# QCD Scattering Amplitudes at the Precision Frontier

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QCD corrections are important

$$d\sigma = d\sigma^{\text{LO}} + \underbrace{d\sigma^{\text{NLO}}}_{10-30\%} + \underbrace{d\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}}_{1-10\%} + \dots$$

- ✓ reduced scale dependence
- $\checkmark$  reliable normalization
- $\checkmark~$  better agreement with data
- ✓ kinematic-dependent corrections

Precision frontier: NNLO for  $2 \rightarrow 3$  ( $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ ,  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j$ ,  $pp \rightarrow jjj$ ) [Chawdry,Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2019,2021)][Kallweit,Sotnikov,Wiesemann(2020)][Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2021)]

- ▶  $pp \rightarrow jjj$ :  $R_{3/2}$ ,  $m_{jjj} \Rightarrow \alpha_s$  determination at multi-TeV range
- ▶  $pp \rightarrow \gamma \gamma j$ : background to Higgs  $p_T$ , signal/background interference effects
- ▶  $pp \rightarrow Hjj$ : Higgs  $p_T$ , background to VBF (probes Higgs coupling)
- ▶  $pp \rightarrow Vjj$ : Vector boson  $p_T$ ,  $W^+/W^-$  ratios, multiplicity scaling
- ▶  $pp \rightarrow VVj$ : background for new physics



#### don't forget:

- EW corrections
- Resummation
- Showers



# Two-Loop Calculation: General Strategy

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}^{(2)} &= \int [dk_1] [dk_2] \sum_d \frac{N_d (k_i \cdot p_j, k_i \cdot \varepsilon_j, k_i \cdot k_j)}{(\text{propagators})_d} \\ &= \sum_i c_i(\epsilon) \ G_i \\ &= \sum_i d_i(\epsilon) \ \mathrm{MI}_i \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{e}_4}{\epsilon^4} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_3}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{\mathbf{e}_1}{\epsilon} + \mathbf{e}_0 \\ &= I^{(2)} \mathcal{A}^{(0)} + I^{(1)} \mathcal{A}^{(1)} + F^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

generate Feynman diagrams + colour decomposition

Interference with tree-level, projectors, integrand reduction

IBP reduction to Master Integrals

 $e_i = \sum r_i f_i, \quad r_i \to \{s_{ij}, \langle ij \rangle, [ij]\}, \quad f_i \to \{\pi, \ln, \mathrm{Li}_i, ...\}$ 

subtract universal pole structures

**IBP identities:** relations between integrals  $\rightarrow$  reduce to independent set of integrals[Chetyrkin,Tkachov]

$$\int [dk] \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{\mu}} \frac{v_{\mu}(k,p)}{(\text{propagators})} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad G_1 + G_2 + \dots + G_n = 0$$

 $\Rightarrow Sector \ decomposition + numerical \ integration: SecDec_{[Borowka, \ etal]}, FIESTA_{[Smirnov, etal]}$ 

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loop amplitude =  $\sum$  (rational coefficients) × (integral/special functions)

finite remainder = loop amplitude - poles

Compact analytic results  $\Rightarrow$  fast and stable for phenomenological applications

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# Algebraic complexity

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# Analytics from Numerics

What kind of numerical evaluation?

- floating-point evaluation ( $x = 4.744955523489933 \times 10^{6}$ )
  - ✓ fast X limited precision
- evaluation over rational field Q (x = 706998373/149)
  - ✓ exact X can be slow and expensive
- evaluation over finite fields Z<sub>p</sub> (x mod<sub>11</sub> = 8)
   Z<sub>p</sub> ⇒ the field of integer numbers modulo a prime p
   ✓ exact+fast
   X some information lost
  - $\rightarrow$  need to evaluate several finite fields to reconstruct rational number

Strategy  $\Rightarrow$  reconstruct analytic expressions from finite-field evaluations [Peraro(2016)]

# Computational framework [Badger,Bronnum-Hansen,HBH,Peraro,Krys,Zoia]



 $\label{eq:QGRAF[Nogueira], FORM[Vermaseren, etal]} MATHEMATICA, SPINNEY[Cullen, etal]$ 

finite field framework: FINITEFLOW[Peraro(2019)]

 $\label{eq:IBP} \begin{array}{l} \text{IBP identities generated using $LITERED[Lee(2012)]$,}\\ \text{solved numerically in $FINITEFLOW$ using}\\ \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{Laporta algorithm}[Laporta(2000)] \end{array}$ 

