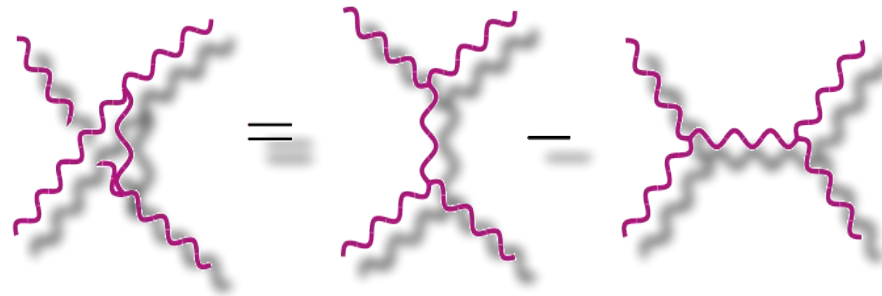


# Lie Algebra Structures in Yang-Mills and Gravity Amplitudes



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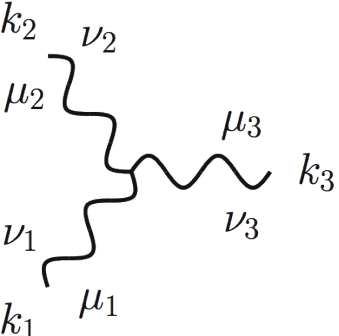
# Einstein Gravity Feynman rules

de Donder gauge:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{2}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{g} R, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$$



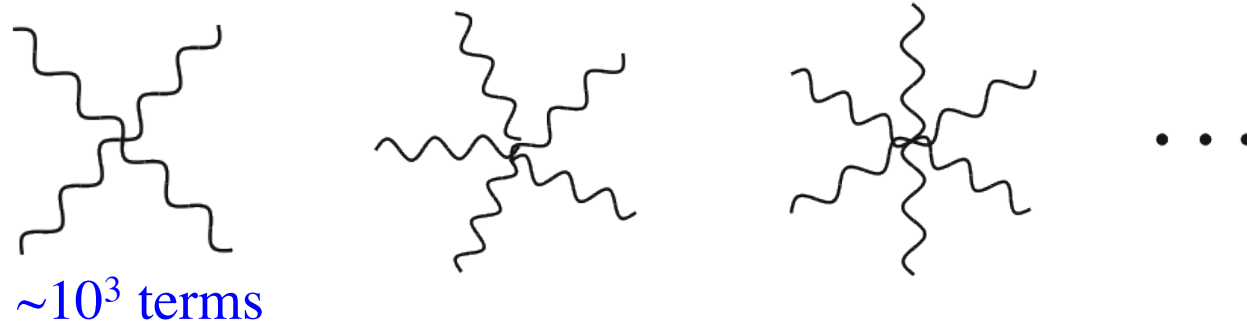
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \eta_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \eta_{\mu_2 \nu_2} + \eta_{\mu_1 \nu_2} \eta_{\nu_1 \mu_2} - \frac{2}{D-2} \eta_{\mu_1 \mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1 \nu_2} \right] \frac{i}{p^2 + i\epsilon}$$



$$= \text{sym} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \eta_{\mu_2 \nu_2} \eta_{\mu_3 \nu_3}) - \frac{1}{2} P_6(k_{1\mu_1} k_{1\nu_2} \eta_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \eta_{\mu_3 \nu_3}) + \frac{1}{2} P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu_1 \mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1 \nu_2} \eta_{\mu_3 \nu_3}) \right. \\ \left. + P_6(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \eta_{\mu_2 \mu_3} \eta_{\nu_2 \nu_3}) + 2P_3(k_{1\mu_2} k_{1\nu_3} \eta_{\mu_1 \nu_1} \eta_{\nu_2 \mu_3}) - P_3(k_{1\nu_2} k_{2\mu_1} \eta_{\nu_1 \mu_1} \eta_{\mu_3 \nu_3}) \right. \\ \left. + P_3(k_{1\mu_3} k_{2\nu_3} \eta_{\mu_1 \mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1 \nu_2}) + P_6(k_{1\mu_3} k_{1\nu_3} \eta_{\mu_1 \mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1 \nu_2}) + 2P_6(k_{1\mu_2} k_{2\nu_3} \eta_{\nu_2 \mu_1} \eta_{\nu_1 \mu_3}) \right. \\ \left. + 2P_3(k_{1\mu_2} k_{2\mu_1} \eta_{\nu_2 \mu_3} \eta_{\nu_3 \nu_1}) - 2P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\nu_1 \mu_2} \eta_{\nu_2 \mu_3} \eta_{\nu_3 \mu_1}) \right]$$

After symmetrization  
~ 100 terms !

higher order  
vertices...



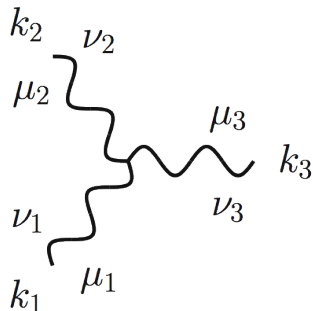
# On-shell simplifications



Graviton plane wave:  $\varepsilon^\mu(p)\varepsilon^\nu(p) e^{ip\cdot x}$

↑ Yang-Mills polarization

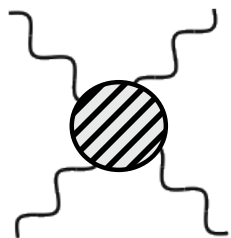
On-shell 3-graviton vertex:



$$= i\kappa \left( \eta_{\mu_1\mu_2} (k_1 - k_2)_{\mu_3} + \text{cyclic} \right) \left( \eta_{\nu_1\nu_2} (k_1 - k_2)_{\nu_3} + \text{cyclic} \right)$$

↑ Yang-Mills vertex

Gravity scattering amplitude:



$$M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = -i \frac{st}{u} A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4)$$

↑ Yang-Mills amplitude

On-shell gravity objects are “squares” of Yang-Mills objects !

• holds for the entire S-matrix      Bern, Carrasco, HJ [BCJ]

# Kawai-Lewellen-Tye Relations

String theory  
tree-level identity:

closed string  $\sim$  (left open string)  $\times$  (right open string)



$$A_n \sim \int \frac{dx_1 \cdots dx_n}{\mathcal{V}_{abc}} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |x_i - x_j|^{k_i \cdot k_j} \exp \left[ \sum_{i < j} \left( \frac{\epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j}{(x_i - x_j)^2} + \frac{k_i \cdot \epsilon_j - k_j \cdot \epsilon_i}{(x_i - x_j)} \right) \right] \Big|_{\text{multi-linear}}$$

KLT relations emerge after nontrivial world-sheet integral identities

Field theory limit  $\Rightarrow$  gravity theory  $\sim$  (gauge theory)  $\times$  (gauge theory)

$$M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = -is_{12} A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3)$$

$$M_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = is_{12}s_{34} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \tilde{A}_5^{\text{tree}}(2, 1, 4, 3, 5) \\ + is_{13}s_{24} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 2, 4, 5) \tilde{A}_5^{\text{tree}}(3, 1, 4, 2, 5)$$

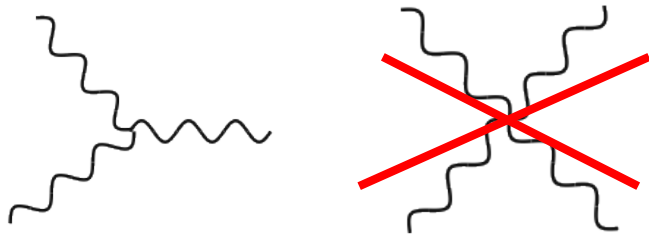
gravity states are  
products of gauge  
theory states:

$$|1\rangle_{\text{grav}} = |1\rangle_{\text{gauge}} \otimes |1\rangle_{\text{gauge}}$$

# Gravity should be cubic

Yang-Mills  $\rightarrow$  cubic

schematically:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} \sim A \square A + \partial A^3$

