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Probing Gravity via Gauge Theory

— Recent progress on color-kinematics duality and double copy

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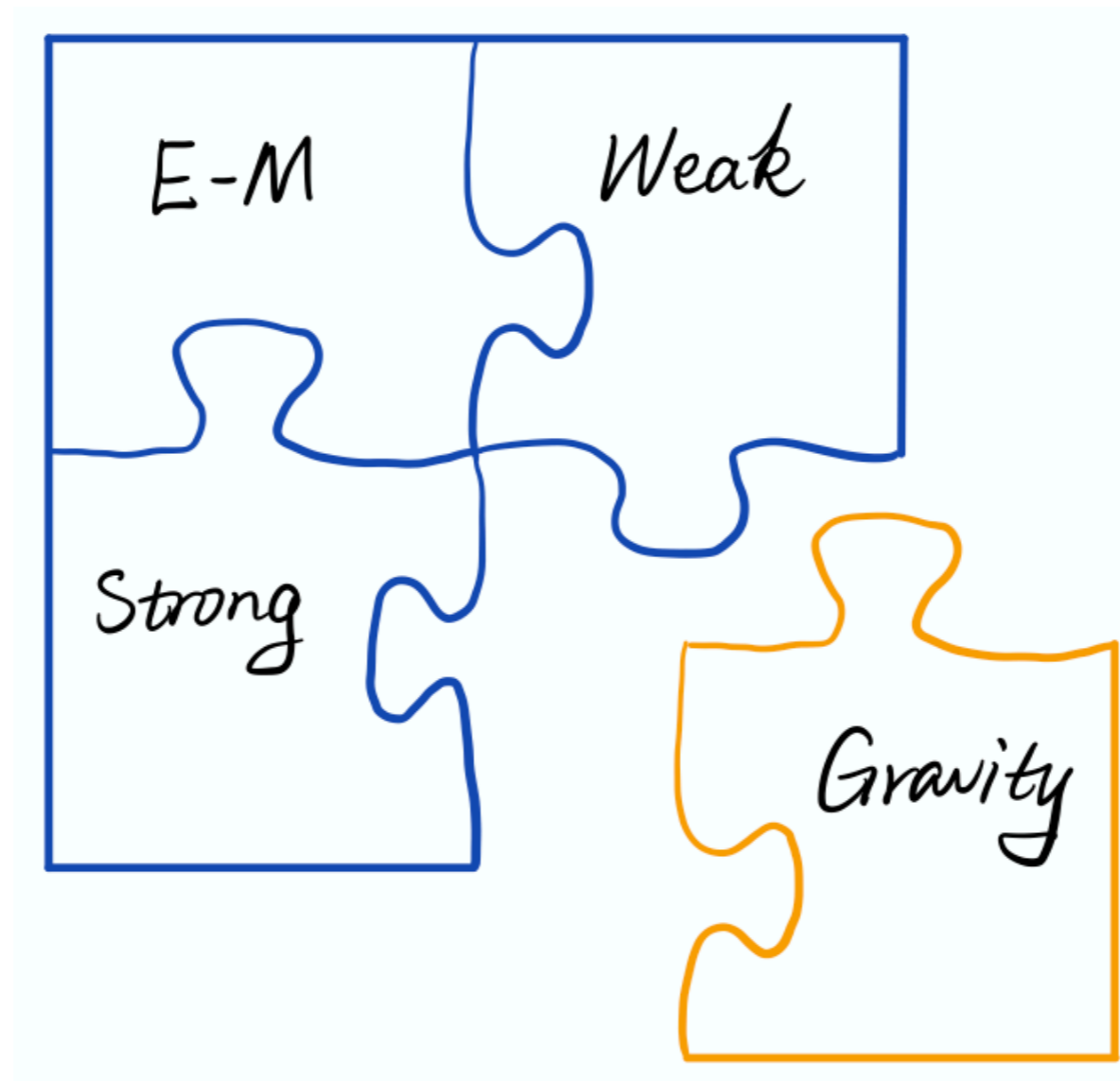
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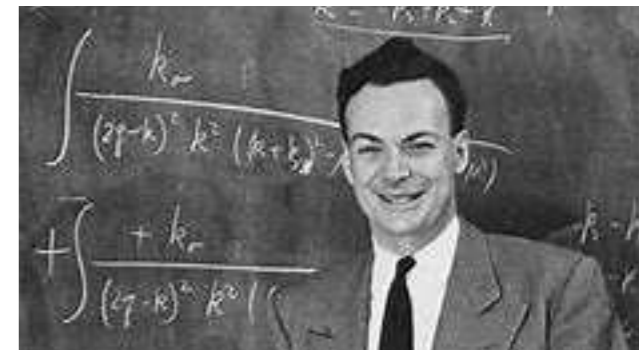
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Gauge and gravity theories



What is “quantum gravity”?

Feynman and quantum gravity



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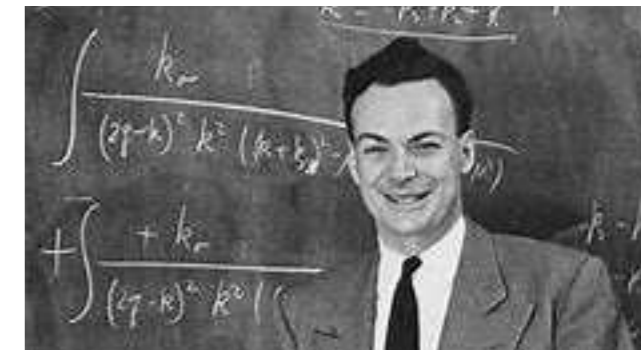
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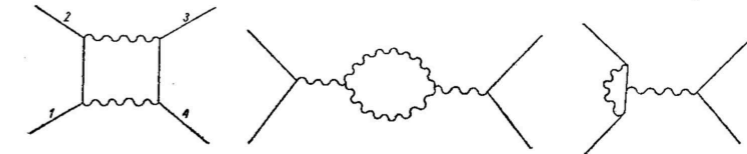


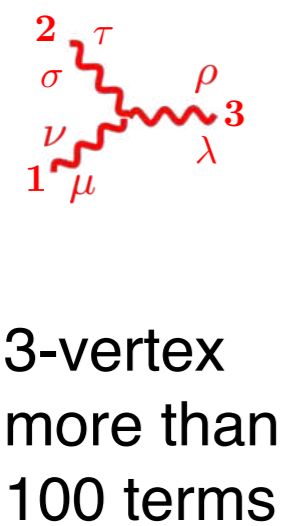
Fig. 5

By studying loop diagrams, Feynman made discoveries that are important for gauge theory:

- Feynman's tree theorem
- The idea of Faddeev-Popov quantization and ghost

Higher loop gravity

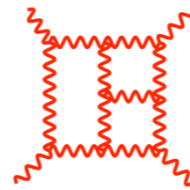
High-loop gravity can be very difficult using Feynman diagram:



$$\frac{\delta^3 S}{\delta \varphi^{\mu\nu} \delta \varphi^{\sigma\tau} \delta \varphi^{\rho\lambda}} \rightarrow 2\eta^{\mu\tau} \eta^{\nu\sigma} k_1^\lambda k_1^\rho + 2\eta^{\mu\sigma} \eta^{\nu\tau} k_1^\lambda k_1^\rho - 2\eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\sigma\tau} k_1^\lambda k_1^\rho + \dots$$

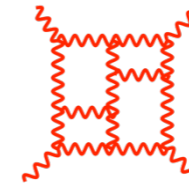
(The equation continues with a long list of terms involving various combinations of the metric tensor η and the wave vector k with indices $\mu, \nu, \sigma, \tau, \rho, \lambda$ and k_1 .)

3-loop



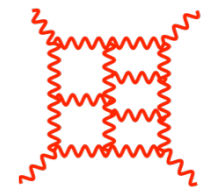
$\sim 10^{20}$ terms

4-loop

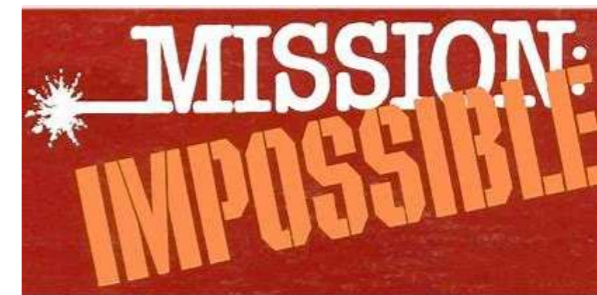


$\sim 10^{26}$ terms

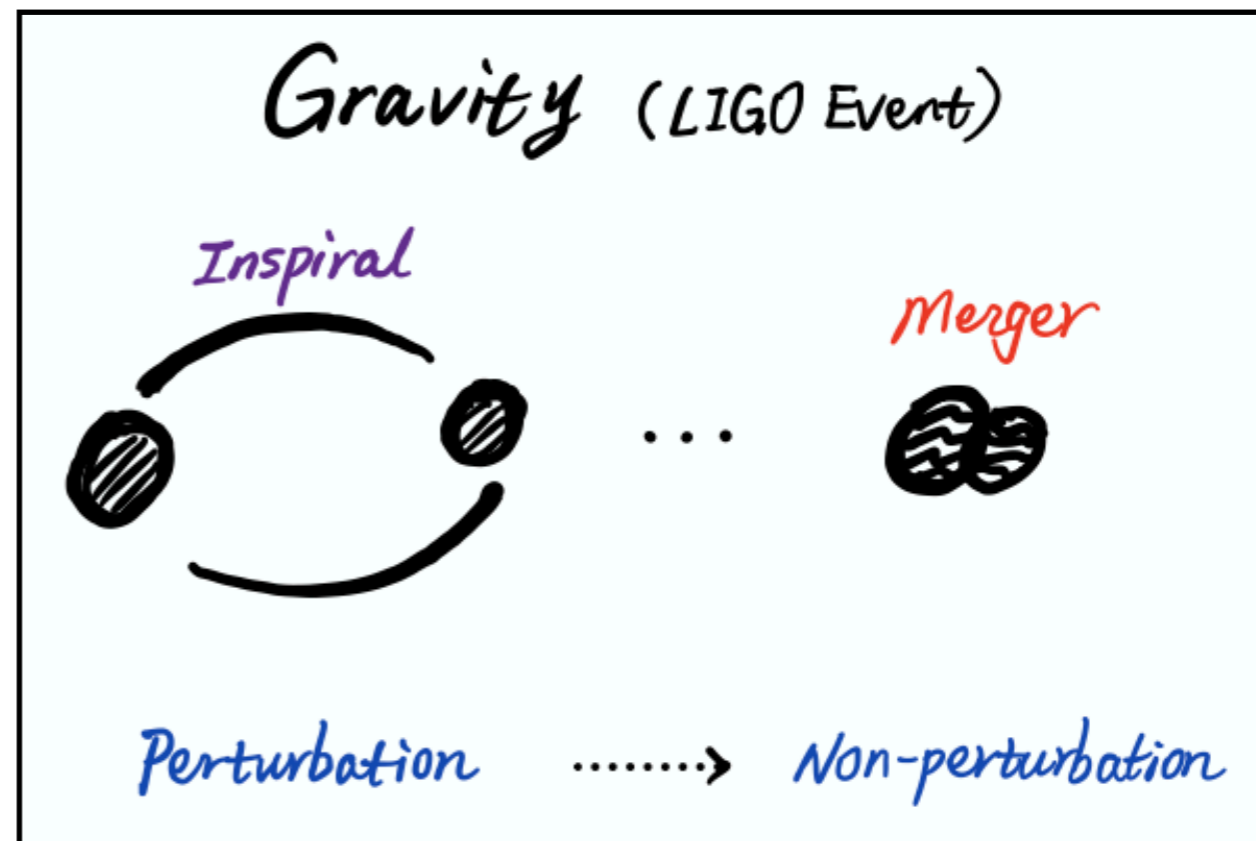
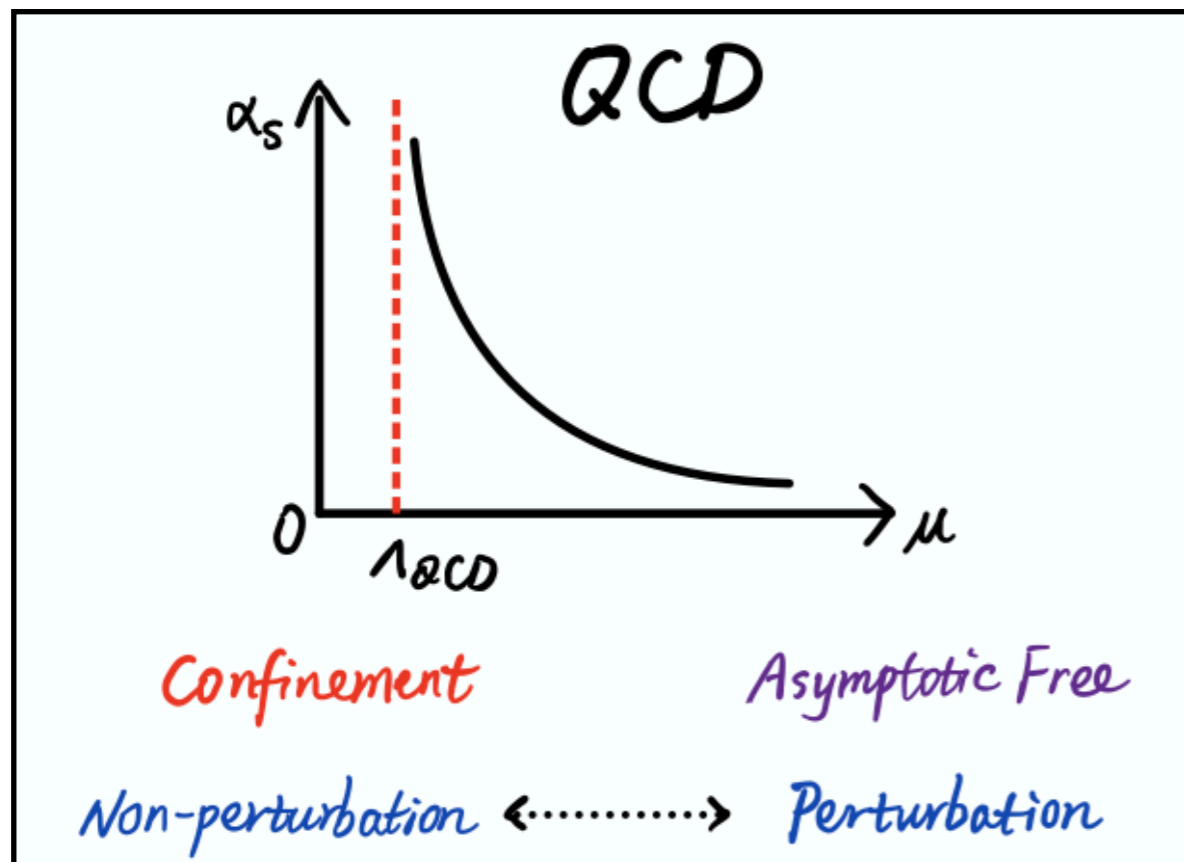
5-loop