### Applications:

- ▶ 5g,  $q\bar{q}ggg$ ,  $q\bar{q}Q\bar{Q}g$  (Ic)
- ▶  $gg \rightarrow g\gamma\gamma$  (full)
- $u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ b\bar{b}, gg/q\bar{q} \rightarrow Hb\bar{b}, u\bar{d} \rightarrow W^+ \gamma g$  (lc)
- ▶  $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  (lc)

# Momentum Twistor Variables

 $[\mathsf{Hodges}(2009); \mathsf{Badger}, \mathsf{Frellesvig}, \mathsf{Zhang}(2012)]$ 

▶ helicity amplitudes: spinor components  $(\langle ij \rangle, [ij])$  are not all independent

 $\langle ij \rangle = \bar{u}_{-}(p_i)v_{-}(p_j)$   $[ij] = \bar{u}_{+}(p_i)v_{+}(p_j)$ 

- ▶ rational parametrization of the *n*-point phase-space and the spinor components using 3n − 10 momentum-twistor variables
- ▶ 5-point parameterization:

$$\begin{aligned} |1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix}, & |2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix}, & |3\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1} \end{pmatrix}, & |4\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1x_2} \end{pmatrix}, & |5\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1x_2} + \frac{1}{x_1x_2x_3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ |1] = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\\frac{x_4 - x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}, & |2] = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\x_1 \end{pmatrix}, & |3] = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_4\\-x_1 \end{pmatrix}, & |4] = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 (x_2 x_3 - x_3 x_4 - x_4) \\ -\frac{x_1 x_2 x_3 x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}, & |5] = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_3 (x_4 - x_2) \\ \frac{x_1 x_2 x_3 x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

▶ phase information is lost:  $|i\rangle \rightarrow t_i^{-1}|i\rangle$ ,  $|i] \rightarrow t_i|i]$ 

$$A = A^{\text{phase}} \cdot \underbrace{\tilde{A}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)}_{\text{phase-free}}$$

## Momentum Twistor Variables

► Example: MHV amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}^{(0)}(1_g^-, 2_g^-, 3_g^+, 4_g^+, 5_g^+) = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle} = x_1^3 x_2^2 x_3$$
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► Example: Momentum conservation

$$\langle 1|2|5] + \langle 1|3|5] + \langle 1|4|5] = 0$$
  
-x<sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup>x<sub>3</sub>(x<sub>2</sub> - x<sub>4</sub>)-x<sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup>x<sub>3</sub>(-x<sub>2</sub> + x<sub>4</sub> + x<sub>2</sub>x<sub>5</sub>) + x<sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup>x<sub>3</sub>x<sub>2</sub>x<sub>5</sub> = 0

► Example: Schouten identity

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle 12\rangle\langle 34\rangle + \langle 13\rangle\langle 42\rangle + \langle 14\rangle\langle 23\rangle = 0 \\ \\ -\frac{1}{x_1x_2} + \frac{1+x_2}{x_1x_2} - \frac{1}{x_1} = 0 \end{array}$$

Reconstructing the finite remainders

$$F^{(2)}(\lbrace p\rbrace) = \sum_{i} r_i(\lbrace p\rbrace) m_i(f) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon),$$

- ▶ set one of the kinematic variables to one ( $s_{12} = 1$  or  $x_1 = 1$ )
- ▶ Not all *r<sub>i</sub>* coefficients independent
  - $\Rightarrow$  find linear relations between coefficients and reconstruct the simpler ones

$$\sum_i y_i r_i = 0, \qquad \qquad y_i \in \mathbb{Q}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  allow to supply known/candidate coefficients  $\tilde{r}_j$ 

$$\sum_{i} y_i r_i + \sum_{j} \widetilde{y}_j \widetilde{r}_j = 0, \qquad \qquad y_i, \widetilde{y}_j \in \mathbb{Q}$$

**b** guess the denominator  $\rightarrow$  from letters [Abreu,etal(2019)][Abreu,etal(2020)]

 $dJ_i = \epsilon A_{ij} J_j$ 

- on-the-fly univariate partial fractioning  $\rightarrow$  significant drop in complexity (degrees, sample pts, size)
- factor matching  $\Rightarrow$  letters, spinor products/strings
- reconstructed expressions can be further simplified using MULTIVARIATEAPART [Heller.von Manteuffel(2021)]

## Massive progress in massless 2-loop 5-particle scattering

► All 2-loop 5-particle integrals are known



[Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever (2015)] [Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti (2015, 2018)] [Abreu, Page, Zeng (2018)] [Abreu, Dixon, Herrmann, Page, Zeng (2018, 2019)] [Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn, Wasser, Zhang, Zoia (2018, 2019)][Chicherin, Sotnikov (2020)]