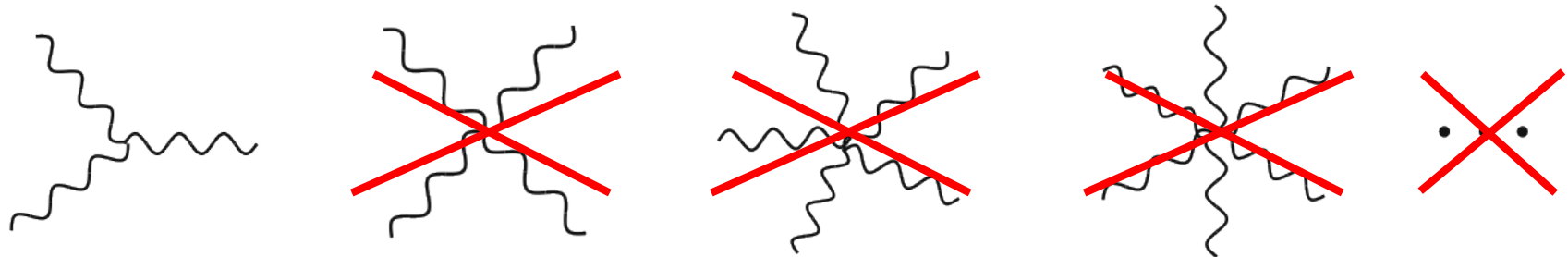


schematic  
derivative



Einstein gravity  $\rightarrow$  cubic

schematically:  $\mathcal{L}_G \sim h \square h + \partial^2 h^3$



And gravity should be a double copy of a YM theory:

$$h^{\mu\nu} \sim A^\mu A^\nu$$

[BCJ]

$$V_G(k_1, k_2, k_3) = V_{\text{YM}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) V_{\text{YM}}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

# Gauge theory is the key

The simplicity of gravity stems from a novel structure in Yang-Mills

- represent amplitudes using cubic graphs only:

$$\mathcal{A}_m^{(L)} = \sum_{i \in \Gamma_3} \int \frac{d^{LD} \ell}{(2\pi)^{LD}} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i c_i}{p_{i_1}^2 p_{i_2}^2 p_{i_3}^2 \cdots p_{i_l}^2} \quad \text{[BCJ]}$$

numerator  
color factors  
propagators

Diagram numerators satisfy the algebra:

$$\text{Diagram 1} = \text{Diagram 2} - \text{Diagram 3}$$

Jacobi identity

$$\text{Diagram 4} = - \text{Diagram 5}$$

antisymmetry

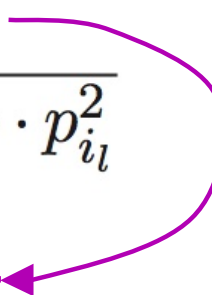
These are the same relations the color factors satisfy (Lie Algebra)

**Duality: color  $\leftrightarrow$  kinematics**

# Gravity is a double copy

- Gravity amplitudes are obtained after replacing color by kinematics

$$\mathcal{A}_m^{(L)} = \sum_{i \in \Gamma_3} \int \frac{d^{LD} \ell}{(2\pi)^{LD}} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i c_i}{p_{i_1}^2 p_{i_2}^2 p_{i_3}^2 \cdots p_{i_l}^2} \quad \text{[BCJ]}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_m^{(L)} = \sum_{i \in \Gamma_3} \int \frac{d^{LD} \ell}{(2\pi)^{LD}} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i \tilde{n}_i}{p_{i_1}^2 p_{i_2}^2 p_{i_3}^2 \cdots p_{i_l}^2}$$


- The two numerators can belong to different theories:

$n_i$	$\tilde{n}_i$	
$(\mathcal{N}=4)$	$\times (\mathcal{N}=4)$	$\rightarrow \mathcal{N}=8$ sugra
$(\mathcal{N}=4)$	$\times (\mathcal{N}=2)$	$\rightarrow \mathcal{N}=6$ sugra
$(\mathcal{N}=4)$	$\times (\mathcal{N}=0)$	$\rightarrow \mathcal{N}=4$ sugra
$(\mathcal{N}=0)$	$\times (\mathcal{N}=0)$	$\rightarrow$ Einstein gravity + axion+ dillaton



# Four-point example

- Usual tree-level decomposition

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)} \text{Tr}[T^{a_1} T^{a_2} \dots T^{a_n}] A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n)$$

← gauge invariant

- Alternative decomposition, 4pt example

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = g^2 \left( \frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u} \right)$$

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- Map

$$\tilde{f}^{abc} \equiv i\sqrt{2} f^{abc} = \text{Tr}([T^a, T^b] T^c) \quad \text{color structures}$$

$$A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \equiv \frac{n_s}{s} + \frac{n_t}{t},$$

$$A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 4, 2) \equiv -\frac{n_u}{u} - \frac{n_s}{s} \quad \text{kinematic structures}$$

$$A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 4, 2, 3) \equiv -\frac{n_t}{t} + \frac{n_u}{u}$$

## color factors

$$c_u \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_4 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_1}$$

$$c_s \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_1 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_4}$$

$$c_t \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_4 a_1}$$

## kinematic numerators

$$n_s, n_t, n_u$$

absorbs 4-pt contact terms

# 4-pt kinematic Jacobi relation

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = g^2 \left( \frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u} \right)$$

color factors

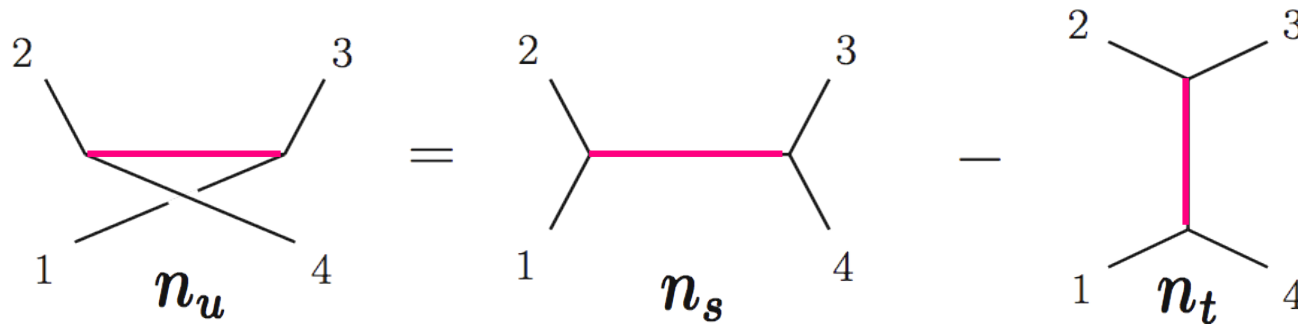
$$c_u \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_4 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_1}$$

$$c_s \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_1 a_2 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_3 a_4}$$

$$c_t \equiv \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_3 b} \tilde{f}^{b a_4 a_1}$$

- Jacobi identity for color and for kinematics

$$c_u = c_s - c_t \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad n_u = n_s - n_t$$



- Easy to check using Feynman rules

- Kinematic numerators gauge dependent - but 4pt identity is gauge invariant

$$-n'_s + n'_t + n'_u = -n_s + n_t + n_u + \Delta(k_j, \varepsilon_j)(s + t + u) = 0$$

↖  $\sim$  gauge parameter

# Generalized gauge transformation...

...explains why this kinematic structure has remained hidden.

