

From gluons to gravitons via homotopy algebras: Einstein as Yang–Mills Squared

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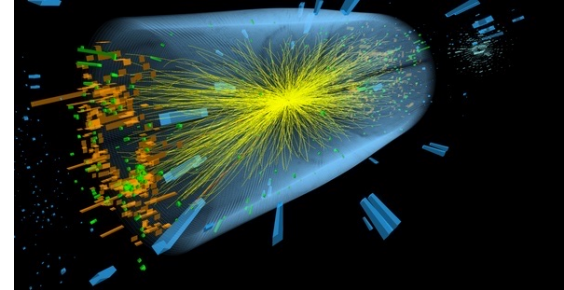
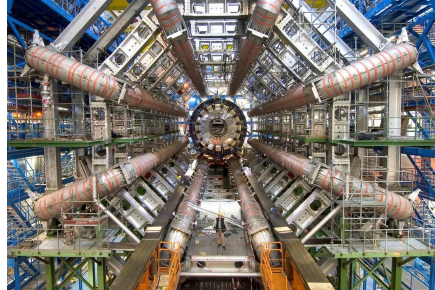
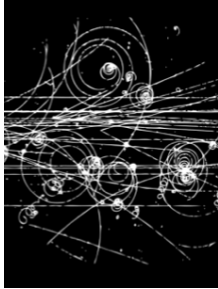
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Twin Pillars of XX-century Physics

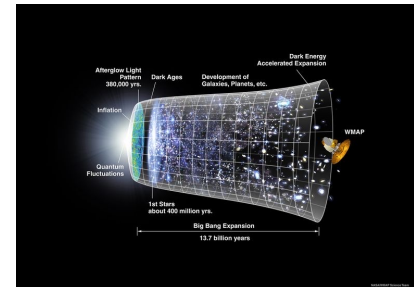
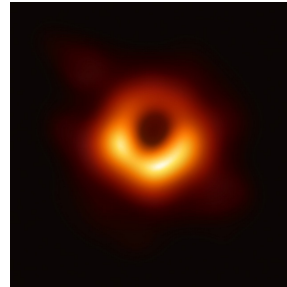
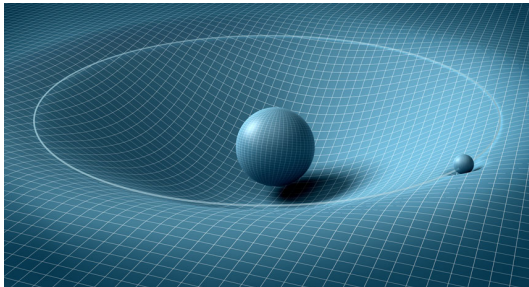
Quantum (field) theory

- ▶ Elementary particles and their fundamental interactions (excluding gravity)



General relativity

- ▶ Gravity: planetary orbits, black holes and the evolution of the entire universe itself



The fundamental forces of Nature are ostensibly described by two distinct frameworks

The Standard Model of Particle Physics

See Konrad's notes!

- ▶ The electroweak and strong forces: Maxwell/Yang–Mills gauge theories



Yang–Mills

Forces described by gauge fields of Yang–Mills theory

$$A_{\mu}^a$$

Quantum particles: gluons

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| mass → | ≈2.3 MeV/c ² | ≈1.275 GeV/c ² | ≈173.07 GeV/c ² | 0 | ≈126 GeV/c ² |
| charge → | 2/3 | 2/3 | 2/3 | 0 | 0 |
| spin → | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 0 |
| | u up | c charm | t top | g gluon | H Higgs boson |
| QUARKS | | | | | |
| | ≈4.8 MeV/c ² | ≈95 MeV/c ² | ≈4.18 GeV/c ² | 0 | |
| | -1/3 | -1/3 | -1/3 | 0 | |
| | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | |
| | d down | s strange | b bottom | γ photon | |
| | | | | | |
| | 0.511 MeV/c ² | 105.7 MeV/c ² | 1.777 GeV/c ² | 91.2 GeV/c ² | |
| | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | |
| | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | |
| | e electron | μ muon | τ tau | Z Z boson | |
| LEPTONS | | | | | |
| | <2.2 eV/c ² | <0.17 MeV/c ² | <15.5 MeV/c ² | 80.4 GeV/c ² | |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | ±1 | |
| | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | |
| | ν_e electron neutrino | ν_μ muon neutrino | ν_τ tau neutrino | W W boson | |
| | | | | | GAUGE BOSONS |