Many 2-loop 5-particle QCD amplitudes known analytically

Leading colour  $\Rightarrow$  5g, 2q3g, 4q1g, 2q3 $\gamma$ , 2q1g2 $\gamma$ [Abreu, Agarwal, Badger, Brønnum-Hansen, Buccioni, Chawdhry, Czakon, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Gehrmann,

HBH, Henn, Ita, Lo Presti, Mitov, Page, Peraro, Poncelet, Sotnikov, Tancredi, von Manteuffel, Zeng (2015-2021)]

#### Full colour $\Rightarrow$ 5g all-plus, 2q1g2 $\gamma$ , 3g2 $\gamma$

[Badger, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Heinrich, Henn, Peraro, Wasser, Zhang, Zoia (2019)] [Agarwal, Buccioni, Tancredi, von Manteuffel (2021)] [Badger, Bronnum-Hansen, Chicherin, Gehrmann, **HBH**, Henn, Marcoli, Moodie, Peraro, Zoia (2021)]

▶ NNLO QCD calculations for  $2 \rightarrow 3$  processes

 $ho p 
ho \gamma \gamma \gamma$  [Chawdhry,Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2019)][Kallweit,Sotnikov,Wiesemann(2020)]

 $pp 
ightarrow \gamma\gamma j$  [Chawdhry,Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2021)] pp 
ightarrow jjj [Czakon,Mitov,Poncelet(2021)]

 $pp(gg) 
ightarrow \gamma\gamma j$  [Badger,Gehrmann,Marcoli,Moodie(2021)]

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# Scattering with an off-shell leg

- ▶  $pp \rightarrow Hjj$ ,  $pp \rightarrow W/Z + jj$ ,  $pp \rightarrow W/Z + \gamma j$ ,  $pp \rightarrow W/Z + b\bar{b}$ ,  $pp \rightarrow Hb\bar{b}$  (massless b)
- > All planar integrals and non-planar hexabox family are known



[Papadopoulos,Tommasini,Wever(2015)] [Papadopoulos,Wever(2019)] [Abreu,Ita,Moriello,Page,Tschernow,Zeng(2020)] [Canko,Papadopoulos,Syrrakos(2020)] [Syrrakos(2020)][Abreu,Ita,Page,Tschernow(2021)]

- $\Rightarrow Planar \ one-mass \ pentagon \ functions, \ fast \ numerical \ evaluation \ \ [Chicherin,Sotnikov,Zoia(2021)]$
- ▶ A number of QCD amplitudes known analytically at leading colour
  - $uar{d} 
    ightarrow Wbar{b}$  (on-shell W, massless b) [Badger,HBH,Zoia(2021)]
  - $gg/qar{q} 
    ightarrow Hbar{b}$  (massless b) [Badger,HBH,Krys,Zoia(2021)]
  - $qar{q}' oar{\ell}
    u gg$  and  $qar{q}' oar{\ell}
    u Qar{Q}$  [Abreu,Febres Cordero,Ita,Klinkert,Page(2021)]
  - $uar{d} 
    ightarrow ar{\ell} 
    u \gamma g$  [Badger,HBH,Krys,Zoia(to appear)]

### $\Rightarrow$ on-the-fly univariate partial fractioning has been crucial!!!

# A basis of special functions (1)

(1) [Abreu, Ita, Moriello, Page, Tschernow, Zeng(2020)]



- ✓ planar alphabet identified (58 letters, 3 square-roots), canonical DEs derived
- ✓ Integrate DEs numerically using generalised series expansions [Moriello(2019)]
- × analytically reconstructing MI coefficients is still too complicated

(2) [Canko,Papadopoulos,Syrrakos(2020)][Syrrakos(2020)]

- ✓ Construct Simplified Differential Equations (SDEs) using known canonical basis
- ✓ Analytic solutions in term of Goncharov PolyLogarithms (GPLs)  $G(1,x) = \ln(1-x)$
- X GPLs not linearly independent: no analytic pole cancellations

(3) [Chicherin,Sotnikov,Zoia(2021)]

- $\checkmark\,$  Pentagon function basis allows for analytic pole cancellation, fast numerical evaluation
- $\checkmark$  basis given for  $ij \rightarrow kIM$ , need to rederive analytic expressions for IS-FS crossings
- $\checkmark$  can't be used for  $M \rightarrow ijkl$  decay

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# A basis of special functions (2)