$\sim 10^{31}$ terms



Higher loop perturbation is important

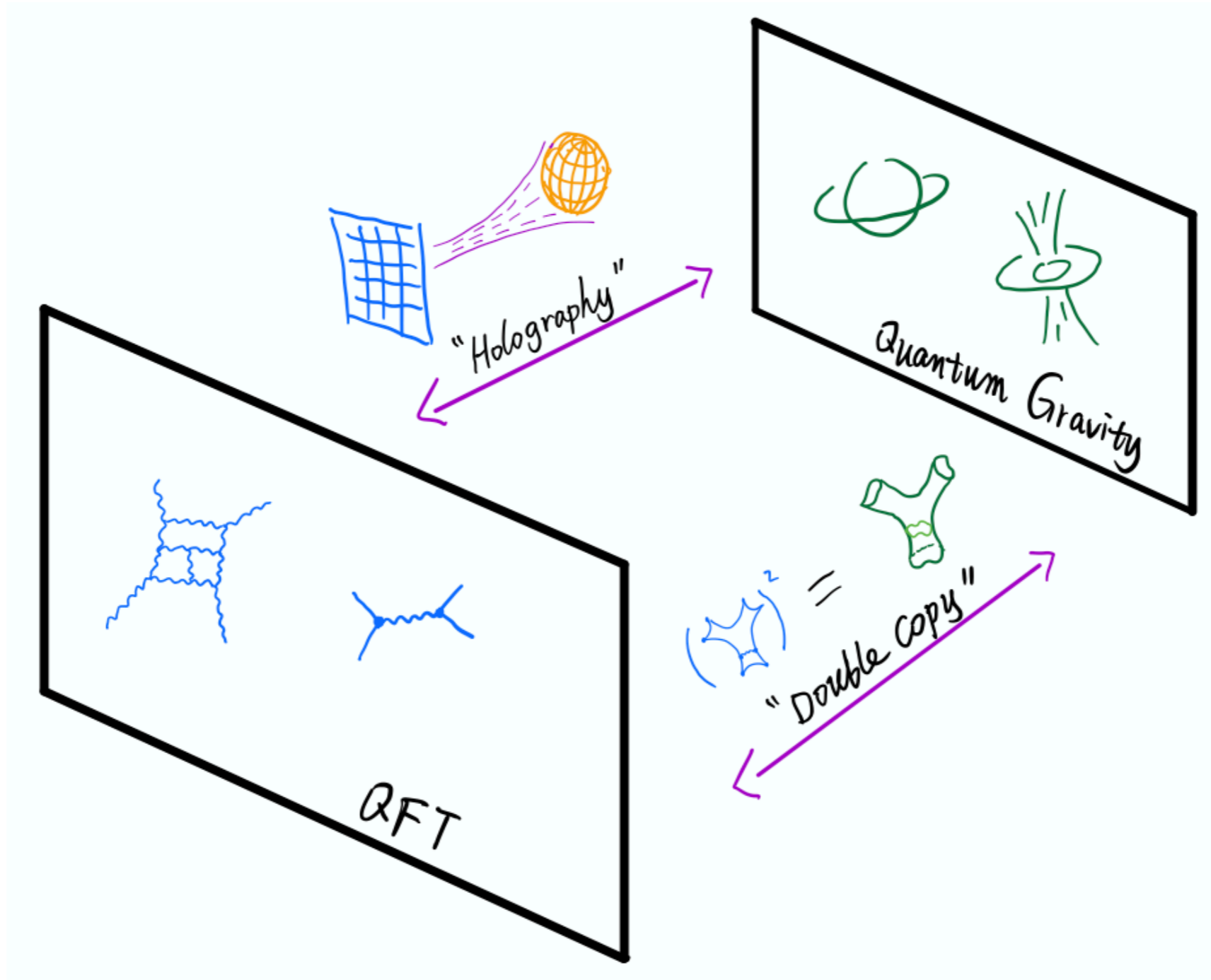


Understanding the structure of ultraviolet divergences in gravity:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g}(R + c_1 R^2 + c_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + c_3 R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \dots)$$

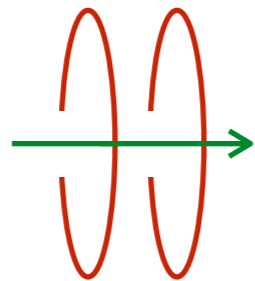


From gauge theory to gravity

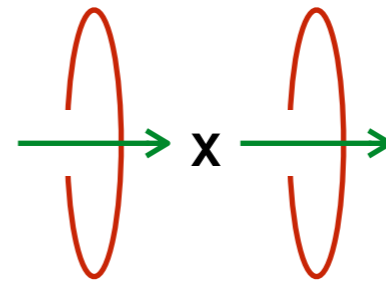


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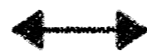
$$\text{Gravity} \approx (\text{Yang-Mills})^2$$



Spin-2



(spin-1)²



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A Relation Between Tree Amplitudes of Closed and Open Strings

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ABSTRACT

We derive a formula which expresses any closed string tree amplitude in terms of a sum of the products of appropriate open string tree amplitudes. This formula is applicable to the heterotic string as well as to the closed bosonic string and type II superstrings. In particular, we demonstrate its use by showing how to write down, without any direct calculation, all four-point heterotic string tree amplitudes with massless external particles.

KLT relation:



$$A_{closed}^{(4)} = -\pi\kappa^2 \sin(\pi\kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2) A_{open}^{(4)}(s, t) \bar{A}_{open}^{(4)}(s, u)$$

$$A_{closed}^{(5)} = \pi\kappa^3 A_{open}^{(5)}(12345) \bar{A}_{open}^{(5)}(21435) \sin(\pi\kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2) \sin(\pi\kappa_3 \cdot \kappa_4) \\ + \pi\kappa^3 A_{open}^{(5)}(13245) \bar{A}_{open}^{(5)}(31425) \sin(\pi\kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_3) \sin(\pi\kappa_2 \cdot \kappa_4).$$



Field theory limit

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

$$M_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = is_{12}s_{34} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) A_5^{\text{tree}}(2, 1, 4, 3, 5) \\ + is_{13}s_{24} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 2, 4, 5) A_5^{\text{tree}}(3, 1, 4, 2, 5)$$

New ideas are needed for loop level.

Color-kinematics duality

The idea of color-kinematics duality was introduced by Bern, Carrasco, and Johansson in 2008.

Bern, Carrasco, Johansson 2008



Generalizing double-copy to quantum (loop) level.

Color-kinematics duality

$$A_n = i g^{n-2} \sum_{(\text{cubic graph})_i} \frac{C_i \, n_i}{\prod D_{\alpha_i}}$$

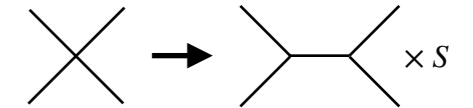
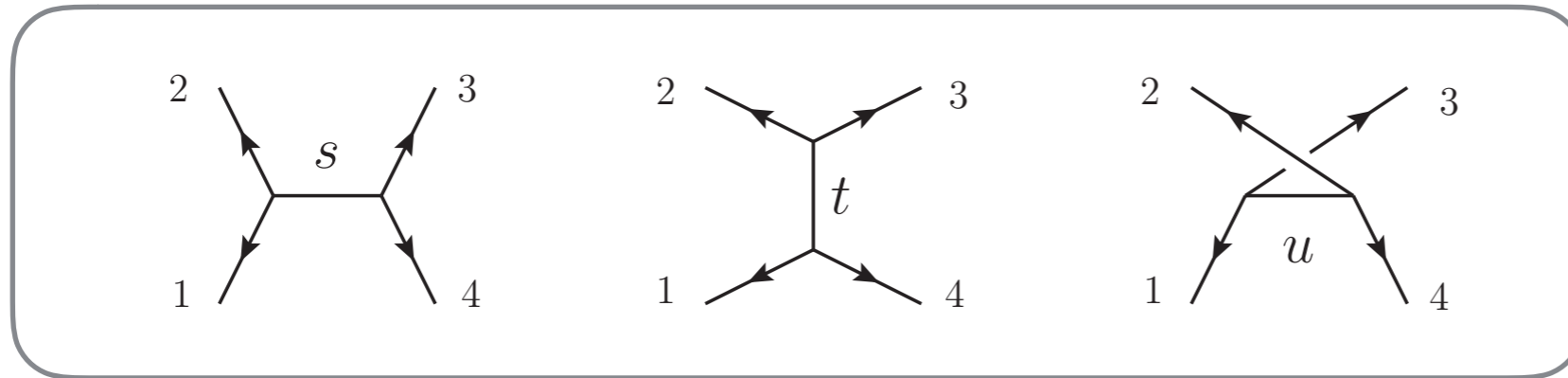
Color factor (pointing to C_i)
Kinematic factor (pointing to n_i)
Propagator (pointing to $\prod D_{\alpha_i}$)



$$C_i + C_j + C_k = 0 \Rightarrow n_i + n_j + n_k = 0$$

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Example: 4-pt amplitude



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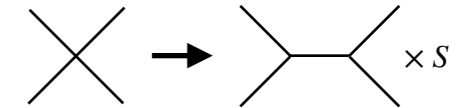
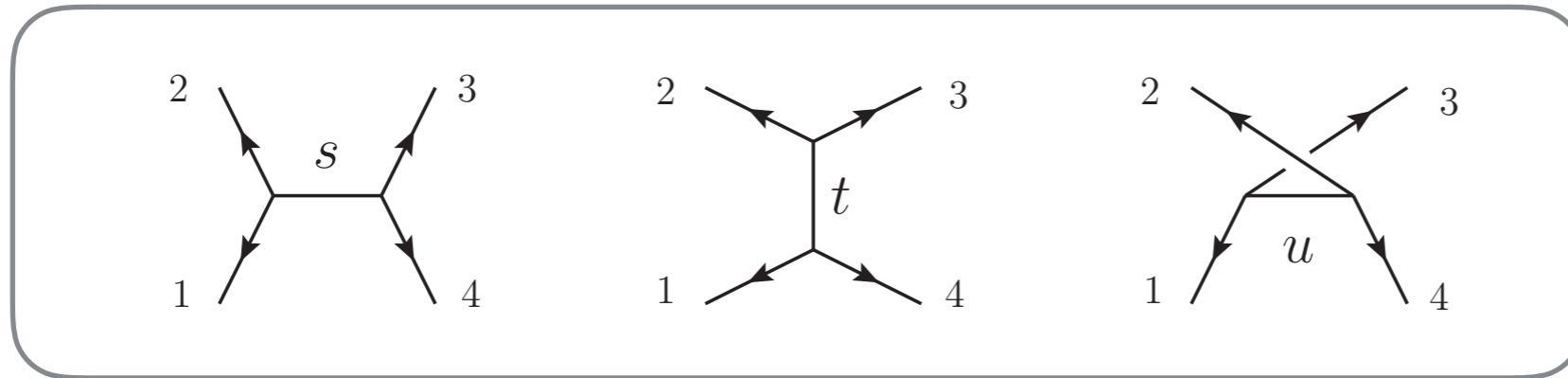
$$c_s = \tilde{f}^{a_1 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_4}, \quad c_t = \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_4 a_1}, \quad c_u = \tilde{f}^{a_1 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_2 a_4}$$

