

# First Result for a Full Two-Loop Five-Gluon Amplitude

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# One year ago

## Developments in scattering amplitudes for three-jet production at NNLO

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work in progress with

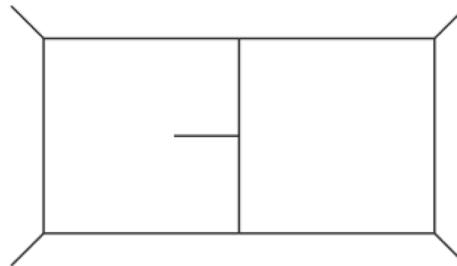
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# One week later...

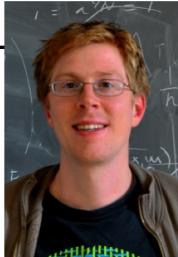
- Symbol of the 2-loop 5-particle amplitude in  $N=4$  super Yang-Mills  
[Abreu, Dixon, Herrmann, Page, Zeng '18] [Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, S.Z. '18]
- Missing non-planar integral family for massless 2-loop 5-particle amplitudes  
[Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, S.Z. '18]



**This talk:** 2-loop 5-gluon all-plus amplitude in Yang-Mills

[Badger, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Heinrich, Henn, Peraro, Wasser, Zhang, S.Z. '19]  
[Dunbar, Godwin, Perkins, Strong '19]

# The pentagon team



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# For many QCD processes, Next-to-Leading Order is insufficient

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E.g. strong coupling from 3-jet/2-jet ratio: [CMS Collaboration '13]

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1148 \pm 0.0014 \pm 0.0018 \pm 0.0050$$

(exp.)            (PDF)            (theory)

Large theoretical uncertainty!

⇒ Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order theory predictions needed!

# Multi-jet processes are important for LHC phenomenology

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State of the art: NNLO observables for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes

Higher multiplicity is needed!

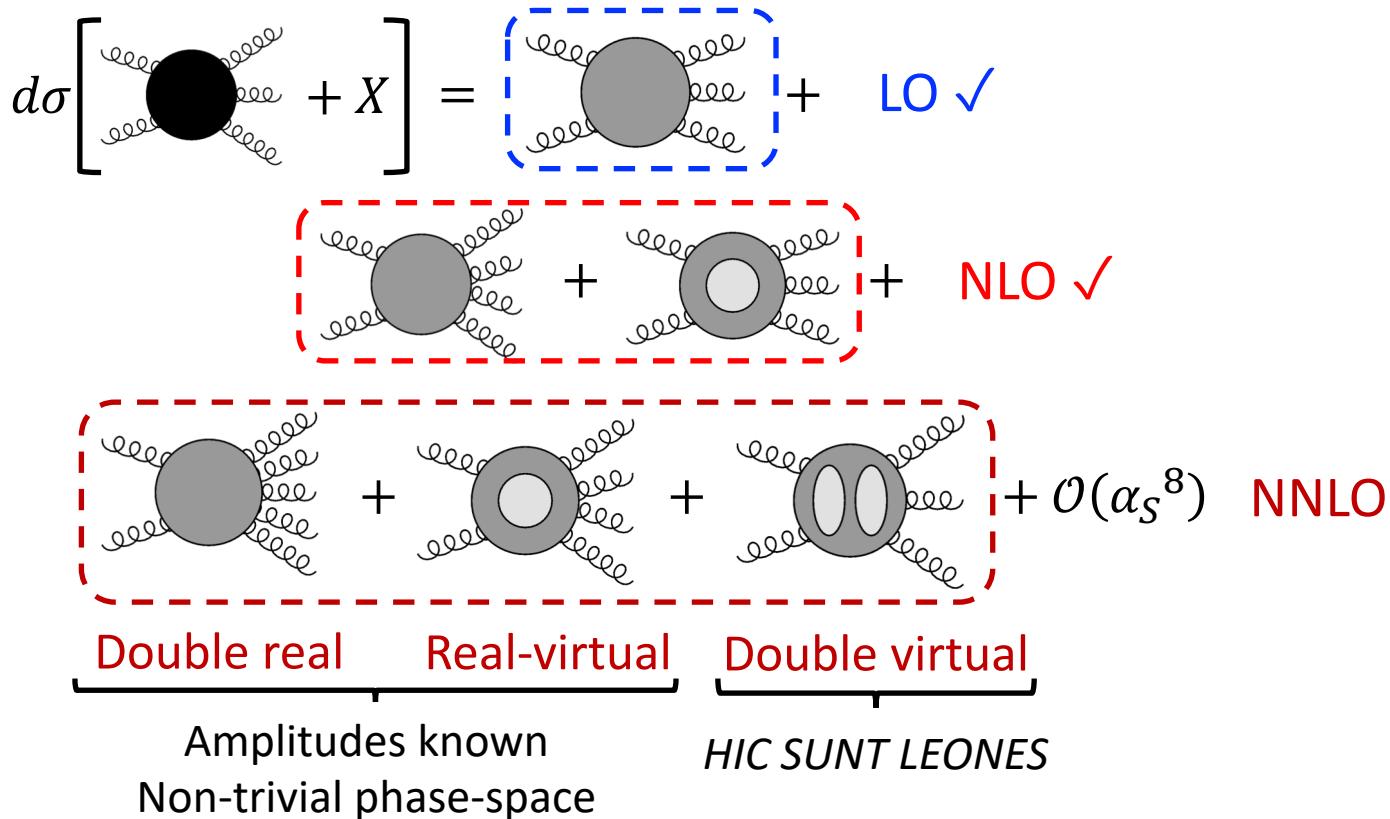
- ❖ Precision measurement of  $\alpha_S$ ,
- ❖ tests of Higgs couplings,
- ❖ new physics searches...