 $\blacktriangleright$  use the components of the  $\epsilon$ -expansion of the MIs as special functions

$$\mathsf{MI}_i(s) = \sum_{w \geq 0} \epsilon^w \mathsf{MI}_i^{(w)}(s)$$

starting from canonical DEs[Abreu,etal(2020)] write MIs in terms of Chen's iterated integrals[Chen(1977)] for example:

$$\mathsf{MI}_{i}^{(2)}(s) = I_{\gamma}(w_{1}, w_{2}; s_{0}, s) + I_{\gamma}(w_{1}, w_{3}; s_{0}, s) + \dots + \mathrm{tc}_{j}^{(2)}(s_{0})$$

where

$$I_{\gamma}(w_{i_1},\ldots,w_{i_n};s_0,s) = \int_{\gamma} d\log w_{i_n}(s')I_{\gamma}(w_{i_1},\ldots,w_{i_{n-1}};s_0,s'), \qquad I_{\gamma}(\ldots;s_0,s_0) = 0$$

weight  $\rightarrow$  # of integrations

- ► Use GPL expressions<sub>[Canko,etal(2020)]</sub>[Syrrakos(2020)] + PSLQ algorithm to prepare the boundary values
- Shuffle algebra to remove products of lower-weight functions + linear algebra to extract linearly independent functions

$$\left\{\mathsf{MI}_{i}^{(w)}(s)\right\} \Longrightarrow \left\{f_{i}^{(w)}(s)\right\}$$

•  $f_i^{(w)}$  can be evaluated using GPLs or generalised series expansions or pentagon functions

 $u \bar{d} 
ightarrow W b ar{b}$  amplitude [Badger,HBH,Zoia arXiv:2102.02516]

 $ar{d}(p_1) + u(p_2) o b(p_3) + ar{b}(p_4) + W^+(p_5)$ 

 $\bullet\,$  colour decomposition at leading colour  $\rightarrow\,$  only planar contribution

$$\mathcal{A}^{(2)}(1_{ar{d}},2_{u},3_{b},4_{ar{b}},5_{W})\sim g_{s}^{6}g_{W}\;N_{c}^{2}\;\delta_{i_{1}}^{\ ar{i}_{4}}\delta_{i_{3}}^{\ ar{j}_{2}}\;\mathcal{A}^{(2)}(1_{ar{d}},2_{u},3_{b},4_{ar{b}},5_{W})$$

• massless 
$$b$$
 quarks,  $p_3^2=p_4^2=0$ 

ullet onshell W boson

$$p_5^2 = m_W^2, \qquad \qquad \sum_{\lambda} \varepsilon_W^{\mu*}(p_5,\lambda) \varepsilon_W^{
u}(p_5,\lambda) = -g^{\mu
u} + rac{p_5^{\mu}p_5^{
u}}{m_W^2}$$

Invariants:

$$s_{12} = (p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad s_{23} = (p_2 - p_3)^2, \quad s_{34} = (p_3 + p_4)^2, \qquad p_1 \longrightarrow p_2 \xrightarrow{p_3 \dots p_1} p_2 \xrightarrow{p_3 \dots p_2} p_3 \xrightarrow{p_3 \dots p_2} \xrightarrow{p_3 \dots p_2} p_3 \xrightarrow{p_3 \dots p_3} p_3 \xrightarrow{p_3$$



Two-loop amplitude interfered with tree level

$${\cal M}^{(2)} = \sum_{
m spin} {\cal A}^{(0)*} {\cal A}^{(2)} = {\cal M}^{(2)}_{
m even} + {
m tr}_5 \; {\cal M}^{(2)}_{
m odd}$$

- ► Numerators containing:  $tr(\dots)$  and  $tr(\dots\gamma_5\dots\gamma_5\dots)$   $\Rightarrow$  anti-commuting  $\gamma_5$  prescription  $tr(\dots\gamma_5\dots)$   $\Rightarrow$  Larin's prescription [Larin(1993)]
- Cross-check with helicity amplitude computations (numerically) in tHV scheme ⇒ results agree at the level of finite remainder!!
- Univariate partial fraction (UPF) in  $s_{23}$  and reconstruct in the remaining variables ( $s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{15}, s_5$ )
- ▶ Reconstruction data (even): all coeffs (63/62), indep coeffs (54/54), UPF in  $s_{23}$  (31/4) evaluation time: 40s → 1000s with UPF, 38663 points, 2 prime fields

