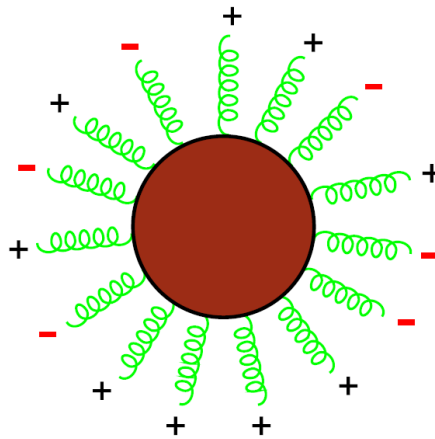


# Scattering Amplitudes in Gauge Theory and Gravity

Lecture 4 – N=8 supergravity trees,  
N=4/8 Loops



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# Back to trees – for (N=8 super)gravity

$$\mathcal{N} = 8 \text{ vs. } \mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SYM}$$

$2^8 = 256$  massless states,  $\sim$  expansion of  $(x+y)^8$

$$\mathcal{N} = 8 : \quad 1 \leftrightarrow 8 \leftrightarrow 28 \leftrightarrow 56 \leftrightarrow 70 \leftrightarrow 56 \leftrightarrow 28 \leftrightarrow 8 \leftrightarrow 1$$

$$\text{helicity} : \quad -2 \quad -\frac{3}{2} \quad -1 \quad -\frac{1}{2} \quad 0 \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad 1 \quad \frac{3}{2} \quad 2$$

SUSY

$\longleftrightarrow$

$$h^- \quad \psi_i^- \quad v_{ij}^- \quad \chi_{ijk}^- \quad s_{ijkl} \quad \chi_{ijk}^+ \quad v_{ij}^+ \quad \psi_i^+ \quad h^+$$

$$\mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SYM} : \quad 1 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 4 \quad 1$$

$2^4 = 16$  states

$\sim$  expansion

of  $(x+y)^4$

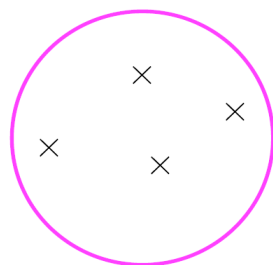
$$g^- \quad \lambda_A^- \quad \phi_{AB} \quad \lambda_A^+ \quad g^+$$

all in adjoint representation

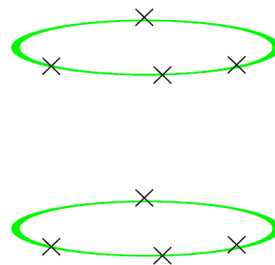
$$\Rightarrow \quad [\mathcal{N} = 8] = [\mathcal{N} = 4] \otimes [\mathcal{N} = 4]$$

# Kawai-Lewellen-Tye relations

N=8 supergravity is the low-energy limit of the type II closed superstring



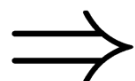
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KLT, 1986

N=4 super-Yang-Mills is the low-energy limit of the open superstring

KLT found a quadratic relation between open & closed string amplitudes

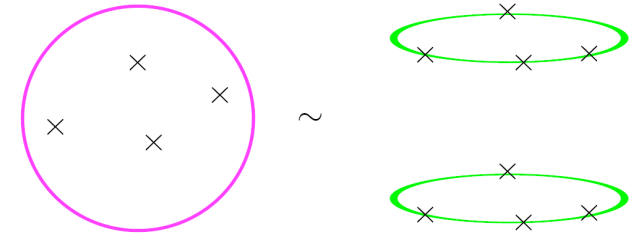


- Can write (super)gravity tree amplitudes as “squares” of (super-)Yang-Mills tree amplitudes.
- Very useful for doing supergravity loop calculations!

$$\begin{aligned}
 V^{\text{open}}(z) &\sim \varepsilon_{\mu}(\partial_z X^{\mu} + \dots)e^{ik \cdot X} \\
 V^{\text{closed}}(z, \bar{z}) &\sim \varepsilon_{\mu\nu}(\partial_z X^{\mu} + \dots)(\partial_{\bar{z}} X^{\nu} + \dots)e^{ik \cdot X} \\
 &\sim V_L^{\text{open}}(z) \times V_R^{\text{open}}(\bar{z})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\mu\nu}^{\pm\pm} = \varepsilon_{\mu}^{\pm} \times \varepsilon_{\nu}^{\pm} \quad \text{extends to} \quad [\mathcal{N} = 8] = [\mathcal{N} = 4] \otimes [\mathcal{N} = 4]$$

# KLT relations (cont.)



$$\begin{aligned}
 M_n^{\text{tree}} &= \prod_{i \neq 1,2,3}^n \int d^2 z_i \langle V_1^{\text{closed}}(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \cdots V_n^{\text{closed}}(z_n, \bar{z}_n) \rangle \\
 &= \prod_{i \neq 1,2,3}^n \int d^2 z_i f_L(z_i) f_R(\bar{z}_i) \prod_{i < j}^n |z_i - z_j|^{2k_i \cdot k_j} \\
 &= \prod_{i \neq 1,2,3}^n \int d^2 z_i \langle V_{L,1}^{\text{open}}(z_1) \cdots V_{L,n}^{\text{open}}(z_n) \rangle \\
 &\quad \times \langle V_{R,1}^{\text{open}}(\bar{z}_1) \cdots V_{R,n}^{\text{open}}(\bar{z}_n) \rangle \\
 A_{n,L}^{\text{tree}} &= \prod_{i \neq 1,2,3}^n \int dx_i \langle V_{L,1}^{\text{open}}(x_1) \cdots V_{L,n}^{\text{open}}(x_n) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Main difference is integration region: complex plane vs. real line.  
 Write plane integral as product of contour integrals, deform contours  
 back to real axis, picking up phases / sine factors from

$$(z_i - z_j)^{k_i \cdot k_j} \rightarrow e^{i\pi k_i \cdot k_j} \rightarrow \sin(2\pi\alpha' s_{ij})$$

# KLT relations (cont.)

Sine factors depend on region of integration, i.e. on color-ordering of open string amplitude.