process	known	desired
$pp \rightarrow 2$ jets	$N^2\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}$ $\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}} + \text{NLO}_{\text{EW}}$	
$pp \rightarrow 3$ jets	$\text{NLO}_{\text{QCD}}$	$N^2\text{LO}_{\text{QCD}}$

Table I.2: Precision wish list: jet final states.

from "Les Houches 2017. Standard  
Model Working Group Report"

# Five-particle cross sections at NNLO



# Dramatic recent progress

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- All QCD amplitudes known analytically in the *planar* limit  
[Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti '15][Dunbar, Perkins '16][Badger, Brønnum-Hansen, Hartanto, Peraro '18]  
[Abreu, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Ita, Page '18][Abreu, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Ita, Page, Sotnikov '19]
- NNLO QCD corrections to 3-photon production in the *planar* limit  
[Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet '19]
- *Symbols* of  $N=4$  super Yang-Mills and  $N=8$  supergravity amplitudes  
[Abreu, Dixon, Herrmann, Page, Zeng '18 '19] [Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, S.Z. '18 '19]
- Full-color five-gluon all-plus amplitude in Yang-Mills theory  
[Badger, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Heinrich, Henn, Peraro, Wasser, Zhang, S.Z. '19] → this talk  
[Dunbar, Godwin, Perkins, Strong '19]

# A remarkably compact expression for the hard function

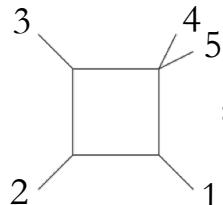
Permutations  
of external legs

Color  $SU(N_c)$

$$\kappa = \frac{d_s - 2}{6} \text{ with } d_s = g^\mu_\mu \text{ gluon spin dimension}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\text{double trace}}^{(2)} &= \sum_{S_5/\Sigma} \text{Tr}(12)[\text{Tr}(345) - \text{Tr}(543)] \sum_{\Sigma} \left\{ 6 \kappa^2 \left[ \frac{\langle 24 \rangle [14][23]}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle^2} + 9 \frac{\langle 24 \rangle [12][23]}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle^2} \right] \right. \\ &+ \kappa \frac{[15]^2}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 42 \rangle} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2 \end{array} \right. + \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 2 \end{array} \left. - \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 4 \end{array} \right. - 4 \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 4 \end{array} \left. - 4 \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \end{array} \right. - 4 \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Finite part of the one-mass box



$$= \text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{s_{12}}{s_{45}} \right) + \text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{s_{23}}{s_{45}} \right) + \log^2 \left( \frac{s_{12}}{s_{23}} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

# We are ready to tackle all two-loop five-parton amplitudes in QCD

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The all-plus helicity configuration is simple...

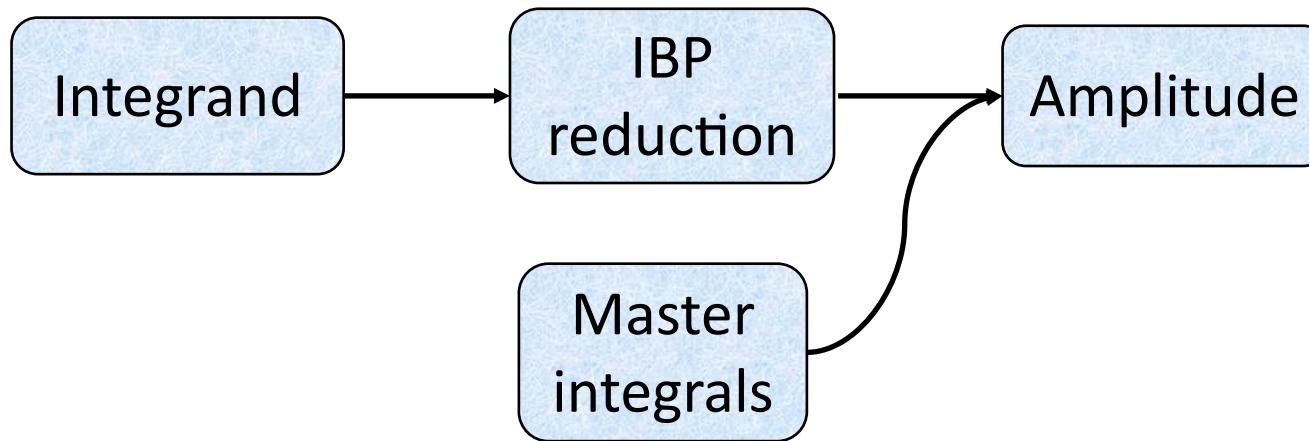
**but**

- We computed **all** the required Feynman integrals
  
- Our toolkit can be straightforwardly applied to all the other five-parton amplitudes