 $\Rightarrow \sim 4$  times speed up with UPF

# Numerical evaluation

Only 19 linear combinations of  $f_i^{(4)}$  appear in the two-loop finite remainder  $\Rightarrow$  define a new basis  $g_i^{(w)}$ 

$$\left\{f_{i}^{(w)}(s)\right\} \Longrightarrow \left\{g_{i}^{(w)}(s)\right\}$$

Evaluate numerically the  $g_i^{(w)}$  basis directly

$$ec{g} = egin{pmatrix} \epsilon^4 g_i^{(4)} \ \epsilon^3 g_i^{(3)} \ \epsilon^2 g_i^{(2)} \ \epsilon^2 g_i^{(2)} \ \epsilon g_i^{(1)} \ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d\vec{g} = \epsilon d\tilde{B} \cdot \vec{g}$$

Much simpler than the DEs for the master integrals Use generalised series expansion approach [Moriello(2019)] as implemented in DIFFEXP [Hidding(2020)]

Evaluation time  $\sim 260$ s/pt using basic DIFFEXP setup

0.4

Update: map  $f_i^{(w)}$  to pentagon functions of [Chicherin,Sotnikov,Zoia(2021)], evaluation time now < 1s (dp)

$$f_i^{(w)} = \sum_j m_{ij} p_j^{(w)}$$

Update: amplitude for  $u\bar{d} \rightarrow (W \rightarrow \nu \bar{\ell})b\bar{b}$  has also been computed  $\Rightarrow$  ready for pheno!!!



#### $pp \rightarrow Hbb$ adger, **HBH**, Krys, Zoia arXiv:2107.14733]



$$\begin{array}{l} 0 \rightarrow \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + g(p_3) + g(p_4) + H(p_5) \\ 0 \rightarrow \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + \bar{q}(p_3) + q(p_4) + H(p_5) \\ 0 \rightarrow \bar{b}(p_1) + b(p_2) + \bar{b}(p_3) + b(p_4) + H(p_5) \end{array}$$



Compute helicity amplitudes:

- $\Rightarrow$  need momentum twistor parameterization
  - ▶ generate mom twistor for  $(q_1, \dots, q_6), q_i^2 = 0$

 $p_1 = q_1, p_2 = q_2, p_3 = q_3, p_4 = q_4, p_5 = q_5 + q_6.$ 

Fix direction of  $q_6$ :  $\langle q_2 q_6 \rangle = 0$ ,  $[q_2 q_6] = 0$  $\Rightarrow$  (8-2) = 6 independent variables  $(x_1, \dots, x_6)$ 

Same function basis as the  $u\bar{d} \rightarrow Wb\bar{b}$  computation

Construct new function basis for the finite remainders

Numerical evaluation with DIFFEXP [Hidding(2020)]  $\Rightarrow$  will be updated to use pentagon functions

[Chicherin.Sotnikov.Zoia(2021)]

БbggH	hel	$r_i(x)$	indep $r_i(x)$	UPF in x5	points
$F^{(2),1}$	+ + + +	63/57	52/46	20/6	3361
	+ + + -	135/134	119/120	28/22	24901
	+ +	105/111	105/111	22/12	4797

So far ...

- ▶ finite-field method is applied for massless fermions
- > analytic approach is employed for massless internal particles

- how to take into account massive fermions using our finite-field framework?
- > analytic computation for processes with massive internal particles?
- ▶ i.e. can we do  $t\bar{t}$ ,  $t\bar{t}j$ ,  $t\bar{t}V$ , ... ?

# $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ revisited [Badger, Chaubey, HBH, Marzucca arXiv:2021.13450]



Derive analytic form of helicity amplitudes for the leading colour contribution

 $\Rightarrow$  focus on amplitude with a top-quark loop ( $A^{(2),N_h}$ )

Massive spinor formalism allows to include top decay efficiently in NWA  $\left(p^{\mu} = p^{\flat,\mu} + \frac{m^2}{2n^{\flat+\mu}}n^{\mu}\right)$ 

$$\bar{u}_+(p,m) = \frac{\langle n|(\not p+m)}{\langle np^\flat \rangle}, \quad \bar{u}_-(p,m) = \frac{[n|(\not p+m)}{[np^\flat]}, \quad v_+(p,m) = \frac{(\not p-m)|n\rangle}{\langle p^\flat n\rangle}, \quad v_-(p,m) = \frac{(\not p-m)|n]}{[p^\flat n]}.$$