Let  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$   $\sin(2\pi\alpha' s_{ij}) \rightarrow s_{ij}$

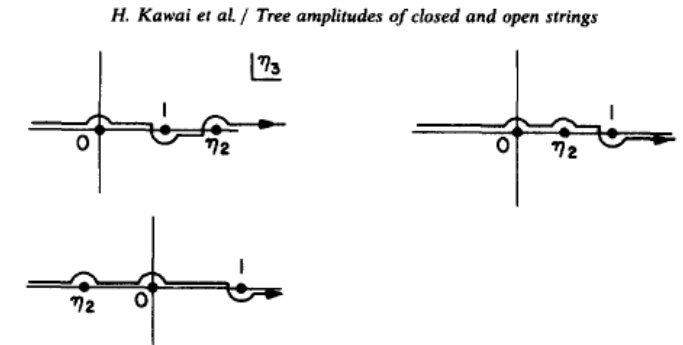


Fig. 5. The  $\eta_3$  contour integrals in the complex  $\eta_3$  plane for the case  $0 < \xi_2 < \xi_3 < 1$ .

Low-energy limit gives N=8 supergravity amplitudes  $M_n^{\text{tree}}$  as **quadratic combinations** of N=4 SYM amplitudes  $A_n^{\text{tree}}$ , consistent with product structure of Fock space,

$$[\mathcal{N} = 8] = [\mathcal{N} = 4] \otimes [\mathcal{N} = 4]$$

$$M_3^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3) = [A_3^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3)]^2$$

$$M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = -i s_{12} A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3)$$

$$M_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = i s_{12} s_{34} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) A_5^{\text{tree}}(2, 1, 4, 3, 5) + (2 \leftrightarrow 3)$$

$$M_6^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) = \dots$$

# AdS/CFT vs. KLT

AdS = CFT

gravity weak = gauge theory strong

KLT

gravity weak = (gauge theory)<sup>2</sup> weak

# “KLT copying”

Bern, LD, Dunbar, Perelstein, Rozowsky (1998)

- KLT relations give the **N=8 SUGRA cuts**
  - products of **N=8 SUGRA trees**, summed over all internal states – **very simply** in terms of:

**sums of products of two copies of N=4 SYM cuts**

$$[\mathcal{N} = 8] = [\mathcal{N} = 4] \otimes [\mathcal{N} = 4] \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\mathcal{N}=8} = \sum_{\mathcal{N}=4} \sum_{\mathcal{N}=4}}$$

- Need both **planar** (large  $N_c$ ) and **non-planar** terms in corresponding multi-loop **N=4 SYM** amplitude

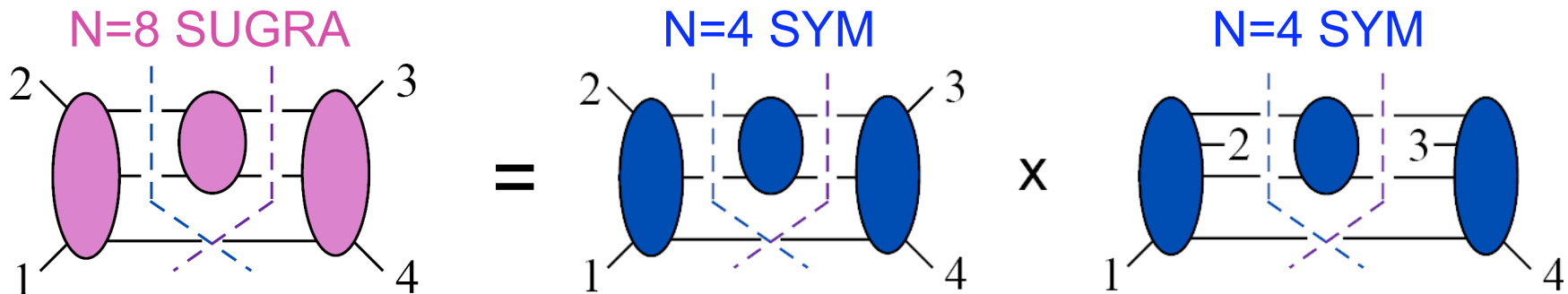
# KLT copying at 3 loops

Using

$$M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = -i \frac{st}{u} [A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4)]^2$$

$$M_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = -i s_{51} s_{23} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 4, 2, 3, 5) + (1 \leftrightarrow 2)$$

it is easy to see that

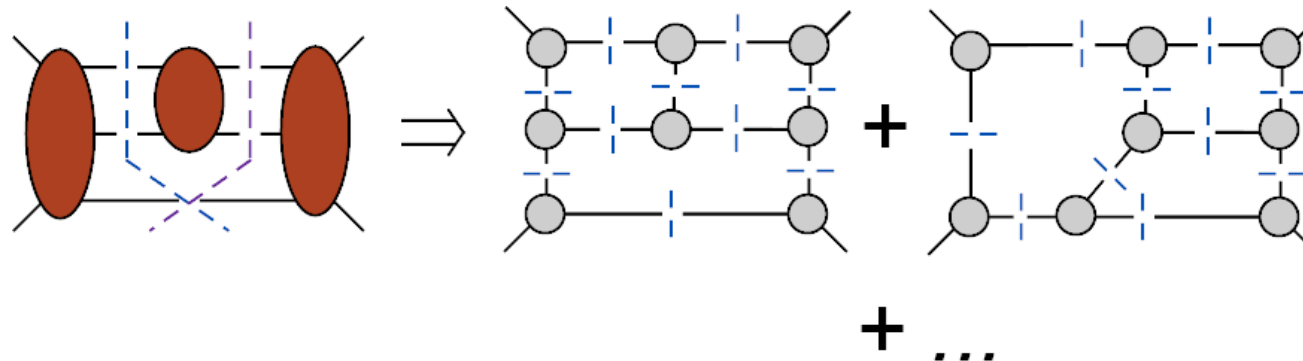


rational function of Lorentz products of external and cut momenta;  
**all state sums already performed**

+ permutations  
 $(1 \leftrightarrow 2, 3 \leftrightarrow 4)$

# Method of maximal cuts

Complex cut momenta make sense out of all-massless 3-point kinematics – can chop an amplitude entirely into 3-point trees  
→ maximal cuts