**STAY TUNED!**

# The workflow\* of scattering amplitudes

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\* simplified

# The two-loop five-gluon all-plus integrand

[Badger, Mogull, Ochirov, O'Connell '15]

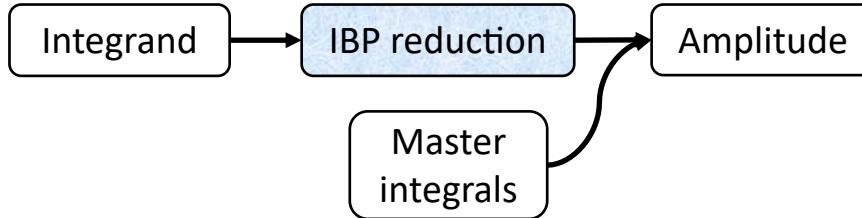
$$\mathcal{A}^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+) =$$

$$ig^7 \sum_{\sigma \in S_5} \sigma \circ I \left[ C \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) + \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \right. \\ + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) + \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \Big) \\ + C \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \left( \frac{1}{4} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \right. \\ - \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \Big) \\ \left. + C \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \left( \frac{1}{4} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \left( \begin{array}{c} 5 \\[-1ex] 4 \\[-1ex] 3 \end{array} \right) \right) \right]$$

Numerators with up to **degree five/six** in the loop momentum

# Integration-by-parts relations

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Integration-by-parts identities [Chetyrkin, Tkachov '81]

Any Feynman integral  $I$  can be “IBP-reduced” to a finite number of master integrals

$$I(s, \varepsilon) = \sum_i c_i(s, \varepsilon) g_i(s, \varepsilon) \quad \begin{aligned} D &= 4 - 2 \varepsilon \\ s &= (s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{51}) \end{aligned}$$

# Dramatic progress in IBP reduction from finite field techniques

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Numerical evaluation over finite fields + rational reconstruction

[Schabinger, von Manteuffel '15][Peraro '16, '19]

[Maierhöfer, Usovitch '18] [Smirnov, Chukharev '19]

using **FiniteFlow** [Peraro '19]

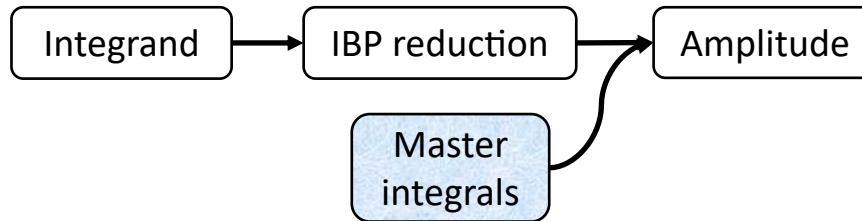
- Faster Integration-by-Parts (IBP) reduction
- Better scaling for multi-scale problems

Further optimisation: reconstruct only the final **physical** answer

→ Tiziano's talk

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Integration-by-Parts identities

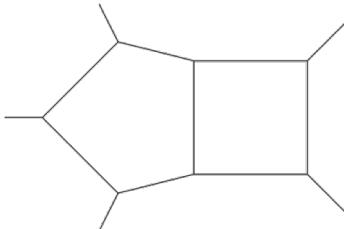
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↑  
Master integrals

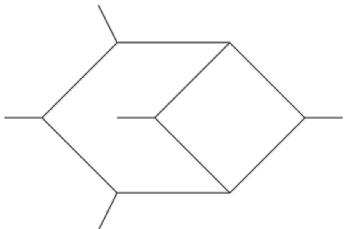
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# The integral families for massless five-particle scattering at two loops

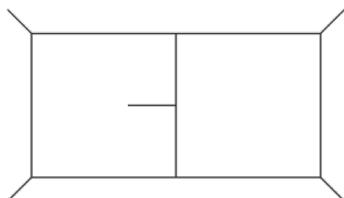
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[Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti '15, '18]  
[Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever 15']



[Böhm, Georgoudis, Larsen, Schönemann, Zhang '18]  
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# All master integrals for massless 2-loop 5-particle scattering amplitudes are known

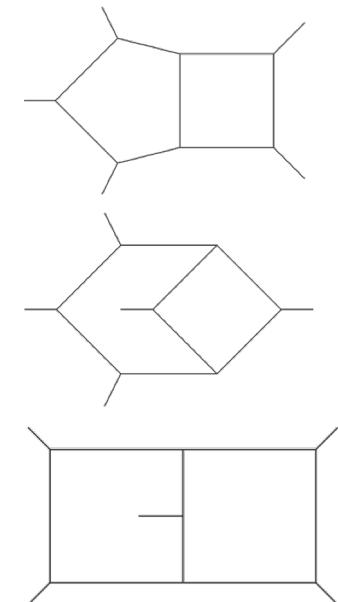
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Computed using the method of the differential equations in the canonical form [Henn '13]

$$d\vec{g}(s, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon d\tilde{A}(s) \cdot \vec{g}(s, \varepsilon)$$

