## Gluons for (almost) nothing, and gravitons for free

(a constrained poem in a graphy S-matrix)

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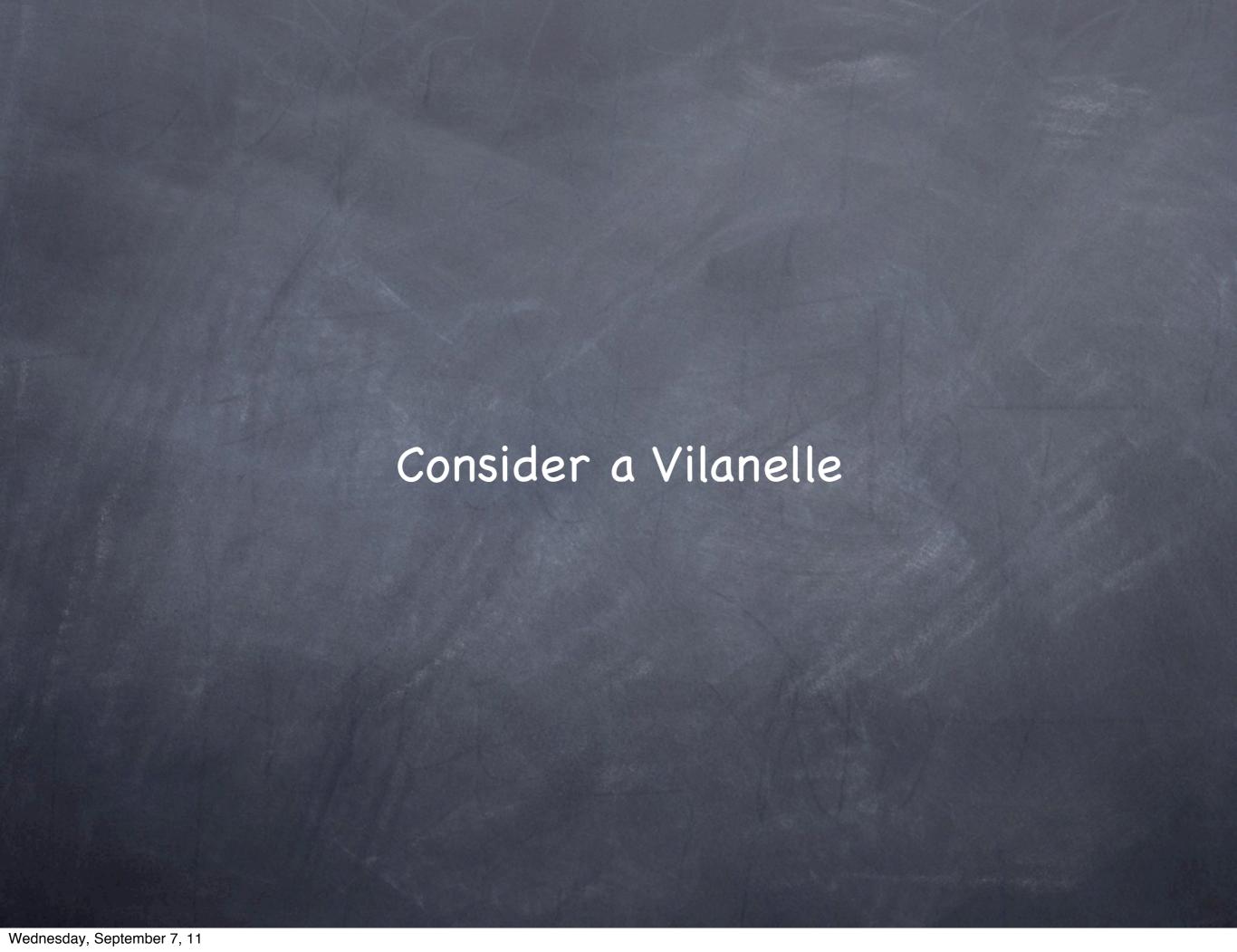


# What is the right way to write down gauge and gravity scattering amplitudes?

insightful?

compact?

doable?





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Though wise men at their end know dark is right,

Because their words had forked no lightning they

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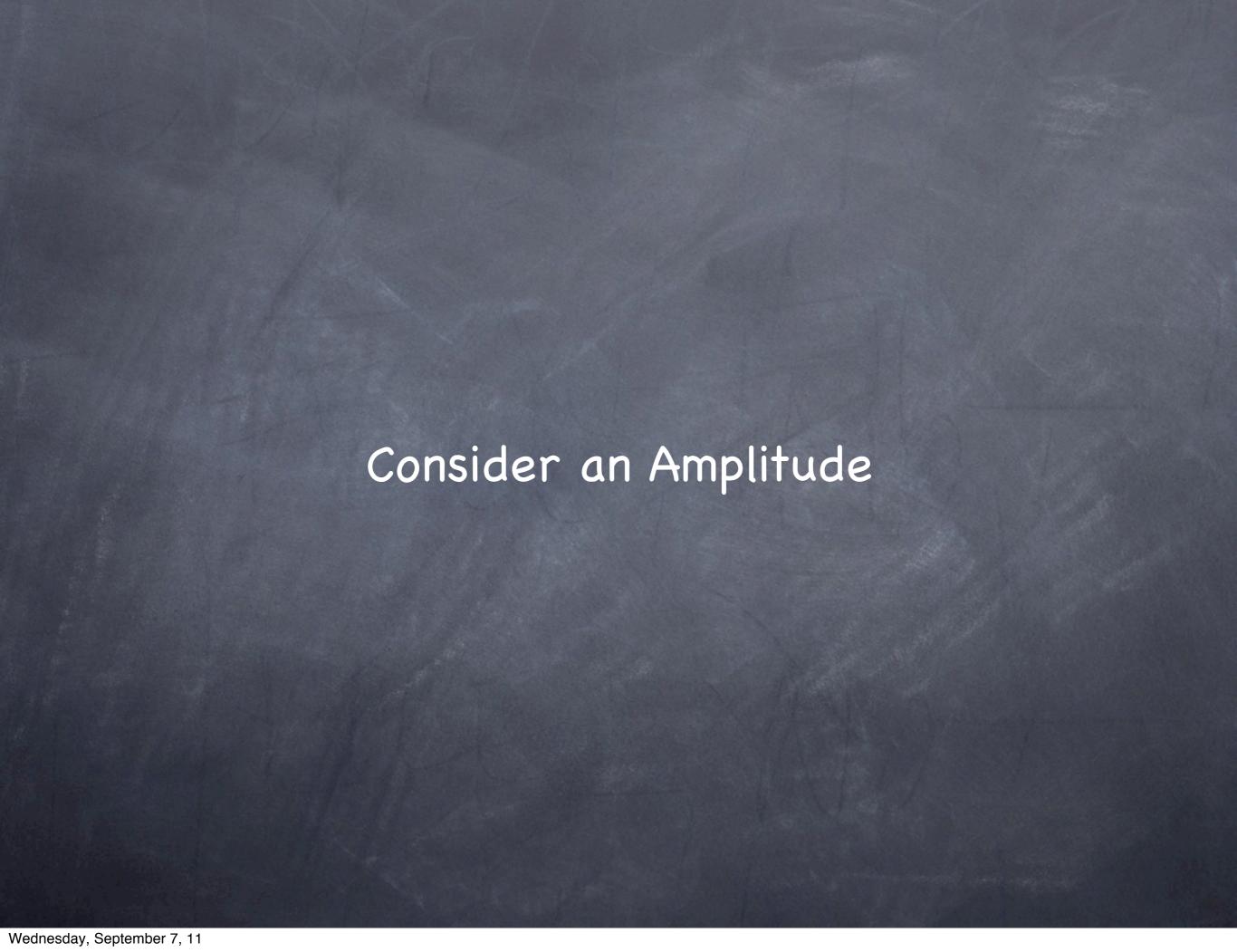
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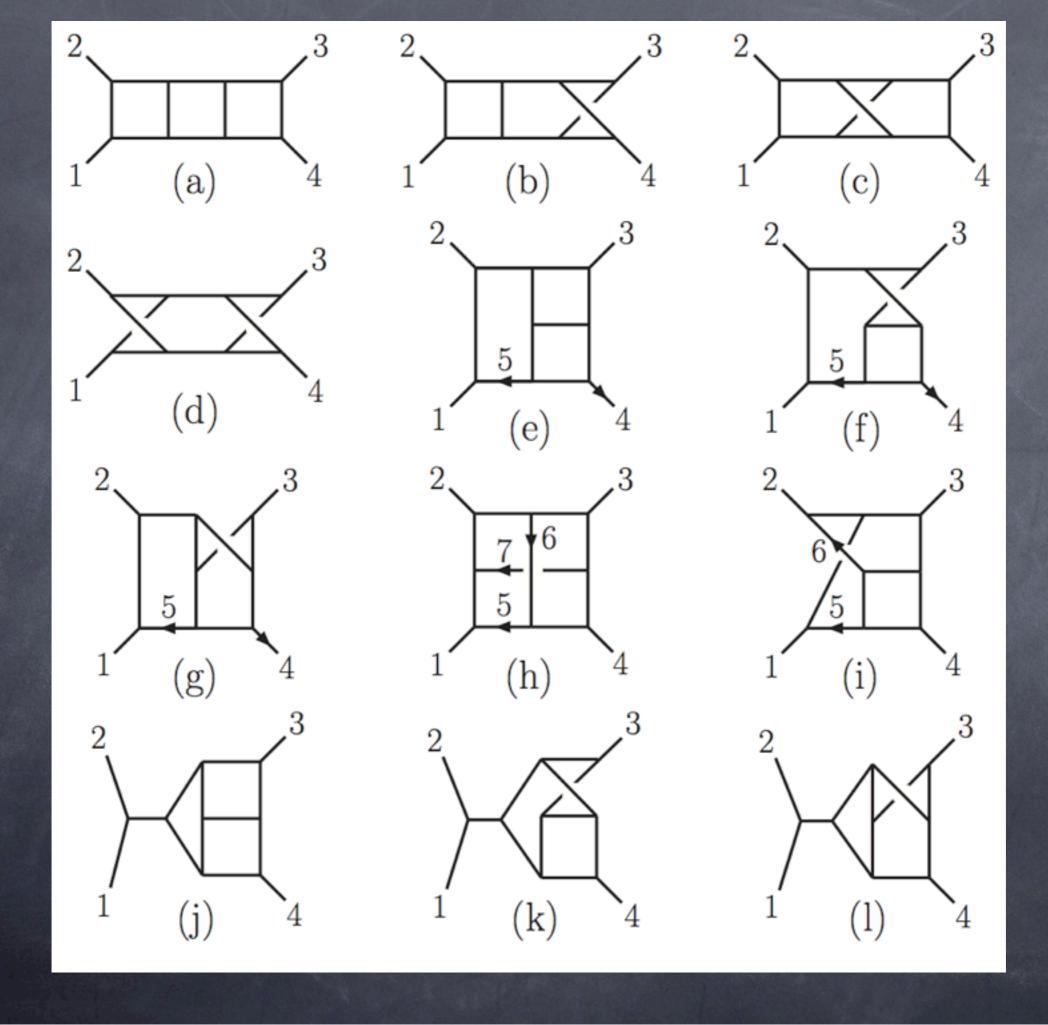
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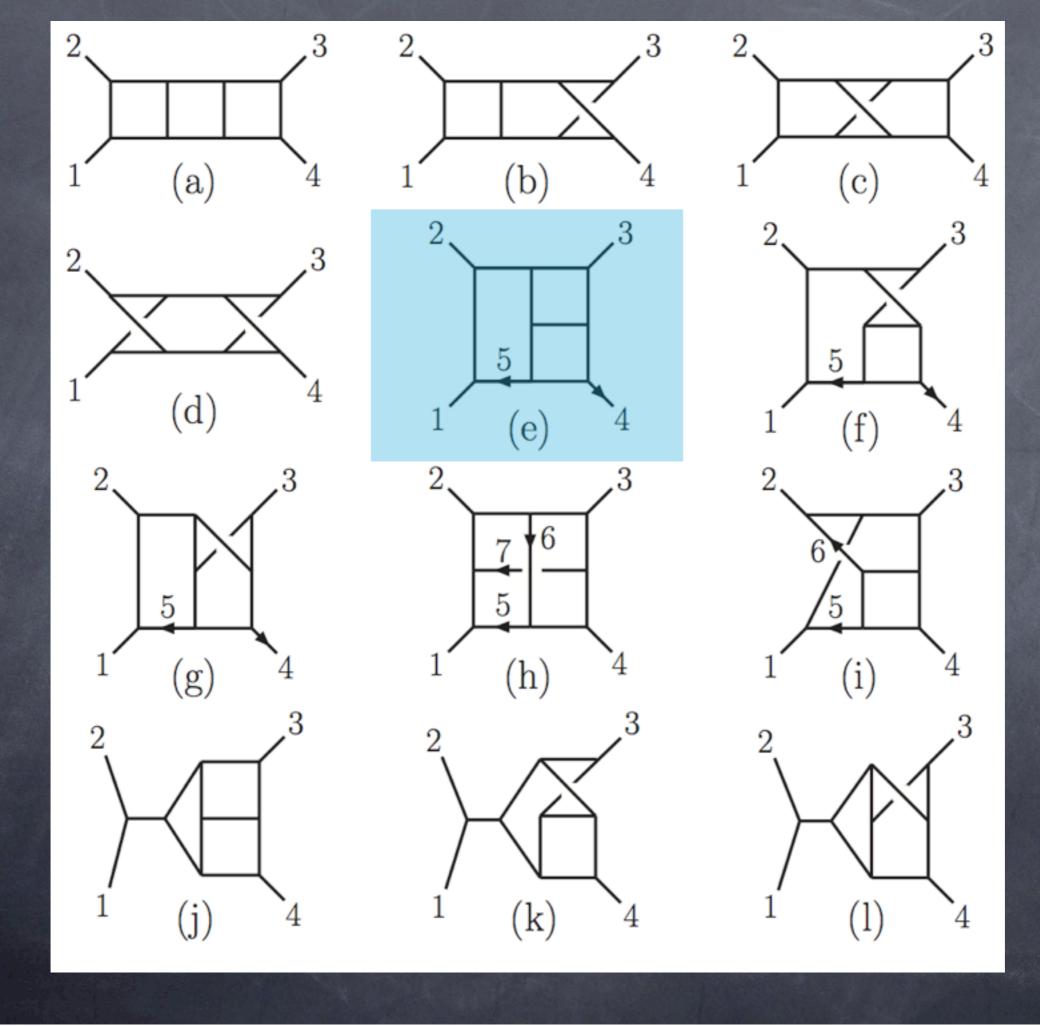
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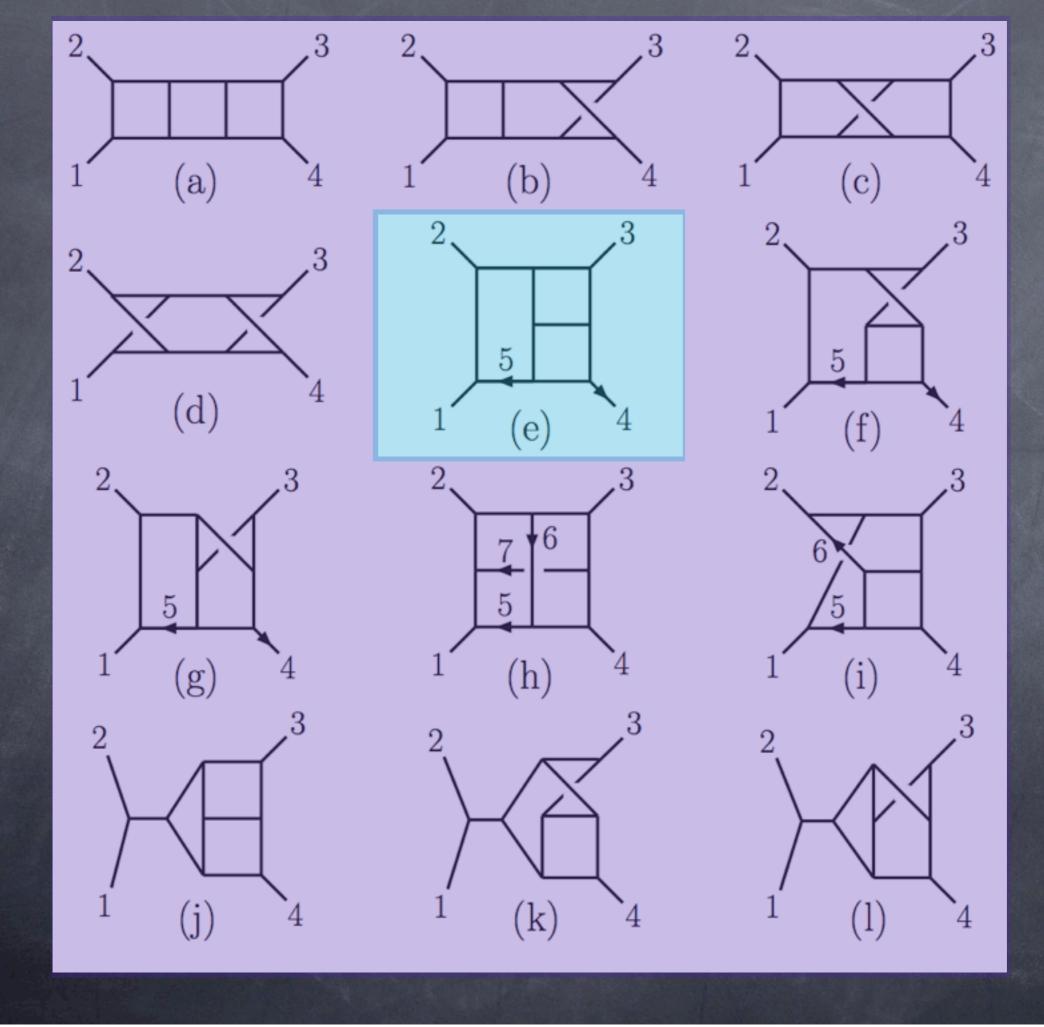
## What's going on?

- Minimal information in.
- Relations propagate this information to a full solution.









#### So what are these relations for YM?

a duality between color and kinematic numerator factors for gauge theories

$$\frac{(-i)^{L}}{g^{n-2+2L}} \mathcal{A}^{\text{loop}} = \sum_{\mathcal{G} \in \text{cubic}} \int \prod_{l=1}^{L} \frac{d^{D} p_{l}}{(2\pi)^{D}} \frac{1}{S(\mathcal{G})} \frac{n(\mathcal{G})c(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})}$$

(n=numerator, c=color, S=symmetry, D=denominator)

completely changing our way of calculating

write down gauge theory amplitudes with minimal input from theory

trivially write down related gravity amplitudes

## Map of talk

- Tree insights from loop level results
  - (sometimes it's easier to discover things at loops!)
- Generalizing duality to loop level
- Current Knowledge/Future outlook

### Graphy Thinking!

Take seriously the idea of momentum-flow graphs as a very natural way to organize amplitudes

Amplitude ~  $\sum f(graph_i)$ 

**Conventional wisdom:** these sorts of diagrams are a handy trick for calculating.

"Recent" wisdom: these sorts of diagrams are a (occasionally) handy old-fashioned trick for calculating. but local representations are having a come-back!

The point: this is more than a trick...

Conservation of momenta is a very **physical** symmetry - Trepresentations making this manifest are natural places to hunt for physical **kinematic** structure.

The ability to simultaneously encode **color** information is very special for gauge theory amplitudes.