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}} = \sum_i \frac{c_i n_i}{\prod_{\alpha} p_{\alpha}^2} \quad (2n-5)!! \text{ cubic diagrams} \quad [\text{BCJ}]$$

Define “generalized gauge transformation” on amplitude as

$$n_i \rightarrow n_i + \Delta_i \quad \text{such that} \quad \sum_i \frac{c_i \Delta_i}{\prod_{\alpha} p_{\alpha}^2} = 0$$

Amplitudes invariant under this transformation, but not duality

$$n_i + n_j + n_k \neq 0 \quad \not\Leftrightarrow \quad c_i + c_j + c_k = 0$$

*To see the duality one must find the transformation that makes the numerators obey the algebra – in general a nontrivial task*

# Tree-Level Evidence

# Duality gives new amplitude relations

In color ordered tree amplitudes 3 legs can be fixed:  $(n-3)!$  basis

4 points:

$$A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{4\}, 3) = \frac{A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4)s_{14}}{s_{24}} \quad s_{ij..} = (k_i + k_j + \dots)^2$$

5 points:

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{4\}, 3, \{5\}) = \frac{A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)(s_{14} + s_{45}) + A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 5, 4)s_{14}}{s_{24}},$$

$$A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{4, 5\}, 3) = \frac{-A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)s_{34}s_{15} - A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 5, 4)s_{14}(s_{245} + s_{35})}{s_{24}s_{245}}$$

...relations obtained for any multiplicity

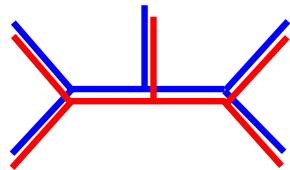
These were later found to be equivalent to monodromy relations on the open string worldsheet Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove; Stieberger

Also field theory proofs through BCFW: Feng, Huang, Jia; Chen, Du, Feng

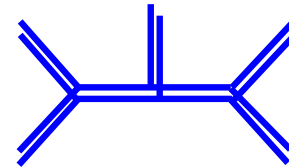
# Tree-level gravity checks

- Original conjecture checked through 8 points Bern, Carrasco, HJ

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}} = \sum_i \frac{n_i c_i}{\prod_{\alpha} p_{\alpha}^2} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_n^{\text{tree}} = \sum_i \frac{n_i \tilde{n}_i}{\prod_{\alpha} p_{\alpha}^2}$$



$\Leftrightarrow$



double copy  
of YM

- All-multiplicity proof assuming gauge theory duality: Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier

Work by Tye and Zhang connects to heterotic string

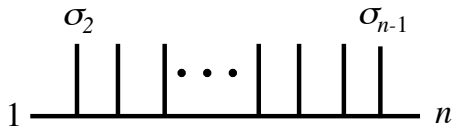
$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{het}} \Big|_{\alpha' \rightarrow 0} = \sum_i \frac{n_{\text{L},i} \tilde{n}_{\text{R},i}}{\prod_{\beta} p_{\beta}^2}$$

Left sector  $n_{\text{L},i} \Leftrightarrow$  modes in spacetime  $R^{(1,D-1)}$

Right sector  $\tilde{n}_{\text{R},i} \Leftrightarrow$  modes in spacetime  $R^{(1,D-1)} \times T^{N_c}$

# Some tree-level solutions

- All-multiplicity solution for non-local tree numerators using KLT  
Kiermaier; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Sondergaard Vanhove

$$\mathcal{M}_n = i \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} n_{1,\sigma_2,\dots,\sigma_{n-1},n} \times \tilde{A}_n(1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1}, n)$$


- Explicit local numerators using pure-spinor methods in  $D=10$   
Mafra, Schlotterer, Stieberger
- Cubic Feynman rules obeying the duality for MHV sector of YM  
Monteiro and O'Connell

# Loop-Level Evidence



# Manifest duality in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM 4-pt ampl.

Known cases of duality-satisfying loop amplitudes:

1-loop:  $K^1 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} \end{array} \right)$  Green, Schwarz, Brink (1982)

2-loop:  $K^1 \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 4} \\ \text{Diagram 5} \\ + \text{ perms} \end{array} \right)$  Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Perelstein and Rozowsky (1998)

prefactor contains  
helicity structure:

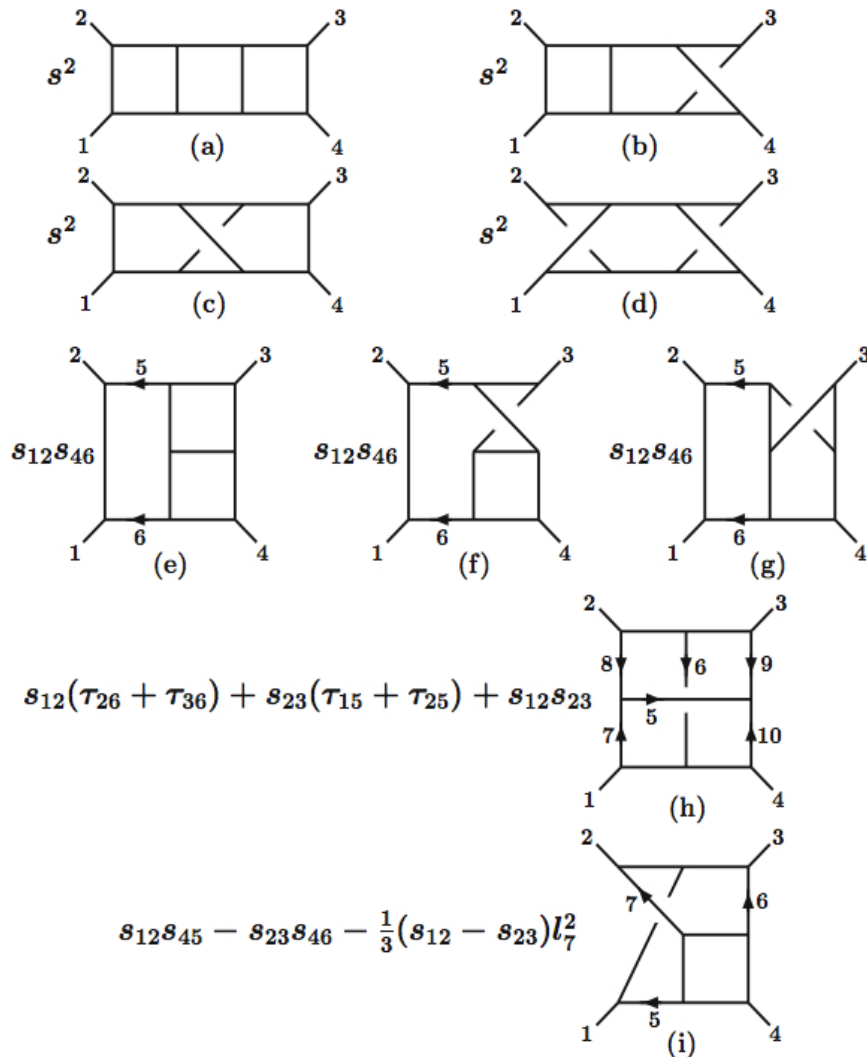
$$K = stA_4^{\text{tree}}$$

Duality:  $\mathcal{N}=8$  SG is obtained if  $1 \rightarrow 2$  (numerator squaring)