- Refined procedure to find canonical bases
- Boundary constants determined analytically from physical constraints

All integrals known **analytically** in the **physical scattering region** for all permutations of the external legs



# Pentagon functions

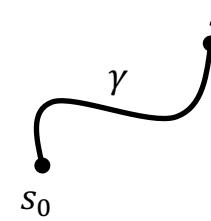
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Proposed in [Chicherin, Henn, Mitev '17], confirmed in [Abreu, Dixon, Herrmann, Page, Zeng '18] [Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, S.Z. '18]

Iterated integrals along contour  $\gamma$

$$[W_{i_1}, \dots, W_{i_n}]_{s_0} = \int_{\gamma} d \log W_{i_1}(s) \dots d \log W_{i_n}(s)$$

boundary point



$\{W_i(s)\}$  = 31-letter alphabet

$n$  = transcendental weight

# The letters encode all possible physical and spurious singularities of amplitudes

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Letter	$s$ notation	momentum notation	cyclic
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Adapted from [Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti '18]

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# Pentagon functions in terms of familiar functions (to mathematicians and particle theorists)

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At NNLO, up to four iterations (weight) needed:

$$\int d \log W_a \int d \log W_b \int d \log W_c \int d \log W_d = [W_a, W_b, W_c, W_d]_{s_0}$$

- Up to weight 2: logarithms and dilogarithms
- In general: Goncharov polylogarithms

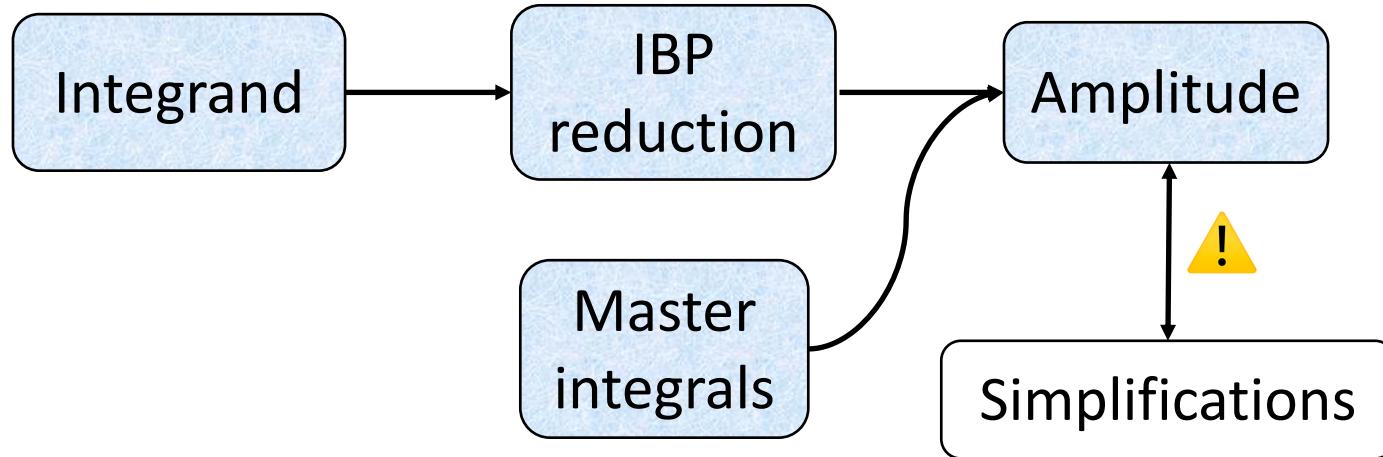
Well studied

Numerical routines

⇒ numerical and analytical control

# Amplitude assembly – Ideal world

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Amplitude =  $\varepsilon \otimes$  rational functions  $\otimes$  pentagon functions

# Infrared singularities factorize

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$$\mathcal{A} = Z \cdot \mathcal{A}^f$$