Maximal cuts are maximally simple,  
yet give excellent starting point for constructing full answer

For example, in planar (leading in  $N_c$ )  $N=4$  SYM  
they find all terms in the complete answer for 1, 2 and 3 loops

Remaining terms found **systematically**: Let 1 or 2 propagators  
collapse from each maximal cut → near-maximal cuts

# Unitarity and N=4 SYM

- Many **higher-loop** contributions to  $gg \rightarrow gg$  scattering can be deduced from a simple property of the 2-particle cuts at **one loop**

Bern, Rozowsky, Yan (1997)

$$\sum_{N=4} \text{[Diagram: Two red ovals with external lines 1, 2, 3, 4 and a vertical dashed line]} = i s_{12} s_{23} \text{[Diagram: One red oval with external lines 1, 2, 3, 4]} \text{[Diagram: A square with a vertical dashed line]}$$

- Leads to “**rung rule**” for easily computing all contributions which can be built by iterating 2-particle cuts

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \dots & & l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \\
 & \longrightarrow i(l_1 + l_2)^2 & \text{[Diagram: A vertical line connecting two horizontal lines]} \\
 l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \dots & & l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \dots
 \end{array}$$

# Unitarity and N=4 SYM (cont.)

Let's show

$$\sum_{N=4} \text{Diagram 1} = i s_{12} s_{23} \text{Diagram 2}$$

The diagrammatic equation shows a sum over N=4 diagrams (represented by two red ovals) equal to the product of a tree diagram (a red oval) and a box diagram (a square with a vertical dashed line). The external legs are labeled 1, 2, 3, 4.

In most cases we would have to specify the helicity configuration, and the cut would depend on the choice. However, all 4-point amplitudes in N=4 SYM are related by supersymmetry Ward identities.

Grisaru, Pendleton, van Nieuwenhuizen

Alternatively, there is a unique MHV superamplitude at L loops

$$A_n^{\text{MHV}} \propto \frac{\delta^{(4)}(p) \delta^{(8)}(q)}{\langle 1 2 \rangle \langle 2 3 \rangle \dots \langle n 1 \rangle}$$

$$q^{\alpha, A} = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^\alpha \eta_i^A$$

$$\propto \langle i j \rangle^4 \text{ for gluons}$$

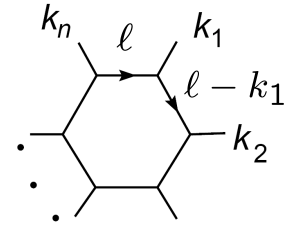
We also have for the 4-gluon color ordered tree amplitude:

$$\text{Diagram 3} = i \frac{\langle 1 2 \rangle^4}{\langle 1 2 \rangle \langle 2 3 \rangle \langle 3 4 \rangle \langle 4 1 \rangle} = \text{phase} \times \frac{s_{12}}{s_{23}}$$

The diagrammatic equation shows a tree diagram (a red oval) with helicity configurations 2-, 3+, 1-, 4+ equal to a phase factor times the ratio of s12 to s23. The denominator is the product of four angle brackets: <1 2>, <2 3>, <3 4>, and <4 1>.

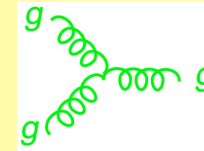


# “No triangles” for N=4 SYM



- One-loop N=4 amplitudes contain only boxes, due to SUSY cancellations of loop momenta in numerator:

Bern, LD, Dunbar, Kosower (1994)



$$\supset \ell^\mu \eta^{\nu\rho} + \dots$$

- Use background field method in  $n$ -gluon case

$$\Gamma_{\text{eff}}^{N=1, \text{chiral}}(A) \propto -\ln \det(D^2 + \sigma_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) + \ln \det(D^2)$$

$$(\ell^\mu)^n \Rightarrow (\ell^\mu)^{n-2}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{eff}}^{N=4}(A) \propto \ln \det(D^2 + \Sigma_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) - 4 \ln \det(D^2 + \sigma_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) + 3 \ln \det(D^2)$$

$$(\ell^\mu)^n \Rightarrow (\ell^\mu)^{n-4}$$

$$A_{N=4}^{1\text{-loop}} = \sum_i d_i \text{[Box Diagram]} + \sum_i c_i \text{[Triangle Diagram]} + \sum_i b_i \text{[Bubble Diagram]} + \text{[Crossed Diagram]} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

The triangle and bubble diagrams, along with a crossed diagram, are marked with a large red 'X' to indicate they are absent in N=4 SYM.

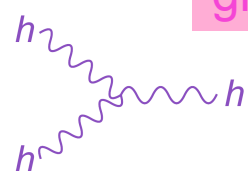
# N=8 also obeys “No triangle” property

Bjerrum-Bohr et al., hep-th/0610043; Bern, Carrasco, Forde, Ita, Johansson, 0707.1035 (pure gravity) ; Kallosh, 0711.2108; Bjerrum-Bohr, Vanhove, 0802.0868

**Proofs:** Bjerrum-Bohr, Vanhove, 0805.3682; Arkani-Hamed, Cachazo, Kaplan, 0808.1446

- Statement about UV behavior of N=8 SUGRA amplitudes at **one loop** but with **arbitrarily many external legs**:  
**“N=8 UV behavior no worse than N=4 SYM at one loop”**
- Samples arbitrarily many powers of loop momenta
- Necessary but not sufficient for excellent **multi-loop** behavior
- Implies specific **multi-loop** cancellations [Bern, LD, Roiban, th/0611086](#)

gravity (spin 2)



$$\supset \ell^{\mu_1} \ell^{\mu_2} \eta^{\nu_1 \rho_1} \eta^{\nu_2 \rho_2} + \dots$$

# Leading singularities for $N=4/8$

- More recently,  $L$ -loop generalization of this property conjectured: All (important) terms determined by “leading-singularities” – imposing  $4L$  cuts on the  $L$  loop momenta in  $D=4$   
Cachazo, Skinner, 0801.4574; Arkani-Hamed, Cachazo, Kaplan, 0808.1446