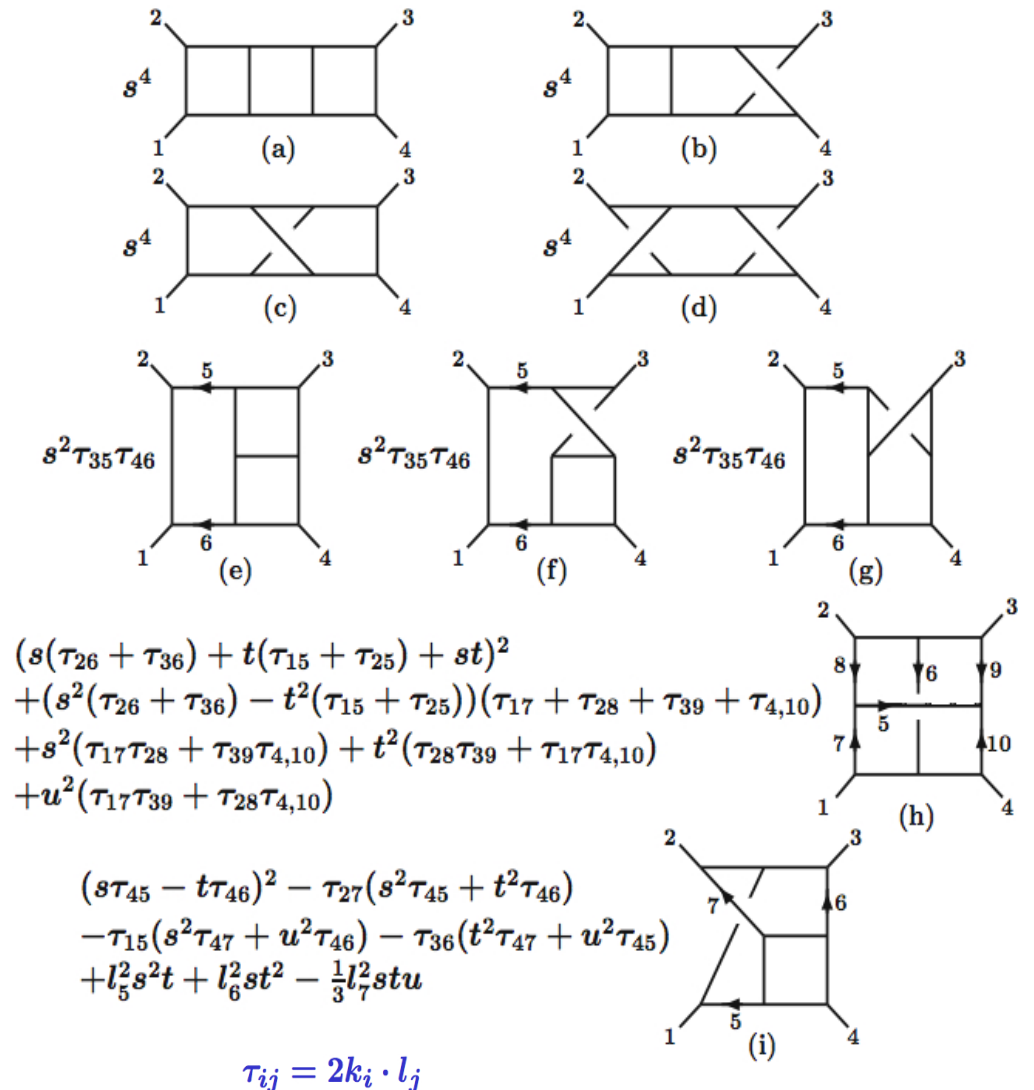
# Old form of 3-loop amplitude

Problem: no double copy in 0808.4112 [hep-th] (Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, HJ, Roiban)

N=4 SYM



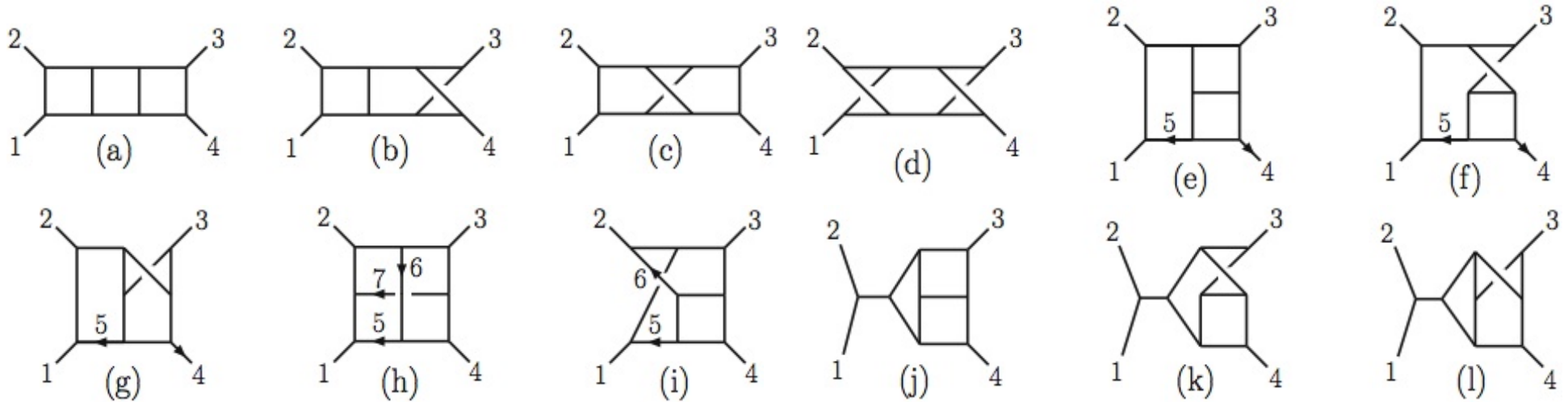
N=8 SG



# After nontrivial reshuffling

3-loop  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM admits manifest realization of duality  
– and  $\mathcal{N}=8$  SG is simply the square

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Bern, Carrasco, HJ



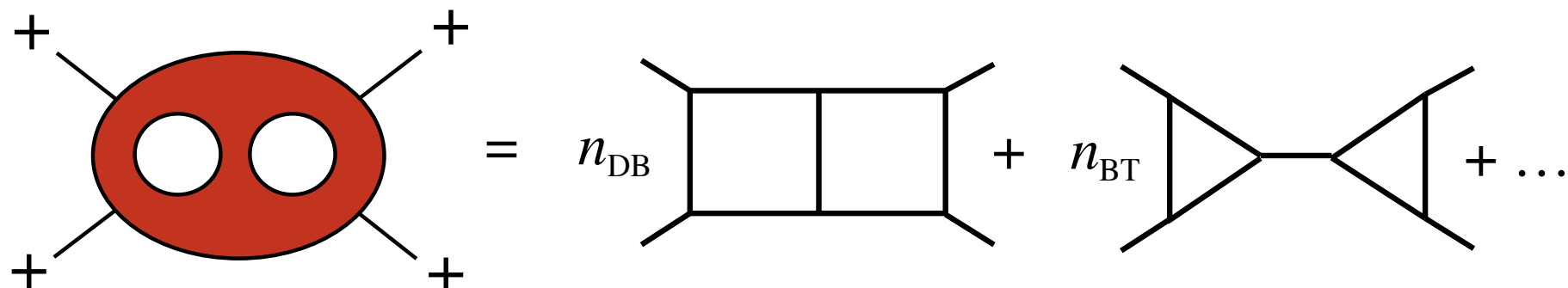
Integral $I^{(x)}$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super-Yang-Mills ( $\sqrt{\mathcal{N}} = 8$ supergravity) numerator
(a)–(d)	$s^2$
(e)–(g)	$(s(-\tau_{35} + \tau_{45} + t) - t(\tau_{25} + \tau_{45}) + u(\tau_{25} + \tau_{35}) - s^2)/3$
(h)	$(s(2\tau_{15} - \tau_{16} + 2\tau_{26} - \tau_{27} + 2\tau_{35} + \tau_{36}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

$$\tau_{ij} = 2k_i \cdot l_j$$

# Works for non-susy theories

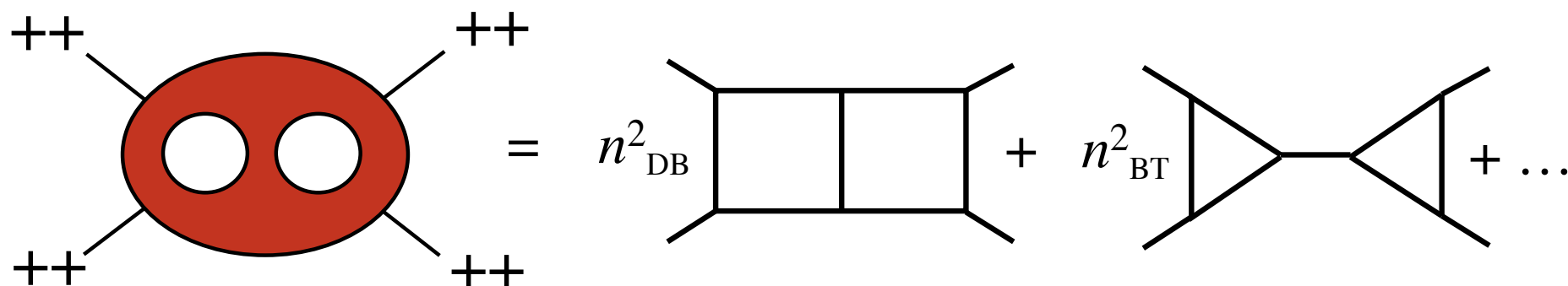
All-plus-helicity QCD amplitude:

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Bern, Carrasco, HJ



The diagram shows an equation for the all-plus-helicity QCD amplitude. On the left is a red oval with two white circles inside, representing a two-loop amplitude, with four external lines each labeled with a '+' sign. This is equal to the sum of two terms. The first term is  $n_{\text{DB}}$  multiplied by a box diagram (two adjacent squares) with four external lines. The second term is  $n_{\text{BT}}$  multiplied by a butterfly diagram (two triangles meeting at a central horizontal line) with four external lines. The equation ends with '+ ...'.