Finite

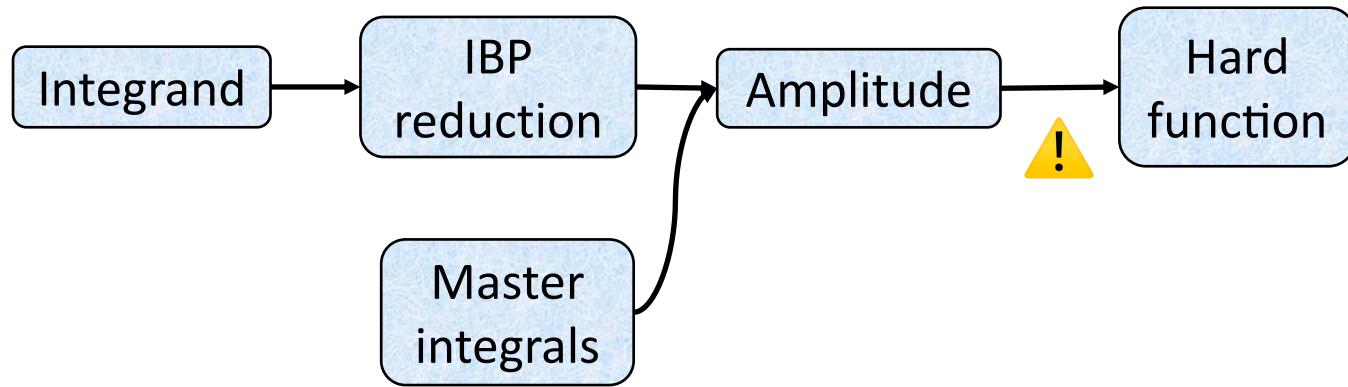
Captures all IR singularities (poles in  $\epsilon$ )  
Matrix in color space

We can define an IR safe **hard function**     $\mathcal{H} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{A}^f$

- Truly **new** piece of information
- Much **simpler** than the amplitude

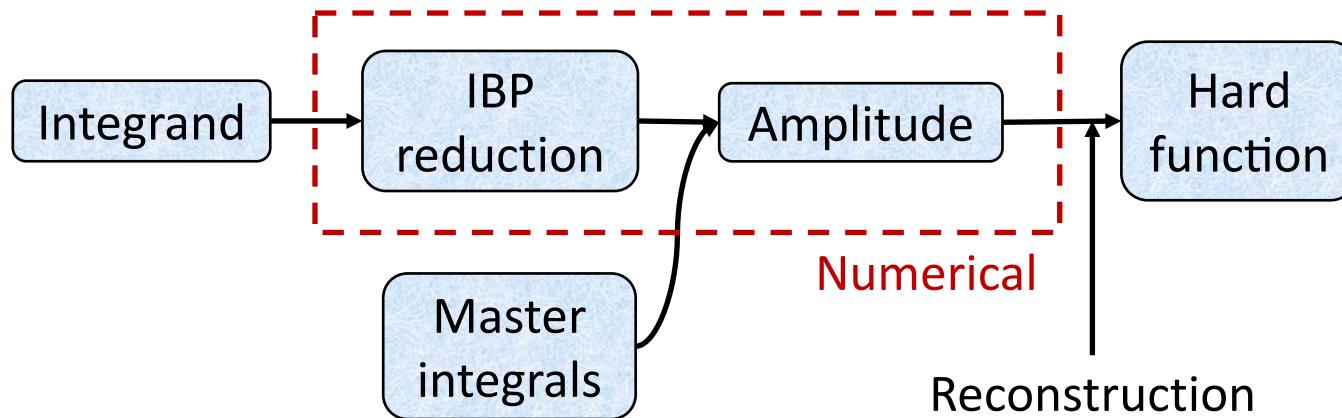
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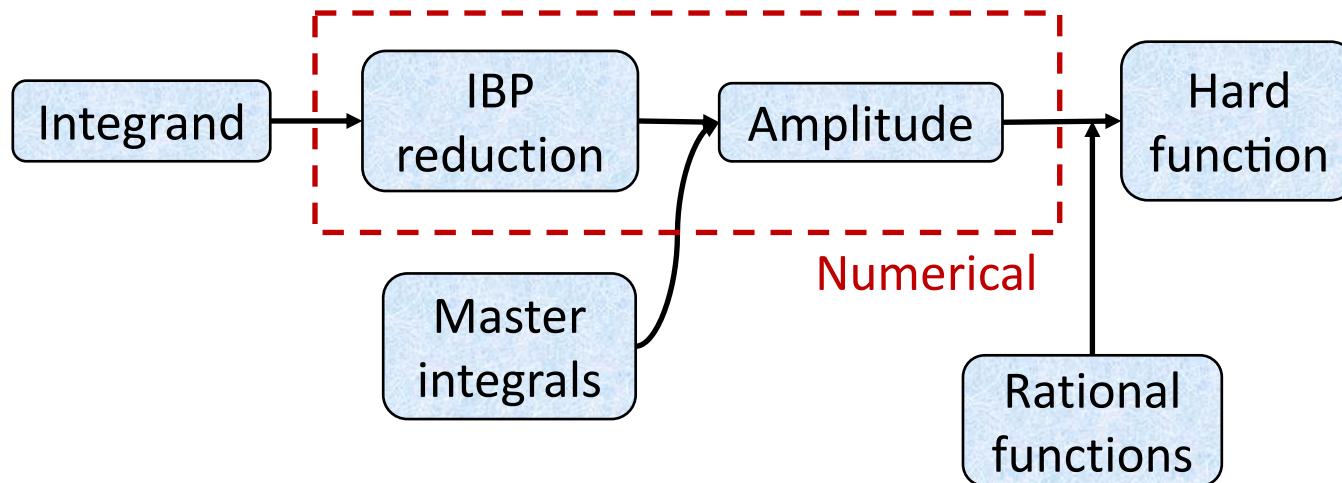
# Taming the rational functions