#### Cubic Organization:

Theory dependent

Amplitude 
$$\sim \sum_{i \in \text{cubic}} \frac{h(\text{graph}_i)}{D(\text{graph}_i)}$$

$$D(\operatorname{graph}_i) = \prod_{p \in \operatorname{internal edges}} p^2$$

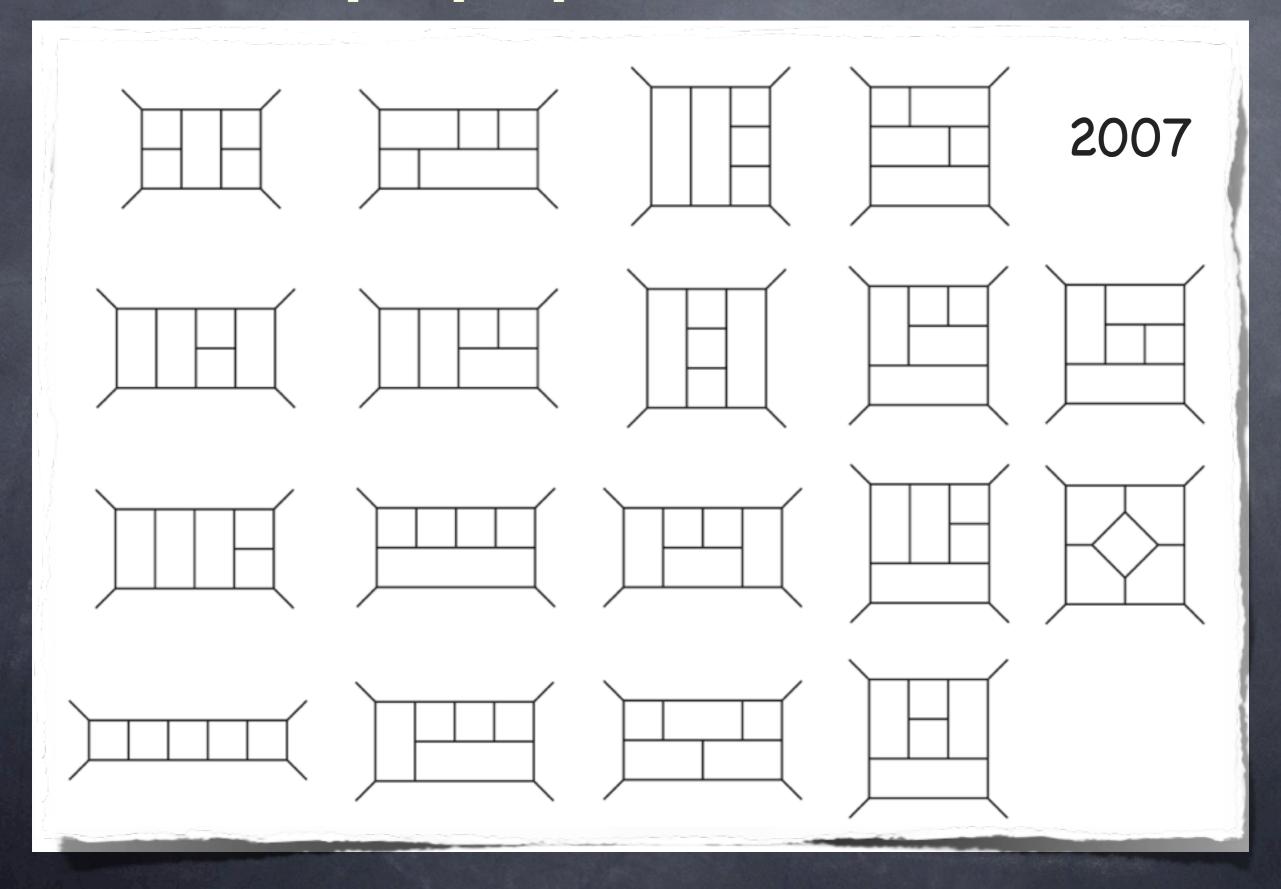
Gauge theory:

$$h(graph_i) \propto n(graph_i)c(graph_i) \cdot \cdot \cdot$$

- n(.) kinematic numerator "dressing" (antisymmetric)
- c(.) group theoretic color factor:

Dress vertices of diagram (i) with the structure constants  $f^{abc} = \text{Tr}([T^a, T^b]T^c)$ 

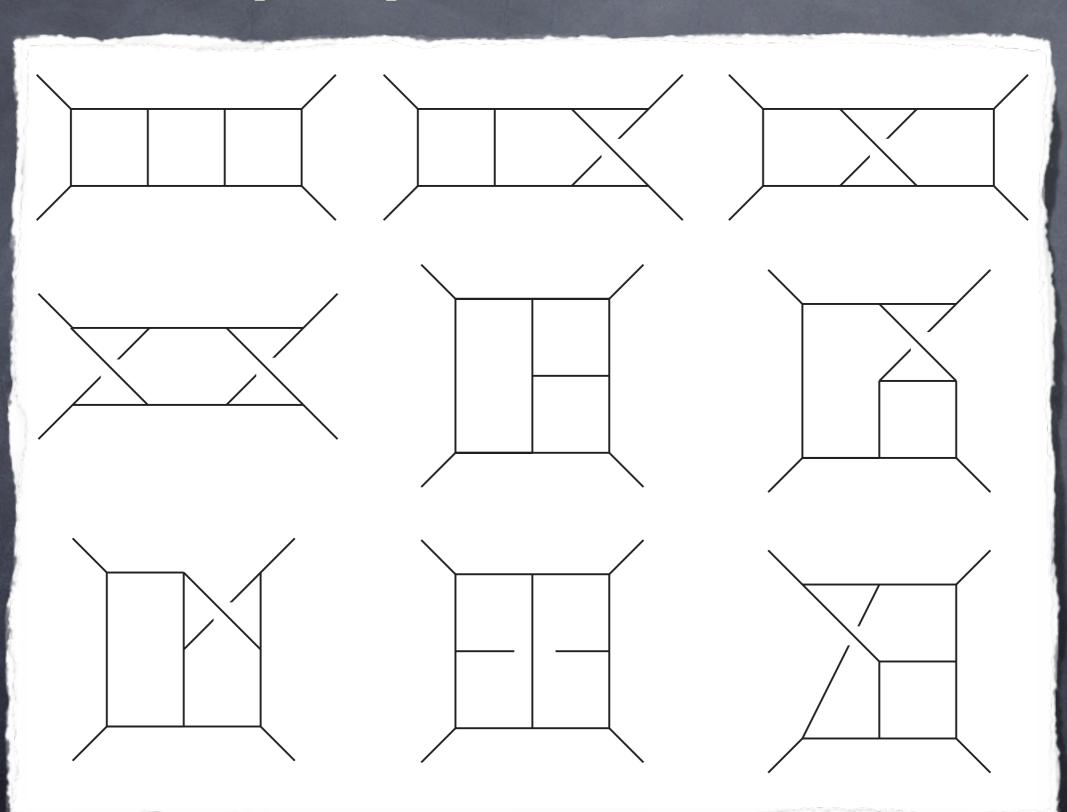
#### 5 loop, 4pt, planar N=4 sYM



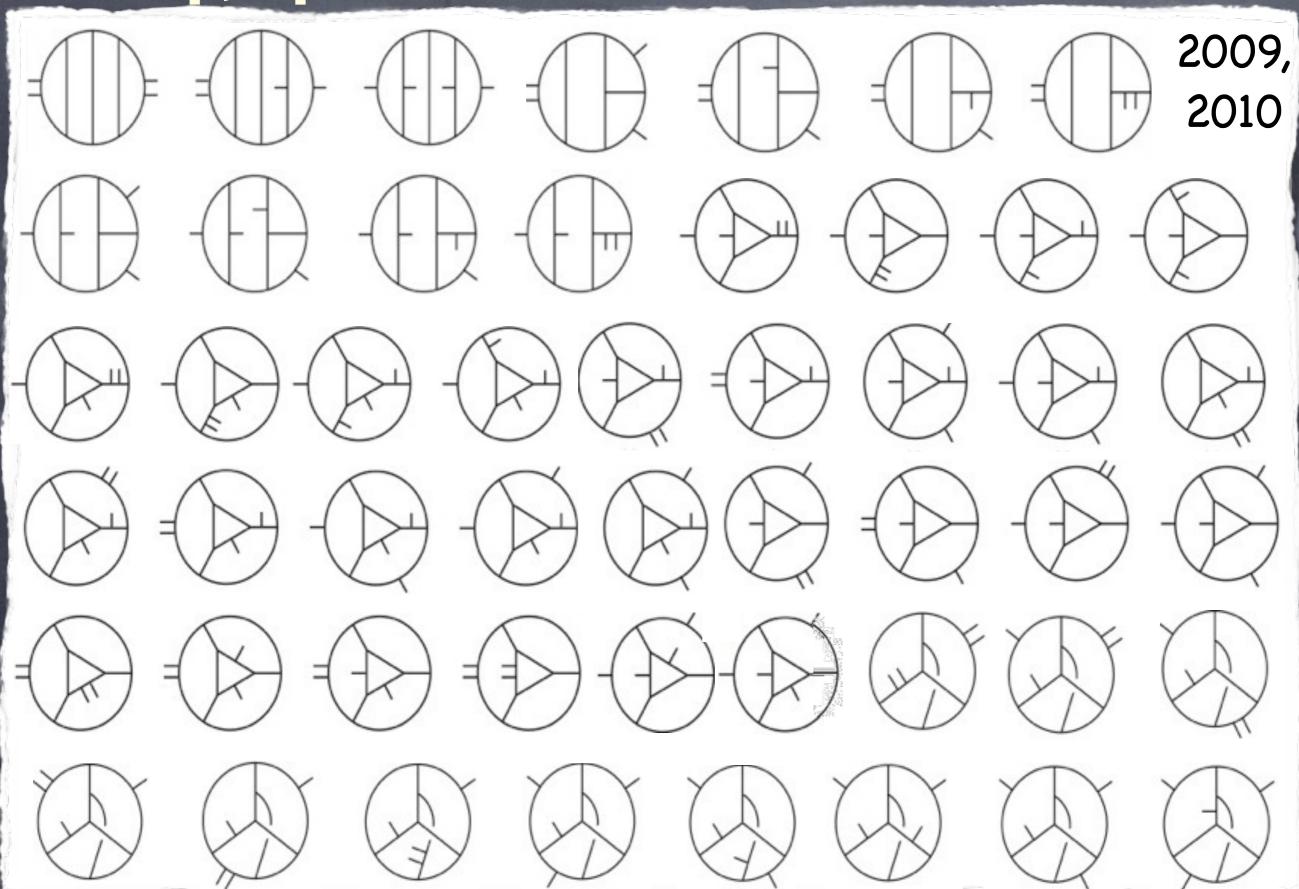
#### 3 loop, 4-pt full N=4 sYM 3 loop, 4-pt full N=8 SUGRA

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#### 4 loop, 4pt full N=4 sYM and N=8 SUGRA

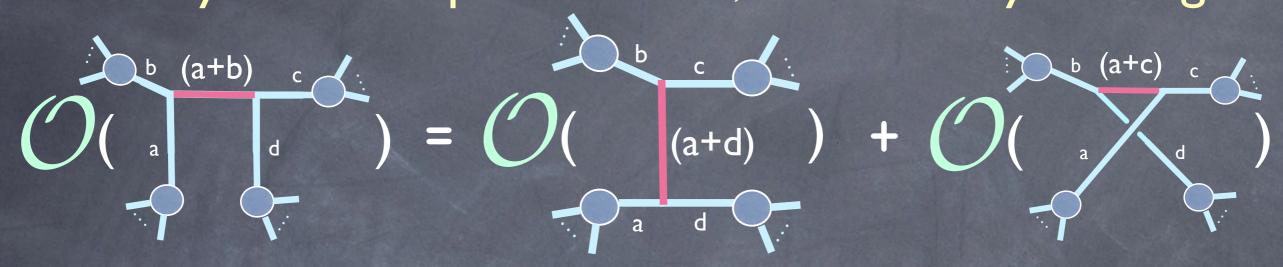


## Why need anything more?

- Go beyond four-loops (five-loop N=8 SUGRA critical test for question of finiteness)
- © Go beyond four-point -- there are entire theories to understand, and more to a theory than its UV behavior
- Scattering is very physical way at getting at the information in a QFT -- discovering structures in scattering (even perturbative) ==> discoveries about the language of the theory

## Surprise at tree-level!

Can always find a representation, so for every int. edge:

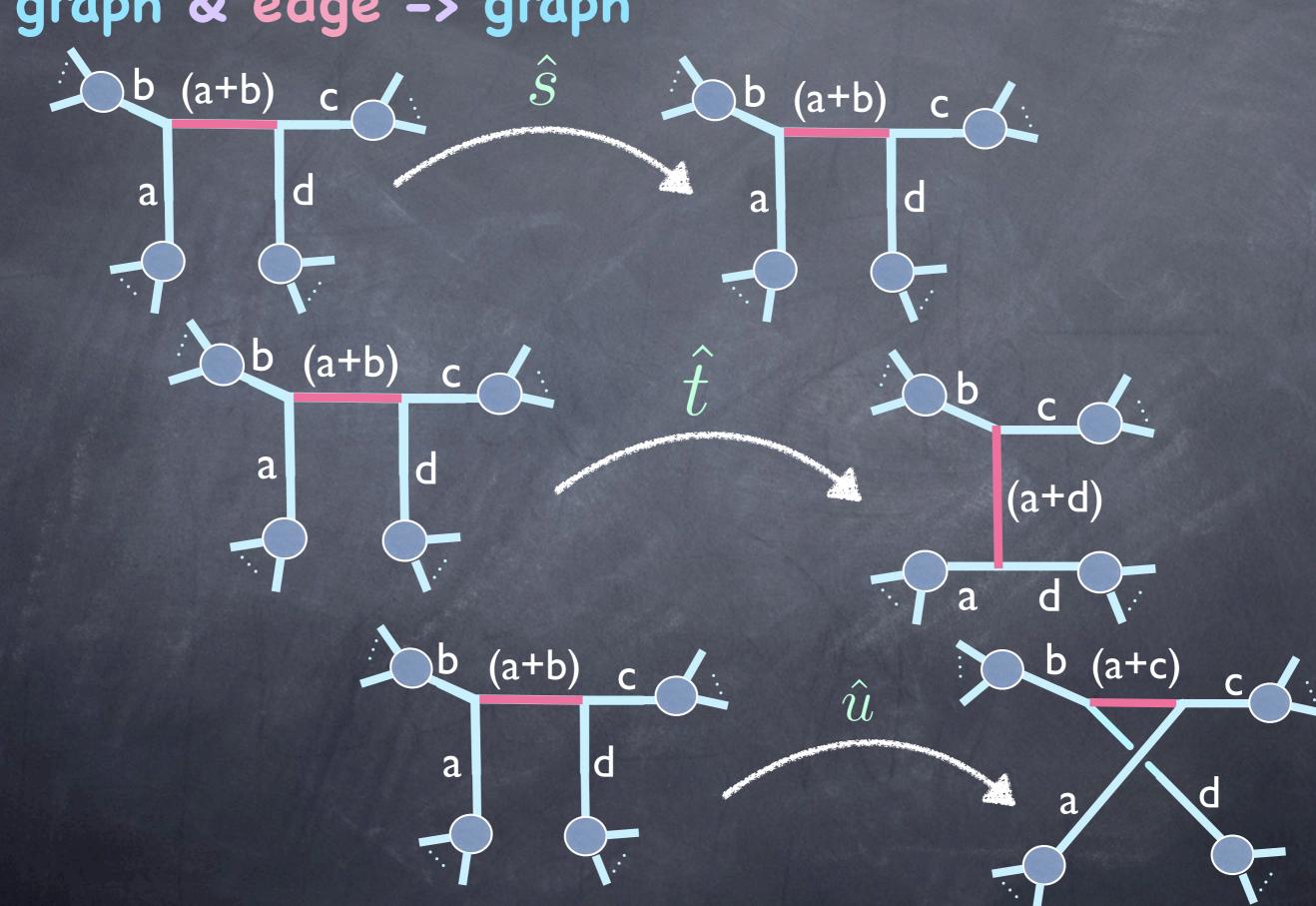


(Graph statement of Jacobi Relation)

$$\mathcal{O}(.) = c(.) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(.) = n(.)$$
 $\mathcal{A}_m^{\text{tree}} = g^{(m-2)} \sum_{\mathcal{G} \in \text{cubic}} \left( \frac{c(\mathcal{G})n(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})} \right)$ 

(originally verified thru 8pt, now we know it's true)

## Introduce 3 graph operators taking graph & edge -> graph



#### Look at N=4 SYM, 2-loops

(surpressing prefactor)

Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Perelstein, Rozowsky

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(2)} \propto \sum_{ ext{ext. leg perms.}} \left[ C^{(a)} I^{(a)} + C^{(b)} I^{(b)} \right]$$

Scalar integrals with diagrams representing denominators, encoding conservation of momenta

$$(k_1 + k_2)^2$$
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Numerator "dressings" of integrals  $(n_i)$ 

color: 
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$$n\left(\sum_{1}^{3}\right) = n\left(\sum_{1}^{3}\right) + n\left(\sum_{1}^{4}\right)$$

$$(k_1 + k_2)^2 = 0 + (k_1 + k_2)^2$$

### N=4 SYM, 3-loops

Bern, JJMC, Dixon, Johansson, Kosower, Roiban

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(3)} \propto$$

9 integrals

Numerator "dressings" of integrals n(graphs)