Introduce a method to deal with massive fermions within the finite-field framework

$$A(1^+_{\bar{t}}, 2^+_{t}, 3_g, 4_g; n_1, n_2) = \langle n_1 n_2 \rangle A_1 + \langle n_1 3 \rangle \langle n_2 4 \rangle A_2 + \langle n_1 3 \rangle \langle n_2 3 \rangle A_3 + \langle n_1 4 \rangle \langle n_2 4 \rangle A_4$$
$$(n_1, n_2) = \{(p_3, p_3), (p_4, p_4), (p_3, p_4), (p_4, p_3)\}$$

 $A(1_{\tau}^+, 2_{\tau}^+, 3_{\sigma}, 4_{\sigma}; p_3, p_3)$  depends on 3 variables



Analytic solutions of master integrals:

#### • PolyLogarithms

[Bonciani,Ferroglia,Gehrmann,von Manteuffel,Studerus 2011,2013][Mastrolia,Passera,Primo,Schubert 2017]

$$= ... + \epsilon^4 G(0, x, 0, 1; y) + ...$$

 $G(i_1,...,i_n;x) 
ightarrow$  Goncharov Polylogarithms of weight  $n, \quad G(1,x) = \ln(1-x)$ 

• Elliptics [Adams, Chaubey, Weinzierl 2018]

$$= ... + \epsilon^4 I_{\gamma}(\eta_{1,1}^{(b)}, \omega_{0,4}, \omega_{4}, \omega_{0,4}; \lambda) + ...$$

$$\eta_{1,1}^{(b)} = \frac{x-1}{(3x^2 - 2xy - 4x + 3)(x+1)} \frac{\pi}{\psi_1^{(b)}} dx \qquad \qquad \Psi_1^{(b)} \sim \text{EllipticK}(\dots)$$

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originating from  $g(p_3)$  t $t(p_2)$ Kinematic variables  $-\frac{s}{m_{\star}^2} = \frac{(1-x)^2}{x}, \quad \frac{t}{m_{\star}^2} = y$ Differential equation for  $\vec{M}$  $d\vec{M} = A(\epsilon, x, y)\vec{M}$ Changing basis  $\vec{J} = U(\epsilon, x, y, \Psi, d\Psi) \vec{M}$  (Elliptics)  $d\vec{J} = (\tilde{A}_0 + \epsilon \tilde{A}_1)\vec{J}$  $\tilde{A}_i = \tilde{A}_i(x, y, \Psi_i^{(a,b,c)}, d\Psi_i^{(a,b,c)})$ Solve  $\vec{J}$  in terms of iterated integrals  $I_{\gamma}(\dots,\lambda)$  $J_i = \sum \epsilon^k J_i^k + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^5)$ 

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Assembling the  $A^{(2),N_h}$  amplitude

• Finite remainder

$$F^{(2),Nh} = \sum_{i} c_i(x, y, \Psi^{(a,b,c)}_k, d\Psi^{(a,b,c)}_k) \ m_i(G, I_{\gamma}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

• relations beyond shuffle algebra needed for analytic pole cancellation

$$I(a_{3,3}^{(b)}, f, \dots) = \int a_{3,3}^{(b)} I(f, \dots) = \int d\left(\psi_1^{(b)} \frac{x(-1+y)}{\pi(-1+x)^2}\right) \cdot I(f, \dots) = \left[\psi_1^{(b)} \frac{x(-1+y)}{\pi(-1+x)^2} I(f, \dots)\right]_{(0,1)}^{(x,y)} - I\left(\psi_1^{(b)} \frac{x(-1+y)}{\pi(-1+x)^2} f, \dots\right)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  more relations expected in the finite part

- analytic continuation needs further investigation
  - $\Rightarrow$  a few integrals (involving 3 elliptic curves) are still computed using pySecDec
- test evaluations reproduced known numerical results [Baernreuther,Czakon,Fiedler(2014)]
  - $\Rightarrow$  first cross check on  $A^{(2),N_h}$  from (semi) analytic calculation !!!

#### lots more to understand!!!

# Back-up Slides

## Interlude: 4D Spinor Helicity Formalism

For massless four-vector  $p_i$ , define spinor products:

$$\langle ij \rangle = \bar{u}_{-}(p_i)u_{+}(p_j), \quad [ij] = \bar{u}_{+}(p_i)u_{-}(p_j), \quad \langle ij \rangle [ji] = 2p_i \cdot p_j.$$

where

$$u_+(p) = P_R u(p)$$
  $u_-(p) = P_L u(p)$ 

Spinor sandwiches

Polarization vectors

$$\epsilon^{\mu}_{+}(k,q)=rac{\langle q|\gamma^{\mu}|k]}{\sqrt{2}\langle qk
angle}, \quad \epsilon^{\mu}_{-}(k,q)=rac{[q|\gamma^{\mu}|k
angle}{\sqrt{2}[qk]}.$$