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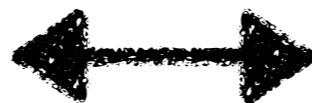
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Kinematic factor (pointing to N_i)
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Color factor

$$\tilde{f}^{abc} = \text{Tr}([T^a, T^b]T^c)$$

Gauge symmetry

Duality



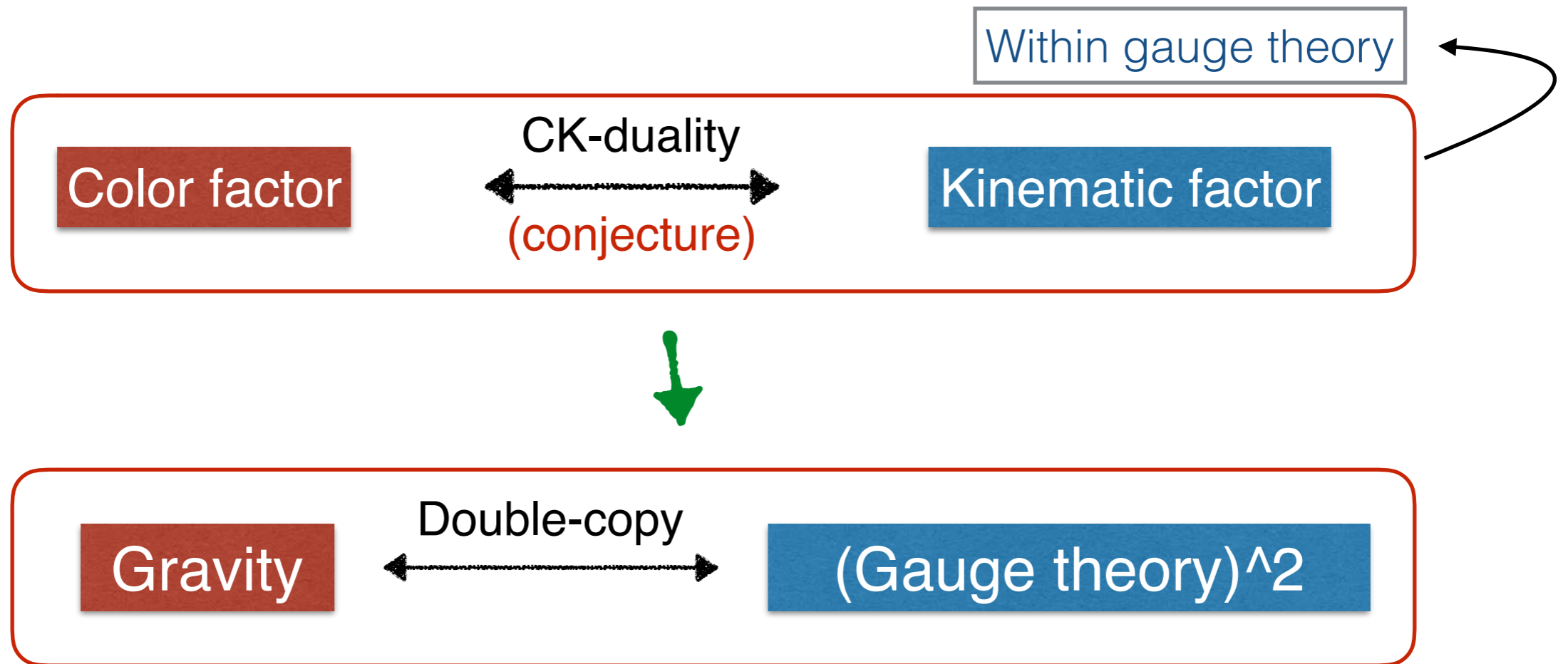
(conjecture)

Kinematic factor

$$s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$$

Spacetime symmetry

CK-duality v.s. Double-copy



By studying the simpler gauge theory, one may understand the far more complicated gravity theory.

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Constructing CK-dual integrand

CK-duality

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**Compact ansatz of
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$$A^{(\ell)} \sim \sum_i \int \frac{C_i \times N_i}{\prod D}$$

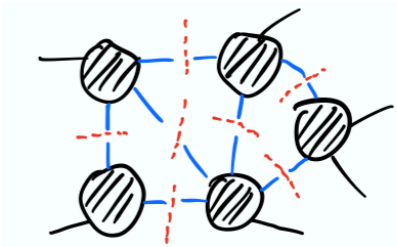
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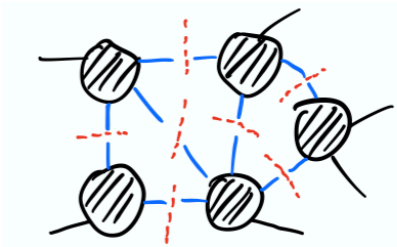
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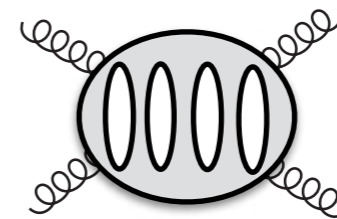
Main challenge: it is a priori not known whether the solution exists

Loop-level CK duality

For $N=4$ SYM, there are high loop examples that manifest **global CK-dual Jacobi relations**:

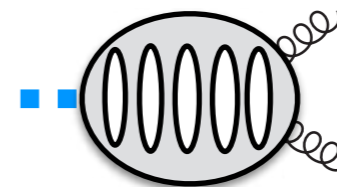
- **4-loop** 4-point amplitude in $N=4$

[Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban, 2012](#)



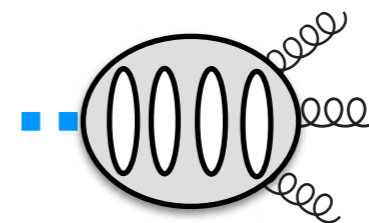
- **5-loop** Sudakov form factor in $N=4$

[GY, 2016](#)

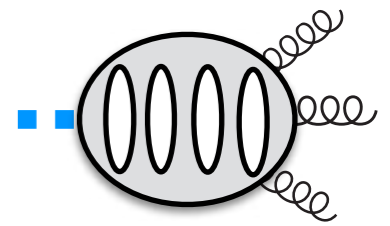


- **4-loop** three-point form factor in $N=4$

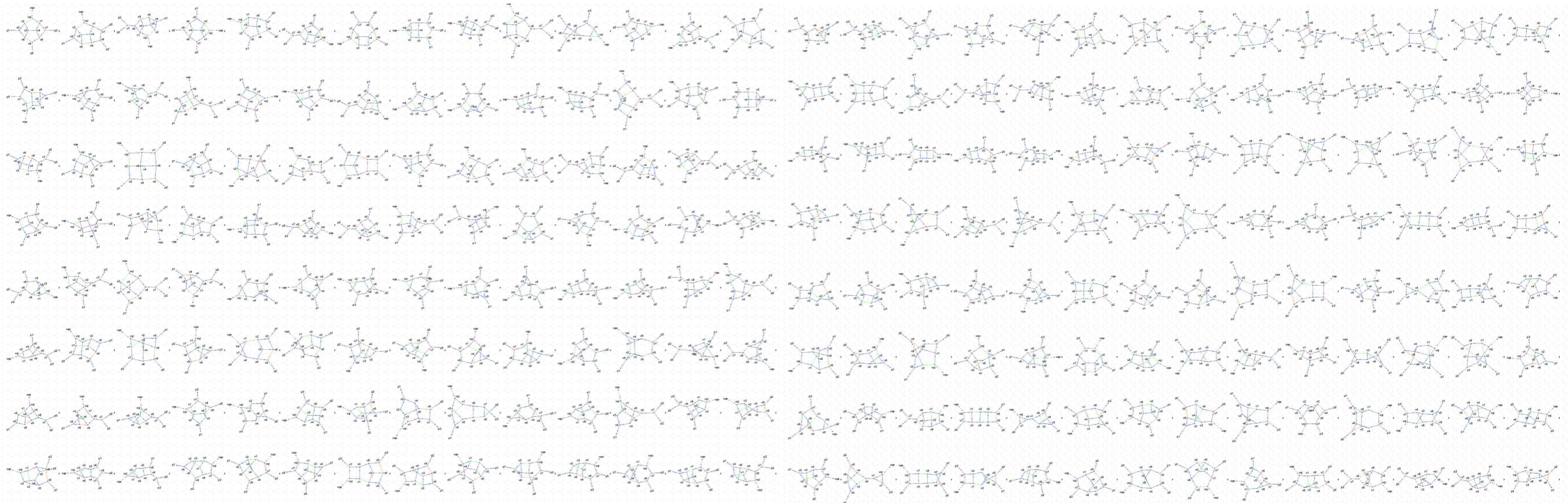
[Lin, GY, Zhang, 2021](#)



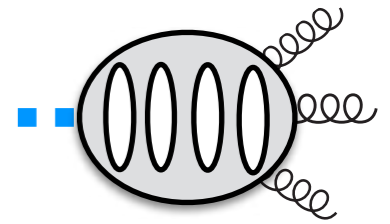
4-loop 3-point form factor



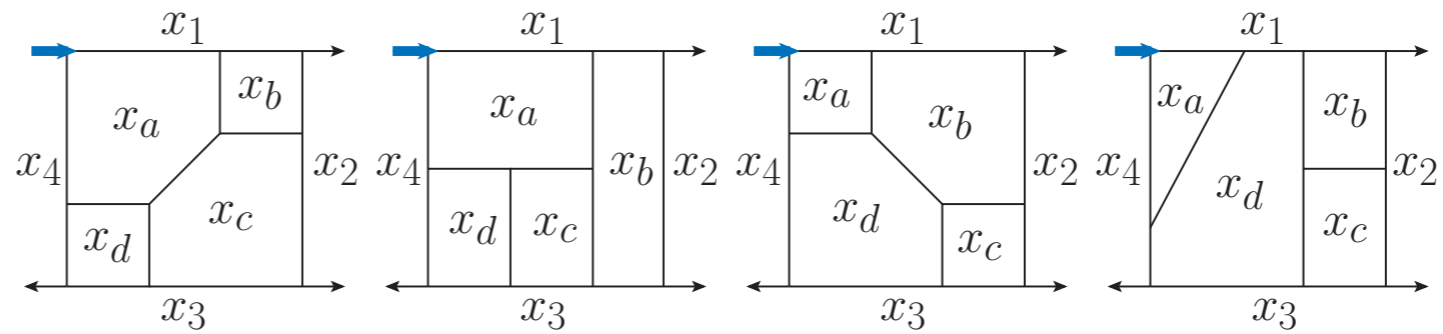
229 trivalent graphs



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Master graphs



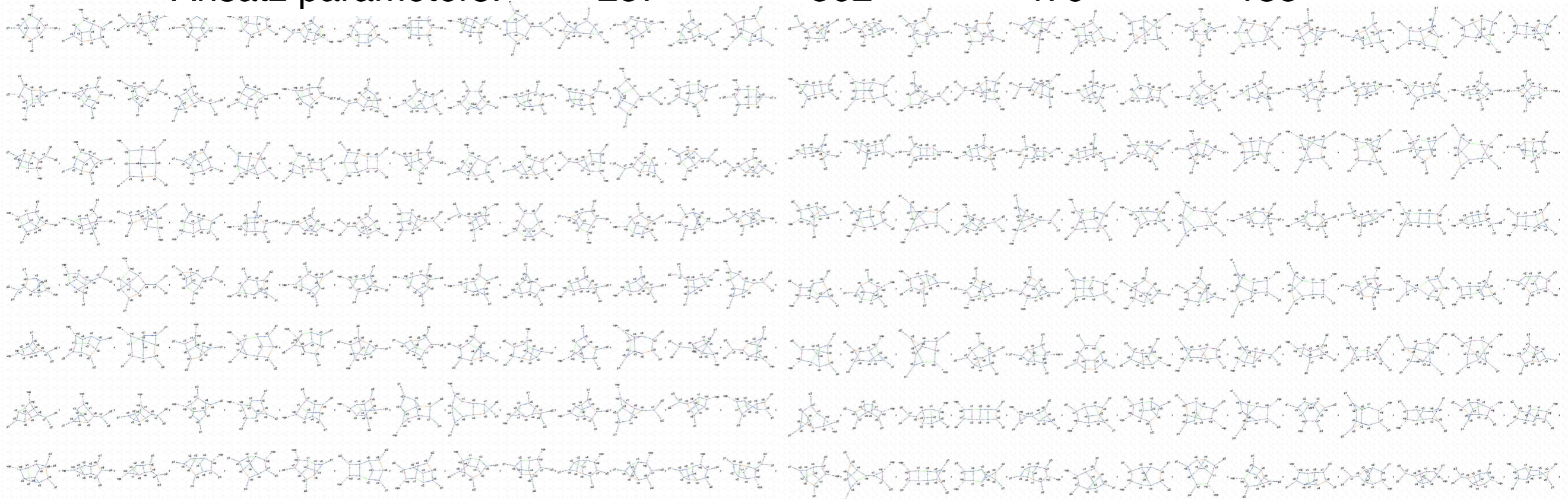
Ansatz parameters:

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562

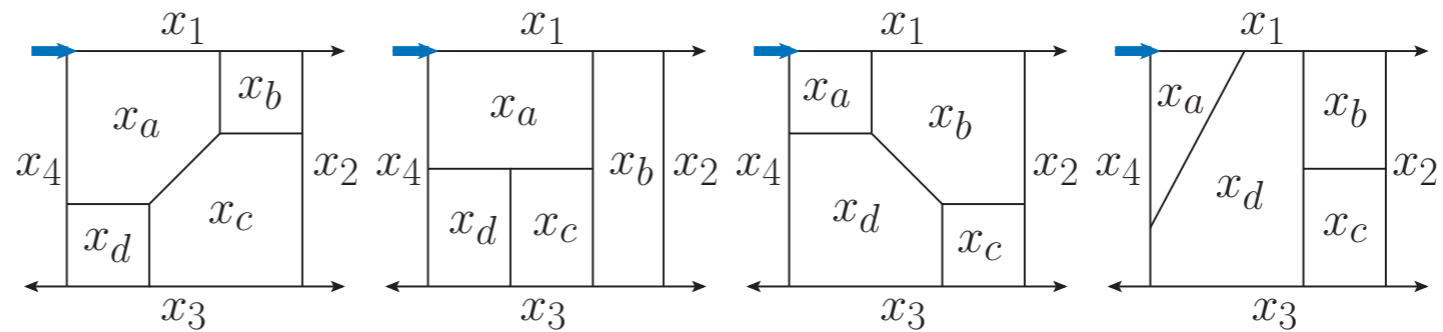
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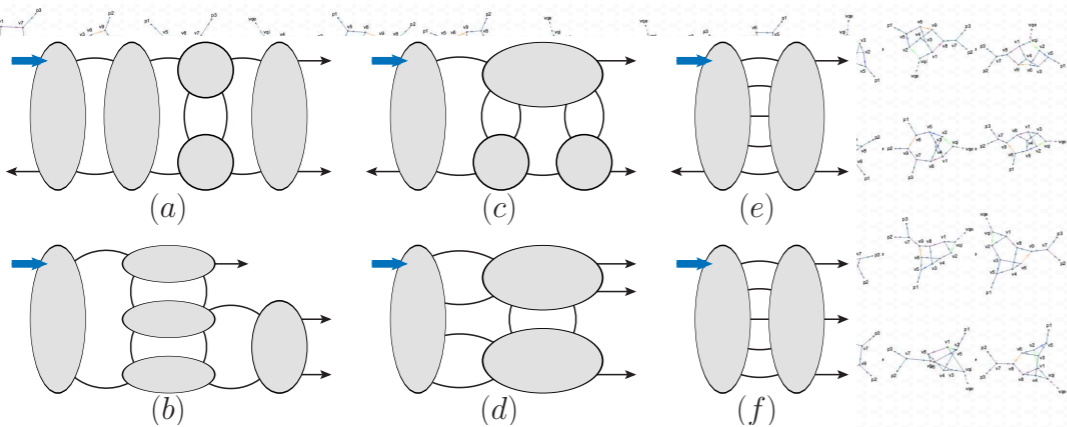


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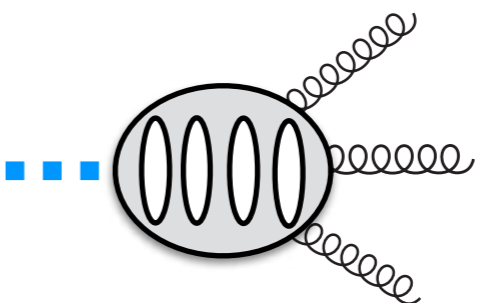
Unitarity cuts



Final solution with 133 free parameters!

$$F_3^{(4)} = \sum_{\sigma_3} \sum_{i=1}^{229} \int \prod_{j=1}^4 d^D \ell_j \frac{1}{S_i} \sigma_3 \cdot \frac{\mathcal{F}_3^{(0)} C_i N_i}{\prod_{\alpha_i} P_{\alpha_i}^2}$$

Three-point form factor up to four loops

$$\mathcal{F}_3 = \int d^4x e^{-iq \cdot x} \langle p_1, p_2, p_3 | \text{tr}(F^2)(x) | 0 \rangle$$


L loops	$L=1$	$L=2$	$L=3$	$L=4$
# of cubic graphs	2	6	29	229
# of planar masters	1	2	2	4
# of free parameters	1	4	24	133

Non-supersymmetric Yang-Mills

For non-supersymmetric YM, even two-loop is challenging:

- 2-loop 4-gluon all-plus-helicity amplitude in pure YM

$$A_4^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+)$$

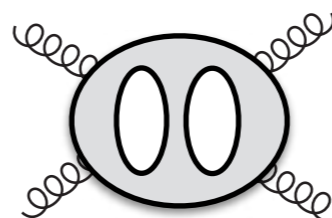
Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang, Nohle 2013

- 2-loop 5-gluon all-plus-helicity amplitude in pure YM

$$A_5^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+)$$

O'Connell and Mogull 2015

No global CK-dual solution is known for generic helicity configurations at two loops.



When difficult to find CK-dual solution

- Enlarge ansatz (e.g. increasing power of loop momenta)

$$A_5^{(2)}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+)$$

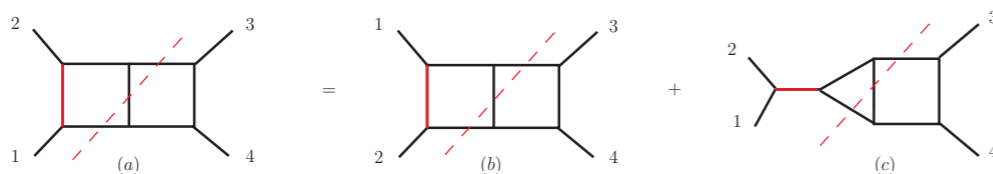
$$n^{\text{CK}} \sim \ell^{12}$$

O'Connell and Mogull 2015

- Give up global CK relations?

Ansatz is made to all topologies and only imposing CK-duality on cuts.

Bern, Davies and Nohle 2015



$$(n_a - n_b - n_c)|_{\text{cut}} = 0$$

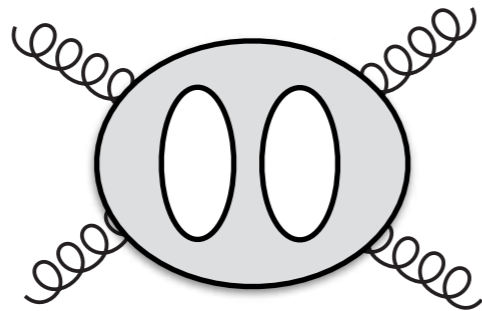
Hard to generalize to higher-loop/point cases.

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Two-loop 4-gluon amplitude

We introduce a strategy by allowing “**deformation**”.

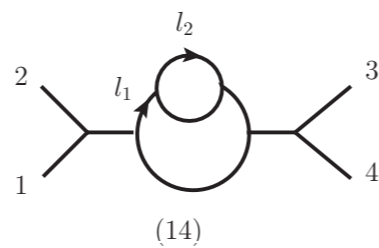
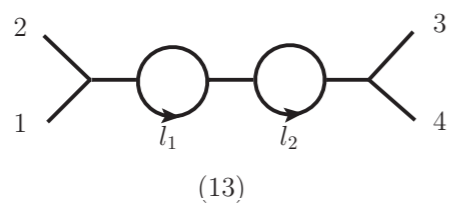
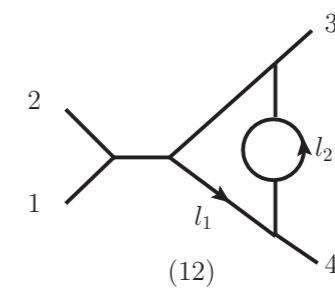
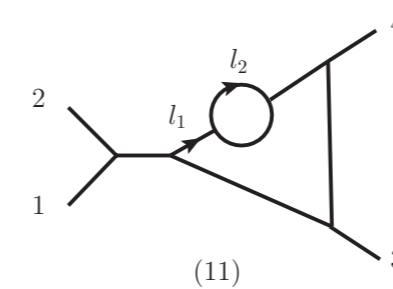
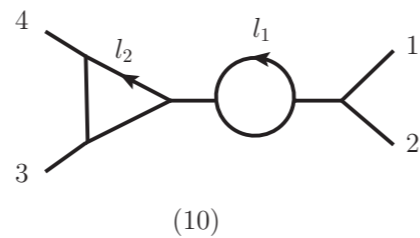
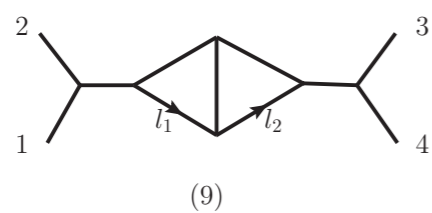
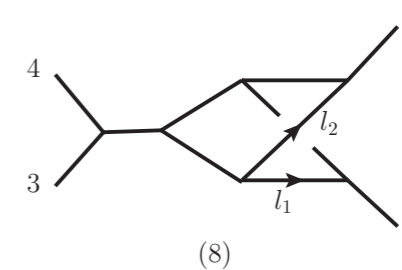
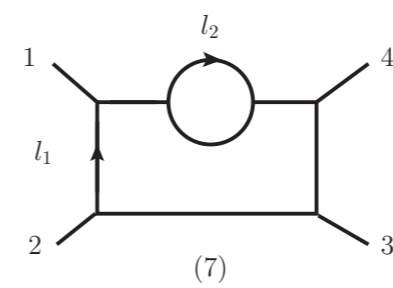
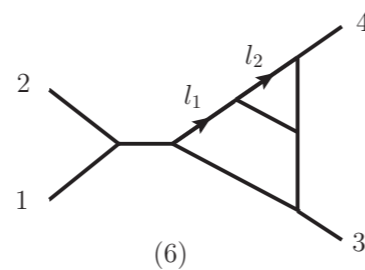
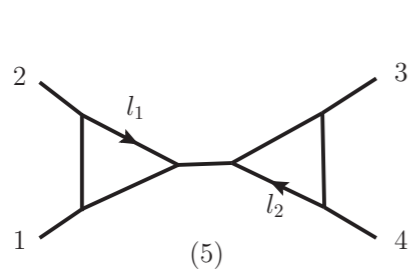
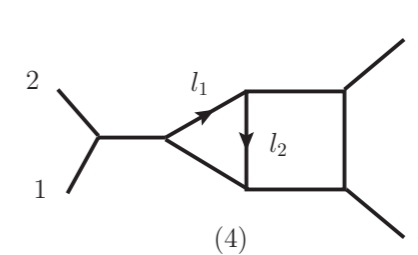
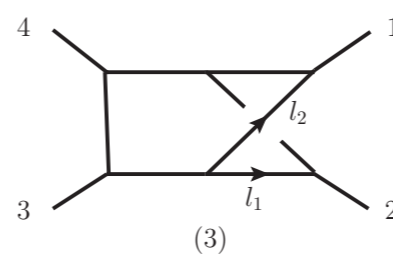
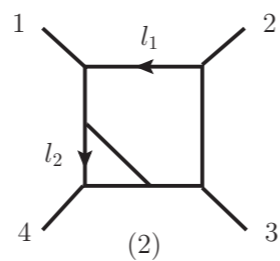
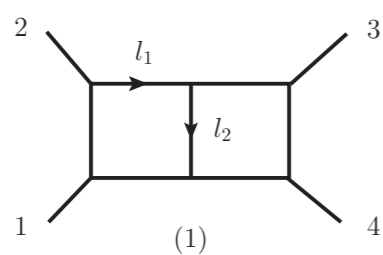


$$N_1 = n_1 + \Delta_1$$

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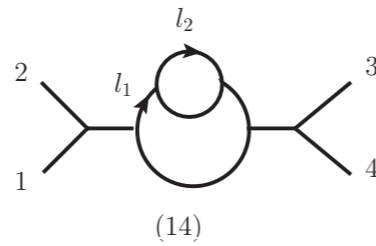
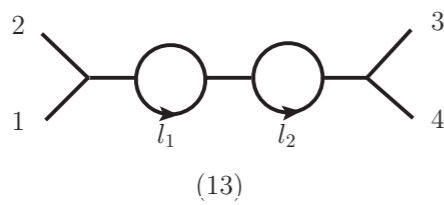
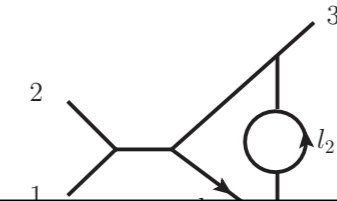
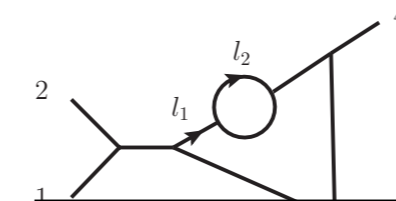
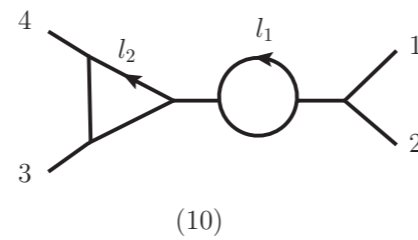
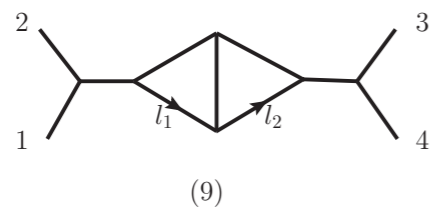
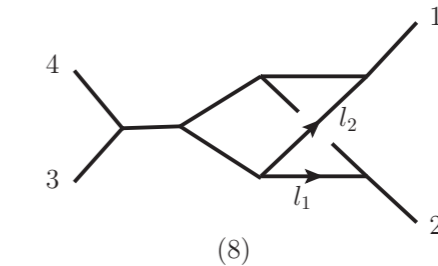
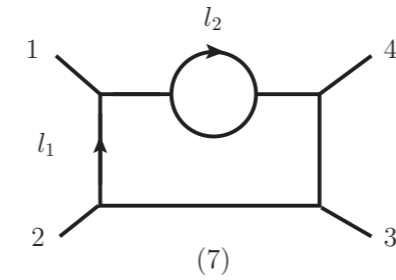
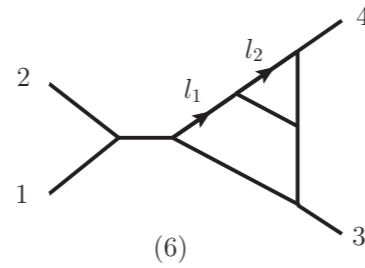
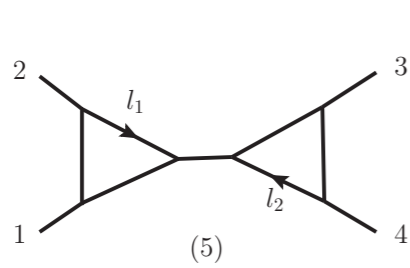
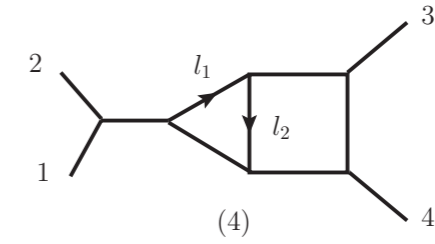
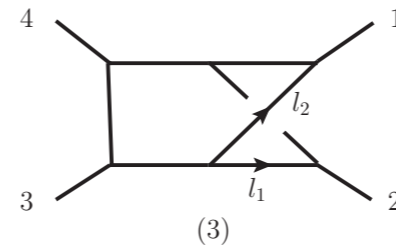
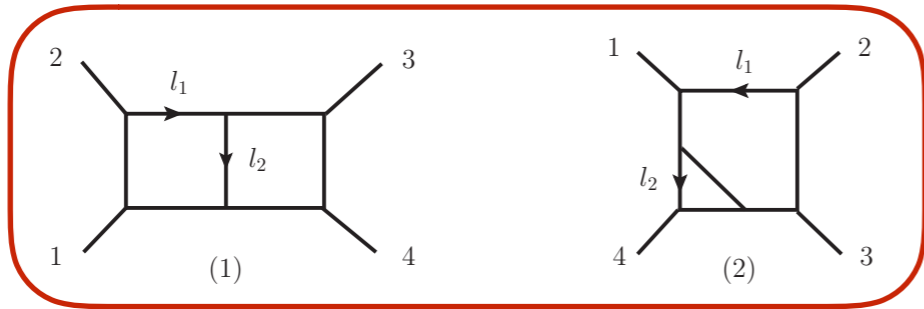
$$N_1 = n_1 + \Delta_1$$