(e). 2 3 (i). 2 3 
$$s_{1,2}s_{4,5} - s_{1,2}s_{4,6}$$
 7 1 6  $s_{1,2}s_{4,5} - s_{1,4} + s_{1,4} +$ 

$$s_{a,b} = (k_a + k_b)^2$$

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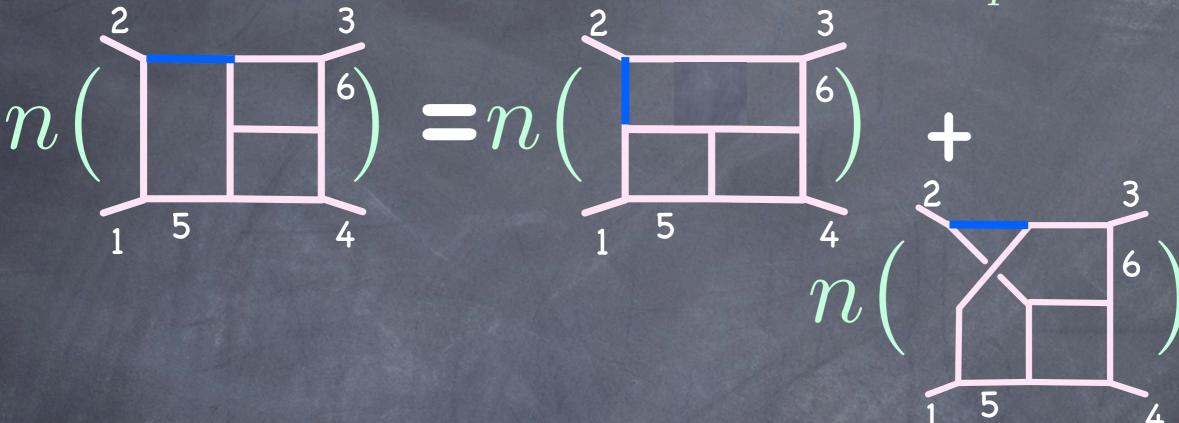
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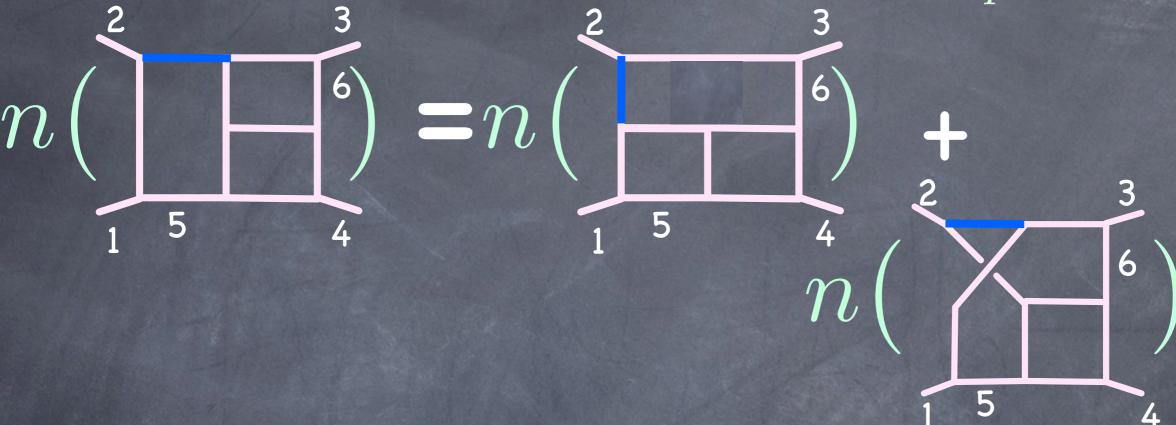
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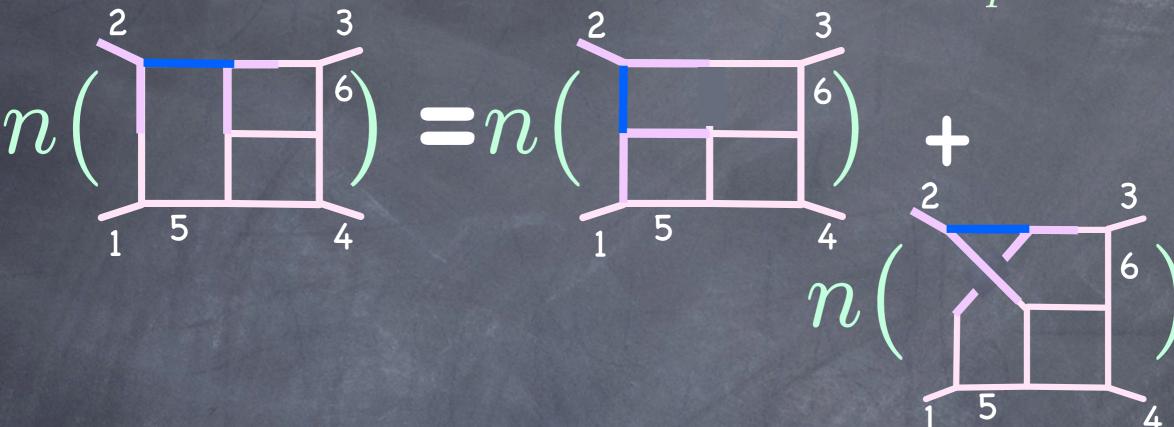
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$$S_{12}S_{45} = S_{14}S_{46} + (S_{12}S_{45} - S_{14}S_{46})$$

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#### With all but **indicated** momenta on shell: $p^2=0$

$$n(\Box \Box) = n(\Box) +$$

examine color factors of 4-pt uncut gluonic tree:

$$c(\Box \Gamma) = c(\Box +$$

true by Color Jacobi identity!

$$c(\mathbf{X}^{-})$$

n(graph) = numerator kinematic dressing
c(graph) = color factor

So what's going on? Let's get graphy! Four-point tree amplitude: 
$$g^2(\frac{c_s n_s}{s} + \frac{c_t n_t}{t} + \frac{c_u n_u}{u})$$

Of course there's a freedom ("generalized gauge invariance"):

$$n_i o n_i + \Delta_i$$
 as long as  $\frac{c_s \Delta_s}{s} + \frac{c_t \Delta_t}{t} + \frac{c_u \Delta_u}{u} = 0$ 

between color and kinematics:

$$\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{1}) = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{1}) + \mathcal{O}(\frac{3}{1}) + \mathcal{O}(\frac{3}{1})$$

$$\mathcal{O}(.) = n(.)$$
kinematic "dressing"
$$\mathcal{O}(.) = c(.)$$
color factor

Can this be generalized?

## m-point gauge tree amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A}_m^{ ext{tree}} = g^{(m-2)} \sum_{\mathcal{G} \in ext{cubic}} \left( rac{c(\mathcal{G})n(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})} \right)$$

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Conjectured can always find a choice of  $\triangle$  such that for all graphs & edges,

$$O(\frac{a+b}{d}) = O(\frac{a+d}{d}) + O(\frac{a+c}{d})$$

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# Interesting tree-level Jacobi-satisfying numerator representations!

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Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier

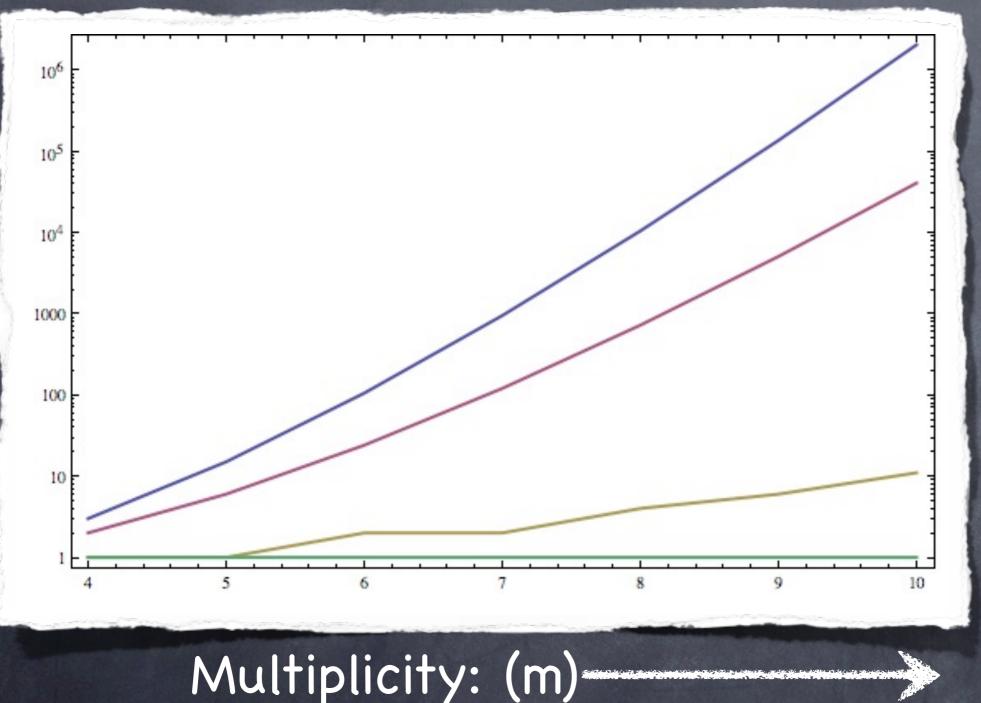
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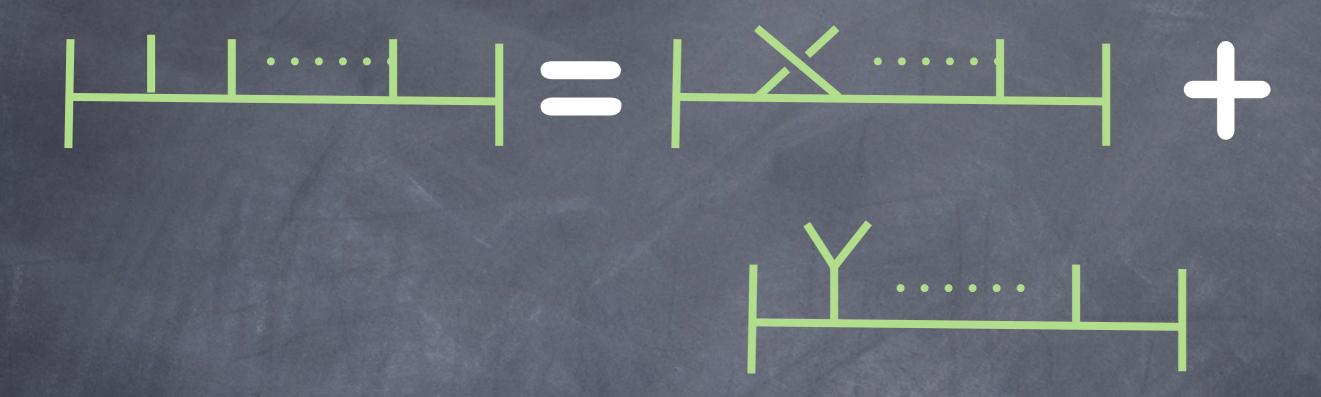
## What have we gained?



(2m-5)!! diags

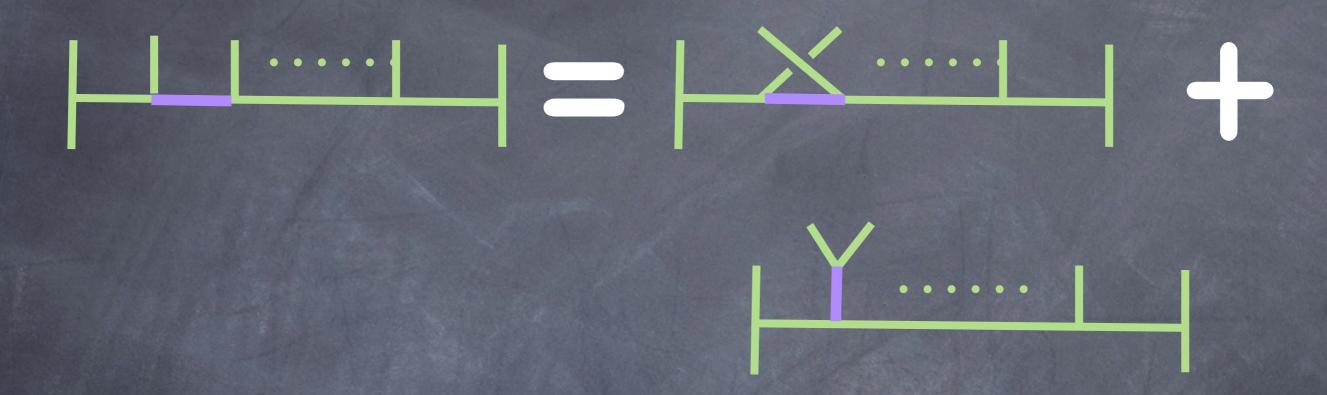
(m-2)! numerators unconstrained by dual kinematic Jacobi

unique topologies
http://oeis.org/A000672



All cubic trees in terms of 1 topology for each multiplicity

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$$\sum_{\mathcal{G} \in \text{cubic}} \frac{n(\mathcal{G})\tilde{n}(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})} = \text{Gravity amplitude}$$
 in a related theory

How to find duality-satisfying numerators?

Easy way at tree-level is to involve color-ordered partial amplitudes

With particles all in the adjoint representation of  $SU(N_c)$ , the full tree amplitude can be decomposed: (color group generators)

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{ ext{tree}}(1,\ldots,n)=g^{n-2}\sum_{P(2,\ldots,n)}Tr[T^{a_1}\ldots T^{a_n}] imes color ordered (stripped) `partial' / amplitude annotated with roman  $A$$$

Full gauge theory amplitudes given with calligraphic  $\mathcal{A}$ 

Structure constants:  $f^{abc} = Tr([T^a, T^b]T^c)$ 

BC

m-point

Easy way at tree-level is to involve color-ordered partial amplitudes

- Write all m-point graphs and all independent Jacobi relations between their numerators
- Solve linear equations in terms of (m-2)! Jacobi-independent numerators (e.g. can let them all be half-ladders)
- Expand all color-ordered amplitudes in terms of their constituent graphs:

$$A_m^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, m) = \sum_{g \in \text{cyclic}} \frac{n(g)}{\prod_{l \in p(g)} l^2}$$

- Write the graphs in the (m-2)! graph basis, and solve the linear relations in terms of the color-ordered amplitudes.
- This is it--you have a duality-satisfying representation.

  (symmetric is trickier)

#### Features:

- © Completely straightforward solution of linear relations (trickiest bit is drawing graphs)
- Makes all residual gauge-freedom manifest: gauge freedom = (m-3)x(m-3)! completely unconstrained numerator functions. (can use to, e.g. make symmetric numerator functions)
- Independent of dimension and helicity structure
- Interesting consequence for gauge-independent quantities: fewer independent color-ordered scattering amplitudes

## "Observable" implications:

Only (n-3)! independent color-ordered tree partial-amplitudes for n-point interaction. (c.f. (n-2)! from Kleis-Kuijf)

e.g. 5 pt has 2 indep. color-ordered amps not 6:

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}$$
 (12345)  $A_5^{\text{tree}}$  (12354)

6 pt has 6 indep. color-ordered amps not 12:

$$A_6^{\text{tree}}$$
 (123456)  $A_6^{\text{tree}}$  (123564)  $A_6^{\text{tree}}$  (123645)

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We found a general formula expressing any n-point color ordered amplitude in terms of chosen (n-3)! basis for SYM.

since proved!

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 $i \in \{2, \dots, n/2\}$ 

 $j \in \{n/2+2, \dots, n-2\}$ 

Gravity tree amplitudes

$$M_n^{\text{tree}}(1,\ldots,n-1,n) =$$

$$i(-1)^{n+1} \sum_{perms(2,\dots,n-2)} \left[ A_n^{\text{tree}}(1,\dots,n-1,n) \sum_{perms(i,j)} f(i_1,\dots,i_j) \right]$$

$$\times \overline{f}(l_1,\ldots,l_{j'})\widetilde{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(i_1,\ldots,i_j,1,n-1,l_1,\ldots,l_{j'},n)$$

Colorordered ordered gauge tree amplitudes

$$f(i_1, \dots, i_j) = s_{1,i_j} \prod_{m=1}^{j-1} \left( s_{1,i_m} + \sum_{k=m+1}^{j} g(i_m, i_k) \right),$$

 $\overline{f}(l_1, \dots, l_{j'}) = s_{l_1, n-1} \prod_{m=2}^{j'} \left( s_{l_m, n-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} g(l_k, l_m) \right)$ 

$$g(i,j) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} s_{i,j} & \text{if } i > j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$M_n^{\mathsf{tree}}(\underbrace{1,\ldots,n-1}_{j\in\{n/2+2,\ldots,n-2\}},\underbrace{n-1,n}_{j\in\{n/2+2,\ldots,n-2\}}) = \underbrace{\int_{j\in\{n/2+2,\ldots,n-2\}}^{j\in\{n/2+2,\ldots,n-2\}}}_{j\in\{n/2+2,\ldots,n-2\}} \times \overline{f}(l_1,\ldots,l_{j'})\widetilde{A}_n^{\mathsf{tree}}(i_1,\ldots,i_j,\underline{1},\underline{n-1},l_1,\ldots,l_{j'},\underline{n})$$

Colorordered gauge tree amplitudes

New "observable" relations allow re-expression of KLT in terms of different "basis" amplitudes: Leftright symmetric, etc.

But we can do better...

## Clarifying Gravity Amplitudes

Writing color-ordered satisfying cubic-diagrams:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{A}^{\mathsf{tree}}(\mathsf{perm}) &= \sum_{\mathcal{G} \in \mathsf{graphs}(\mathsf{perm})} \frac{n(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})} \\ M_n^{\mathsf{tree}}(1, \dots, n-1, n) &= \\ &i(-1)^{n+1} \sum_{\substack{f \in \mathcal{G}, \dots, n-2) \\ perms(2, \dots, n-2) \\ perms(i, j) \\ \times \overline{f}(l_1, \dots, l_{j'})} \underbrace{\widetilde{A}_n^{\mathsf{tree}}(i_1, \dots, i_j, 1, n-1, l_1, \dots, l_{j'}, n)}_{perms(i, j)} \end{aligned}$$

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Writing color-ordered gauge tree amplitudes in representation of duality satisfying cubic-diagrams:

$$O(\frac{a+b}{a}) = O(\frac{a+d}{a}) + O(\frac{a+c}{a})$$

Gives gravity tree amplitudes:

$$-iM_n^{\mathrm{tree}} = \sum_{\mathcal{G} \in \mathrm{cubic}} \frac{n(\mathcal{G})\tilde{n}(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})}$$

Gravity as the "double copy" of gauge theory!

$$\mathcal{A}_m^{ ext{tree}} \propto \sum_{\mathcal{G} \in ext{cubic}} \left( rac{n(\mathcal{G})c(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})} 
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Note n and  $\tilde{n}$  can come from different reps of same theory, or even different theories altogether.

$$\mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ sYM} \otimes \mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ sYM} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} = 8 \text{ sugra}$$
  
 $\mathcal{N} = p \text{ sYM} \otimes \mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ sYM} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} = 4 + p \text{ sugra}$   
(see Zvi's talk)

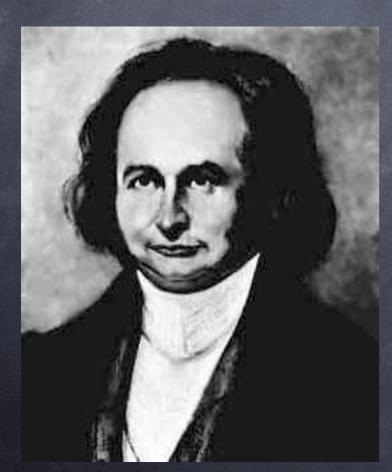
Only one gauge representation need have duality imposed, consequence of general freedom:

$$n(\mathcal{G}) o n(\mathcal{G}) + \Delta(\mathcal{G})$$
 ,  $\sum_{\mathcal{G} \in \mathsf{cubic}} \left( \frac{c(\mathcal{G})\Delta(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})} \right) = 0$ 

can only depend on algebraic property of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{G})$  not numeric values. So as long as  $\tilde{n}(\mathcal{G})$  satisfies same algebra (i.e. duality) can shift  $n(\mathcal{G})$  as we please.

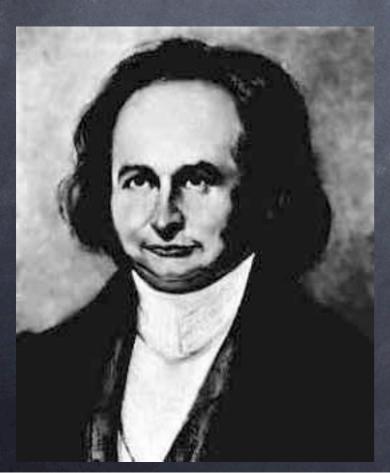
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"One should always generalize." - C. Jacobi

## What's the right generalization?

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Hypothesize duality holds unchanged to all loops!

Representation freedom:  $n(\mathcal{G}) \to n(\mathcal{G}) + \Delta(\mathcal{G}), \quad \sum \left(\frac{c(\mathcal{G})\Delta(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})}\right) = 0$ 

Conjecture there is always a choice of  $\triangle$  causing  $\eta$  to satisfy for **all** internal edges from any representation same duality:

*G*∈cubic

$$\mathcal{O}(.) = n(.) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(.) = c(.)$$

### If conjectured duality can be imposed for:

Gauge:

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then, through unitarity & tree-level expressions:

Gravity:

$$\frac{(-i)^{L+1}}{(\kappa/2)^{n-2+2L}}\mathcal{M}^{\text{loop}} = \sum_{\mathcal{G} \in \text{cubic}} \int \prod_{l=1}^{L} \frac{d^{D}p_{l}}{(2\pi)^{D}} \frac{1}{S(\mathcal{G})} \frac{n(\mathcal{G})\tilde{n}(\mathcal{G})}{D(\mathcal{G})}$$

What we always wanted out of a "loop level" relations!