## Momentum Twistor Variables

[Hodges]

$$p_i \cdot \sigma_{a\dot{a}} = \lambda_{ia} \tilde{\lambda}_{i\dot{a}}$$
  $p_i^{\mu} = x_i^{\mu} - x_{i-1}^{\mu}$   $\mu_i^{\dot{a}} = x_i \cdot \tilde{\sigma}^{\dot{a}a} \lambda_{ia}$ 

Momentum twistor variables  $Z_i(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$  for each momentum  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$  are obtained via

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{i} = \frac{\langle i, i+1 \rangle \mu_{i-1} + \langle i+1, i-1 \rangle \mu_{i} + \langle i-1, i \rangle \mu_{i+1}}{\langle i, i+1 \rangle \langle i-1, i \rangle}$$

5-point parameterization:

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 & \lambda_4 & \lambda_5 \\ \mu_1 & \mu_2 & \mu_3 & \mu_4 & \mu_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{x_1} & \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1x_2} & \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1x_2} + \frac{1}{x_1x_2x_3} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{x_4}{x_2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 - \frac{x_5}{x_4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{split} s_{12} &= x_1, \ s_{23} = x_1 x_4, \ s_{45} = x_1 x_5 \\ \langle 12 \rangle &= 1, \ [12] = -x_1, \ \langle 23 \rangle = -\frac{1}{x_1}, \ [23] = x_1^2 x_4, \ \langle 45 \rangle = -\frac{1}{x_1 x_2 x_3}, \ [45] = x_1^2 x_2 x_3 x_5 \end{split}$$

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# Analytic Reconstruction from Numerical Evaluations

Functional reconstruction techniques:

• Univariate polynomials: Newton's interpolation formula

$$F(z) = \sum_{r=0}^{R} a_r \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} (z - y_i)$$
  
=  $a_0 + (z - y_0) \left( a_1 + (z - y_1) \left( a_2 + (z - y_2) \left( \dots + (z - y_{r-1}) a_r \right) \right) \right)$ 

• Univariate rational function: Thiele's interpolation formula

$$f(z) = a_0 + \frac{z - y_0}{a_1 + \frac{z - y_1}{a_2 + \frac{z - y_3}{\dots + \frac{z - y_{r-1}}{a_N}}}$$
  
=  $a_0 + (z - y_0) \left( a_1 + (z - y_1) \left( a_2 + (z - y_2) \left( \dots + \frac{z - y_{N-1}}{a_N} \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1}$ 

# Analytic Reconstruction from Numerical Evaluations

• Multivariate polynomials: recursive application of Newton's interpolation

$$f(z_1,...,z_n) = \sum_{r=0}^{R} a_r(z_2,...,z_n) \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} (z_1 - y_i)$$

- Multivariate rational function: combination of Newton's and Thiele's interpolation. Example:  $f(z_1, z_2)$ 
  - For  $(z_1, z_2) 
    ightarrow (tz_1, tz_2)$ , find f(t) using Thiele's formula

$$f(tz_1, tz_2) = \frac{f_0(z_1, z_2) + f_1(z_1, z_2)t + f_2(z_1, z_2)t^2}{1 + g_1(z_1, z_2)t + g_2(z_1, z_2)t^2}$$

- Reconstruct  $f_i$  and  $g_i \Rightarrow$  multivariate polynomials
- Shift denominator if needed
- Reconstruct coefficients  $(a_{i\vec{i}}, b_{i\vec{i}})$  in  $\mathcal{Z}_p$ , promote to  $\mathcal{Q}$

More details on FF and functional reconstruction: [Peraro,arXiv:1608.01902]

# Finite Fields

• used in computer algebra systems (polynomial factorization/GCD, linear solver)

Finite field: a field that contains a finite number of elements

- Consider finite fields  $\mathcal{Z}_p$ , with p prime  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_p = \{0, \dots, p-1\}$
- addition, subtraction, and multiplication via modular arithmetic

 $(5+7) \mod 11 = 1$   $(5 \times 7) \mod 11 = 2$   $(5-7) \mod 11 = 9$ 

• Every  $a \in \mathcal{Z}_p$  has a multiplicative inverse,  $a^{-1}$ 

 $5^{-1} \mod 11 = 9$ 

• From Q to  $Z_p$ 

 $q = a/b \in \mathcal{Q} \quad \rightarrow \quad q \bmod p \equiv a \times (b^{-1} \bmod p) \mod p$ 