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- Rational reconstruction over finite fields
- Leading singularity analysis of the integrand
- Analysis of lower loop/planar amplitudes ✓  
*Planar two-loop five-gluon all-plus amplitude [Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti '15]*

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# A remarkably compact expression for the non-planar two-loop hard function

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- All weight 1, 3 and 4 iterated integrals cancel out
- Valid in all physical regions ( $s_{ij} \rightarrow s_{ij} + i0$ )

Correct factorization in the collinear limits ✓

# Hints of conformal symmetry in the leading transcendental weight part

$$+ \kappa \frac{[15]^2}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 42 \rangle} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ | \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ | \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 4 \\ | \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ | \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ | \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ | \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 4 \\ | \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ | \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 3 \\ | \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ | \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 3 \\ | \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ | \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \end{array} \right]$$

Manifestly conformally invariant rational factors

$$k_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \frac{[45]^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle} = 0 \quad k_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda_i^\alpha \partial \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{\alpha}}} \quad [\text{Witten '03}]$$

Related to conformal invariance of one-loop amplitude

$$A_1^{(1,0)} \propto \kappa \left( \frac{[45]^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle} + \frac{[23]^2}{\langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle \langle 14 \rangle} + \frac{[52]^2}{\langle 41 \rangle \langle 13 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle} \right) \quad [\text{Henn, Power, S.Z. '19}]$$

But this is another story!

# Summary

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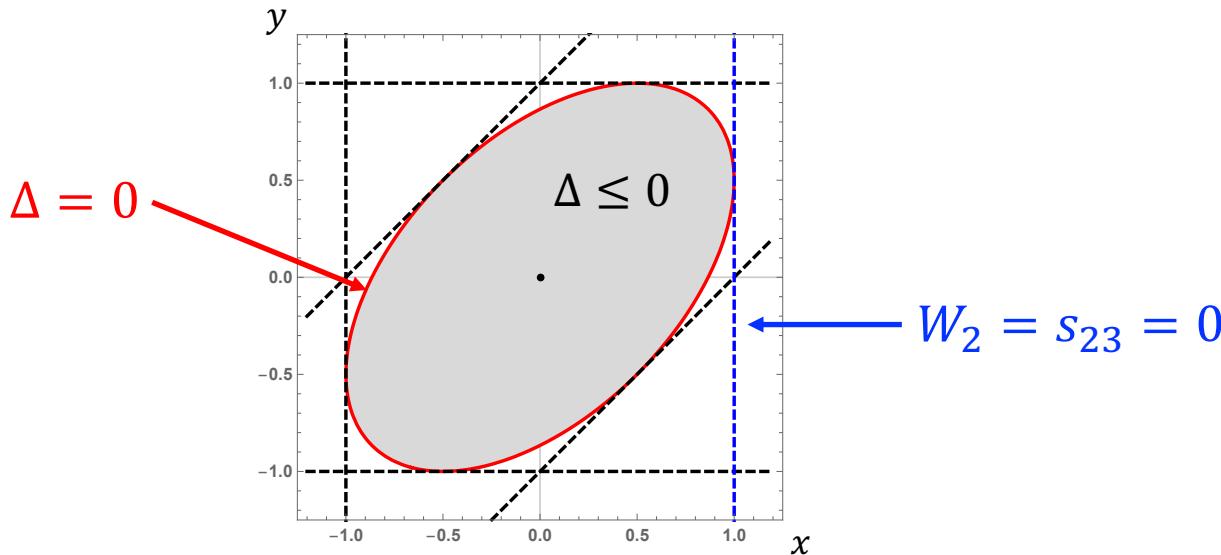
- Very first analytic, complete 2-loop 5-particle amplitude
  - ✓ Non-planar
  - ✓ Function level
- Intriguing **conformal symmetry** properties
- All two-loop master integrals for generic five-particle QCD amplitudes known **analytically** in the **physical region**
  - ✓ Full **analytical** and **numerical control** over the integrals



# Physical $s_{12}$ channel

Positive  $s$ -channel energies, negative  $t$ -channel energies,  
real momenta  $\Delta \leq 0$

2D slice:  $(s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{51}) = (3, -1 + x, 1, 1, -1 + y)$



# Numerical evaluation in the physical region

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$$g_{100} = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline & | \\ \hline | & | \\ \hline\end{array}$$