# We know this works beautifully at 1 and 2 loops for N=4 and N=8!

1-loop: 
$$K^{1}$$
  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 & 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  Green, Schwarz, Brink (1982)

2-loop: 
$$K^{1}$$

$$s^{1} = -2$$

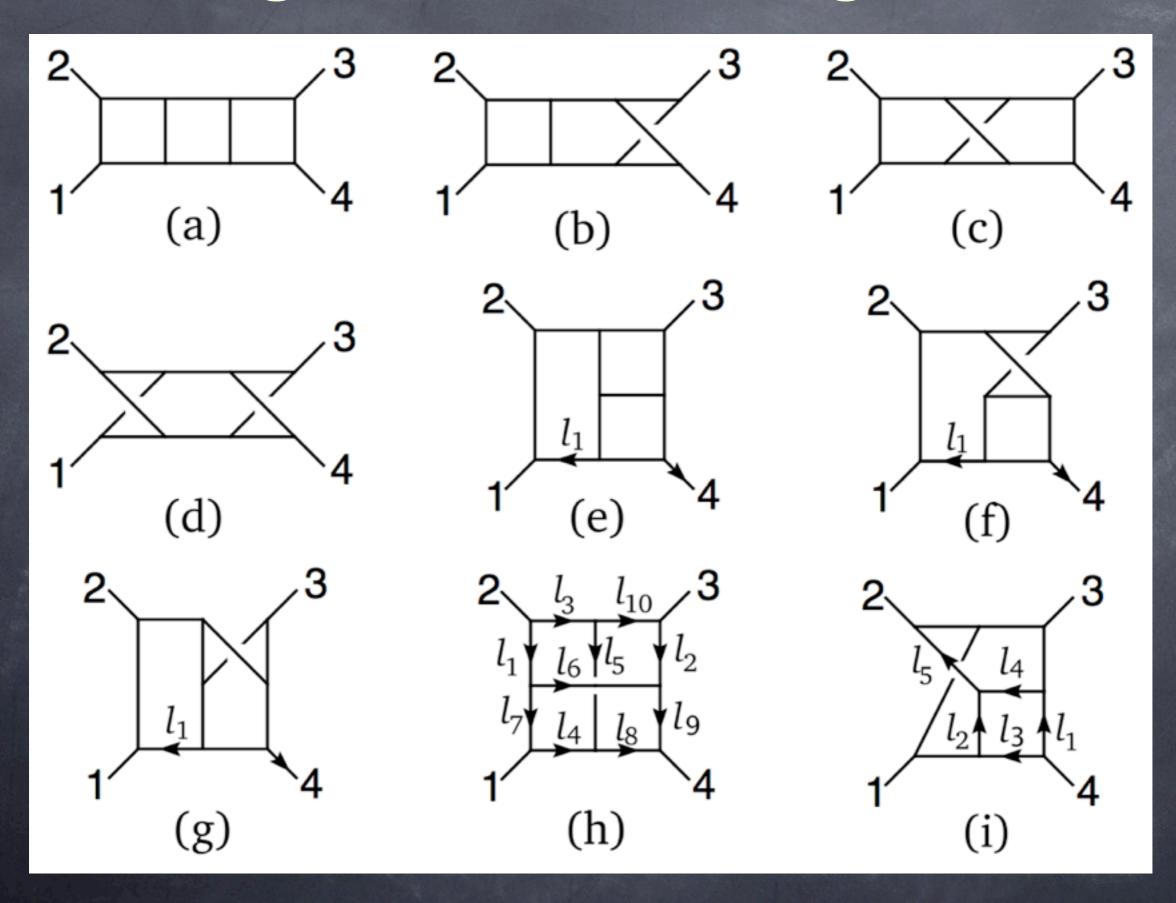
$$4 + perms$$
Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Perelstein and Rozowsky (1998)

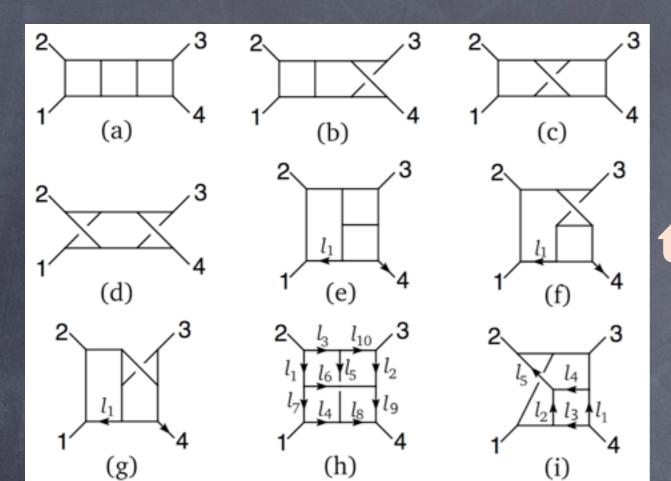
prefactor contains helicity structure:

$$K = stA_4^{\text{tree}}$$

Duality:  $\mathcal{N}=8$  sugra is obtained if  $1 \rightarrow 2$  "numerator squaring"

## Original Palette of Diagrams



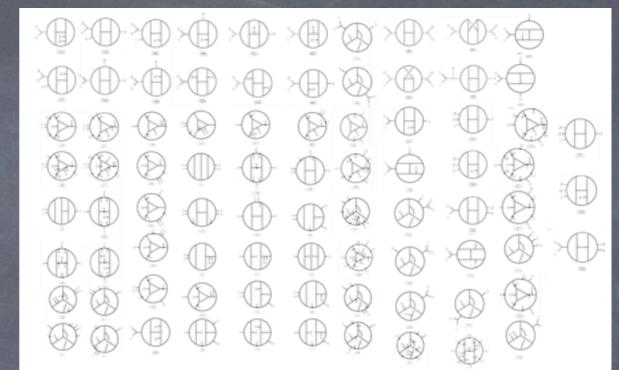


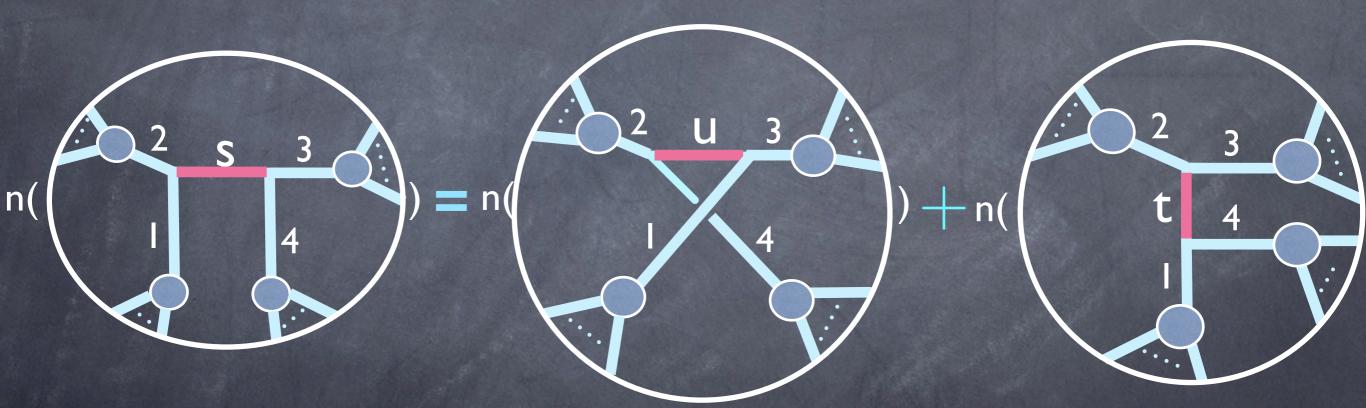
# Original solution of three-loop four-point N=4 sYM and N=8 sugra

Integral	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Yang-Mills	$\mathcal{N} = 8$ Supergravity
(a)-(d)	$s^2$	$[s^2]^2$
(e)-(g)	$s(l_1+k_4)^2$	$[s(l_1+k_4)^2]^2$
(h)	$s(l_1 + l_2)^2 + t(l_3 + l_4)^2$	$s(l_1+l_2)^2+t(l_3+l_4)^2-st)^2-s^2(2((l_1+l_2)^2-t)+l_5^2)l_5^2$
	$-sl_5^2 - tl_6^2 - st$	$\left  -t^2 (2((l_3 + l_4)^2 - s) + l_6^2) l_6^2 - s^2 (2l_7^2 l_2^2 + 2l_1^2 l_9^2 + l_2^2 l_9^2 + l_1^2 l_7^2) \right  $
		$-t^2(2l_3^2l_8^2+2l_{10}^2l_4^2+l_8^2l_4^2+l_3^2l_{10}^2)+2stl_5^2l_6^2$
(i)	$s(l_1+l_2)^2-t(l_3+l_4)^2$	$(s(l_1+l_2)^2-t(l_3+l_4)^2)^2$
	$-\frac{1}{3}(s-t)l_5^2$	$-\left(s^2(l_1+l_2)^2+t^2(l_3+l_4)^2+\frac{1}{3}stu\right)l_5^2$

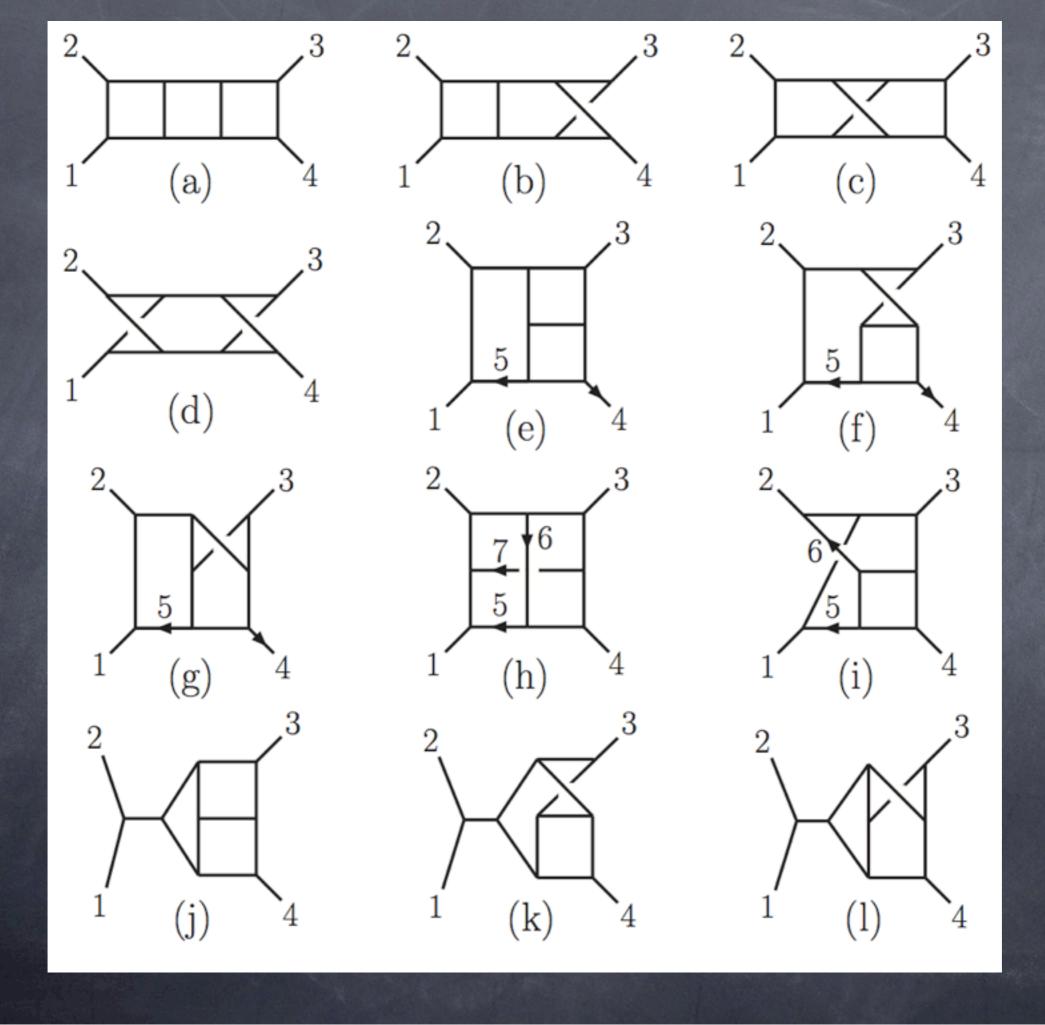
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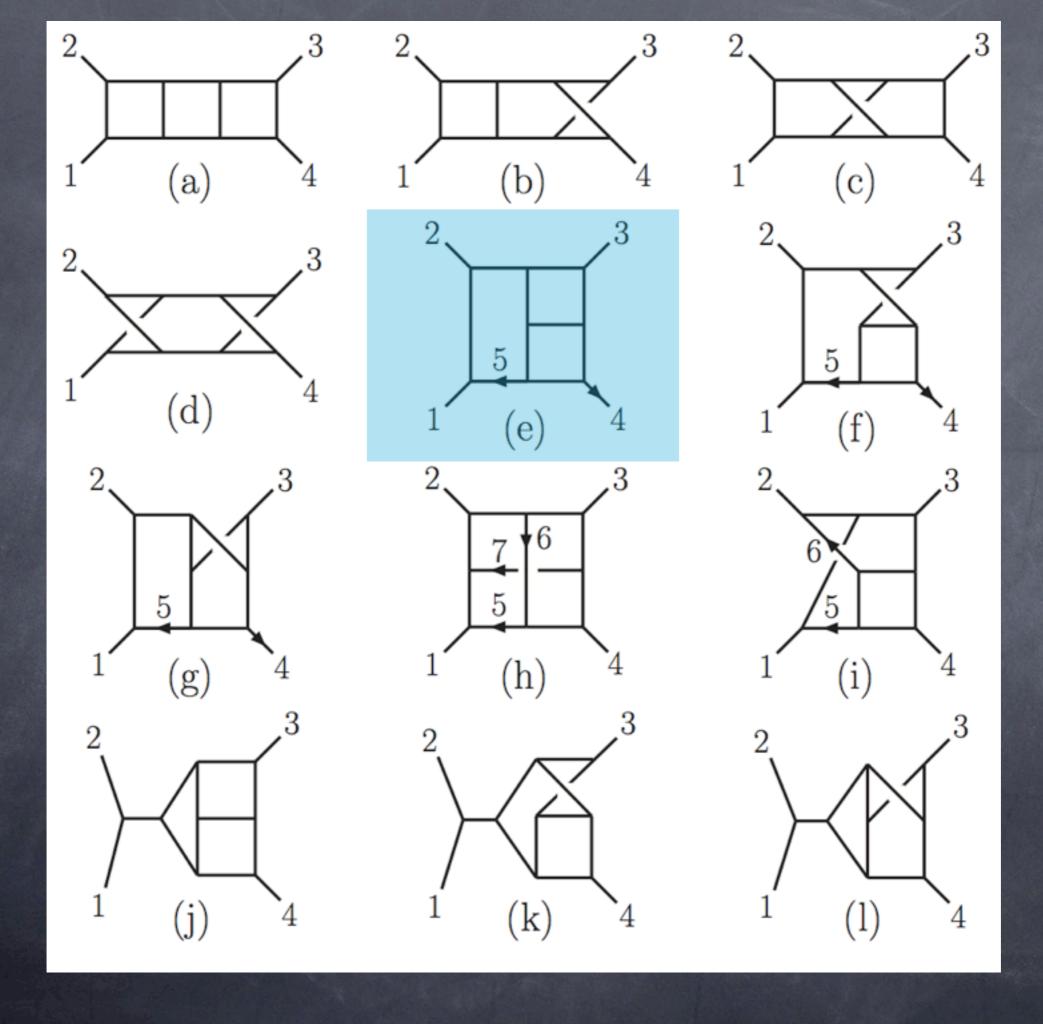
Every edge represents a set of constraints on functional form of the numerators of the graphs. Small fraction needed.

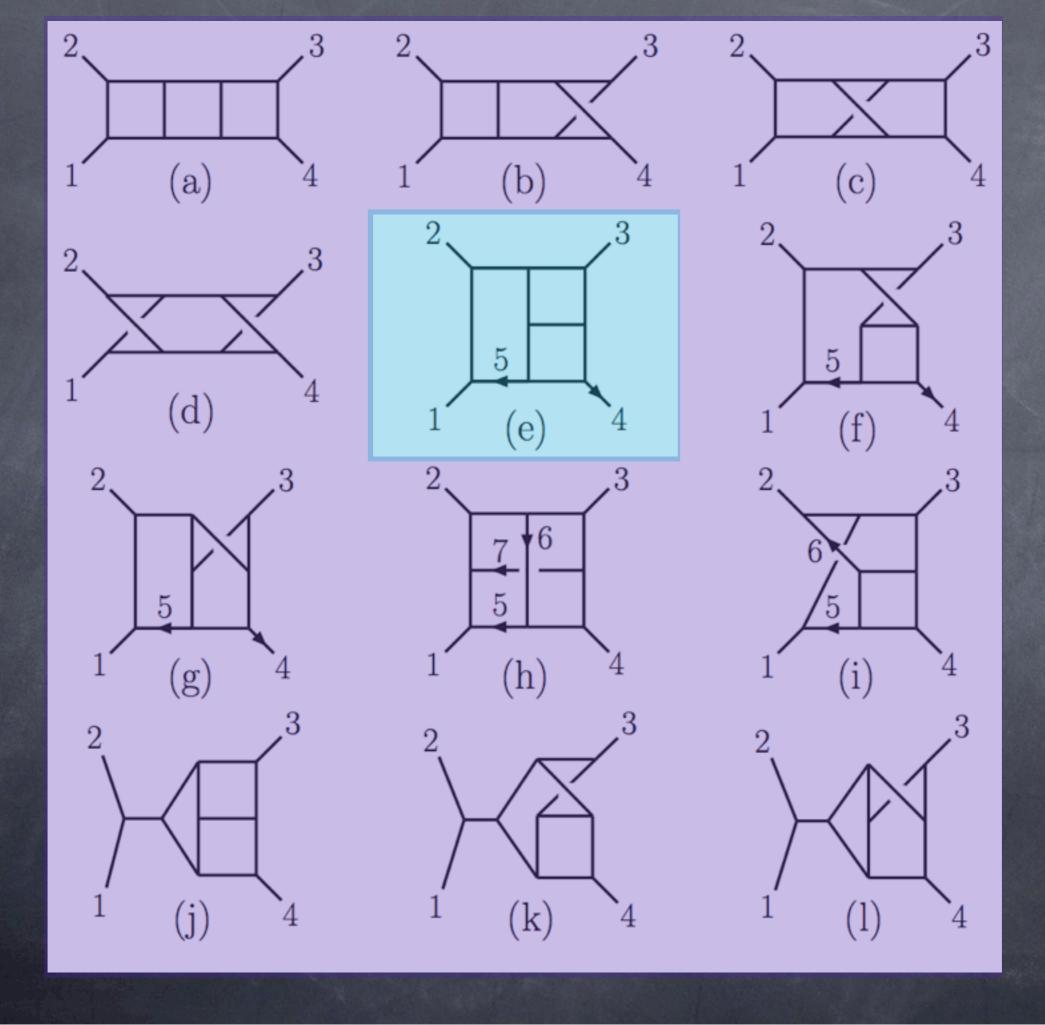


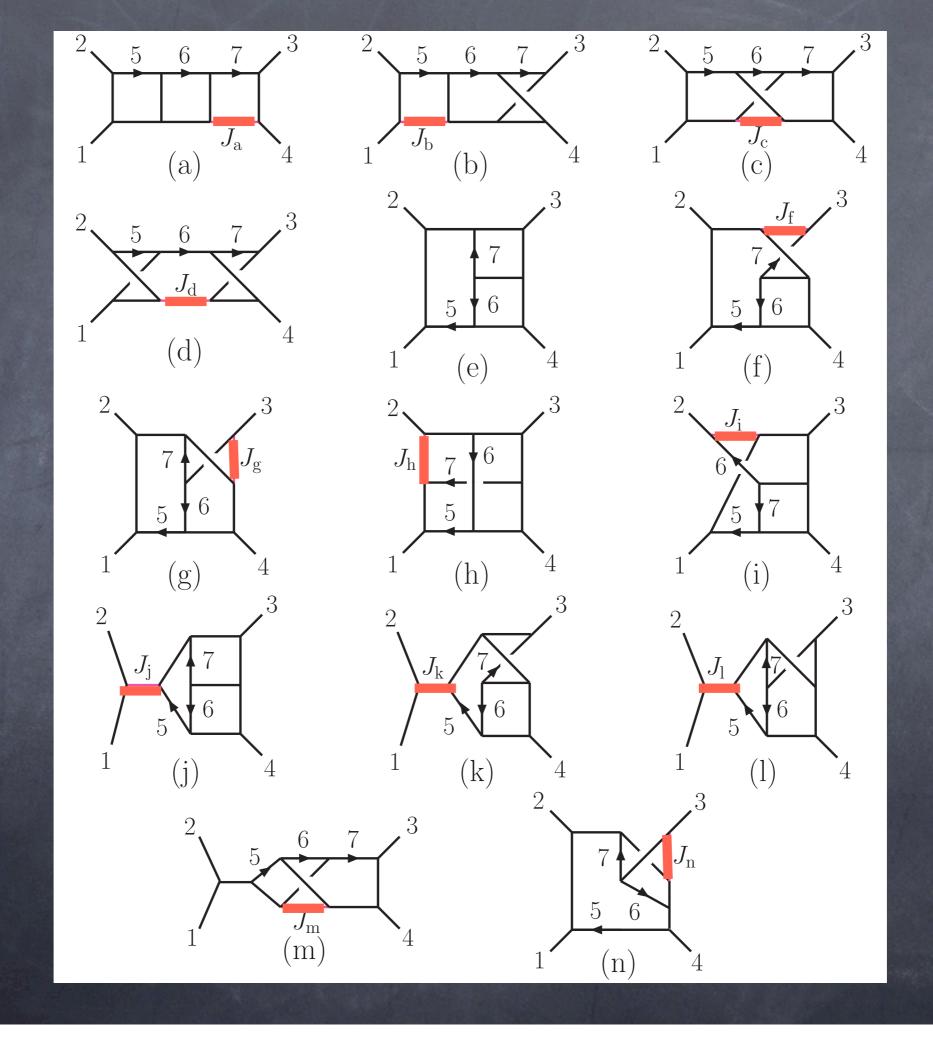


- Find the independent numerators (solve the linear equations!)
- Build ansatze for the masters using functions seen on exploratory cuts
- Impose relevant symmetries
- Fit to the theory!

