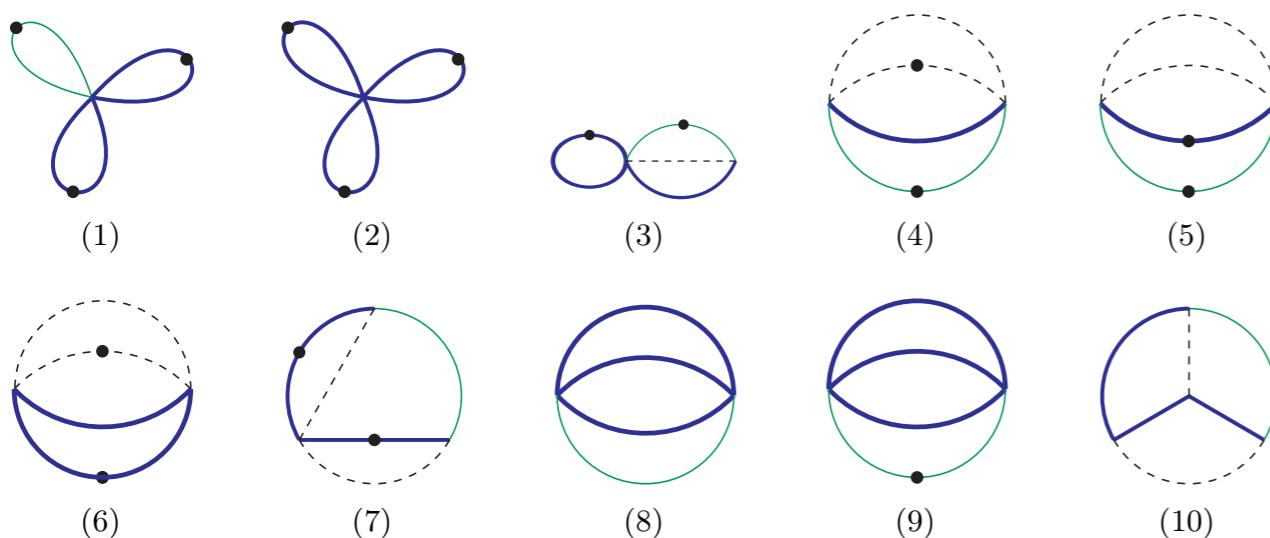
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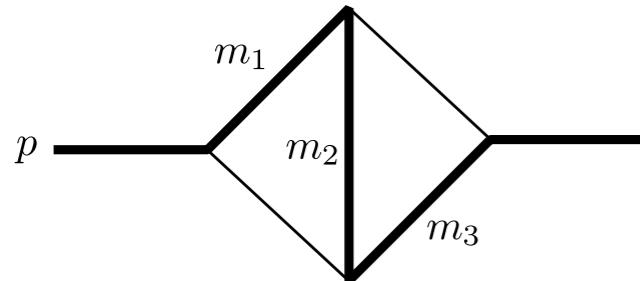
[Abreu, Becchetti, Duhr, Marzucca '19]



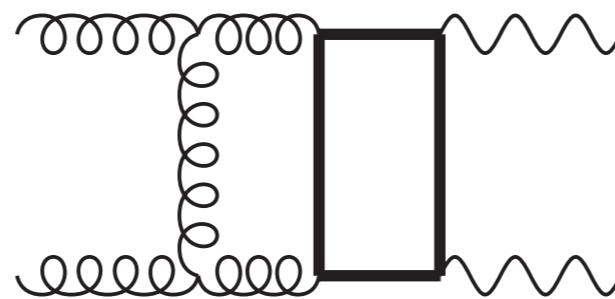
Analytic continuation and numerical  
evaluation across whole phase-space

# TOWARDS HIGGS AND TOPS

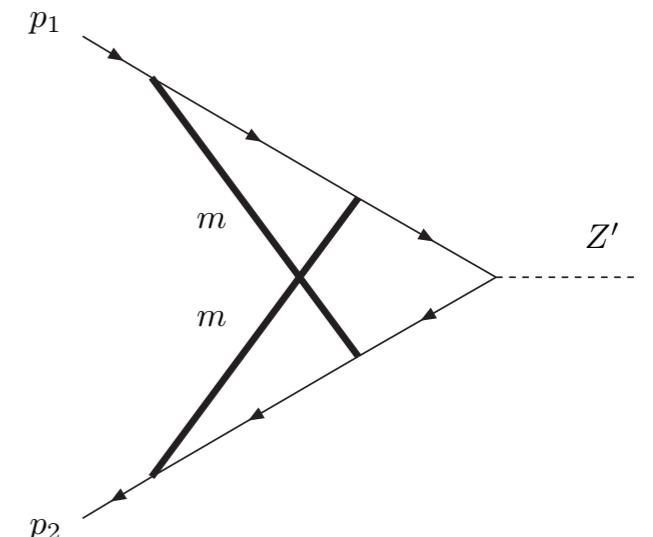
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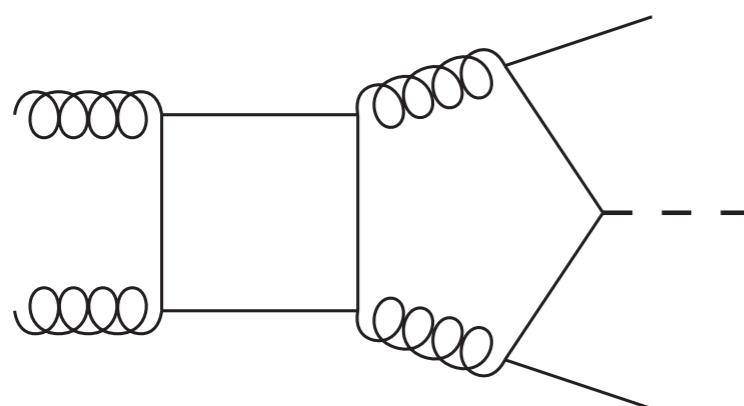
Kite integral (self-energies...)



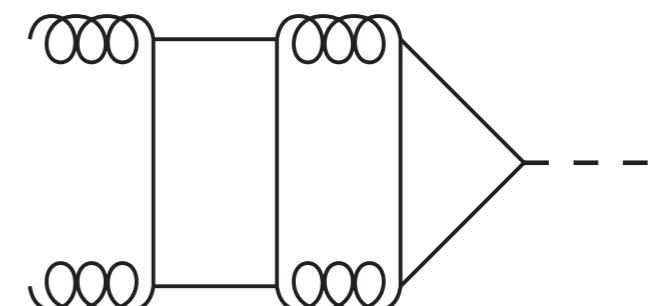
QCD with top quarks



EW form factor



ttb + X processes



H form factor at 3 loops

Iterated integrals of elliptic type are crucial for high precision calculations in the Higgs and top sectors !

# CONCLUSIONS

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- NNLO (and sometimes N3LO) calculations require evaluation of multiloop scattering amplitudes in the standard model
- In spite of impressive developments, most  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes remain out of reach because of the complexity of the relevant scattering amplitudes
- Complexity of two types: **Algebraic** and **Analytic**
- New techniques being developed to handle this complexity: *Finite fields + unitarity* for algebraic complexity and a new *geometrical point of view* for analytical complexity
- Pheno for  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes @ NNLO start being within reach...

Stay tuned!

**THANK YOU!**