Two-loop trivalent diagrams



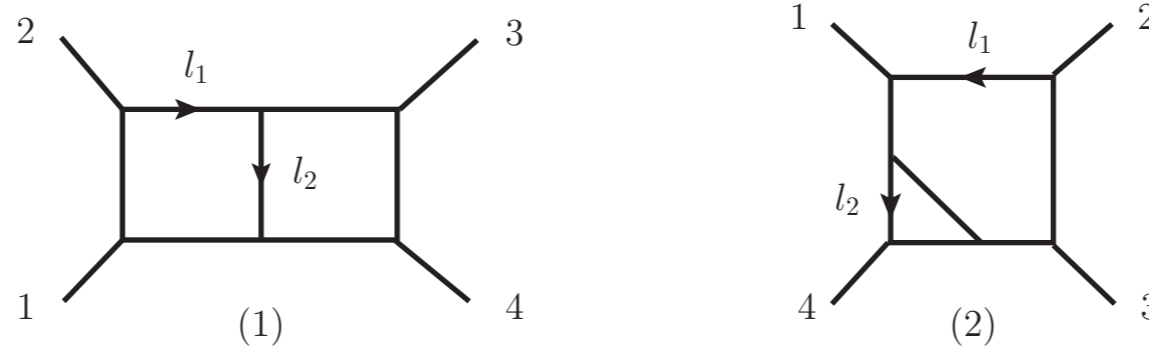
Two-loop trivalent diagrams

Master topologies



$$\begin{aligned}
 n_3 &= n_1[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_2, l_1 - p_2] + n_2[p_4, p_3, p_2, p_1, -l_1 - l_2 - p_3, -l_2 + p_1] \\
 n_4 &= n_1 - n_1[p_3, p_4, p_2, p_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2, -l_2] \\
 n_5 &= -n_1[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2] + n_1[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 + l_2] \\
 n_6 &= n_2[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1 + p_1, l_2] - n_2[p_3, p_1, p_2, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2 - p_3] \\
 n_7 &= -n_2[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_2] - n_2[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2 - p_1] \\
 n_8 &= n_3 - n_3[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_2] \\
 n_9 &= -n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2] + n_4[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 - l_2] \\
 n_{10} &= -n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 + l_2 + p_1 + p_2] - n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 + l_2] \\
 n_{11} &= -n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2, l_1 - l_2] - n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 + l_2 - p_1 - p_2, l_2] \\
 n_{12} &= -n_6[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2] - n_6[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_2 - p_1 - p_2 - p_3] \\
 n_{13} &= n_9 + n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, l_2] \\
 n_{14} &= n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1 - l_2, l_1] + n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2],
 \end{aligned}$$

Ansatz for the master numerators



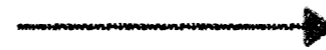
Polynomials in D-dim kinematics:

$$n_m = \sum_k a_{mk} M_k, \quad m = 1, 2,$$

$$\{\varepsilon_i \cdot \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_i \cdot p_j, \varepsilon_i \cdot l_\alpha, p_i \cdot l_\alpha, l_\alpha \cdot l_\beta, p_1 \cdot p_2, p_2 \cdot p_3\}$$

e.g.: $(\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4)(p_1 \cdot p_2)(p_1 \cdot l_1)(p_1 \cdot l_2)$

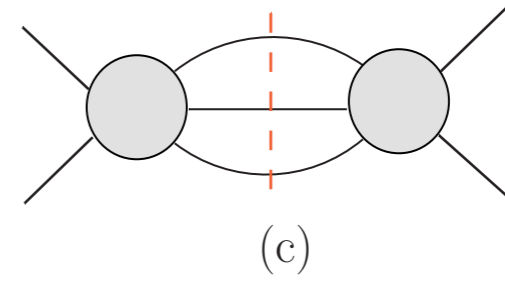
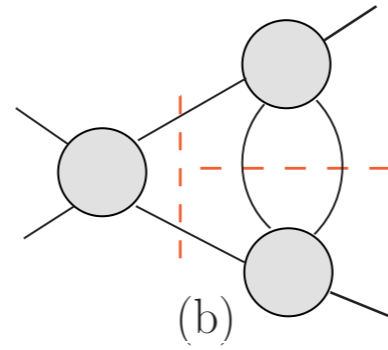
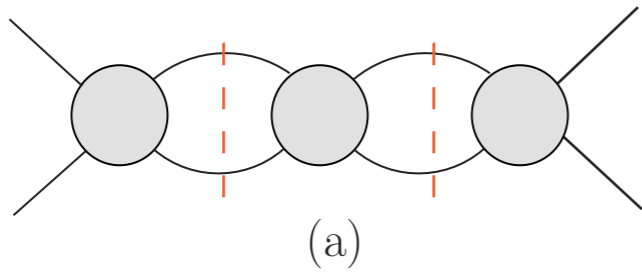
Parameters: $\sim 20,000$



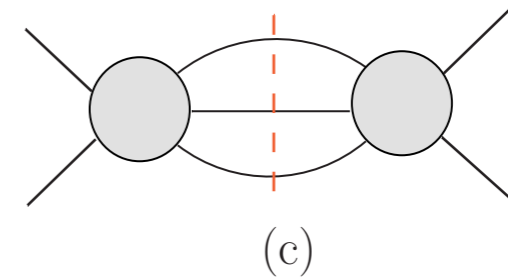
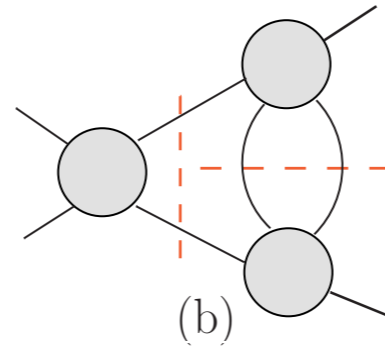
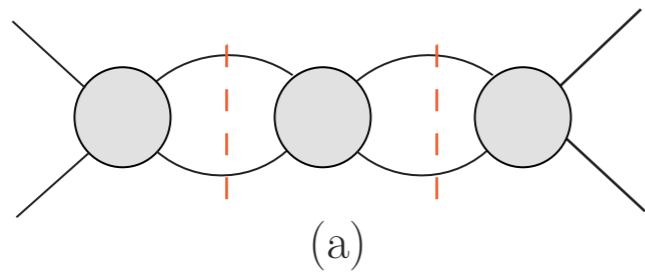
Symmetry

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Unitarity cuts

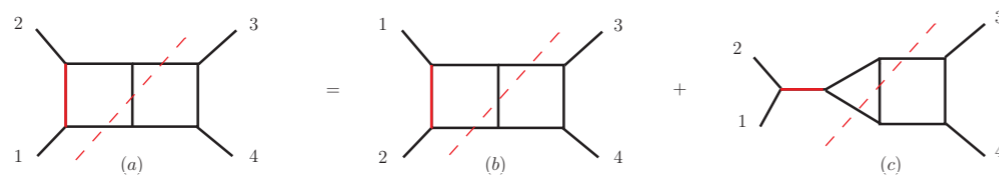


Unitarity cuts



- Require the CK-duality at cut-level

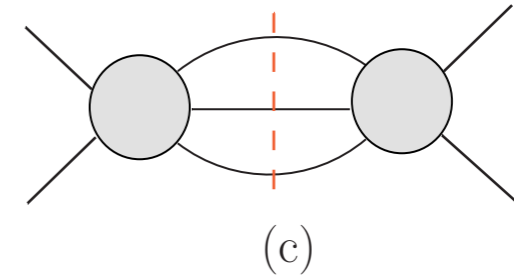
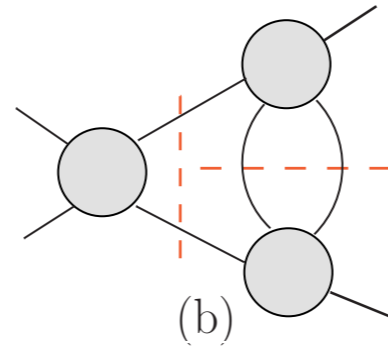
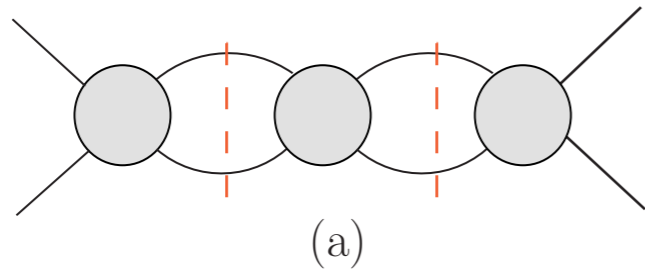
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$$(n_a - n_b - n_c)|_{\text{cut}} = 0$$

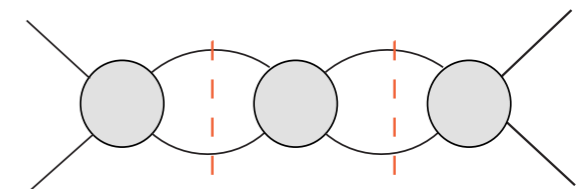
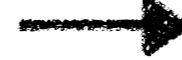
CK-duality only on cuts
initial parameters: $\sim 120,000$
after symmetry constraints: $\sim 28,000$
after cut and CK constraints: $\sim 6,300$

Unitarity cuts



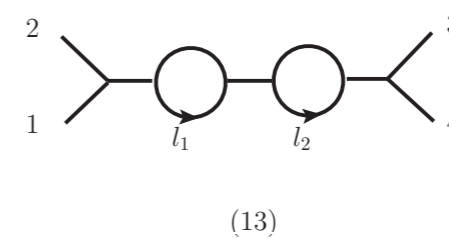
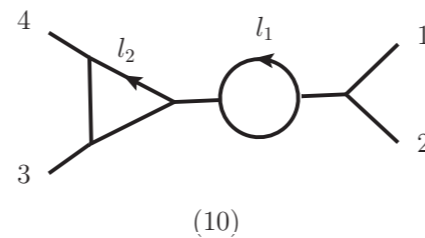
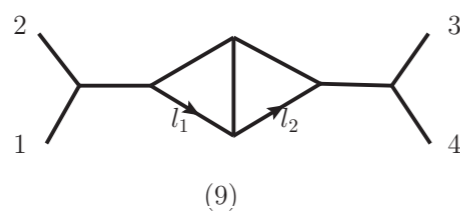
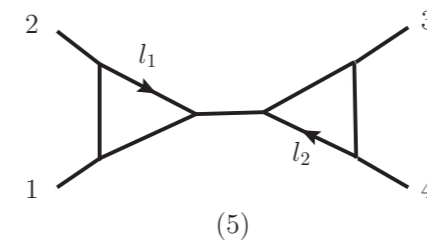
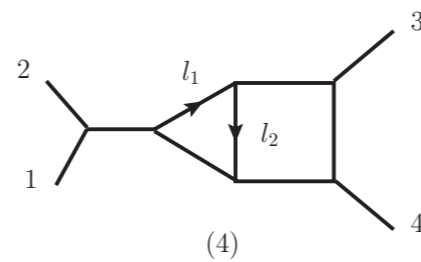
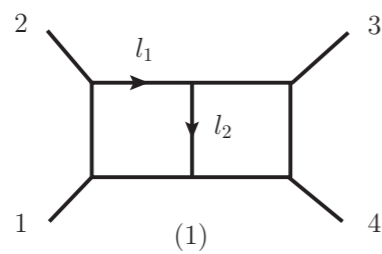
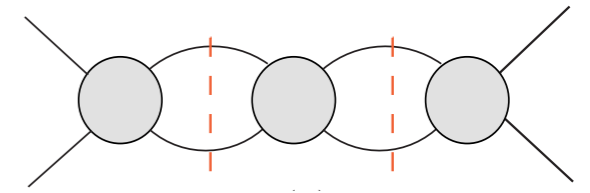
We would like to take advantage of the global CK-dual relations

$$N_i = n_i + \Delta_i \text{ Deformation}$$



Deformed trivalent diagrams

Topologies that affect the ladder-double-cut:



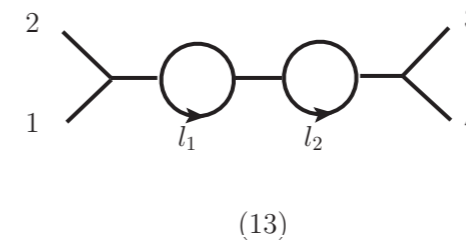
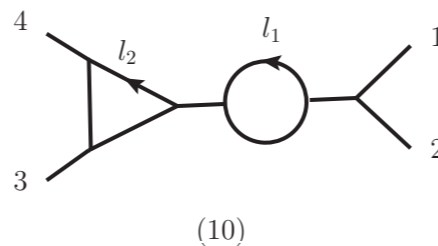
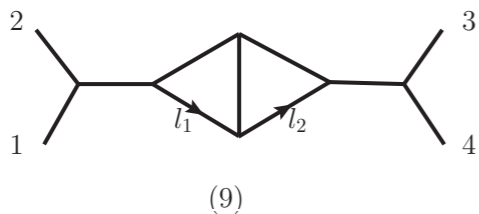
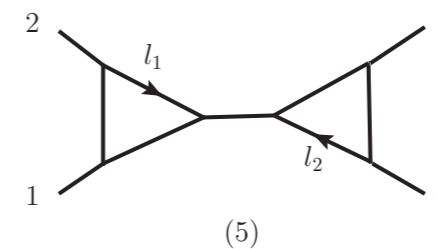
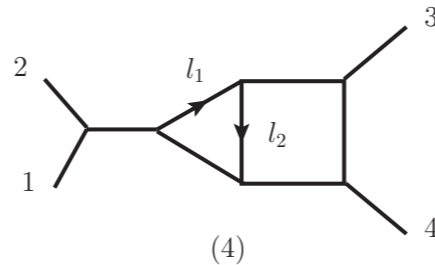
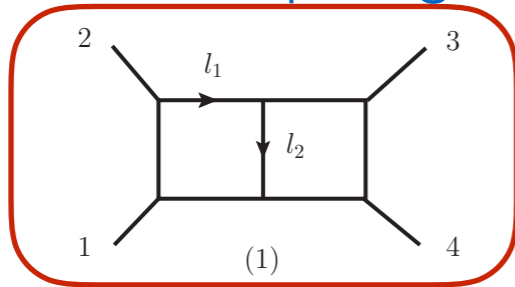
Deformation

$$N_i = \begin{cases} n_i + \Delta_i, & i = 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, \\ n_i, & \text{others.} \end{cases}$$

Deformed numerators

We ask that deformation satisfies a sub-set of dual Jacobi relations.

Master topologies



$$\Delta_4 = \Delta_1 - \Delta_1[p_3, p_4, p_2, p_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2, -l_2]$$

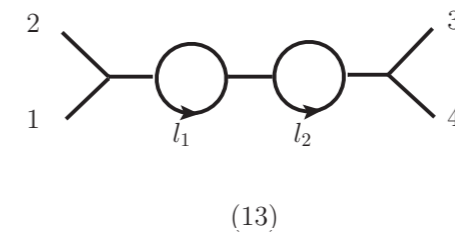
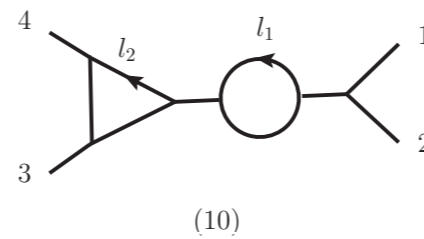
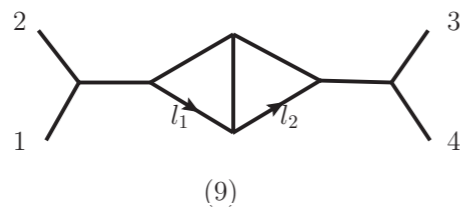
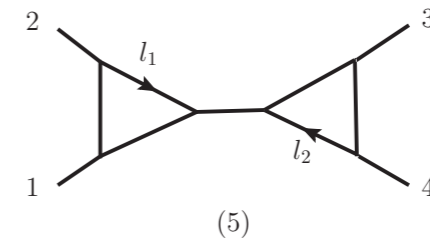
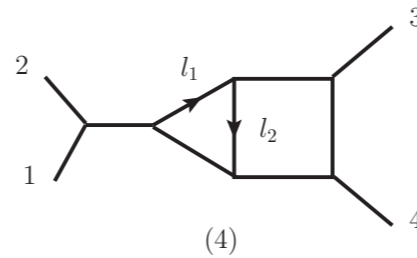
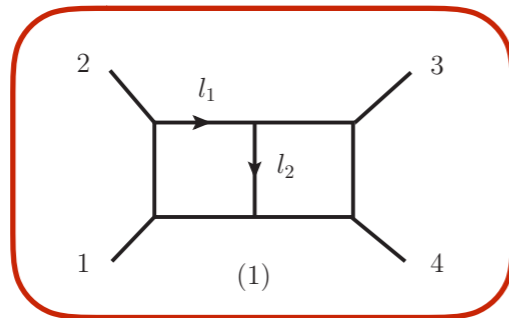
$$\Delta_5 = -\Delta_1[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2] + \Delta_1[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 + l_2]$$

$$\Delta_9 = -\Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2] + \Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 - l_2]$$

$$\Delta_{10} = -\Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 + l_2 + p_1 + p_2] - \Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 + l_2]$$

$$\Delta_{13} = \Delta_9 + \Delta_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, l_2].$$

Ansatz of the master numerator



Consider different Lorentz structure separately:

$$\Delta_i = \Delta_i^{[1]} + \Delta_i^{[2]} + \Delta_i^{[3]}.$$

$$\Delta_1^{[1]} = (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4) \left(\sum_k c_k^{[1]} M_k^{[1]} \right) l_2^2$$

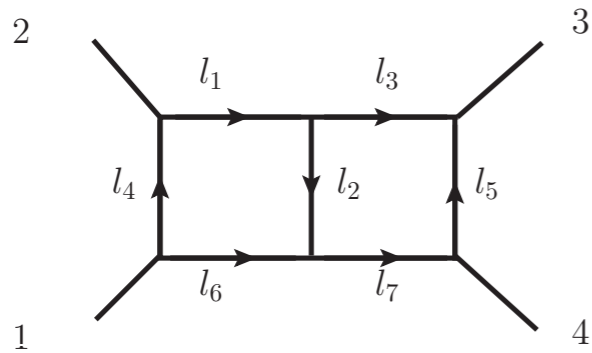
$$\Delta_1^{[2]} = \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) \left(\sum_a c_a^{[2]} M_{1,a}^{[2]} \right) + (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4) \left(\sum_b c_b^{[2]} M_{2,b}^{[2]} \right) \right] l_2^2$$

$$\Delta_1^{[3]} = \left(\sum_k c_k^{[3]} M_k^{[3]} \right) l_2^2$$

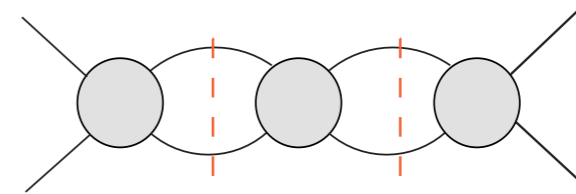
Some requirement:

- 1) do not affect other cuts,
- 2) double copy still applicable.

Solving the master numerator



$$N_i = n_i + \Delta_i$$



$$\Delta_1^{[1]} = (d-2)^2 (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4) l_4^2 l_2^2 l_5^2$$

$$\Delta_1^{[2]} = -4(d-2)^2 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) (\varepsilon_3 \cdot l_5) (\varepsilon_4 \cdot l_5) l_4^2 + (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4) (\varepsilon_1 \cdot l_4) (\varepsilon_2 \cdot l_4) l_5^2 \right] l_2^2$$

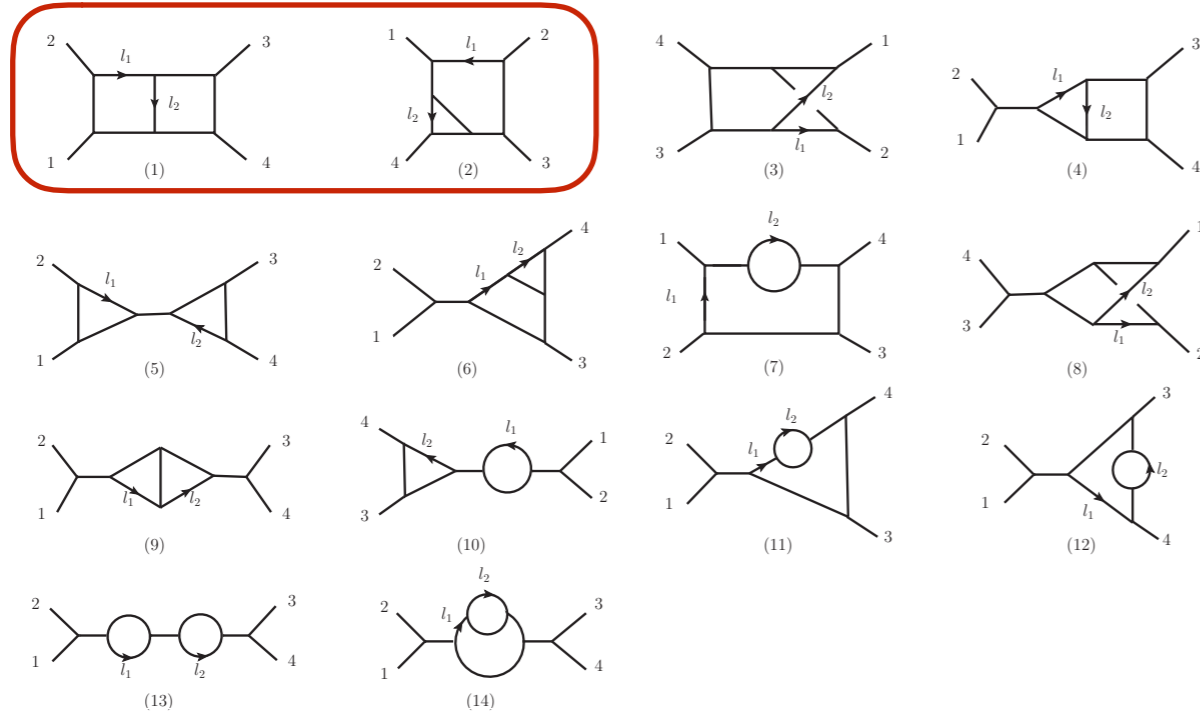
Deformation

Solution for the master numerator:

(There is a solution space with free parameters, here is a special simple choice.)

$$\Delta \left[\begin{array}{c} p_2 \swarrow \quad \xrightarrow{k_2} \quad \xrightarrow{k_3} \quad \searrow p_3 \\ \quad \quad \quad \uparrow k_7 \quad \quad \quad \uparrow k_6 \\ p_1 \swarrow \quad \xrightarrow{k_1} \quad \xrightarrow{k_4} \quad \searrow p_4 \\ \quad \quad \quad \uparrow k_5 \quad \quad \quad \uparrow k_6 \end{array} \right] / k_7^2 = \\
 + (d-2)^2 \left\{ (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4)k_5^2 k_6^2 + 16(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_6) \right. \\
 \left. - 4 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_6)k_5^2 + (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4)(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_5)k_6^2 \right] \right\} \\
 + (d-2)4 \left\{ -10 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_5) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_3) \right] \right. \\
 + 20 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_3) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_5) \right] \\
 + 32 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot p_1)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot p_2) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot p_3)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot p_4)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_6) \right] \\
 \left. + 47 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_3)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_3) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_1) \right] \right\},$$