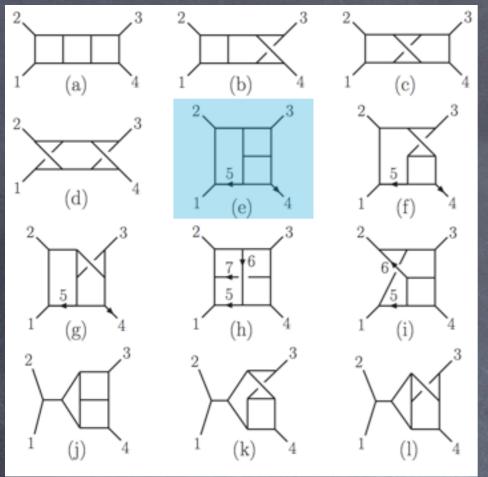








$$\begin{split} N^{(a)} &= N^{(b)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_a) \\ N^{(b)} &= N^{(d)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_b) \\ N^{(c)} &= N^{(a)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_c) \\ N^{(d)} &= N^{(h)}(k_3, k_1, k_2, l_7, l_6, k_{1,3} - l_5 + l_6 - l_7) \\ &+ N^{(h)}(k_3, k_2, k_1, l_7, l_6, k_{2,3} + l_5 - l_7), & (J_d) \\ N^{(f)} &= N^{(e)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_g) \\ N^{(g)} &= N^{(e)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_g) \\ N^{(h)} &= -N^{(g)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, k_{1,2} - l_5 - l_7) \\ &- N^{(i)}(k_4, k_3, k_2, l_6 - l_5, l_5 - l_6 + l_7 - k_{1,2}, l_6), & (J_h) \\ N^{(i)} &= N^{(e)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_7, l_6) & (J_i) \\ &- N^{(e)}(k_3, k_2, k_1, -k_4 - l_5 - l_6, -l_6 - l_7, l_6), & (J_i) \\ N^{(g)} &= N^{(e)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7) - N^{(e)}(k_2, k_1, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_j) \\ N^{(k)} &= N^{(f)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7) - N^{(f)}(k_2, k_1, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_k) \\ N^{(l)} &= N^{(g)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7) - N^{(g)}(k_2, k_1, k_3, l_5, l_6, l_7), & (J_h) \\ N^{(m)} &= 0, & (J_m) \\ N^{(m)} &= 0, & (J_m) \\ \end{pmatrix}$$



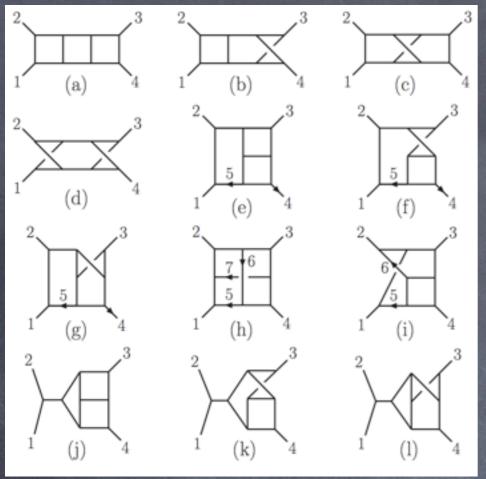
#### Solution is unique!

Only, e.g., require maximal cut information of (e) graph to build full amplitude!

Squaring numerators gives N=8 supergravity!

$$s = (k_1 + k_2)^2$$
  $t = (k_1 + k_4)^2$   $u = (k_1 + k_3)^2$   $\tau_{i,j} = 2k_i \cdot l_j$ 

Integral $I^{(x)}$	$\mathcal{N}=4$ Super-Yang-Mills ( $\sqrt{\mathcal{N}=8}$ supergravity) numerator
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(e)-(g)	$(s(- au_{35}+ au_{45}+t)-t( au_{25}+ au_{45})+u( au_{25}+ au_{35})-s^2)/3$
(h)	$(s(2\tau_{15}-\tau_{16}+2\tau_{26}-\tau_{27}+2\tau_{35}+\tau_{36}+\tau_{37}-u)$
	$+t\left( au_{16}+ au_{26}- au_{37}+2 au_{36}-2 au_{15}-2 au_{27}-2 au_{35}-3 au_{17} ight)+s^2\left)/3\right $
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#### Note:

BOTH N=4 sYM and N=8 sugra manifestly have same overall powercounting!

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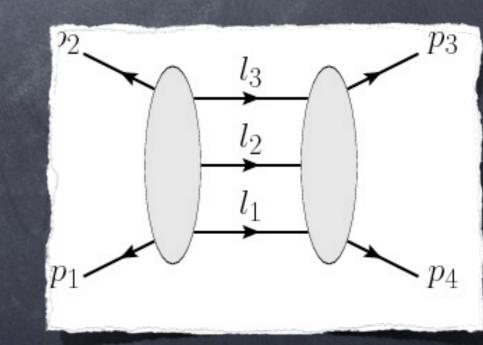
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Intermezzo: How do we know of amplitude is correct?

# ANSWER:

Integrand satisfies all D-dimensiona generalized unitarity cuts.

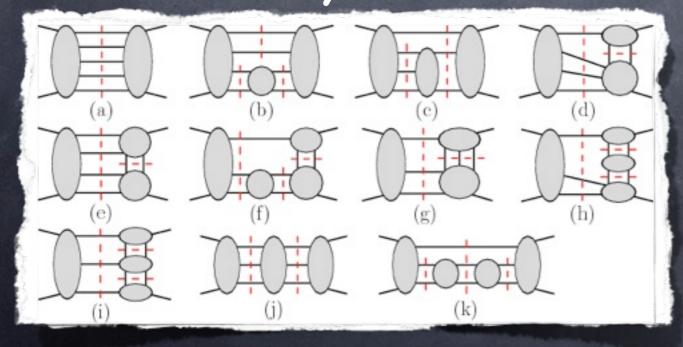
Bern, Dixon and Kosower



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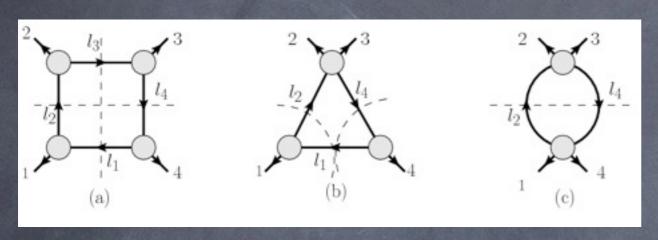
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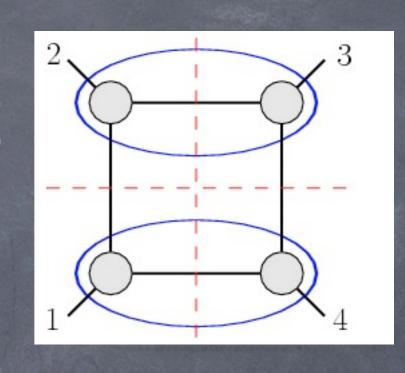
- Leaves no topologies untouched for Feynman rule contributions to be hiding in.
- spanning set: any set sufficient to guarantee satisfaction of all cuts given the theory



# Correct?

# D-dimensional:





Venerable: N=1 in 10D

New Shiny: N=2 in 6D

Super New Shiny: N=1 in 10D

Solved D-dim. cuts special to maximal susy: Iterated 2-particle, Box, Pentacuts

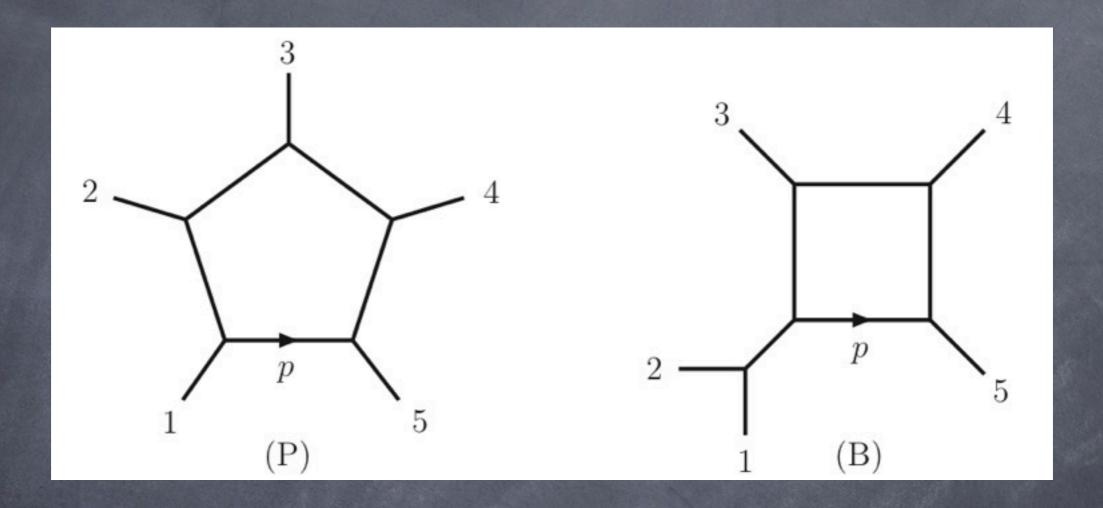
(as tree multiplicity increases expressions can be unwieldy)

Cheung, O'Connell; Dennen, Huang, Siegel; Boels; Bern, JJMC, Dennen, Huang, Ita

Caron-Hout, O'Connell;

Bern, JJMC, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban; Broedel, JJMC Ok -- we've seen it work through three-loops -- anywhere else?