# N=4 $\rightarrow$ N=8 Rung Rule

## N=4 SYM rung rule

$$\begin{array}{c} l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \\ l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \end{array} \longrightarrow i(l_1 + l_2)^2 \begin{array}{c} l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \text{---} \dots \\ | \\ l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \text{---} \dots \end{array}$$

using same algebra “twice”, after using KLT relations:

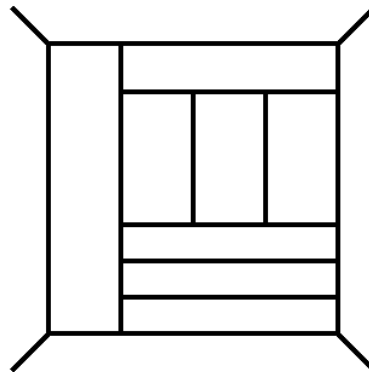
## N=8 SUGRA rung rule

$$\begin{array}{c} l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \\ l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \end{array} \longrightarrow i \left[ (l_1 + l_2)^2 \right]^2 \begin{array}{c} l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \text{---} \dots \\ | \\ l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \text{---} \dots \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow \text{---} \\ | \\ \longrightarrow \text{---} \end{array}$$

# Iterated 2-particle cut-constructible contributions all follow from Rung Rule

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \dots & & l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \\
 l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \dots & \longrightarrow & i(l_1 + l_2)^2 \begin{array}{c} l_2 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \\ | \\ l_1 \dots \longrightarrow \dots \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

For example, this topology is easily computable



(Does not guarantee absence of “contact” term corrections.)

# Rung rule $\rightarrow$

## Extreme simplicity at 1 and 2 loops

- 1 loop:

$$\text{N=8 loop} = \left[ i s_{12} s_{23} \text{ blob} \right]^2 \left[ \text{box} + \text{crossed box} + \text{crossed box} \right]$$

where  $\text{box} = \int \frac{d^{4-2\epsilon} \ell_1}{(2\pi)^{4-2\epsilon} \ell_1^2 (\ell_1 - k_1)^2 (\ell_1 - k_1 - k_2)^2 (\ell_1 + k_4)^2}$

Green, Schwarz, Brink;  
Grisaru, Siegel (1981)

$\text{line} = \delta^{ab}$        $\text{vertex} = f^{abc}$

“color dresses kinematics”

- 2 loops:

$$\text{N=8 2-loop} = -i \left[ s_{12} s_{23} \text{ blob} \right]^2 \left[ s_{12}^2 \text{ box} + s_{12}^2 \text{ crossed box} + \text{perms} \right]$$

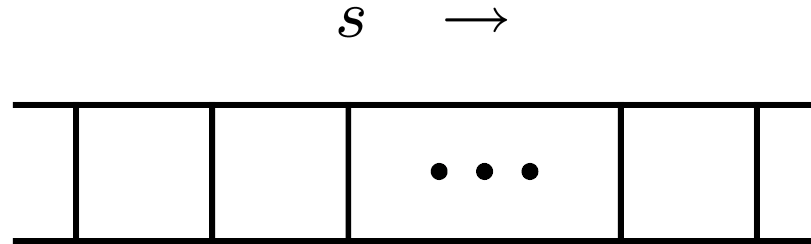
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**N=8 supergravity:** just remove color, square prefactors!  
 **$D_c$  automatically same** as for **N=4 SYM** for  $L = 1, 2$ .

# Ladder diagrams (Regge-like)

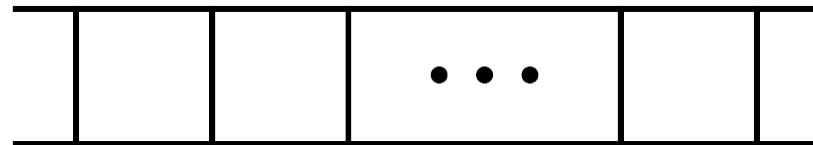
In N=4 SYM

$$st A_4^{\text{tree}} \times s^{L-1}$$



In N=8 supergravity

$$stu M_4^{\text{tree}} \times s^{2(L-1)}$$



Extra  $s^L$  in gravity from “charge” = energy

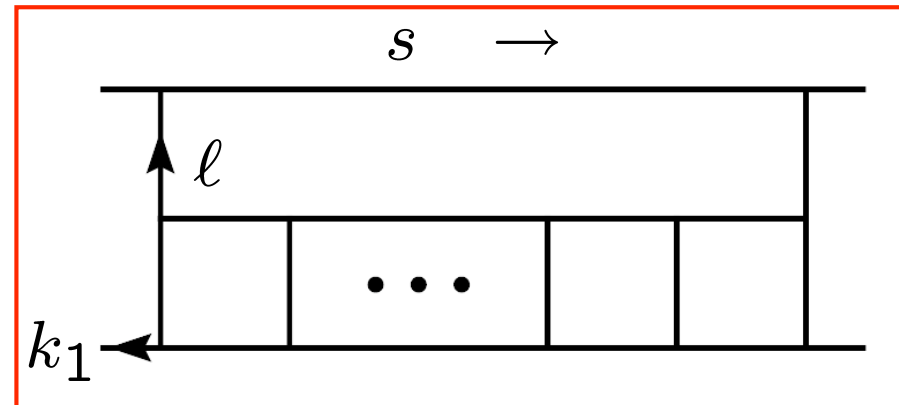
$$G_N E_1 E_2 = G_N s \quad \text{per loop}$$

Schnitzer, hep-th/0701217

For  $L > 2$ , UV behavior of generic rung-rule contributions **looks worse** in N=8 than N=4

N=4 SYM

$$st A_4^{\text{tree}} \times t \times [(\ell + k_1)^2]^{L-2}$$



N=8 supergravity

$$stu M_4^{\text{tree}} \times t^2 \times [(\ell + k_1)^2]^{2(L-2)} \leftarrow \text{2 from HE behavior of gravity}$$