Master topologies

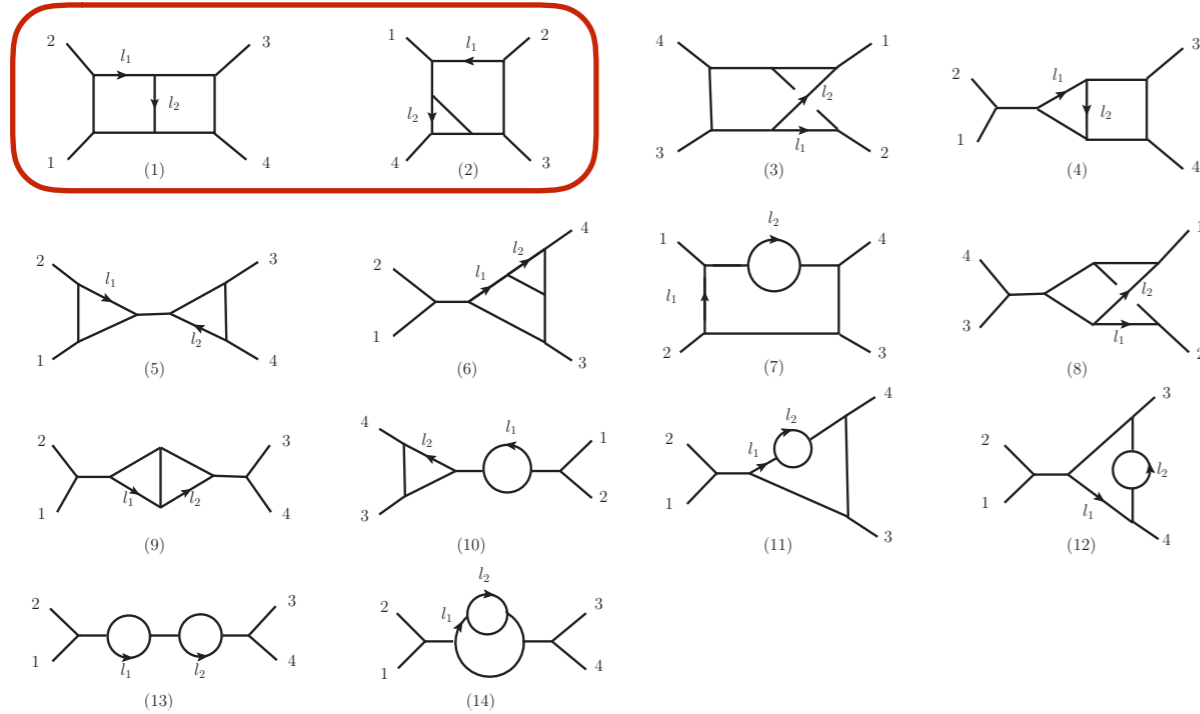


$$N_i = n_i$$

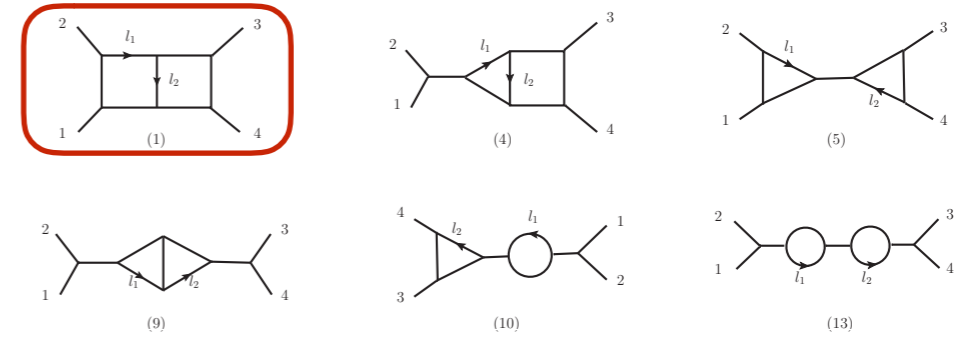


$$\begin{aligned}
 n_3 &= n_1[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_2, l_1 - p_2] + n_2[p_4, p_3, p_2, p_1, -l_1 - l_2 - p_3, -l_2 + p_1] \\
 n_4 &= n_1 - n_1[p_3, p_4, p_2, p_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2, -l_2] \\
 n_5 &= -n_1[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2] + n_1[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 + l_2] \\
 n_6 &= n_2[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1 + p_1, l_2] - n_2[p_3, p_1, p_2, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2 - p_3] \\
 n_7 &= -n_2[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_2] - n_2[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2 - p_1] \\
 n_8 &= n_3 - n_3[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_2] \\
 n_9 &= -n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2] + n_4[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 - l_2] \\
 n_{10} &= -n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 + l_2 + p_1 + p_2] - n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 + l_2] \\
 n_{11} &= -n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2, l_1 - l_2] - n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 + l_2 - p_1 - p_2, l_2] \\
 n_{12} &= -n_6[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2] - n_6[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_2 - p_1 - p_2 - p_3] \\
 n_{13} &= n_9 + n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, l_2] \\
 n_{14} &= n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1 - l_2, l_1] + n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2],
 \end{aligned}$$

Master topologies



$$N_i = n_i + \Delta_i$$



$$n_3 = n_1[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_2, l_1 - p_2] + n_2[p_4, p_3, p_2, p_1, -l_1 - l_2 - p_3, -l_2 + p_1]$$

$$n_4 = n_1 - n_1[p_3, p_4, p_2, p_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2, -l_2]$$

$$n_5 = -n_1[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2] + n_1[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 + l_2]$$

$$n_6 = n_2[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1 + p_1, l_2] - n_2[p_3, p_1, p_2, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2 - p_3]$$

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$$n_{10} = -n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 + l_2 + p_1 + p_2] - n_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 + l_2]$$

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$$n_{12} = -n_6[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2] - n_6[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_2 - p_1 - p_2 - p_3]$$

$$n_{13} = n_9 + n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, l_2]$$

$$n_{14} = n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1 - l_2, l_1] + n_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_2 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2],$$

$$\Delta_4 = \Delta_1 - \Delta_1[p_3, p_4, p_2, p_1, l_1 - l_2 + p_1 + p_2, -l_2]$$

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$$\Delta_9 = -\Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 - l_2] + \Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_4, p_3, l_1, l_1 - l_2]$$

$$\Delta_{10} = -\Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, l_1, l_1 + l_2 + p_1 + p_2] - \Delta_4[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, -l_1 + l_2]$$

$$\Delta_{13} = \Delta_9 + \Delta_9[p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, -l_1 - p_1 - p_2, l_2].$$

Simplicity of deformation



$$N_1 = n_1 + \Delta_1$$

Deformation

$$\Delta \left[\begin{array}{cccc} p_2 & k_2 & k_3 & p_3 \\ & k_5 & & \\ p_1 & k_1 & k_4 & p_4 \end{array} \right] / k_7^2 = \quad (5.2)$$

$$+ (d-2)^2 \left\{ (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4)k_5^2 k_6^2 + 16(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_6) \right. \\ \left. - 4 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_6)k_5^2 + (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4)(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_5)k_6^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$+ (d-2)4 \left\{ -10 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_5) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_3) \right] \right. \\ + 20 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_3) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_5) \right] \\ + 32 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_5)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot p_1)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot p_2) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot p_3)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot p_4)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_6)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_6) \right] \\ \left. + 47 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_3)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_4)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_3) + (\varepsilon_1 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot k_1)(\varepsilon_3 \cdot k_2)(\varepsilon_4 \cdot k_1) \right] \right\},$$

Undeformed part

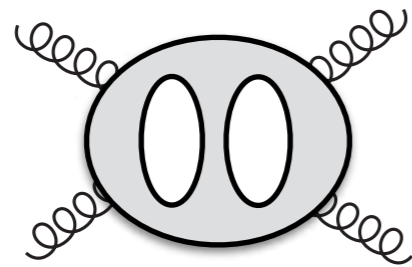
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- 2-SymmetryBasis.m
- n1.txt**
- n2.txt

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n1.txt

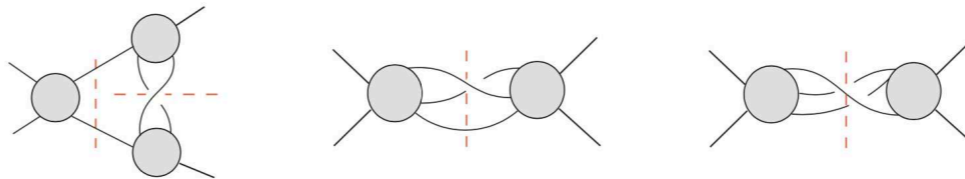
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Checks of the solution



$$N_i = \begin{cases} n_i + \Delta_i, & i = 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, \\ n_i, & \text{others.} \end{cases}$$

- Pass the full set of D-dimensional planar and non-planar cuts



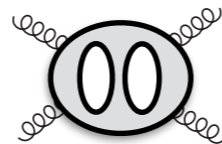
- Satisfy all CK-dual relations on cuts, so double-copy applies
- Free parameters cancel after the integral IBP reduction
- Integrated result satisfies the Catani IR formula

Outline

- Introduction
- Constructing CK-dual numerators
- New strategy of deformation
- **Summary and outlook**

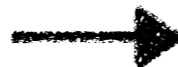
Summary and outlook

- Gauge and gravity theories are related by **double copy**.
- The key of double copy is to achieve “**color-kinematics duality**”.
- Finding CK-dual numerators is generally difficult, and introducing “**a simple deformation**” may solve it.



Bern, Davies and Nohle 2015

CK-duality only on cuts
initial parameters: $\sim 120,000$
after symmetry constraints: $\sim 28,000$
after cut and CK constraints: $\sim 6,300$



Duality with deformation
initial parameters: $\sim 20,000$
after CK and symmetry constraints: ~ 1400
with partial cuts + deformation : ~ 500
with remaining cut: ~ 200

A new strategy to apply CK-duality and double-copy.

Summary and outlook

- Why so simple?

$$\Delta \left[\begin{array}{c} p_2 \rightarrow \quad k_2 \quad k_3 \rightarrow p_3 \\ \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ k_5 \quad \quad \quad k_7 \\ \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ p_1 \leftarrow \quad k_1 \quad k_4 \leftarrow p_4 \\ \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \quad \quad \quad k_6 \end{array} \right] / k_7^2 =$$

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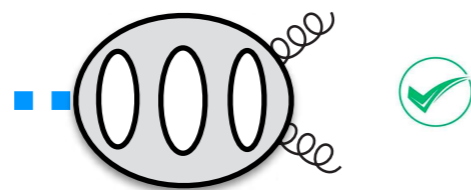
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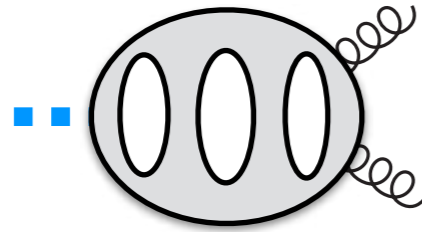
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- More examples: higher loop cases?

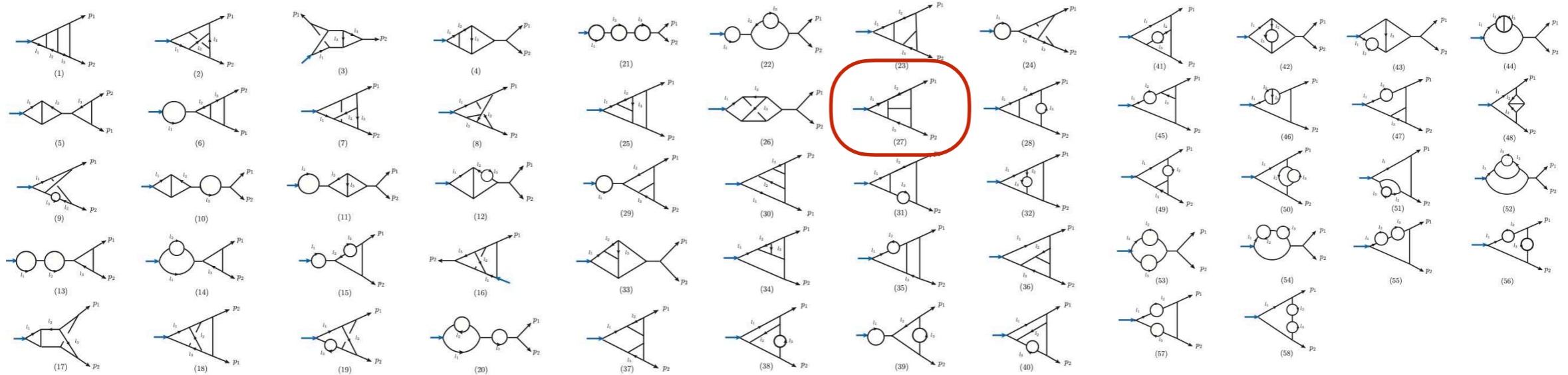
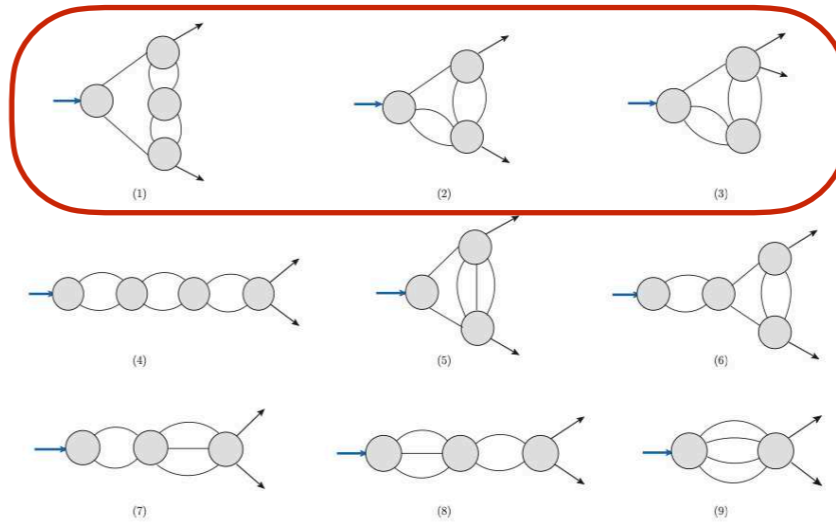