All-plus-helicity Einstein gravity amplitude:

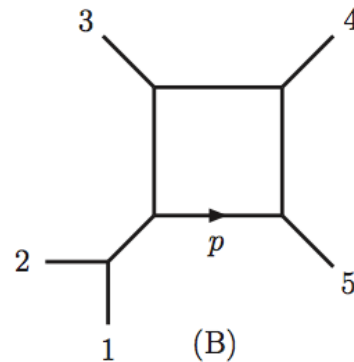
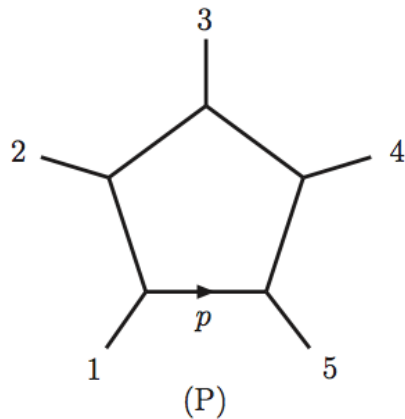


The diagram shows an equation for the all-plus-helicity Einstein gravity amplitude. On the left is a red oval with two white circles inside, representing a two-loop amplitude, with four external lines each labeled with '++' signs. This is equal to the sum of two terms. The first term is  $n_{\text{DB}}^2$  multiplied by a box diagram (two adjacent squares) with four external lines. The second term is  $n_{\text{BT}}^2$  multiplied by a butterfly diagram (two triangles meeting at a central horizontal line) with four external lines. The equation ends with '+ ...'.

(with dilation and axion in loops)

# 1-loop 5-pts $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N}=8$ SG

Carrasco, HJ 1106.4711 [hep-th]

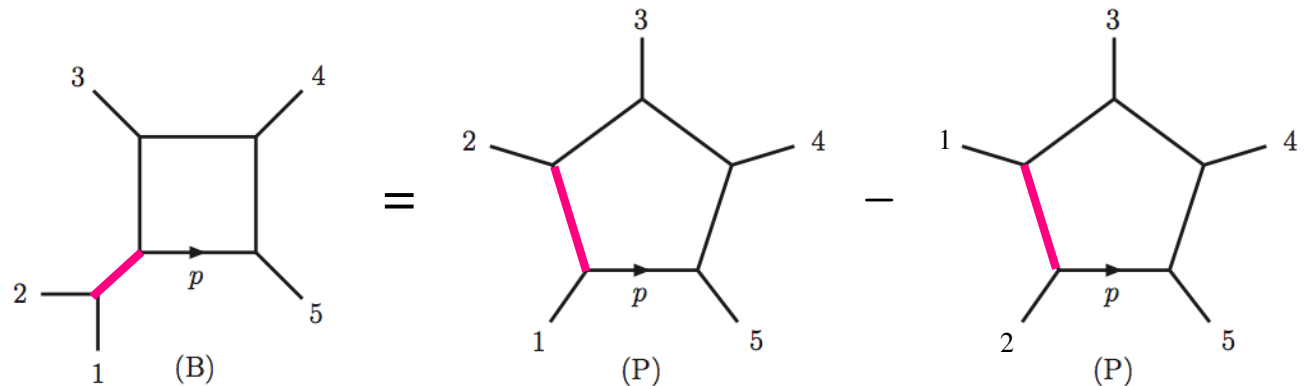


$$N^{(P)} = \beta_{12345} \equiv \delta^{(8)}(Q) \frac{[1\,2][2\,3][3\,4][4\,5][5\,1]}{4\epsilon(1,2,3,4)}$$

$$N^{(B)} = \gamma_{12345} \equiv \delta^{(8)}(Q) \frac{[1\,2]^2[3\,4][4\,5][3\,5]}{4\epsilon(1,2,3,4)}$$

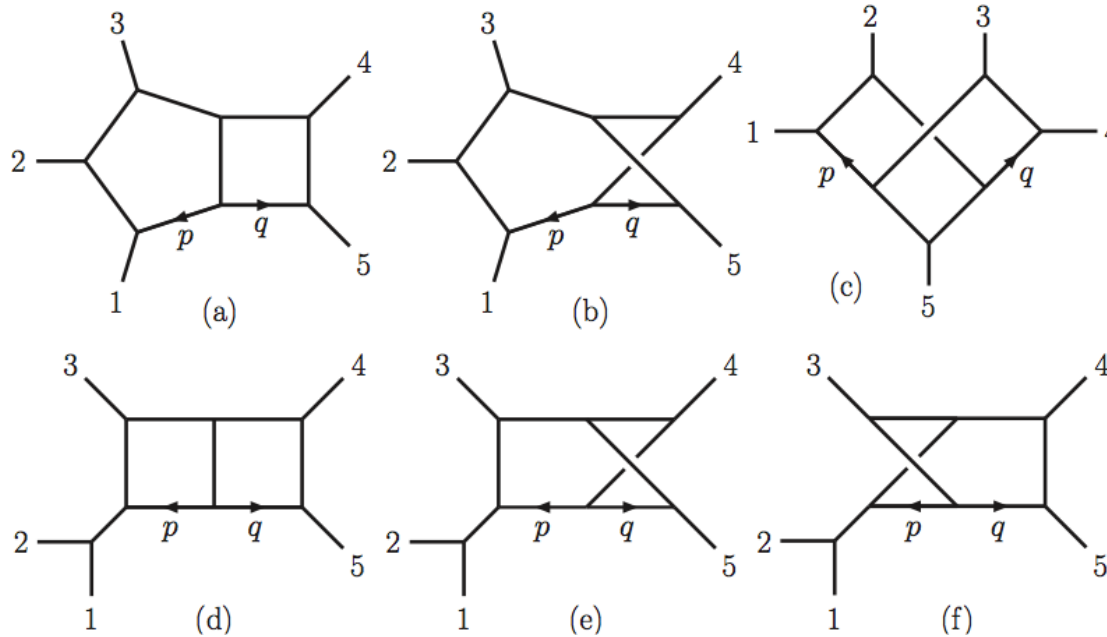
- The five-point amplitude makes the duality manifest !
- $\mathcal{N}=8$  SG is obtained through the numerator double copy

e.g. Jacobi relation:



$$N^{(B)}(1,2,3,4,p) = N^{(P)}(1,2,3,4,p) - N^{(P)}(2,1,3,4,p)$$

# 2-loop 5-pts $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N}=8$ SG



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The 2-loop 5-point  
amplitude with  
duality exposed

$\mathcal{I}^{(x)}$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super-Yang-Mills ( $\sqrt{\mathcal{N}} = 8$ supergravity) numerator
(a),(b)	$\frac{1}{4} \left( \gamma_{12}(2s_{45} - s_{12} + \tau_{2p} - \tau_{1p}) + \gamma_{23}(s_{45} + 2s_{12} - \tau_{2p} + \tau_{3p}) \right. \\ \left. + 2\gamma_{45}(\tau_{5p} - \tau_{4p}) + \gamma_{13}(s_{12} + s_{45} - \tau_{1p} + \tau_{3p}) \right)$
(c)	$\frac{1}{4} \left( \gamma_{15}(\tau_{5p} - \tau_{1p}) + \gamma_{25}(s_{12} - \tau_{2p} + \tau_{5p}) + \gamma_{12}(s_{34} + \tau_{2p} - \tau_{1p} + 2s_{15} + 2\tau_{1q} - 2\tau_{2q}) \right. \\ \left. + \gamma_{45}(\tau_{4q} - \tau_{5q}) - \gamma_{35}(s_{34} - \tau_{3q} + \tau_{5q}) + \gamma_{34}(s_{12} + \tau_{3q} - \tau_{4q} + 2s_{45} + 2\tau_{4p} - 2\tau_{3p}) \right)$
(d)-(f)	$\gamma_{12}s_{45} - \frac{1}{4} \left( 2\gamma_{12} + \gamma_{13} - \gamma_{23} \right) s_{12}$

$\mathcal{N} = 8$  SG obtained  
from numerator  
double copies

$$\tau_{ip} = 2k_i \cdot p$$

$$\gamma_{12} \equiv \gamma_{12345}$$

## Duality and UV behavior

# UV properties of $\mathcal{N}=8$ supergravity

## Quick status:

- Conventional superspace power counting forbids  $L=1,2$  divergences [Green, Schwarz, Brink \(1982\)](#), [Howe and Stelle \(1989\)](#), [Marcus and Sagnotti \(1985\)](#)
- Three-loop divergence ruled out by calculation: [Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, HJ, Kosower, Roiban, \(2007\)](#), [Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, HJ, Roiban \(2008\)](#)
- $L < 7$  loop divergences ruled out by counterterm analysis, using  $E_{7(7)}$  symmetry and other methods, but a  $L=7$  divergence is still possible  
[Beisert, Elvang, Freedman, Kiermaier, Morales, Stieberger; Björnsson, Green, Bossard, Howe, Stelle, Vanhove, Kallosh, Ramond](#)