Integral in  $D$  dimensions scales as

$$\mathcal{I} \sim \int d^D L \ell \frac{(\ell^2)^{2(L-2)}}{(\ell^2)^{3L+1}}$$

→ Critical dimension  $D_c$  for log divergence (if no cancellations) obeys

$$\frac{D_c L}{2} + 2(L - 2) = 3L + 1 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$D_c = 2 + \frac{10}{L} \quad \text{N=8}$$

$$D_c = 4 + \frac{6}{L} \quad \text{N=4 SYM}$$

BDDPR (1998)

# 3 loop amplitude

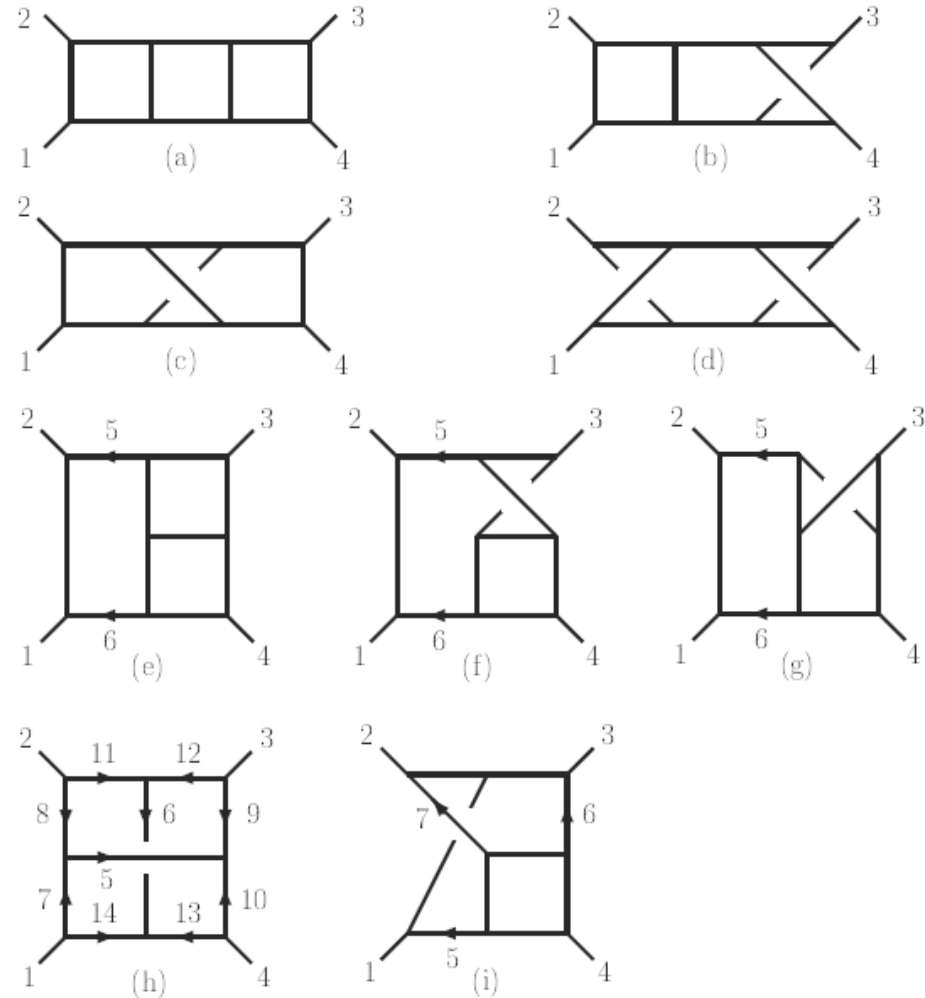
Bern, Carrasco, LD, Johansson, Kosower, Roiban, th/0702112  
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Nine basic integral topologies

Seven, (a)-(g), have 2-particle cuts  $\rightarrow$  easily determine using rung rule

BDDPR (1998)