• From  $\mathcal{Z}_p$  to  $\mathcal{Q}$ 

find a, b with rational reconstruction algorithm, correct when  $a, b \leq \sqrt{p}$  [Wang,1981] make p large enough by using Chinese Reminder Theorem  $\rightarrow$  solution in  $\mathcal{Z}_{p_1}, \mathcal{Z}_{p_2}, \dots \Rightarrow$  solution in  $\mathcal{Z}_{p_1p_2\dots}$ 

• Rational operation is well defined in  $\mathcal{Z}_p$ , but no square roots

# $uar{d} ightarrow (W ightarrow uar{\ell}) bar{b}$ amplitude

 $0 
ightarrow d(p_1) + ar{u}(p_2) + b(p_3) + ar{b}(p_4) + 
u(p_5) + \ell^+(p_6)$ 

 $\blacktriangleright$  Detach  ${\cal W} \rightarrow \ell \nu$  decay, decompose 5-pt amplitude into form factors

 $A_6^{(L)} = A_5^{(L)\mu} D_\mu P(s_{56}), \qquad M_6^{(L)} = \sum_{\rm spin} A_6^{(0)\dagger} A_6^{(L)} = M_5^{(L)\mu\nu} D_{\mu\nu} |P(s_{56})|^2$ 

$$M_5^{(L)\mu
u} = \sum_{
m spin} A_5^{(0)\mu\dagger} A_5^{(L)
u}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{\mu
u} = \sum_{
m spin} D_{\mu}^{\dagger} D_{
u}, \quad P(s) = rac{1}{s - M_W^2 + i\Gamma_W}$$

 $M_{5}^{(L)\mu\nu} = \sum_{i=1}^{16} a_{i}^{(L)} v_{i}^{\mu\nu}, \qquad a_{i}^{(L)} = \sum_{j} \Delta_{ij}^{-1} \tilde{M}_{5,j}^{(L)}, \qquad \Delta_{ij} = v_{i\mu\nu} v_{j}^{\mu\nu}, \qquad v_{i}^{\mu\nu} \in \{p_{1}^{\mu}, p_{2}^{\mu}, p_{3}^{\mu}, p_{W}^{\mu}\}$ 

9 non-vanishing contracted amplitude  $\tilde{M}^{(L)}_{5,j} = v_{i\mu\nu} M^{(L)\mu\nu}_5 \Rightarrow$  reconstruct in one go

Use the machinery from on-shell calculation (integrand processing, reconstruction, function basis)

► Cross checked against 6-pt helicity amplitude computation and  $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow \bar{\ell}\nu Q\bar{Q}$  result from [Abreu,Febres Cordero,Ita,Klinkert,Page(2021)]

 $\blacktriangleright$  Use pentagon functions for numerical evaluation  $\Rightarrow$  ready for pheno!!!

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# Univariate partial fraction decomposition over finite fields

Perform on-the-fly univariate partial fraction w.r.t to y

$$f(x,y) = \frac{N(x,y)}{\prod_{i=1}^{s} \mathcal{D}_{i}^{e_{i}}(x,y)},$$

 $d_N = \max \text{ degree of } N(x, y) \text{ in } y$  $d_i = \max \text{ degree of } \mathcal{D}_i(x, y) \text{ in } y$ 

 $f(x, y) \Rightarrow black-box \text{ evaluation, } d_N, d_i, \mathcal{D}_i \text{ are known from univariate slice}$ Ansatz (w.r.t. y):  $f(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^{e_i} \sum_{t=0}^{d_i-1} \frac{u_{ijt}(x)y^t}{\mathcal{D}_i^j(x, y)} + r(x) + \sum_{h=1}^{d_N - \sum_{i=1}^s e_i d_i} v_h(x)y^h$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  Linear fit to reconstruct the unknown functions:  $u_{ijt}(x)$ , r(x),  $v_h(x)$  Example:

$$f(x,y) = \frac{y^4 + 13xy^2 + x^2}{(y-x)(y+x)^2}, \quad \text{ansatz} \Rightarrow f(x,y) = \frac{u_{110}(x)}{y-x} + \frac{u_{210}(x)}{y+x} + \frac{u_{220}(x)}{(y+x)^2} + r(x) + v_1(x)y$$

for each numerical values of x, y is sampled several time to reconstruct its analytic dependence higher computational cost but one fewer variables and (usually) lower degrees in  $x \Rightarrow$  fewer sample points needed for analytic reconstruction

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