## Comparing $\mathcal{N}=8$ SG and $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM UV behavior for $D > 4$

Through four loops the theories diverge in exactly the same dimension:

$$D_c = 4 + \frac{6}{L} \quad (L > 1)$$

[Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, HJ, Kosower, Roiban](#)

Confirmed using duality-satisfying amplitudes: UV behavior is manifest

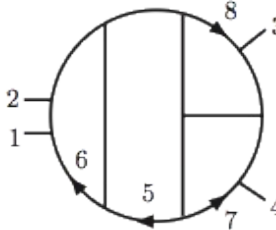
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# 4-loops $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N}=8$ SG

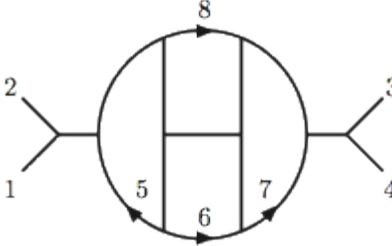
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$$N_6^{\text{SYM}} = \frac{1}{2}s_{12}^2(\tau_{45} - \tau_{35} - s_{12})$$

$$N_6^{\text{SG}} = \left[ \frac{1}{2}s_{12}^2(\tau_{45} - \tau_{35} - s_{12}) \right]^2$$


(6)

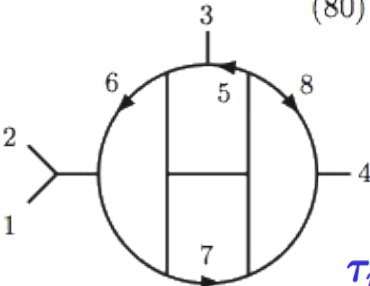
$$N_{80}^{\text{SYM}} = 16s_{12}^2(s_{13} - s_{23})$$

$$N_{80}^{\text{SG}} = \left[ 16s_{12}^2(s_{13} - s_{23}) \right]^2$$


(80)

$$N_{58}^{\text{SYM}} = s_{12}(2s_{13}(\tau_{45} - 3\tau_{35}) - s_{12}(s_{13} - s_{23} + 4\tau_{25} + 5\tau_{35} + \tau_{45}))$$

$$N_{58}^{\text{SG}} = \left[ s_{12}(2s_{13}(\tau_{45} - 3\tau_{35}) - s_{12}(s_{13} - s_{23} + 4\tau_{25} + 5\tau_{35} + \tau_{45})) \right]^2$$



(58)

$\tau_{ij} = 2k_i \cdot l_j$

- 85 diagrams in total
- Duality manifest
- Power counting manifest both  $\mathcal{N}=4$  and  $\mathcal{N}=8$
- Both diverge in  $D=11/2$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(4)} \Big|_{\text{pole}} = -\frac{23}{8} \left( \frac{\kappa}{2} \right)^{10} s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}(s_{12}^2 + s_{13}^2 + s_{23}^2)^2 M_4^{\text{tree}}(V_1 + 2V_2 + V_8)$$

# Towards a kinematic Lie algebra

All available evidence suggest that exist kinematic numerators of gauge theory amplitudes that satisfy the same general algebra as the color structures of these theories.

Suggest the existence of a Lie algebra for the kinematics !

- In 1103.0312 [hep-th] **Bern and Dennen** investigate the trace structure of kinematical numerators.
- In 1105.2565 [hep-th] **Monteiro and O'Connell** identify a diffeomorphism Lie algebra in the self-dual Yang-Mills sector. From this they obtain the kinematic structure constants for MHV tree amplitudes.
- In 1004.0693 [hep-th] **Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier** work out the first terms of a duality-satisfying Lagrangian

# Lagrangian formulation

- First attempt at Lagrangian with manifest duality 1004.0693 [hep-th]  
Bern, Dennen, Huang,  
Kiermaier

YM Lagrangian receives corrections at 5 points and higher

$$\mathcal{L}_{YM} = \mathcal{L} + \mathcal{L}'_5 + \mathcal{L}'_6 + \dots$$

corrections proportional to the Jacobi identity (thus equal to zero)

$$\mathcal{L}'_5 \sim \text{Tr} [A^\nu, A^\rho] \frac{1}{\square} ([[\partial_\mu A_\nu, A_\rho], A^\mu] + [[A_\rho, A^\mu], \partial_\mu A_\nu] + [[A^\mu, \partial_\mu A_\nu], A_\rho])$$

Introduction of auxiliary fields gives local cubic Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{YM} = \frac{1}{2} A^{a\mu} \square A_\mu^a - B^{a\mu\nu\rho} \square B_{\mu\nu\rho}^a - g f^{abc} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a + \partial^\rho B_{\rho\mu\nu}^a) A^{b\mu} A^{c\nu} + \dots$$

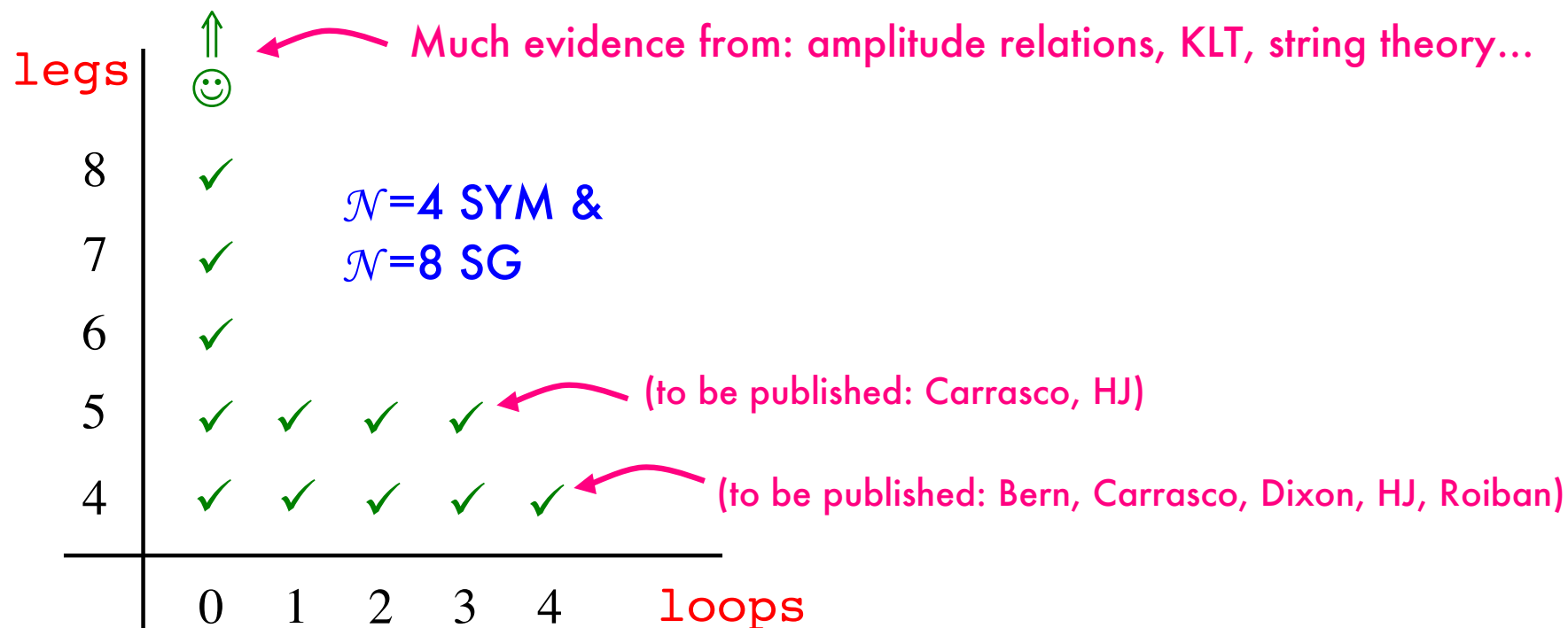
“squaring” gives gravity Lagrangian.