Two new ones (h), (i) have no 2-particle cuts

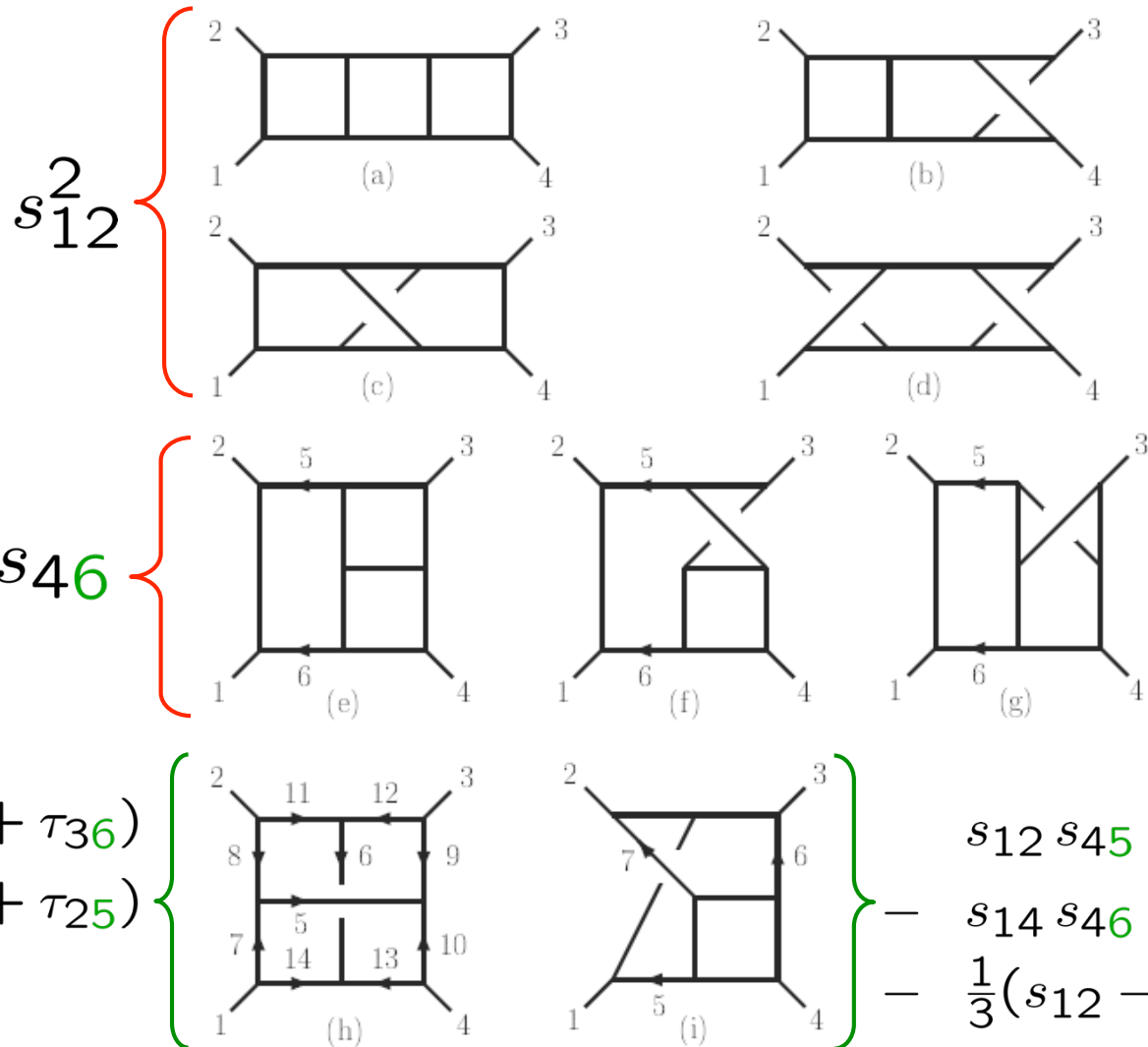


# N=4 numerators at 3 loops

Omit overall  
 $st A_4^{\text{tree}}$

$$s_{iM} = (k_i + \ell_M)^2$$

$$\tau_{iM} = 2k_i \cdot \ell_M$$



manifestly quadratic in loop momentum  $\ell_M$

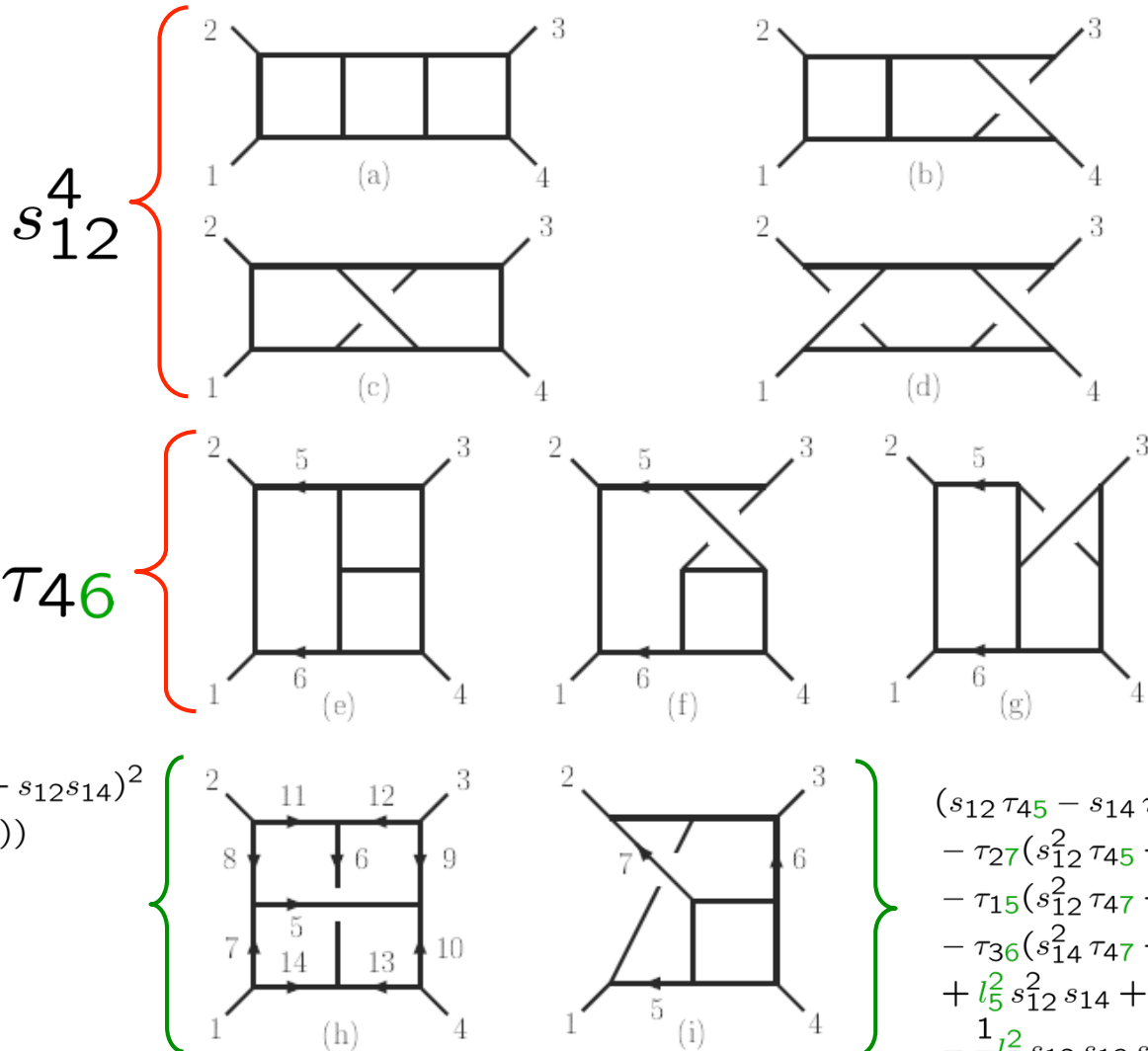
# N=8 numerators at 3 loops

Omit overall  
 $(stA_4^{\text{tree}})^2 = stu M_4^{\text{tree}}$

$$s_i M = (k_i + \ell_M)^2$$

$$\tau_i M = 2k_i \cdot \ell_M$$

$$s_{12}^2 \tau_{35} \tau_{46}$$



$$(s_{12}(\tau_{26} + \tau_{36}) + s_{14}(\tau_{15} + \tau_{25}) + s_{12}s_{14})^2$$