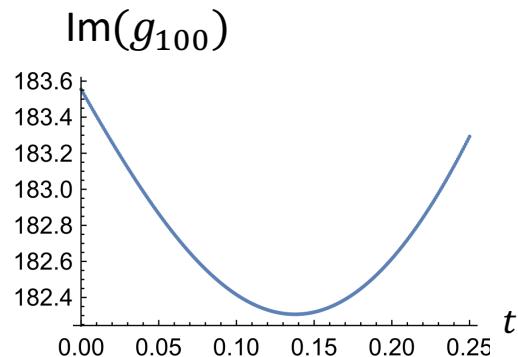
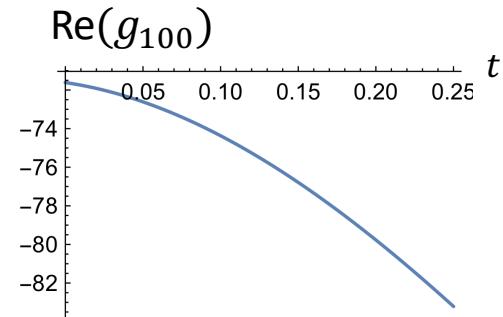
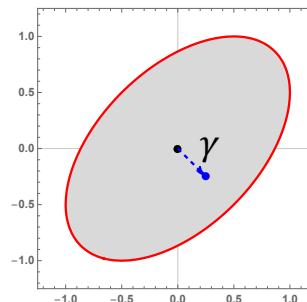
❖ Written in terms of pentagon functions

❖ Result in terms of Goncharov polylogs

$$\gamma(t) = \left( 3, -1 + \frac{t}{t^2 + 1}, 1, 1, -1 - \frac{t}{t^2 + 1} \right)$$

❖ Numerical evaluations (GiNaC)

Checks using SecDec ✓



# Color decomposition

The amplitudes are vectors in color space  $SU(N_c)$

$$\mathcal{A}_5^{(1)} = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{12} N_c A_\lambda^{(1,0)} T_\lambda + \sum_{\lambda=13}^{22} A_\lambda^{(1,1)} T_\lambda \quad \text{Color relations}$$
$$\mathcal{A}_5^{(2)} = \sum_{\lambda=1}^{12} \left( N_c^2 A_\lambda^{(2,0)} + A_\lambda^{(2,2)} \right) T_\lambda + \sum_{\lambda=13}^{22} N_c A_\lambda^{(2,1)} T_\lambda \quad \text{NEW}$$

Basis of single and double traces:

$$T_1 = \text{Tr}(12345) - \text{Tr}(15432)$$
$$T_{13} = \text{Tr}(12)[\text{Tr}(345) - \text{Tr}(543)]$$

Generators of  $SU(N_c)$

and permutations thereof

# The planar two-loop hard function

$$\mathcal{H}_1^{(2,0)} = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \left\{ -\kappa \frac{s_{51}}{s_{24}} \text{tr}_{-}(4512) I_{234;51} + \kappa^2 \left[ 5 s_{12}s_{23} + s_{12}s_{34} + \frac{\text{tr}_+^2(1245)}{s_{12}s_{45}} \right] \right\}$$



[Gehrman, Henn, Lo Presti '15]

Finite part of the one-mass box

$$I_{123;45} = \begin{array}{c} 3 \\ | \\ \square \\ | \\ 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} 4 \\ / \\ \backslash \\ 5 \end{array} = \text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{s_{12}}{s_{45}} \right) + \text{Li}_2 \left( 1 - \frac{s_{23}}{s_{45}} \right) + \log^2 \left( \frac{s_{12}}{s_{23}} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{d_s - 2}{6} \quad \text{with } d_s = g^\mu_\mu \text{ gluon spin dimension}$$

$$\text{tr}_\pm(i j k l) = \text{tr} \left[ \frac{1 \pm \gamma_5}{2} p_i p_j p_k p_l \right]$$

# Rational factors from the planar two-loop hard function

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$$\mathcal{H}_1^{(2,0)} = \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{1}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} \left\{ -\kappa \frac{s_{51}}{s_{24}} \text{tr}_{-}(4512) I_{234;51} + \kappa^2 \left[ 5(s_{12}s_{23} + s_{12}s_{34} + \frac{\text{tr}_{+}^2(1245)}{s_{12}s_{45}}) \right] \right\}$$

They generate a **76**-dimensional space  
upon permutations of the external legs

$$\frac{[45]^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle} \Rightarrow \text{6-dimensional subspace}$$

- ❖ Manifestly conformally invariant
- ❖ Related to the one-loop amplitude

$$A_1^{(1,0)} \propto \kappa \left( \frac{[45]^2}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle} + \frac{[23]^2}{\langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle \langle 14 \rangle} + \frac{[52]^2}{\langle 41 \rangle \langle 13 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle} \right) \quad [\text{Henn, Power, S.Z. '19}]$$

# Analytic calculation of the master integrals via differential equations

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$$\frac{\partial g_i(s, \varepsilon)}{\partial s} = \text{linear combination of } I = \sum_j c_j(s, \varepsilon) g_j(s, \varepsilon)$$

IBPs

$$\Rightarrow d\vec{g}(s, \varepsilon) = dA(s, \varepsilon) \cdot \vec{g}(s, \varepsilon)$$

“Messy” solution:

$$g(s, \varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^4} \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^p \sum_k r_k(s) \sum_{w=0}^p h_{p,k}^{(w)}(s)$$

algebraic  
functions      *w*-fold **iterated integral**

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# Differential equations in the canonical form