# Summary

- Gravity appears to be a double copy of Yang-Mills theory, order by order in the S-matrix.
- The double-copy structure in field theory becomes clear if kinematic numerators are treated on equal footing with color factors. Suggesting that a kinematic Lie algebra should exist.
- Nontrivial evidence at tree and loop level supports the duality.
- Lagrangian formulation, connection to string theory, give hints of future potential. Duality should be a key tool for nonplanar gauge theory and gravity calculations.
- What is the physical interpretation the duality ? What is the kinematic Lie algebra ? Further understanding of the connection to string theory may help answer these questions.

# Extra slides

# Summary of checks of duality



Less-SUSY theories:

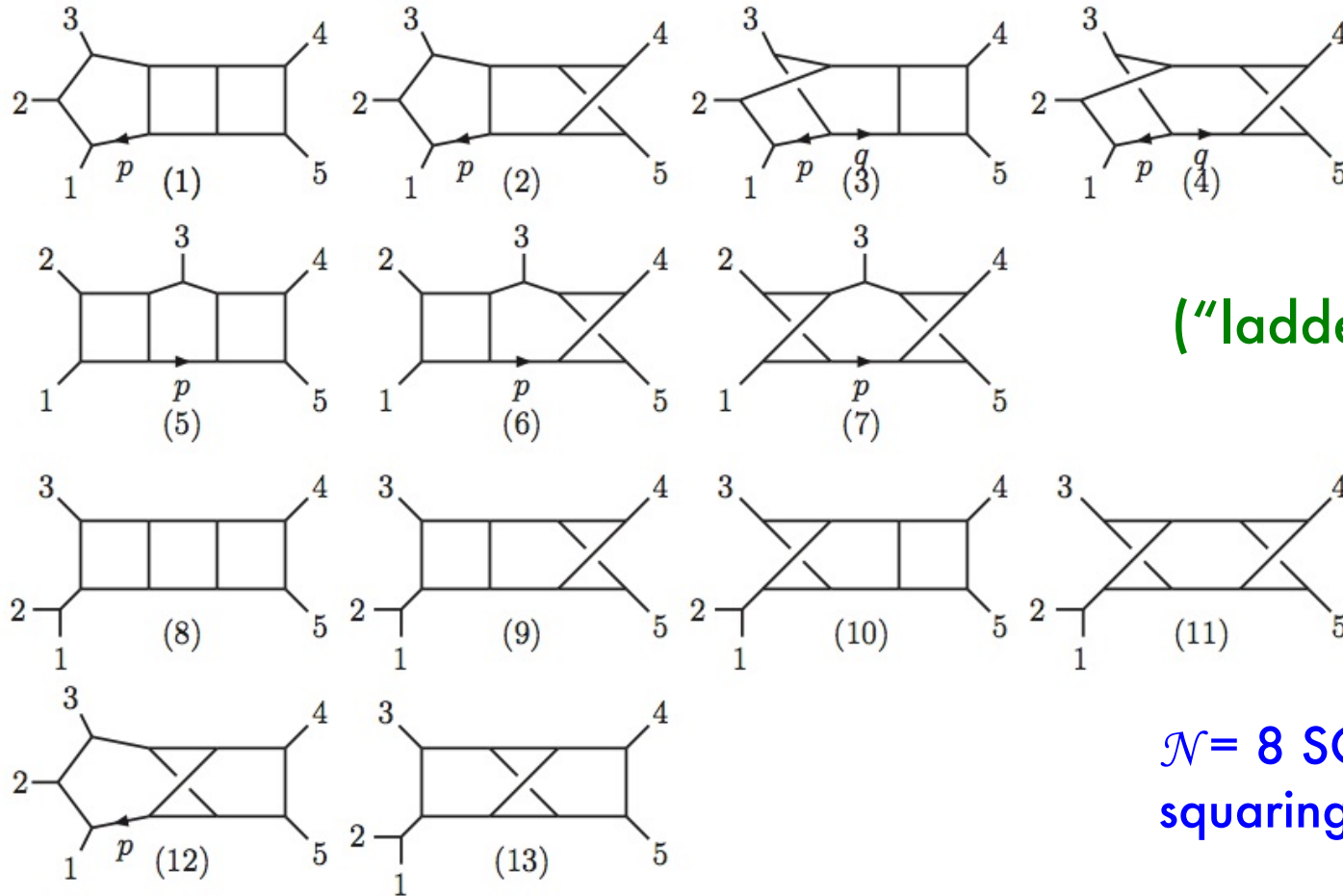
Tree level: all pure gauge theories have the same tree amplitudes as  $\mathcal{N}=4$  SYM ✓

Two-loop  $\mathcal{N}=0$  YM, 4p all-plus helicity ✓

# 3-loop 5-pts $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N}=8$ SG

Again the D-dimensional amplitude admits a representation with manifest duality

Carrasco, HJ  
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("ladder-like" diagrams)

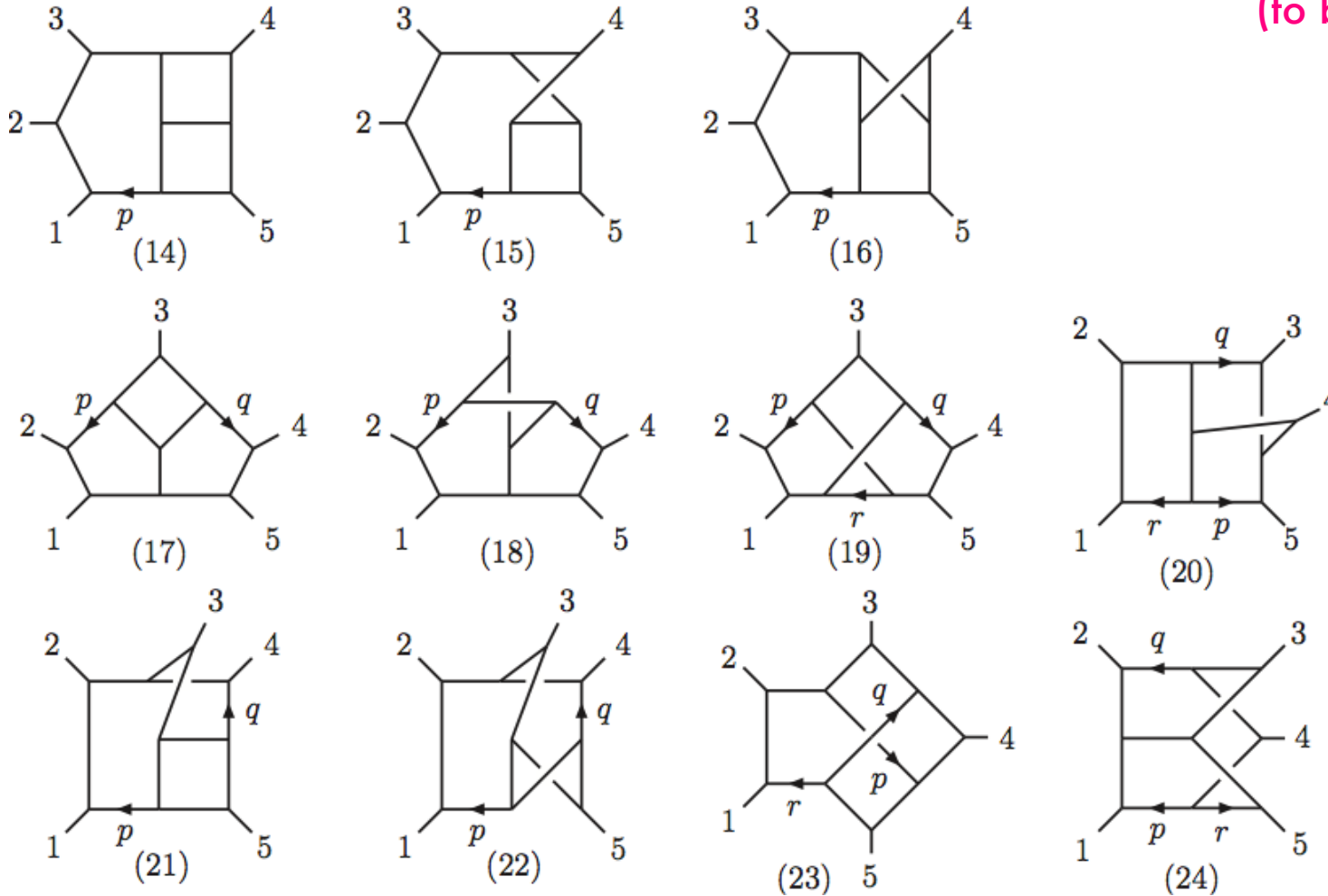
$\mathcal{N}=8$  SG obtained from  
squaring the numerators

$$N_8 = -2\gamma_{[12]}s_{45}^2 + \frac{1}{6}s_{12}\left(\gamma_{[13]}(2s_{13} + 12s_{23} - s_{12}) - \gamma_{[23]}(2s_{23} + 12s_{13} - s_{12}) - \gamma_{[12]}(7s_{12} - 11s_{45})\right)$$

# 3-loop 5-pts $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N}=8$ SG

some “Mercedes-like” diagrams...