$$+ (s_{12}^2(\tau_{26} + \tau_{36}) - s_{14}^2(\tau_{15} + \tau_{25}))$$

$$\times (\tau_{17} + \tau_{28} + \tau_{39} + \tau_{4,10})$$

$$+ s_{12}^2(\tau_{17}\tau_{28} + \tau_{39}\tau_{4,10})$$

$$+ s_{14}^2(\tau_{28}\tau_{39} + \tau_{17}\tau_{4,10})$$

$$+ s_{13}^2(\tau_{17}\tau_{39} + \tau_{28}\tau_{4,10})$$

$$(s_{12}\tau_{45} - s_{14}\tau_{46})^2$$

$$- \tau_{27}(s_{12}^2\tau_{45} + s_{14}^2\tau_{46})$$

$$- \tau_{15}(s_{12}^2\tau_{47} + s_{13}^2\tau_{46})$$

$$- \tau_{36}(s_{14}^2\tau_{47} + s_{13}^2\tau_{45})$$

$$+ l_5^2 s_{12}^2 s_{14} + l_6^2 s_{12} s_{14}^2$$

$$- \frac{1}{3} l_7^2 s_{12} s_{13} s_{14}$$

also manifestly quadratic in loop momentum  $\ell_M$

BCDJR (2008)

# N=8 ~ N=4 SYM in UV at $L = 3$

Manifest **quadratic** representation – same behavior as N=4 SYM – implies same critical dimension still for  $L = 3$ :

$$D_c \leq 4 + \frac{6}{L} = 6$$

- Evaluate UV poles in integrals  
→ no further cancellation
- At 3 loops,  $D_c = 6$  for N=8 SUGRA as well as N=4 SYM:

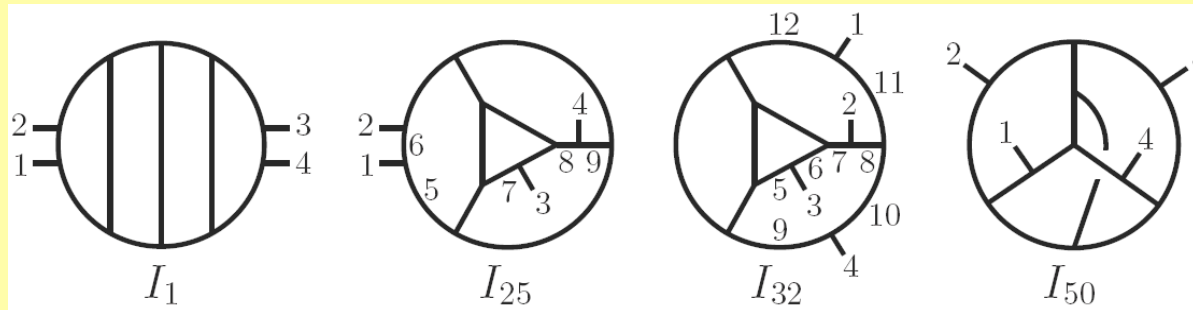
$$M_4^{(3), D=6-2\epsilon} \Big|_{\text{pole}} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{5\zeta_3}{(4\pi)^9} \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^8 (s_{12}s_{13}s_{14})^2 M_4^{\text{tree}}$$

$\mathcal{D}^6 R^4$   
counterterm

# N=8 ~ N=4 SYM in UV at L = 4

Bern, Carrasco, LD, Johansson, Roiban, 0905.2326, 1008.3327

- Now there are, not 9, but **50 nonvanishing cubic 4-point graphs**



- Determine the **50 numerator factors**, first for N=4 SYM, then, using KLT, for N=8 supergravity.
- Result we found was not **manifestly** as well behaved as N=4 SYM, but evaluating its UV behavior, many cancellations between the integrals took place, so same critical dimension was obtained:

$$D_c \leq 4 + \frac{6}{L} = 5.5$$

$\mathcal{D}^8 R^4$   
“counterterm”

# N=8 ~ N=4 SYM in UV at $L = 5$ ???

- Motivation: Various arguments point to 7-loops as the possible first divergence for N=8 SUGRA in D=4, associated with a  $D^8R^4$  counterterm:

Howe, Lindstrom, NPB181, 487 (1981); Bossard, Howe, Stelle, 0908.3883; Kallosh, 0903.4630; Green, Russo, Vanhove, 1002.3805; Bjornsson, Green, 1004.2692; Bossard, Howe, Stelle, 1009.0743; Beisert, Elvang, Freedman, Kiermaier, Morales, Stieberger, 1009.1643

- Same  $D^8R^4$  counterterm shows up at  $L = 4$  in  $D = 5.5$  (technically we did not show its coefficient is nonzero yet)
- Does 5-loops  $\rightarrow D^{10}R^4$  (same UV as N=4 SYM)  
or  $\rightarrow D^8R^4$  (worse UV as N=4 SYM)?
- 5-loops would be a very strong indicator for 7 loops
- Now 100s of nonvanishing cubic 4-point graphs!

# Conclusions

- On-shell methods at **one loop** have many practical applications to LHC physics – analytically, but especially in numerical implementations
- On-shell methods in N=4 SYM are especially powerful (particularly in the large-N limit where other hidden symmetries are present). One can construct, for example, the full-color 4 gluon 4 loop amplitude in N=4 SYM, and even more complicated processes in the large-N limit.
- Full-color 4-loop result was also used to construct the 4 graviton 4 loop amplitude in **N=8 supergravity, which showed that it is still as well-behaved as N=4 super-Yang-Mills theory through this order.** What will happen at 5 loops?
- Wealth of **IR information** in gauge theory & gravity is also available (once technology is developed for doing non-planar 4-point integrals even numerically in  **$D = 4 - 2\epsilon$  at  $L = 3,4$** )

# End of Lecture 4

# N=8 allowed Chart of potential counterterms

Evang, Freedman, Kiermaier (2010)