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Change of master integral basis s.t.

$$d\vec{g}(s, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon d\tilde{A}(s) \cdot \vec{g}(s, \varepsilon)$$

[Henn '13]

$$d\tilde{A}(s) = \sum_i c_i d \log W_i(s)$$

Letters, algebraic functions

Constant matrices

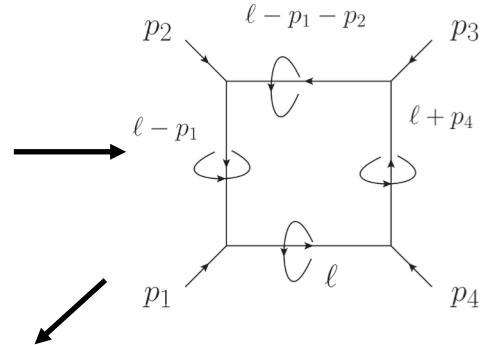
Solution has uniform transcendentality

w-fold iterated integral

$$\vec{g}(s, \varepsilon) = \mathbb{P}\exp\left(\varepsilon \int_{\gamma} d\tilde{A}\right) \vec{g}(s_0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\varepsilon^4} \sum_{w=0}^{\infty} \varepsilon^w h^{(w)}(s)$$

# Four-dimensional leading singularities

$$\int \frac{d^4 \ell}{P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\ell^0 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\ell^1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\ell^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\ell^3 \frac{1}{P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4}$$



$$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^4} \oint_{P_1=0} d\ell^0 \oint_{P_2=0} d\ell^1 \oint_{P_3=0} d\ell^2 \oint_{P_4=0} d\ell^3 \frac{1}{P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4} = \frac{1}{s t}$$

$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{1,3}} (4\text{D integrand}) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{T}^4} (4\text{D integrand}) = \text{leading singularity}$

[Arkani-Hamed, Cachazo, Cheung, Kaplan '09]

# Integrands with unit leading singularity can be cast into dlog form

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$$\frac{d^4 \ell \ s t}{\ell^2 (\ell - p_1)^2 (\ell - p_1 - p_2)^2 (\ell + p_4)^2} = \\ d \log \frac{\ell^2}{(\ell - \ell^*)^2} \wedge d \log \frac{(\ell - p_1)^2}{(\ell - \ell^*)^2} \wedge d \log \frac{(\ell - p_1 - p_2)^2}{(\ell - \ell^*)^2} \wedge d \log \frac{(\ell + p_4)^2}{(\ell - \ell^*)^2}$$

where  $\ell^*$  is the solution of the maximal cut

$$(\ell^*)^2 = (\ell^* - p_1)^2 = (\ell^* - p_1 - p_2)^2 = (\ell^* + p_4)^2 = 0$$

Integrands with dlog integrand evaluate to  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear combinations of iterated integrals of uniform weight

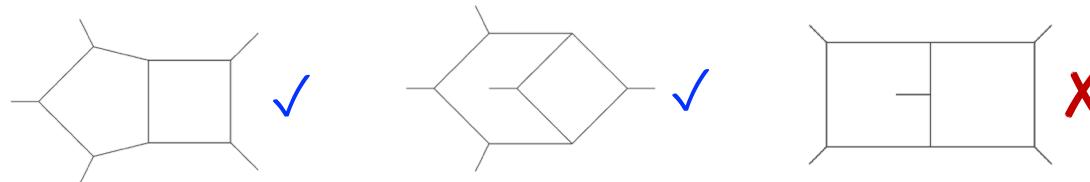
[Arkani-Hamed, Bourjaily, Cachazo, Trnka '10]

# Algorithmic construction of canonical bases

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Algorithm to find all 4D dlog integrands [Wasser '16]

⇒ Naïvely upgrade to D dimensions and extract a canonical basis



Subtlety: 4D analysis blind to integrands that vanish in 4D

⇒ D-dimensional leading singularity analysis based on  
Baikov representation of the integrands

[Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, S.Z. '18]

# The boundary constants are constrained by physical requirements

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Canonical basis  $\vec{g}(s, \varepsilon)$  is UV finite

$\Rightarrow \vec{g}(s, \varepsilon)$  are **finite** at small  $\varepsilon < 0$

Spurious singularities at  $W_i = 0$

$$d\vec{g}(s, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon d \left[ \sum_i c_i d \log W_i(s) \right] \cdot \vec{g}(s, \varepsilon)$$

Asymptotic solution near  $y = W_1 = 2 p_1 \cdot p_2 = 0$

$$d\tilde{A}(s) = \tilde{c} d\log(y) + \mathcal{O}(y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{g}(s, \varepsilon) \sim \exp(\varepsilon \tilde{c} \log y) \cdot \vec{J}$$

Finiteness of  $\vec{g}(s, \varepsilon)$  at  $y = 0 \Rightarrow$  constraints on  $\vec{J}$

Transport constraints to base point  $s_0$