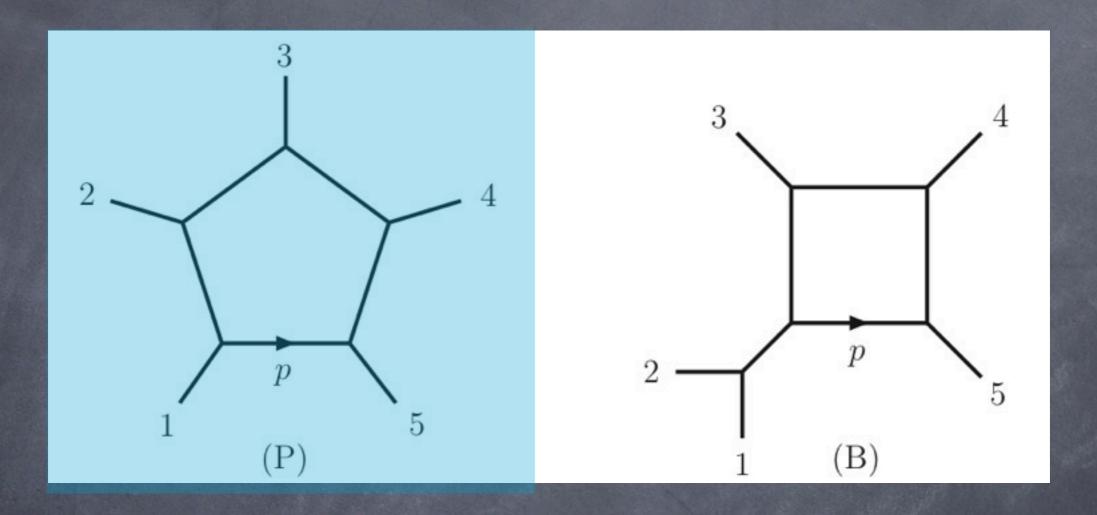
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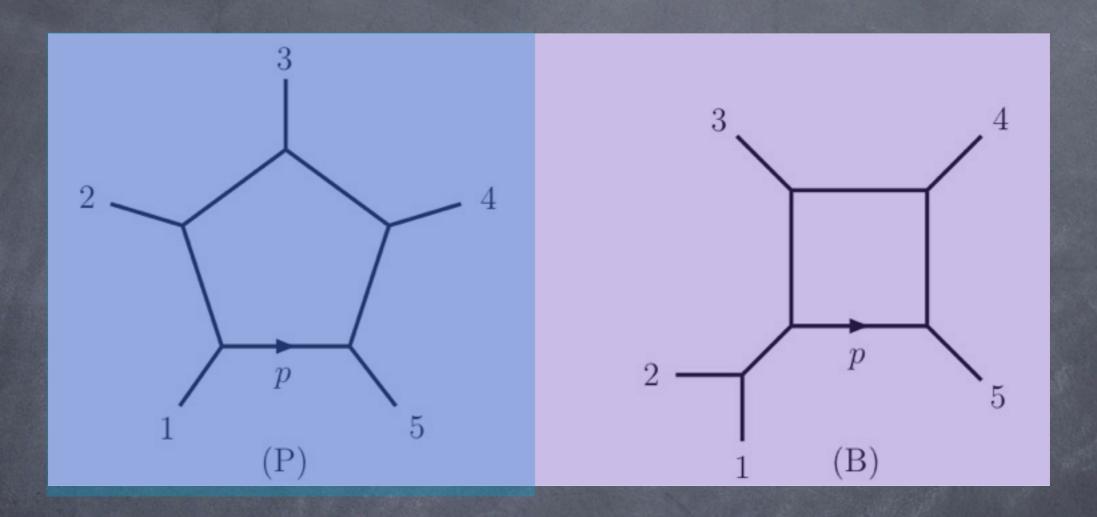
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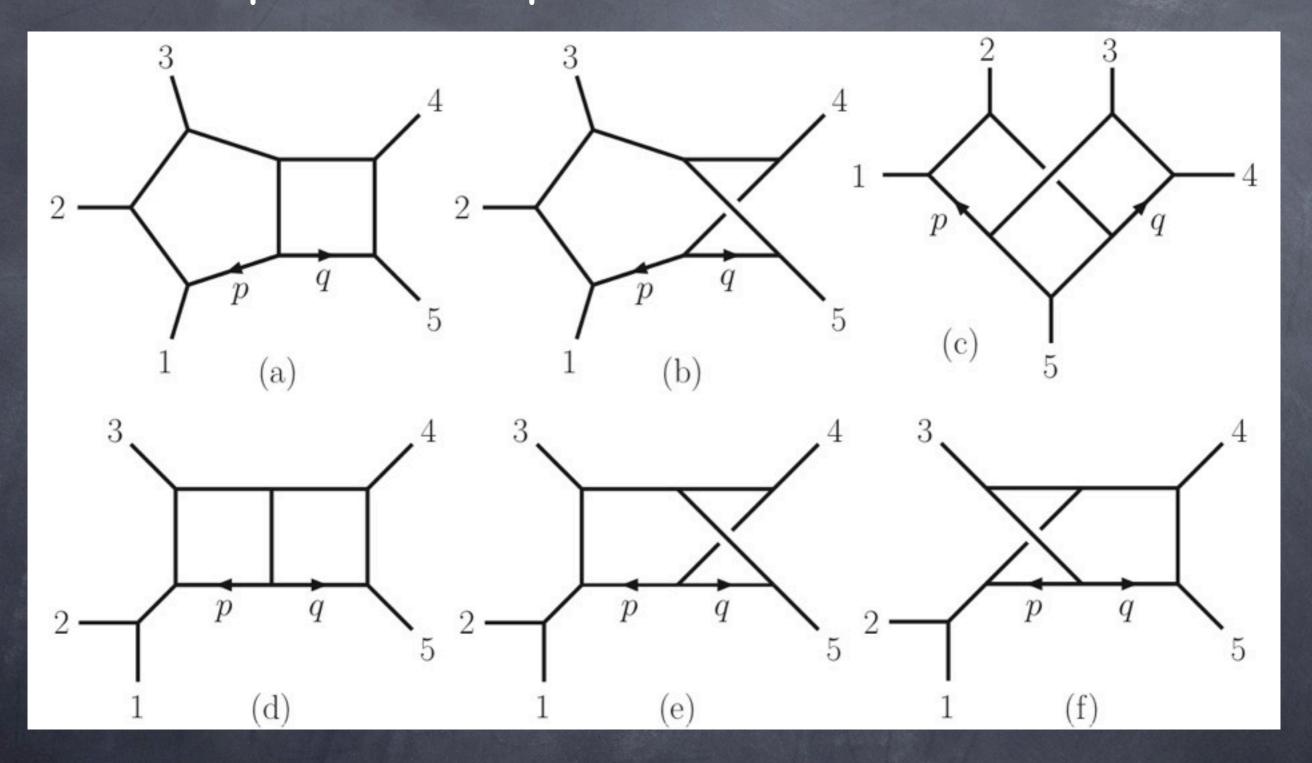
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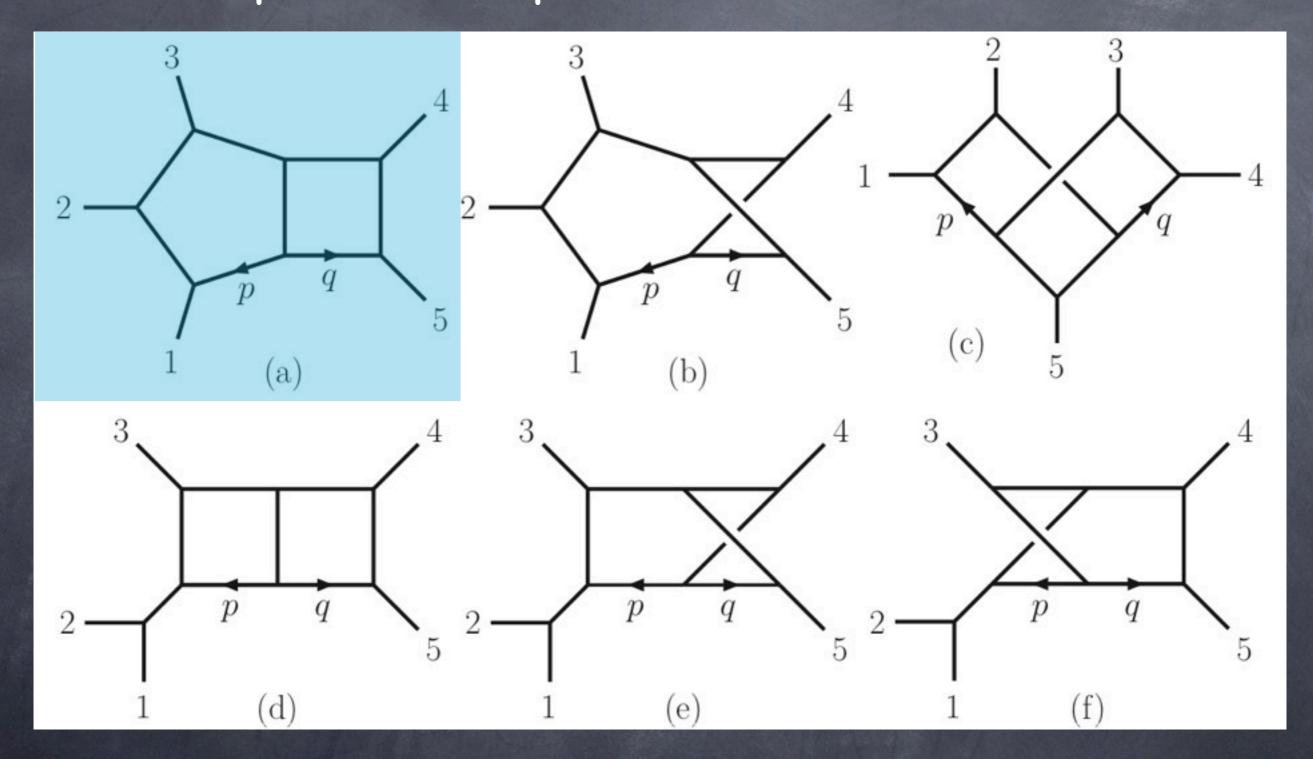
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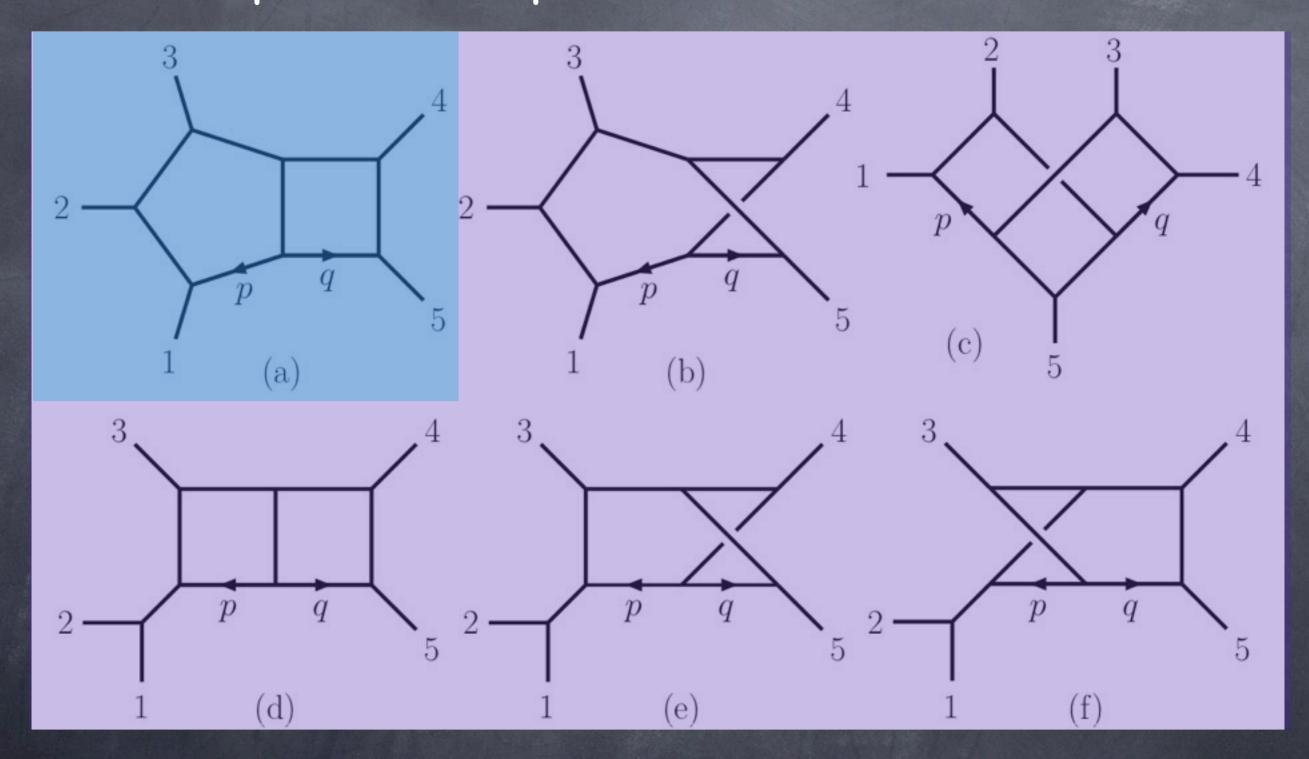
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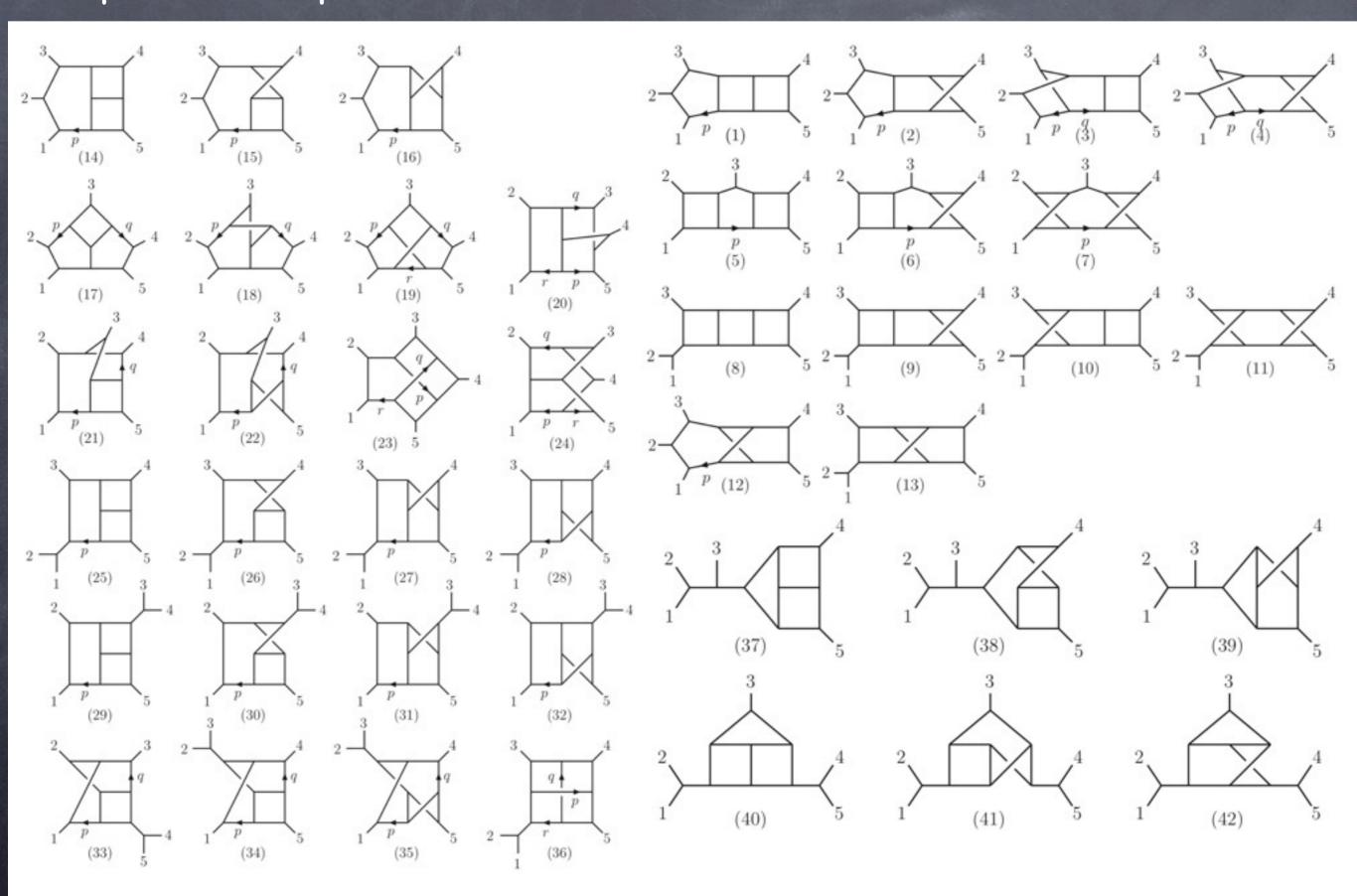
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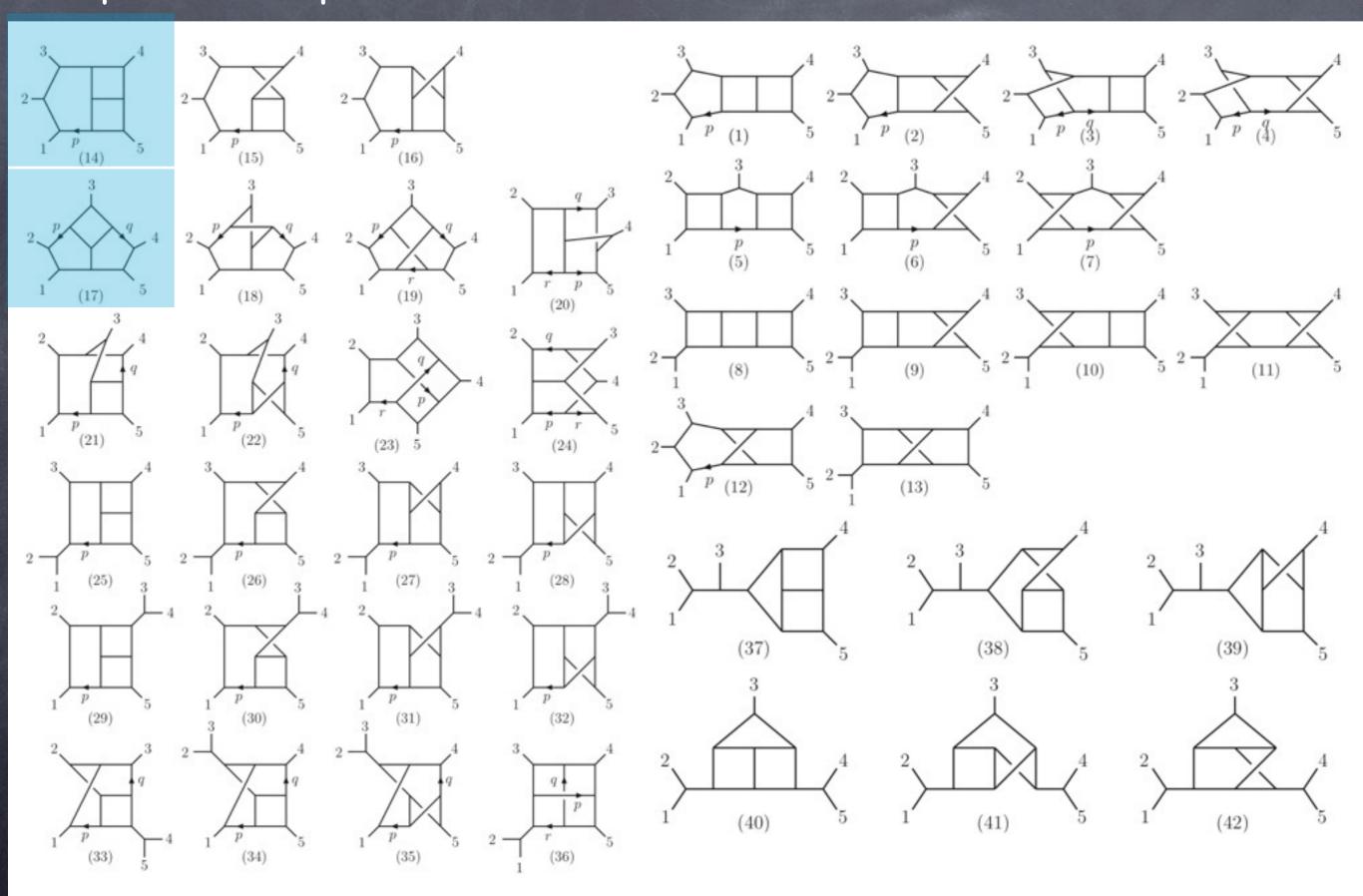


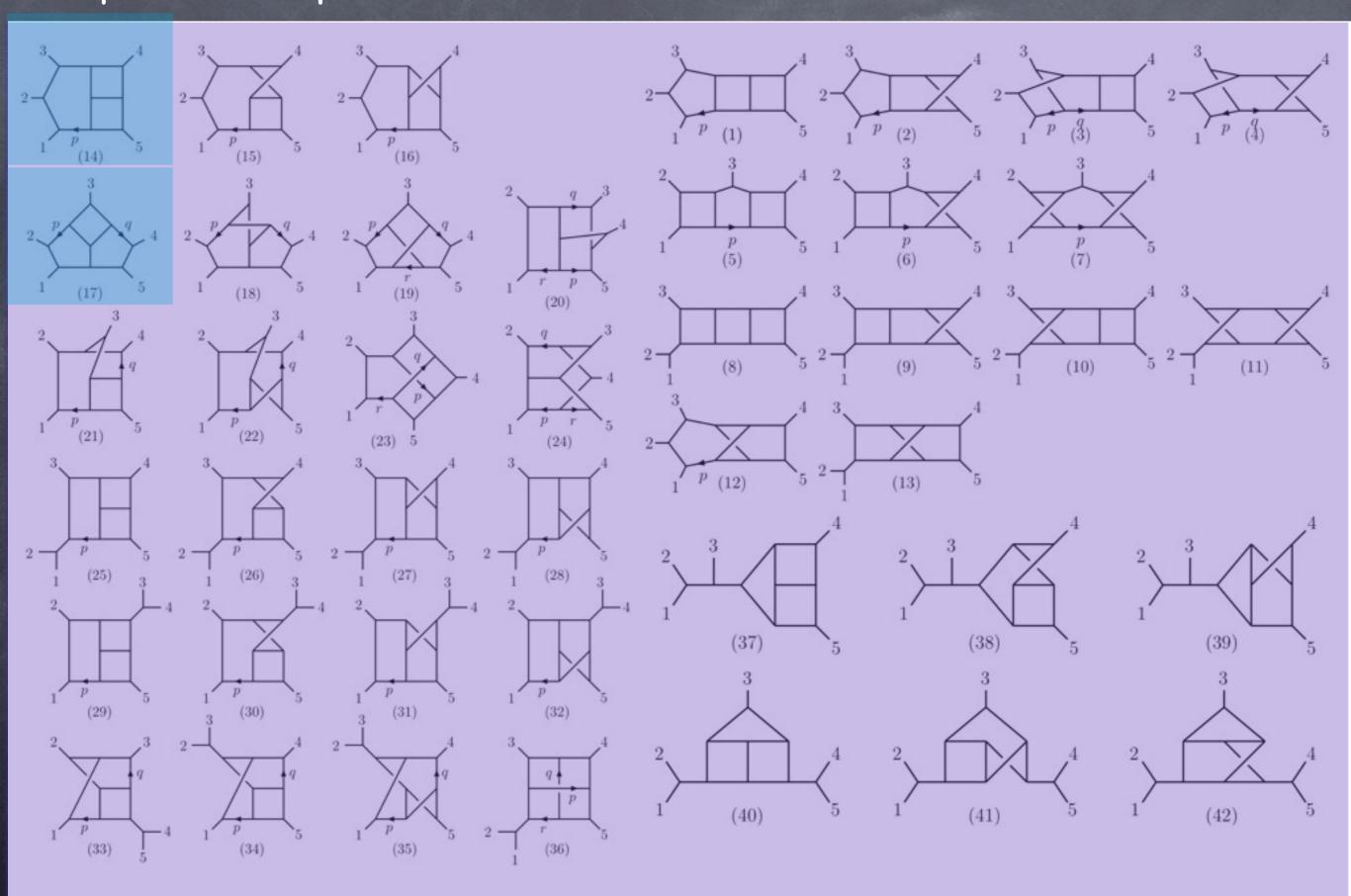
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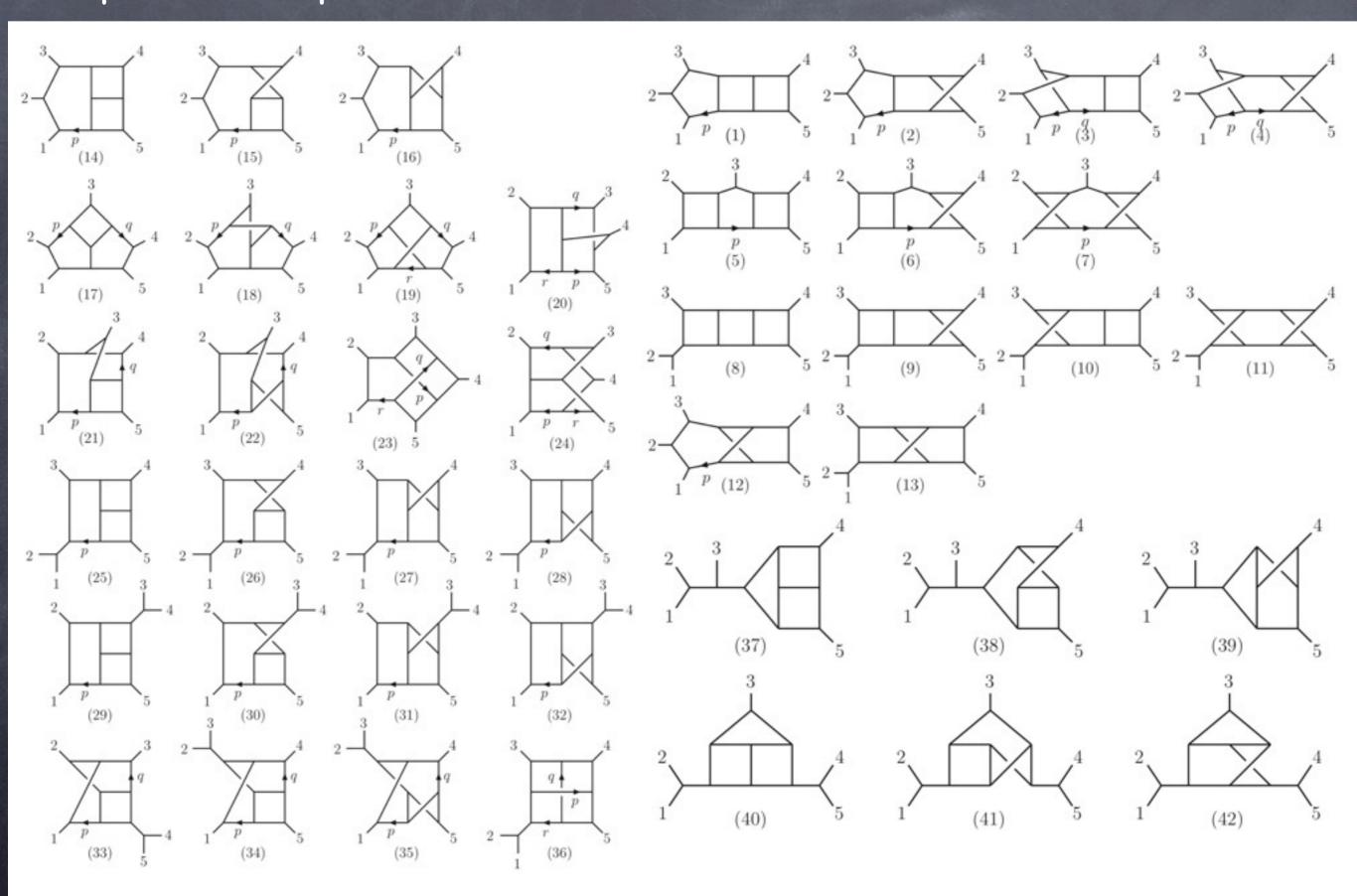