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3	<del><math>R^4</math> MHV <math>\exists!</math></del>						
4	<del><math>D^2 R^4</math> MHV <math>\nexists</math></del>	$R^5$ MHV $\nexists$					
5	<del><math>D^4 R^4</math> MHV <math>\exists!</math></del>	$D^2 R^5$ MHV $\nexists$	$R^6$ (N)MHV $\nexists$				
6	<del><math>D^6 R^4</math> MHV <math>\exists!</math></del>	$D^4 R^5$ MHV $\nexists$	$D^2 R^6$ (N)MHV $\nexists$	$R^7$ (N)MHV $\nexists$			
7	$D^8 R^4$ MHV $\exists!$	$D^6 R^5$ MHV $\nexists$	$D^4 R^6$ MHV $\nexists$ NMHV	$D^2 R^7$ (N)MHV $\nexists$	$R^8$ (N)MHV $\nexists$ $N^2$ MHV?		
8	$D^{10} R^4$ MHV $\exists!$	$D^8 R^5$ MHV $\exists!$	$D^6 R^6$ MHV $\nexists$ NMHV?	$D^4 R^7$ MHV $\nexists$ NMHV?	$D^2 R^8$ (N)MHV $\nexists$ $N^2$ MHV?	$R^9$ (N)MHV $\nexists$ $N^2$ MHV?	
9	$D^{12} R^4$ $2 \times$ MHV	$D^{10} R^5$ $? \times$ MHV	$D^8 R^6$ $2 \times$ MHV NMHV?	$D^6 R^7$ MHV $\nexists$ NMHV?	$D^4 R^8$ MHV $\nexists$ N or $N^2$ MHV?	$D^2 R^9$ (N)MHV $\nexists$ $N^2$ MHV?	$R^{10}$ (N)MHV $\nexists$ $N^2$ or $N^3$ MHV?

More recently ruled out using  $E_{7(7)}$

Drummond, Heslop, Howe, Kerstan, th/0305202; Kallosh, 0906.3495

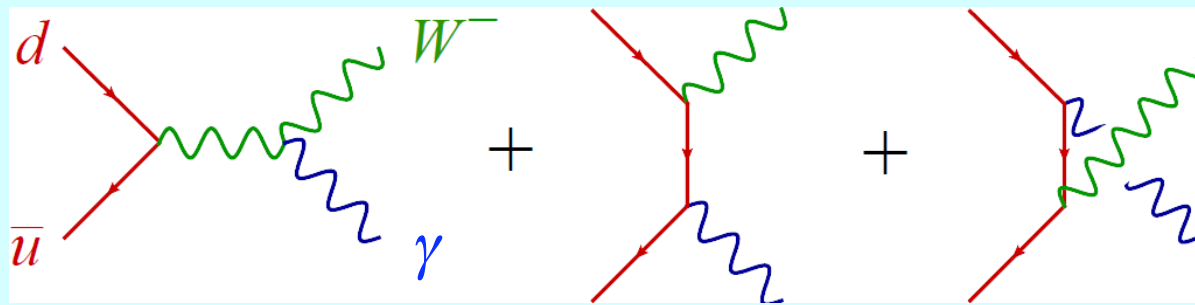
- Analytic proofs:
- $D^{2k} R^n$  MHV  $\nexists$  for  $n > 4$  and  $k < 4$ .
  - $D^{2k} R^n$  NMHV  $\nexists$  for  $n > 5$  and  $k < 2$ .

No divergences until at least 7 loops!

• red: not excluded    • green: ?    • gray: excluded

# Radiation Zeroes

- In 1979, Mikaelian, Samuel and Sahdev computed  $\frac{d\sigma(d\bar{u} \rightarrow W^- \gamma)}{d\cos\theta}$



- They found a “radiation zero” at  $\cos\theta = -(1 + 2Q_d) = -1/3$
- Held independent of ( $W, \gamma$ ) helicities
- Implies a connection between “color” (here  $\sim$  electric charge  $Q_d$ ) and kinematics ( $\cos\theta$ )

# From Radiation Zeroes to Color-Kinematic Relations

- **MSS** result generalized to other 4-point non-Abelian gauge theory amplitudes by **Zhu (1980), Goebel, Halzen, Leveille (1981)**.

- Massless adjoint gauge theory result:

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}} = \frac{n_s C_s}{s} + \frac{n_t C_t}{t} + \frac{n_u C_u}{u}$$

- Group theory  $\rightarrow$  3 terms are not independent (Jacobi identity):

$$C_t - C_u = C_s$$

- In a suitable “gauge”, one finds:  $n_t - n_u = n_s$

Same structure can be extended to an arbitrary number of legs and provides a new “KLT-like” relation to gravity:

$$M_4^{\text{tree}} = \frac{n_s^{(L)} n_s^{(R)}}{s} + \frac{n_t^{(L)} n_t^{(R)}}{t} + \frac{n_u^{(L)} n_u^{(R)}}{u}$$

**Bern, Carrasco, Johansson, 0805.3993**

# Multi-loop Color-Kinematic Relations

- Same structure can also be extended to at least 3 loops in N=4 super-Yang-Mills theory [BCJ, 1004.0476](#)
- Requires additional cubic topologies, compared to “old form”
- Gravity “squaring” relation works too!

Integral $I^{(z)}$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super-Yang-Mills ( $\sqrt{\mathcal{N}} = 8$ supergravity) numerator
(a)–(d)	$s^2$
(e)–(g)	$(s(-\tau_{35} + \tau_{45} + t) - t(\tau_{25} + \tau_{45}) + u(\tau_{25} + \tau_{35}) - s^2)/3$
(h)	$(s(2\tau_{15} - \tau_{16} + 2\tau_{26} - \tau_{27} + 2\tau_{35} + \tau_{36} + \tau_{37} - u) + t(\tau_{16} + \tau_{26} - \tau_{37} + 2\tau_{36} - 2\tau_{15} - 2\tau_{27} - 2\tau_{35} - 3\tau_{17}) + s^2)/3$
(i)	$(s(-\tau_{25} - \tau_{26} - \tau_{35} + \tau_{36} + \tau_{45} + 2t) + t(\tau_{26} + \tau_{35} + 2\tau_{36} + 2\tau_{45} + 3\tau_{46}) + u\tau_{25} + s^2)/3$
(j)–(l)	$s(t - u)/3$