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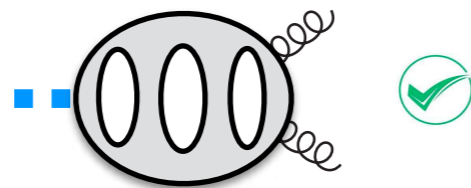


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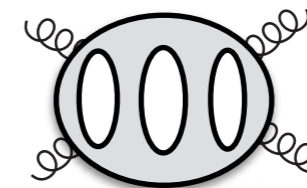
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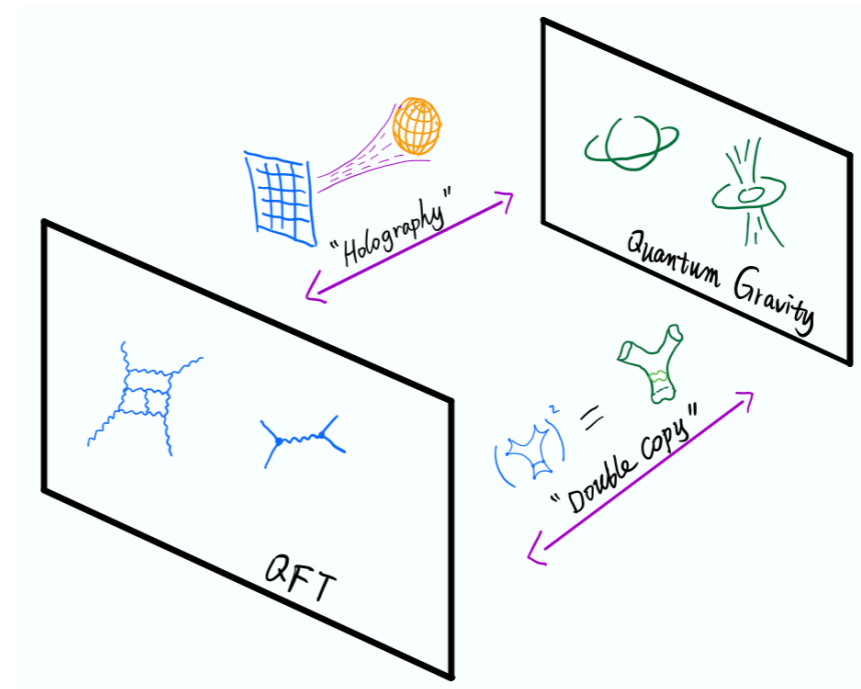
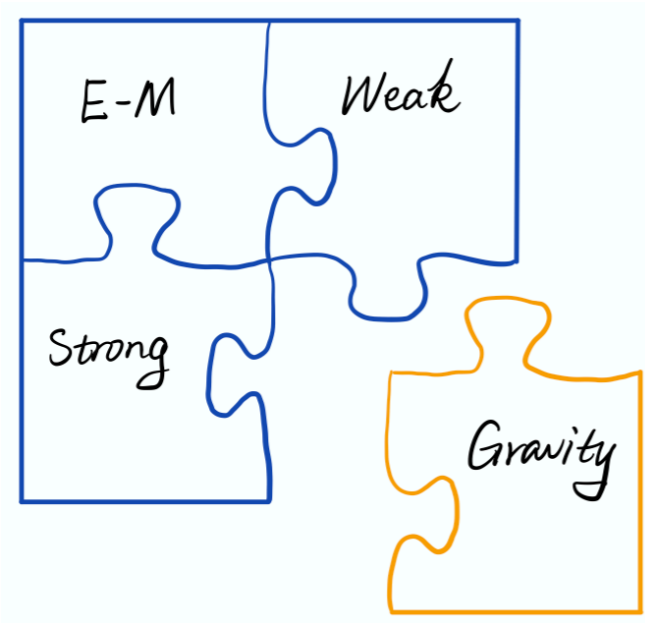


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Towards 3-loop Einstein gravity?

- Are there underlying structures for the deformation?



Thank you for your attention!



Back up slides

From YM to gravity

If the gauge amplitude **satisfies CK duality**, one can directly construct gravity amplitude:

$$A_4(1,2,3,4) = \frac{c_s n_s}{s} + \frac{c_t n_t}{t} + \frac{c_u n_u}{u} \quad \longrightarrow \quad M_4(1,2,3,4) = \frac{n_s n_s}{s} + \frac{n_t n_t}{t} + \frac{n_u n_u}{u}$$

Gauge invariance

$$\varepsilon_i^\mu \rightarrow \varepsilon_i^\mu + p_i^\mu$$

$$n_i \rightarrow n_i + \delta_i,$$

$$\delta_i = n_i |_{\varepsilon_j \rightarrow p_j}$$

$$\sum_i \frac{c_i \delta_i}{D_i} = 0$$

$$c_i = c_j + c_k$$

CK-duality



Diffeomorphism invariance

$$\varepsilon_i^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \varepsilon_i^{\mu\nu} + p_i^{(\mu} q^{\nu)}$$

$$\sum_i \frac{n_i \delta_i}{D_i} = 0$$

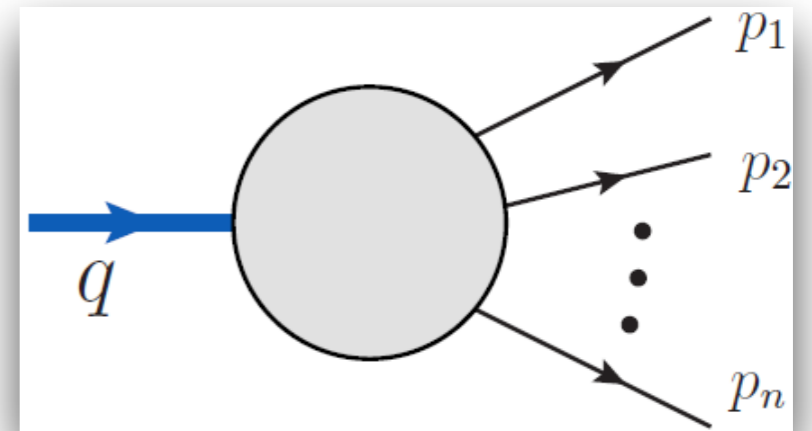
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Form Factors

Matrix element of on-shell states and a local operators:

$$F_{n,\mathcal{O}}(1, \dots, n) = \int d^4x e^{-iq \cdot x} \langle p_1 \dots p_n | \mathcal{O}(x) | 0 \rangle$$
$$= \delta^{(4)}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i - q\right) \langle p_1 \dots p_n | \mathcal{O}(0) | 0 \rangle$$

(work in momentum space)



$$q = \sum_i p_i, \quad q^2 \neq 0$$

$$\langle p_1 p_2 \dots p_n | 0 \rangle$$

Amplitudes



$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2 \dots \mathcal{O}_n \rangle$$

Correlation functions

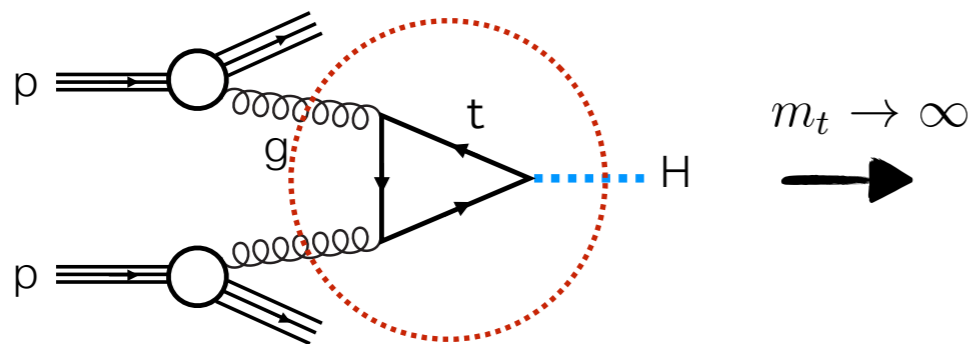
Operators

Gauge invariant operators are important in QFT.

- Anomalous dimensions (spectrum of hadrons, RG, OPE, ...)
- Correlation functions (e.g., EEC)

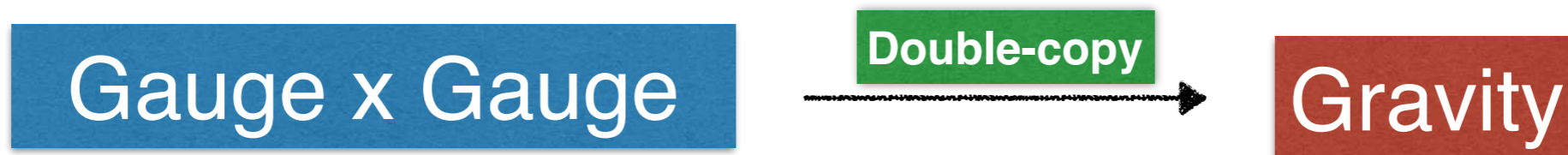
Local operators also appear as vertices in EFT Lagrangian.
For example: Higgs EFT obtained by integrating Top quark loop:

Wilczek, 1977; Shifman et.al., 1979,

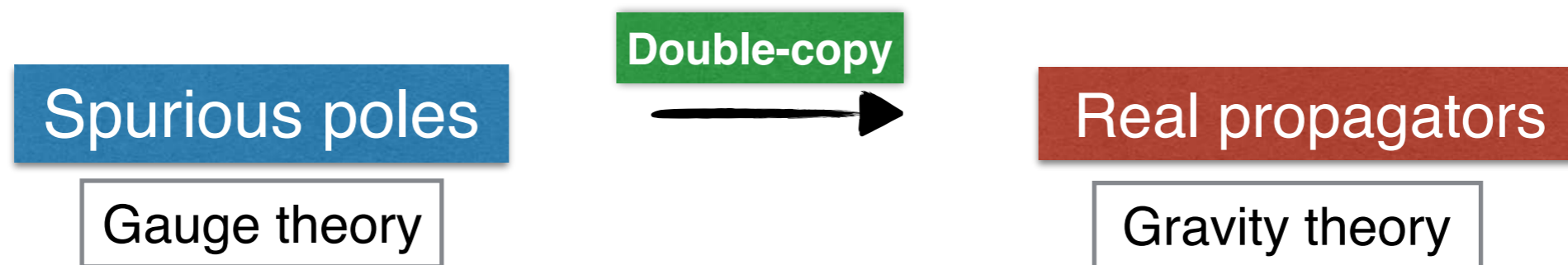


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \hat{C}_0 H \mathcal{O}_{4;0} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m_t^{2k}} \sum_i \hat{C}_i H \mathcal{O}_{4+2k;i}$$

Double copy of form factor



- An surprising new mechanism for form factors:



- Hidden “factorization” relations of gauge form factors

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{F}}_n \Big|_{\text{spurious pole}} = \mathcal{F}_m \times \mathcal{A}_{n+2-m}$$

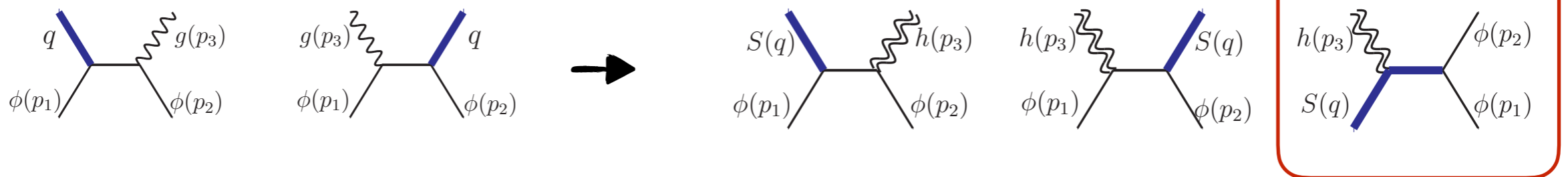
Example: 3-point form factor

$$\mathcal{G}_3 = \frac{(N_1^{\text{CK}})^2}{s_{23}} + \frac{(N_2^{\text{CK}})^2}{s_{13}} = \frac{s_{13}s_{23}}{s_{13} + s_{23}} \left(\mathcal{F}_3(1^\phi, 3^g, 2^\phi) \right)^2$$

There is a nice factorization behavior at the new pole:

$$s_{13} + s_{23} = q^2 - s_{12} = 0$$

$$\text{Res} [\mathcal{G}_3]_{s_{12}=q^2} = (\epsilon_3 \cdot q)^2 = \left(\mathcal{F}_2(1^\phi, 2^\phi) \right)^2 \times \left(\mathcal{A}_3(\mathbf{q}_2^S, 3^g, -q^S) \right)^2$$



A new graph
in gravity

A new type of hidden relations

For gauge-theory form factors:

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{F}}_n \Big|_{\text{spurious pole}} = \mathcal{F}_m \times \mathcal{A}_{n+2-m}$$

“Factorization” at spurious poles

$$[s_{42}\mathcal{F}_4(1, 3, 4, 2) + (s_{42} + s_{43})\mathcal{F}_4(1, 4, 3, 2)] \Big|_{s_{123}=q^2} = \mathcal{F}_3(1^\phi, 3^g, 2^\phi) \mathcal{A}_3(\mathbf{q}_3^S, 4^g, -q^S)$$

The relation is reminiscent of the BCJ relation for amplitudes:

$$s_{42}\mathcal{A}_4(1, 3, 4, 2) + (s_{42} + s_{43})\mathcal{A}_4(1, 4, 3, 2) = 0$$