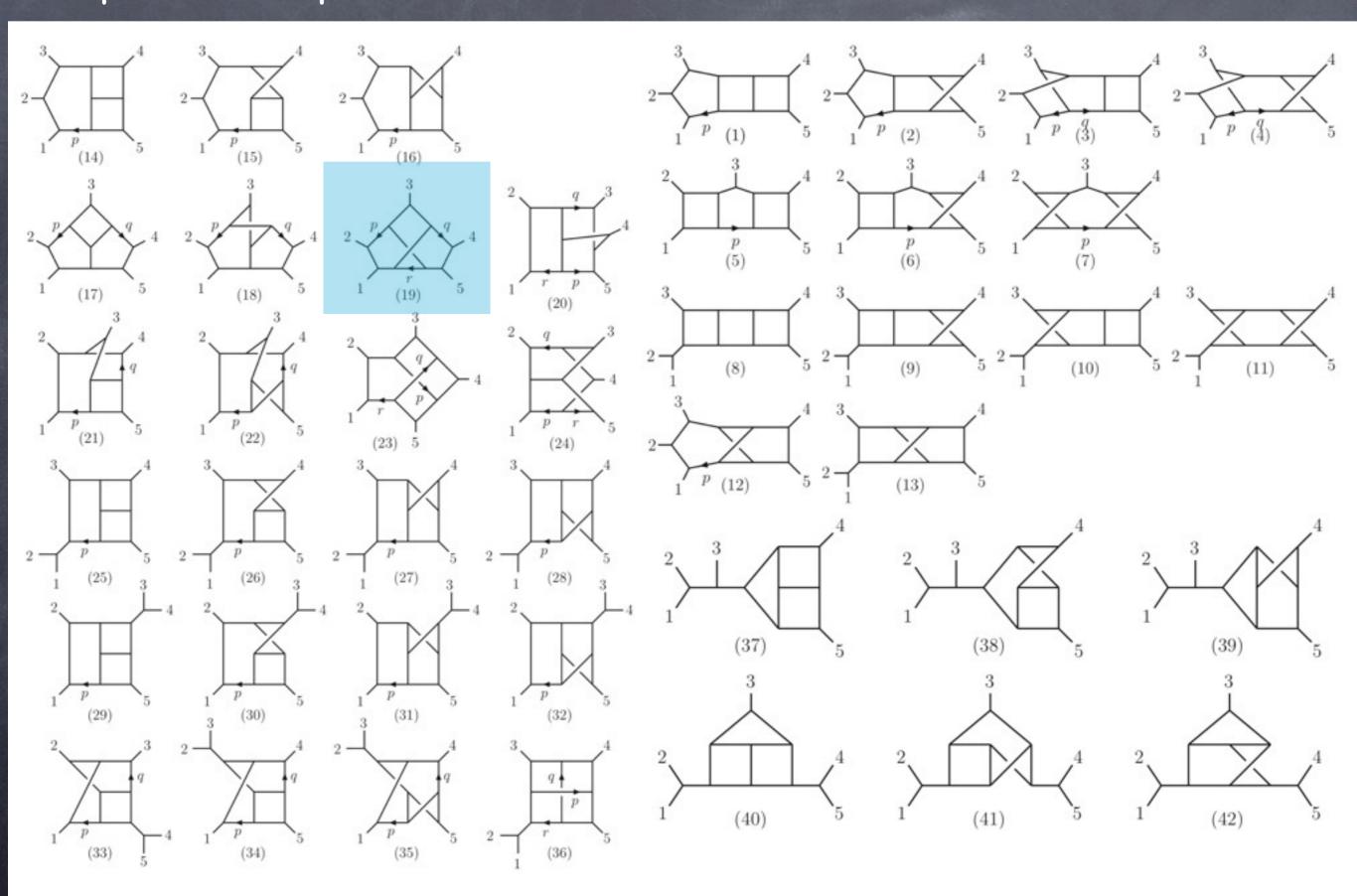
well -- that's it for published N=4, but here's a preview of results to come...