Carrasco, HJ  
(to be published)



$$N_{14} = \gamma_{[54]}(\tau_{1p}^2 + \tau_{2p}^2 + \tau_{3p}^2 + \tau_{4p}^2 + \tau_{5p}^2) + \text{subleading in } p$$

$$\tau_{ip}^2 = 2k_i \cdot p$$

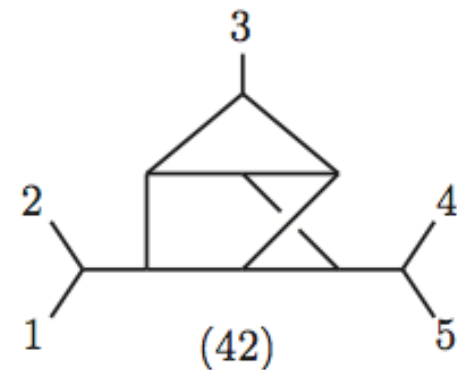
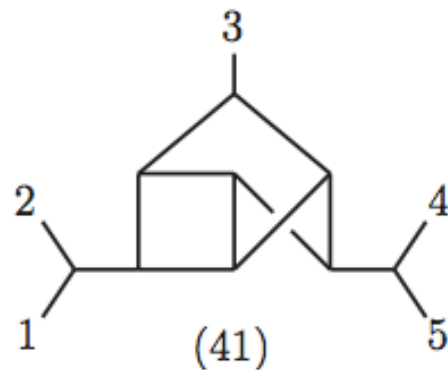
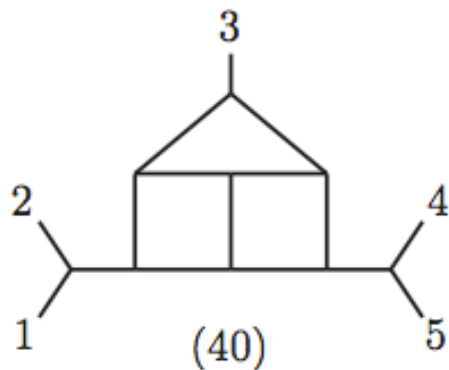
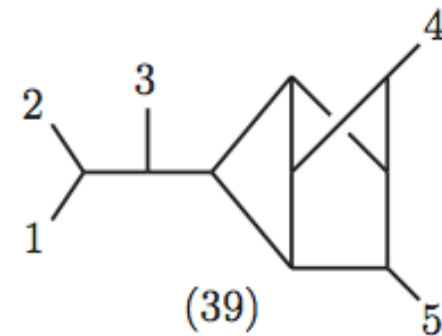
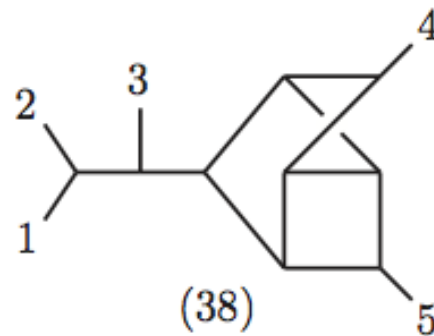
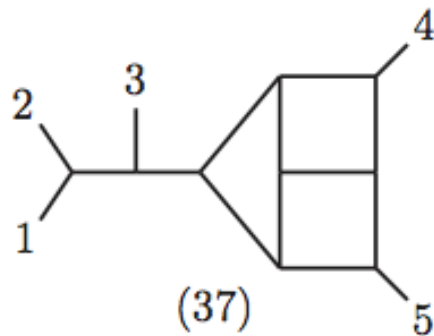


# 3-loop 5-pts $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM and $\mathcal{N}=8$ SG

...in total 42 diagrams.

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Conveniently the UV divergent diagrams (in  $D=6$ ) are very simple:



(for SG the UV div. comes from the other diagrams as well)

# Unitarity

Optical theorem:

$$1 = S^\dagger S = (1 - iT^\dagger)(1 + iT)$$

$$2\text{Im } T = T^\dagger T$$

$$2\text{Im} \left[ \text{Diagram: Box with vertical dashed green line} \right] = \int d\text{LIPS} \left[ \text{Diagram: Two trees joined at a vertex} \right]$$

on-shell

The **unitarity method** reconstructs the amplitudes avoiding dispersion relations

Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower (1994)

Compute a cut: **put loop legs on-shell in amplitude** = **sew trees amplitudes**

checking every cut channel will fix the loop integrals

# Amplitude relations for any number of legs

Bern, Carrasco, HJ

- General relations for gauge theory partial amplitudes

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \{\alpha\}, 3, \{\beta\}) = \sum_{\{\sigma\}_j \in \text{POP}(\{\alpha\}, \{\beta\})} A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \{\sigma\}_j) \prod_{k=4}^m \frac{\mathcal{F}(3, \{\sigma\}_j, 1|k)}{s_{2,4,\dots,k}}$$

where

$$\{\alpha\} \equiv \{4, 5, \dots, m-1, m\}, \quad \{\beta\} \equiv \{m+1, m+2, \dots, n-1, n\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{F}(3, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-3}, 1|k) \equiv \mathcal{F}(\{\rho\}|k) = \begin{cases} \sum_{l=t_k}^{n-1} \mathcal{G}(k, \rho_l) & \text{if } t_{k-1} < t_k \\ -\sum_{l=1}^{t_k} \mathcal{G}(k, \rho_l) & \text{if } t_{k-1} > t_k \end{cases} + \begin{cases} s_{2,4,\dots,k} & \text{if } t_{k-1} < t_k < t_{k+1} \\ -s_{2,4,\dots,k} & \text{if } t_{k-1} > t_k > t_{k+1} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathcal{G}(i, j) = \begin{cases} s_{i,j} & \text{if } i < j \text{ or } j = 1, 3 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \text{and } t_k \text{ is the position of leg } k \text{ in the set } \{\rho\}$$

$$A_n(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) = \alpha_1 A_n(1, 2, \dots, n) + \alpha_2 A_n(2, 1, \dots, n) + \dots + \alpha_{(n-3)!} A_n(3, 2, \dots, n)$$

Basis size:  $(n-3)!$

Compare to Kleiss-Kuijf relations  $(n-2)!$

Recent proofs: Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove; Feng, Huang, Jia

# Gauge theory amplitude properties

- Tree level, adjoint representation

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = g^{n-2} \sum_{\mathcal{P}(2, \dots, n)} \text{Tr}[T^{a_1} T^{a_2} \dots T^{a_n}] A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n)$$

↖ gauge invariant

- Well-known partial amplitude properties

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = A_n^{\text{tree}}(2, \dots, n, 1) \quad \text{cyclic symmetry}$$

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = (-1)^n A_n^{\text{tree}}(n, \dots, 2, 1) \quad \text{reflection symmetry}$$

} (n - 1)!/2

$$\sum_{\sigma \in \text{cyclic}} A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, \sigma(2, 3, \dots, n)) = 0 \quad \text{"photon"-decoupling identity}$$

$$A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, \{\alpha\}, n, \{\beta\}) = (-1)^{n_\beta} \sum_{\{\sigma\}_i \in \text{OP}(\{\alpha\}, \{\beta^T\})} A_n^{\text{tree}}(1, \{\sigma\}_i, n) \quad \text{Kleiss-Kuij relations}$$

} (n - 2)!

- New relations reduce independent basis to (n - 3)! Bern, Carrasco, HJ