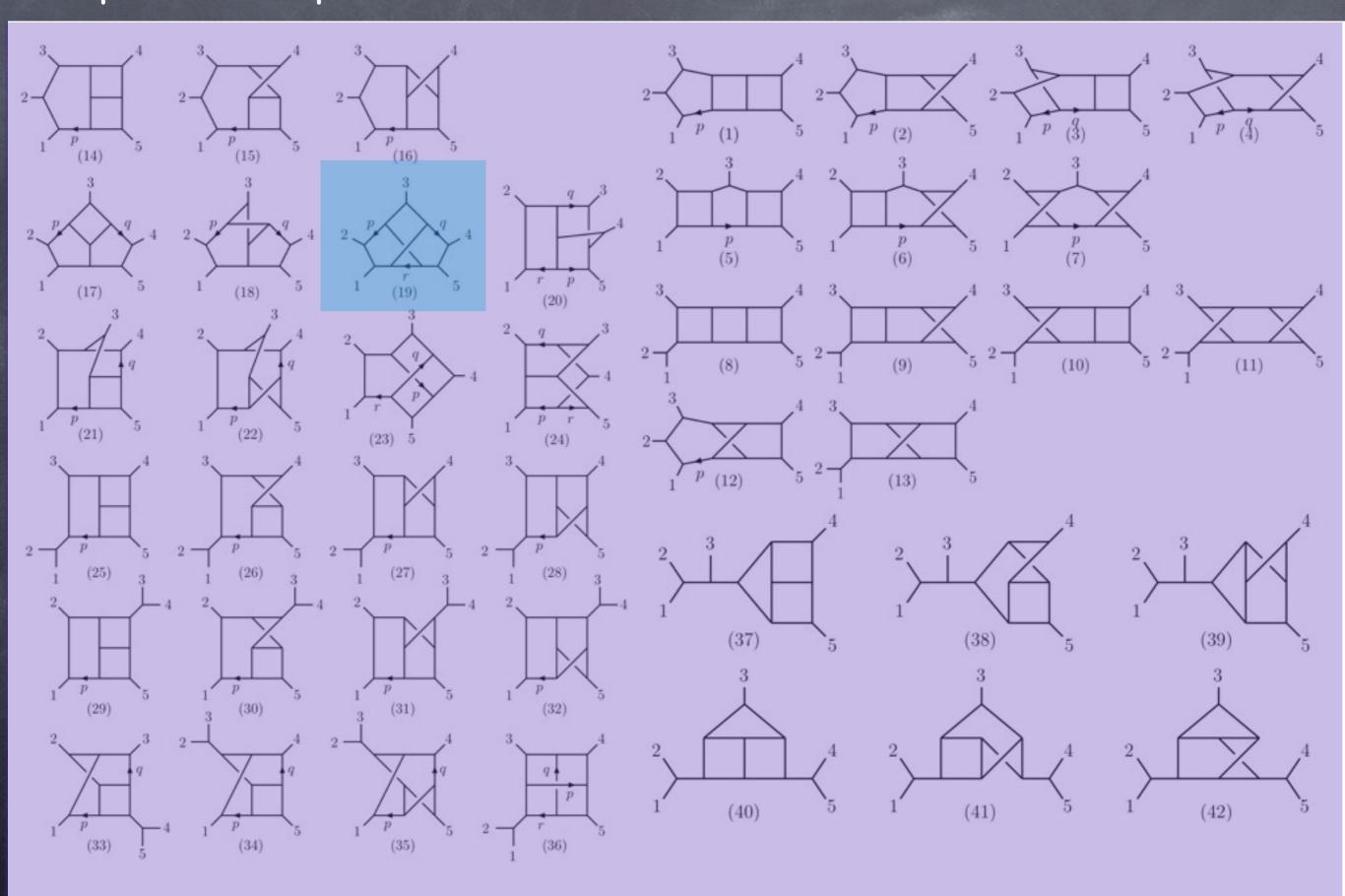




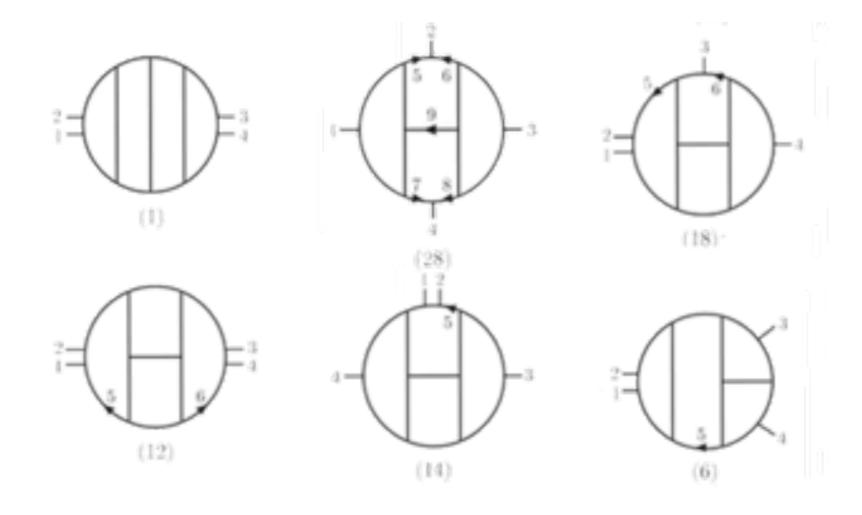




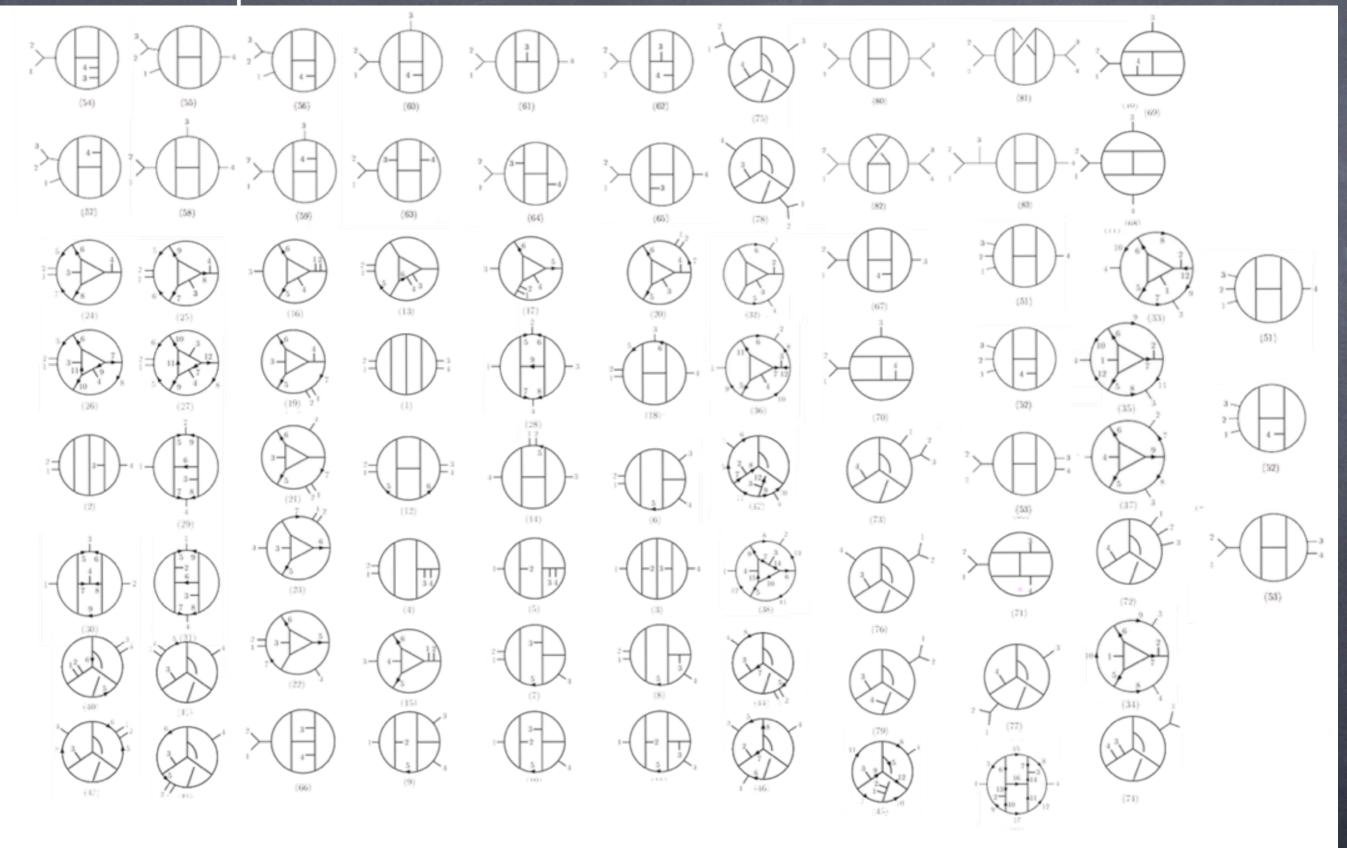


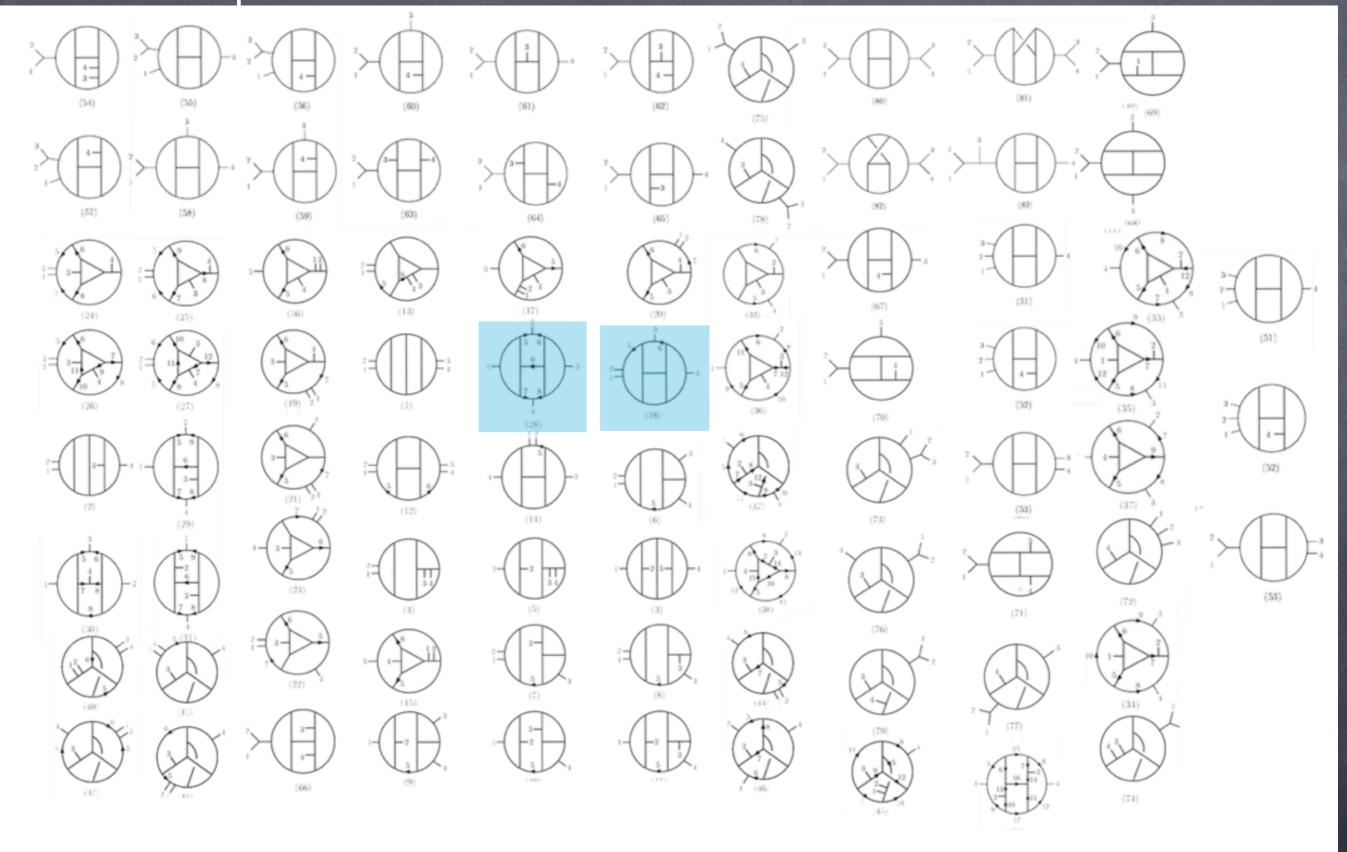


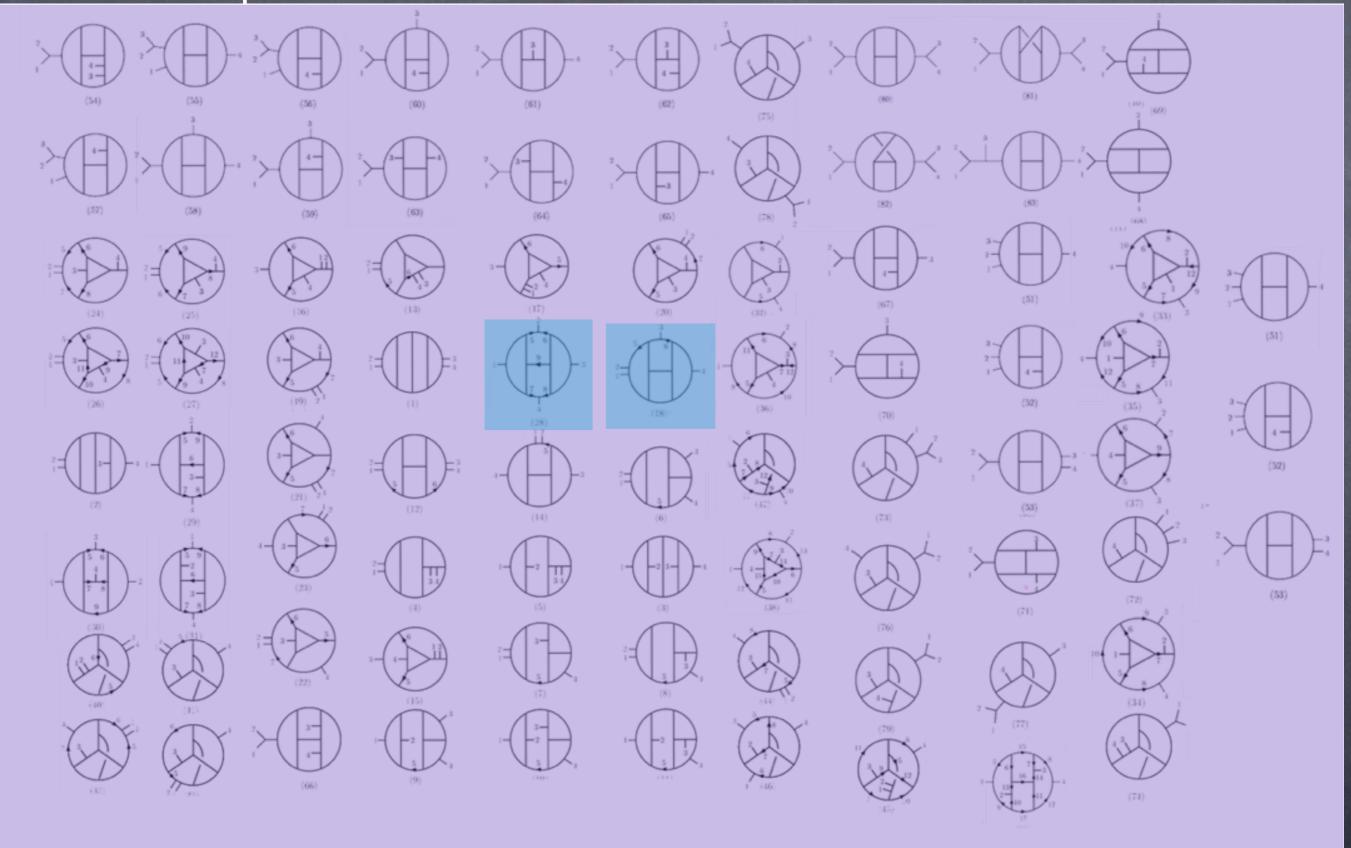
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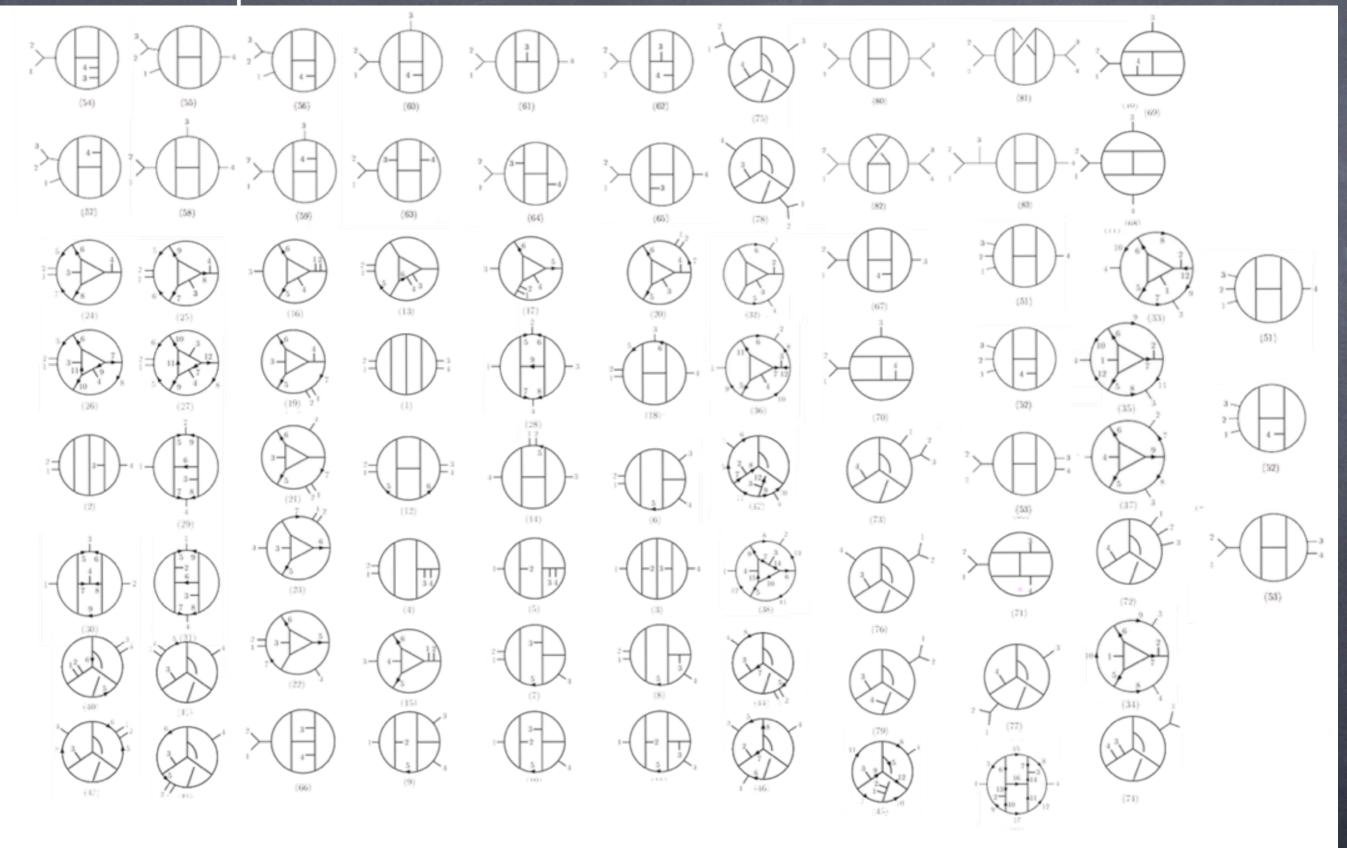


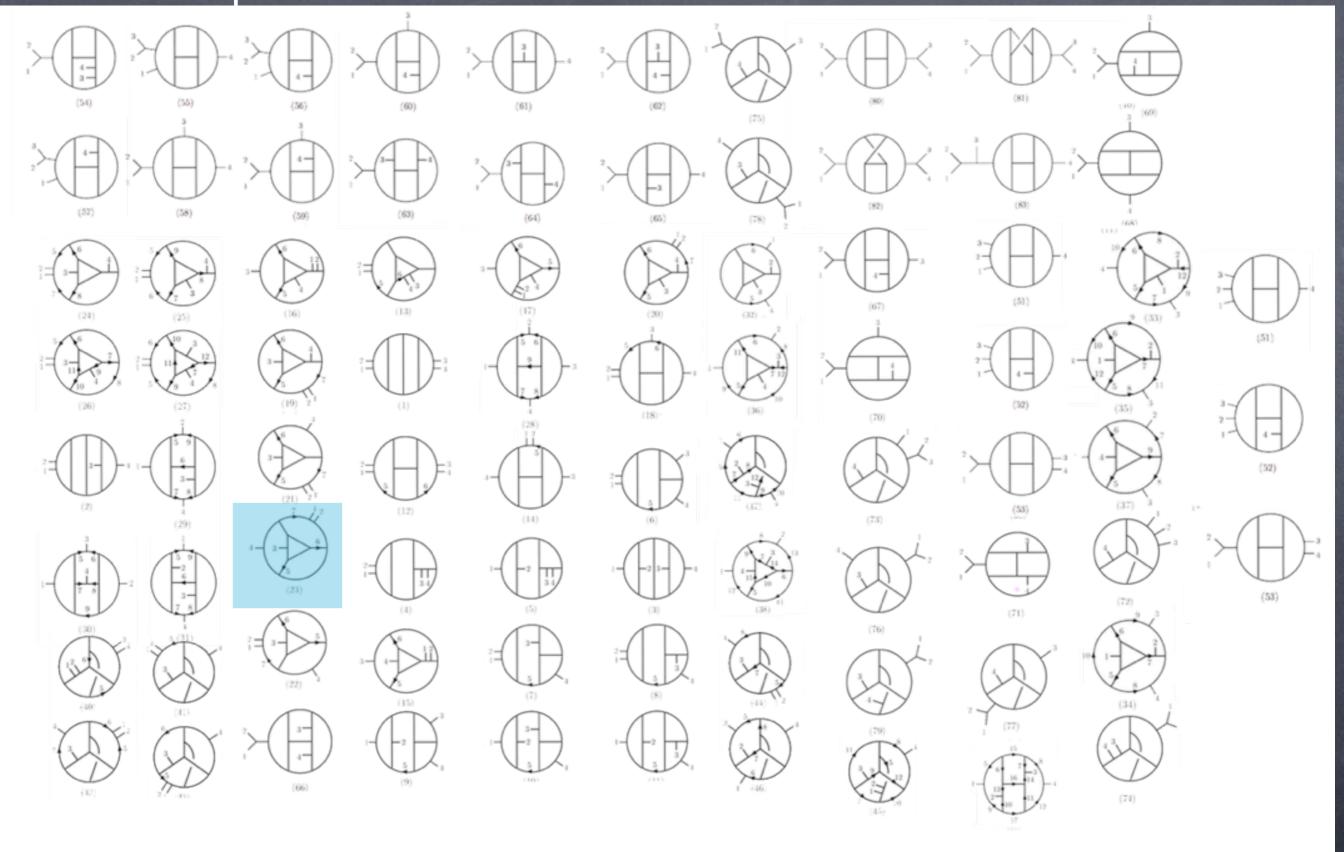
Bern, Czakon, Dixon, Kosower, Smirnov (2006)

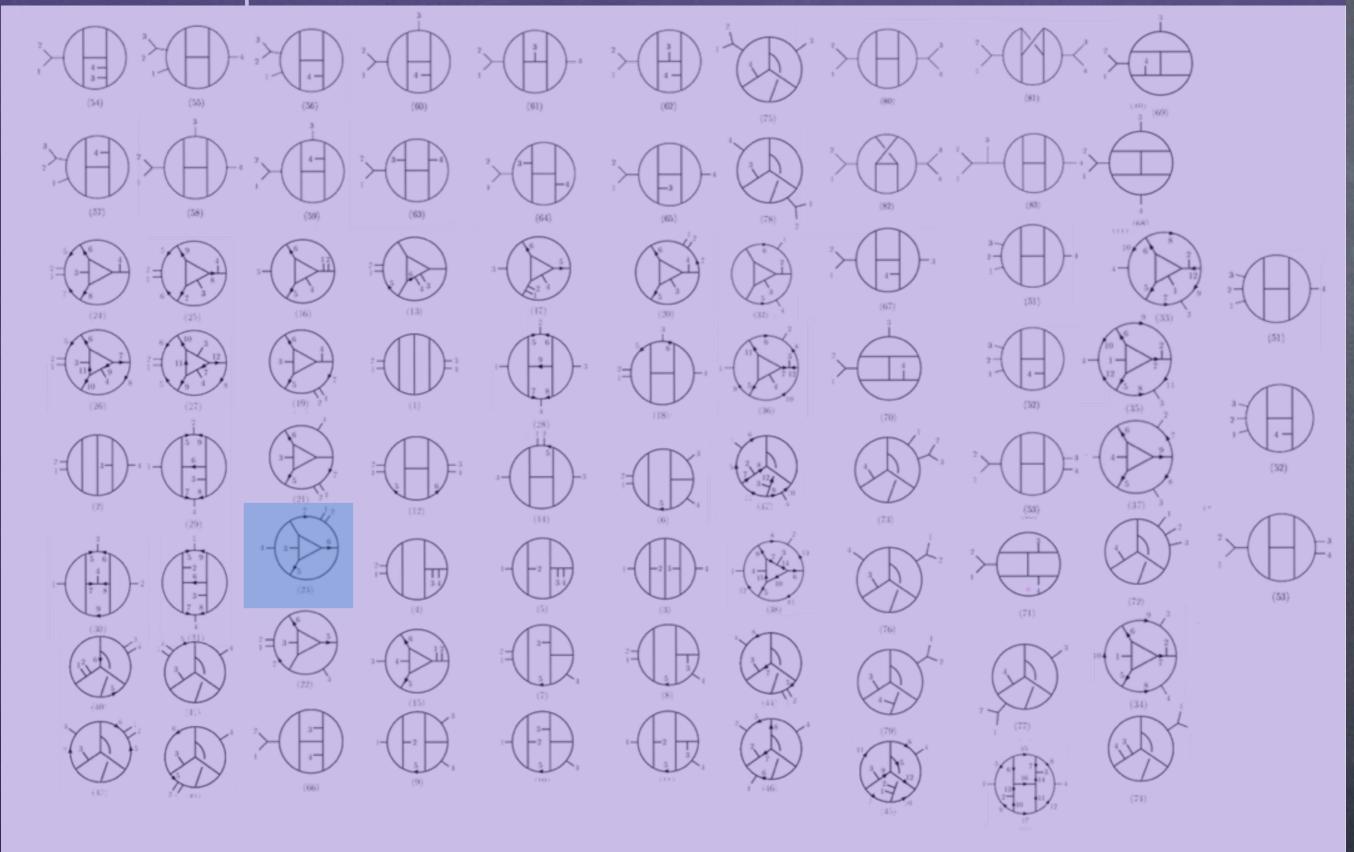












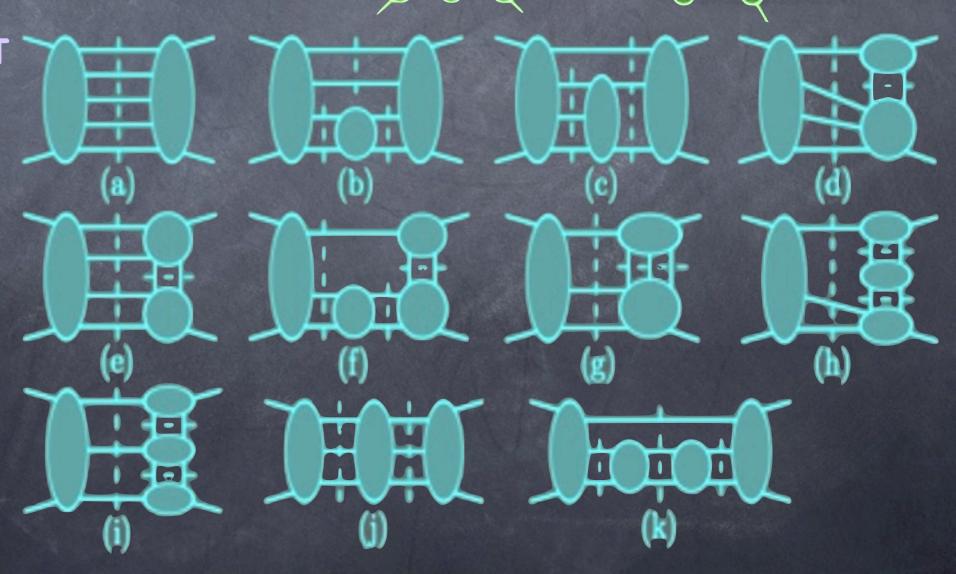
# Contrast with BCDJR (2009)

$$I_{i} = \int \left[ \prod_{p=1}^{4} \frac{d^{D} l_{n_{p}}}{(2\pi)^{D}} \right] \frac{N_{i}(l_{j}, k_{j})}{l_{1} l_{2} \dots l_{13}}$$

Numerators determined from 2906 maximal and near maximal cuts

YM diags thru KLT used as truth.

Completeness of ansatz verified on 26 generalized cuts



# UV Divergence at Four Loops

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Leading numerators  $N_i \sim O(k^4 l^8)$  k external l internal: would have D = 4.5 divergence

too many are bad for UV

Represented by integrals which cancel in the full amplitude

Sub-leading divergence:  $O(k^5 l^7)$ 

trivially vanishes under integration by Lorentz invariance

(2009)

### UV Divergence at Four Loops



 $N_i \sim O(k^6 l^6)$  corresponding to D = 5 div.

#### Expand the integrands about small external momenta:

$$N_i^{(6)} + N_i^{(7)} \frac{K_n \cdot l_j}{l_j^2} + N_i^{(8)} \left( \frac{K_n^2}{l_j^2} + \frac{K_n \cdot l_j \; K_q \cdot l_p}{l_j^2 l_p^2} \right)$$
 ( $K_i$  annotates sums

over external momenta)

Marcus & Sagnotti UV extraction method

#### cancels after using D = 5 integral identities like:

$$l_{1,2}^2 \left( \frac{l_2}{l_1} \right) = 5 \left( \frac{l_2}{l_1} \right)$$

$$3 \bigcirc = 2 \bigcirc$$

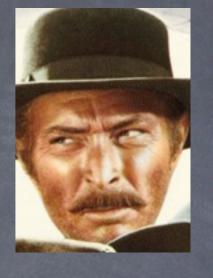
Understand divergence, but UV structure was obscured!

In the new manifest representation, as Radu told us, we have the power to identify remarkable structure between YM and Gravity

$$\mathcal{A}_{4}^{(4)}\Big|_{\text{pole}}^{SU(N_c)} = -6g^{10} \,\mathcal{K} \, N_c^2 \Big( N_c^2 \Big) + 12 \left( \underbrace{ + 2 \underbrace$$



# **Underlying Algebra?**



Understanding in 4D in self-dual sector, translating into 4D MHV

Monteiro, O'Connell

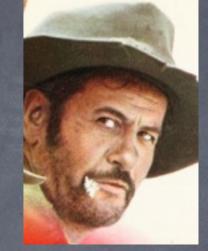
Inverting standard color decomposition, i.e. tracing over kinematics

Bern, Dennen

$$\mathcal{A}_m^{\text{tree}} = g^{m-2} \sum_{\sigma} \tau_{(12...m)} A_m^{\text{dual}}(1, 2, \dots, m)$$

### Solving the functional relations?

These loop level calculations work beautifully!



but ... functional equation solving!

"Small problems at the multiloop level aren't small problems." -Z. Bern

Want to figure out new techniques of how to solve these guys.



- Tree-level imposition of symmetry provides many of the same challenges
  - Could be an interesting playground for techniques

Broedel, JJMC

### String Theory & Tree-level Duality

Derivation of relations leading to (n-3)! amplitudes using monodromy of ST amps. Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove Stieberger

Duality first satisfied in 5-point ST using pure-spinor formalism Mafra

Insights into nature of duality in Heterotic strings due to parallel treatment of color and kinematics

Tye, Zhang

n-point duality (local, asymmetric) satisfied in ST using pure-spinor formalism Mafra, Schlotterer, Stieberger

## Field Theory & Tree Level Duality

- Proof of double-copy form of gravity assuming duality
- Existence of Lagrangian manifesting 6-point duality

Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier

Using (n-3)! relations via BCFW for field theoretic proofs of KLT relations, new forms etc.

> Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Feng, Sondegaard Feng, He, (R.) Huang, Jia

- Explicit (non-symmetric) duality-satisfying tree-level num. to all multiplicity.
  B-B,D,S,Vanhove
- Derivation of relations leading to (n-3)! amplitudes using BCFW
  Feng, (R.) Huang, Jia
- Relations with (some) non-SUSY matter
  Sondergaard
- Symmetric, amplitude encoded, duality satisfying tree-level representations from 4-6 points
  JB, JJMC

# What's the endgame?

- We don't want to have to write an ansatz. Rather, a direct way to write down master.
- As an intermediate step, we'll be happy with greater control over more fluidly flowing between representations (c.f. polytopes)
- Existence in higher-genus perturbative string theory?
- © Connection to recent understanding from Higher-Spin work?
- What is non-perturbative implication/barrier to gravity as a double-copy?

proofs, generalizations, etc... Lots to do!