$$\mu = 0, 1 \dots 3$$

SO(1, 3) spacetime Lorentz index

$$a = 1, 2 \dots 8$$

SU(3) colour index of strong force

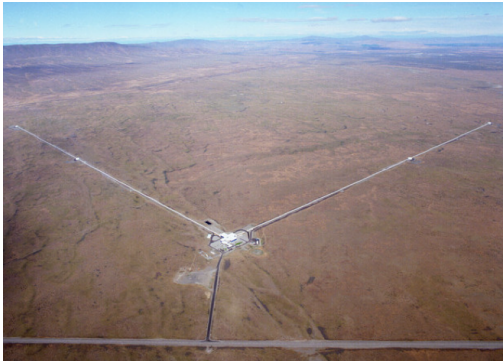
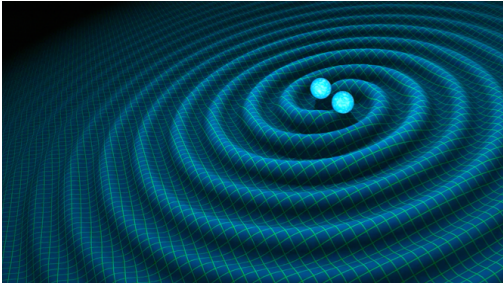
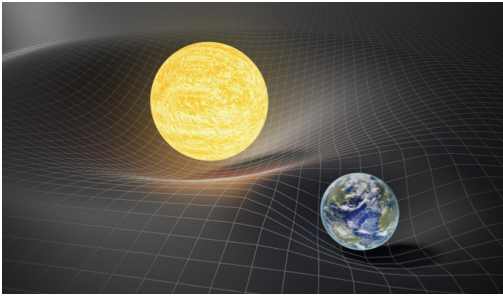
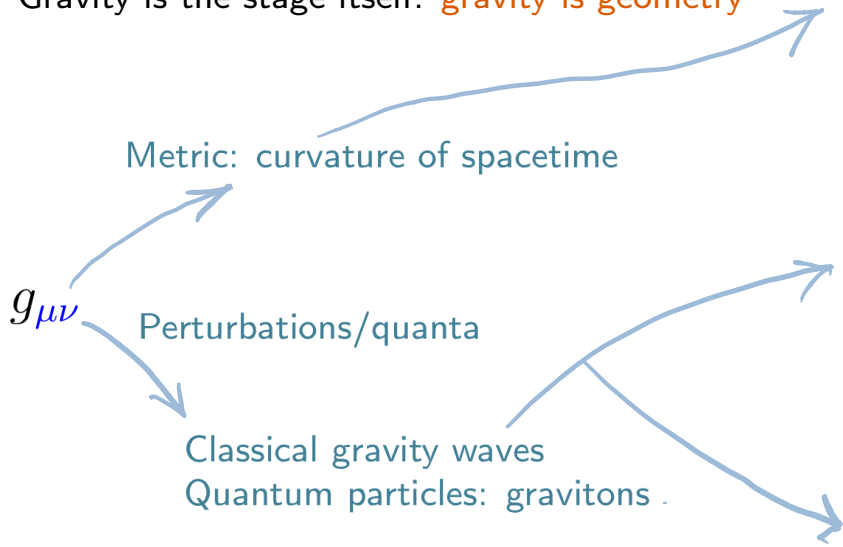
$$\text{Colour Lie algebra: } [t_a, t_b] = f_{ab}^c t_c$$

$$f_{be}^a f_{cd}^e + f_{ce}^a f_{db}^e + f_{de}^a f_{bc}^e = 0$$

Jacobi identity

General Relativity

- ▶ The Standard Model plays out on fixed stage of spacetime
- ▶ Gravity is the stage itself: **gravity is geometry**



- ▶ 2017 Nobel: gravity waves detected LIGO/VIRGO

Gravity and gauge theory

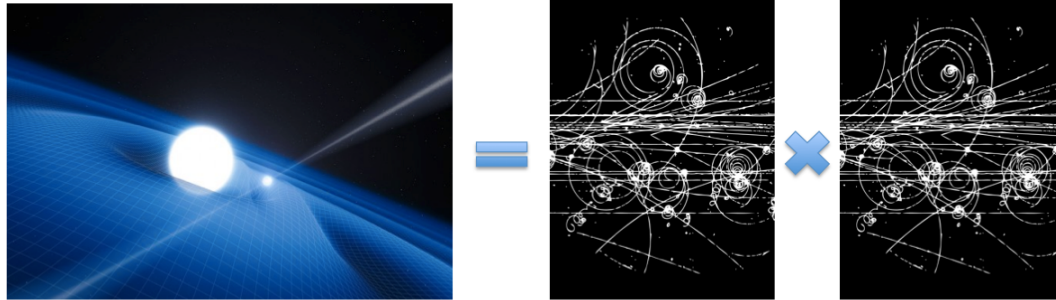
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[Utiyama '56; Kibble '61; MacDowell-Mansouri '77; Chamseddine-West '77; Stelle-West 79]
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- ▶ Here, we appeal to a third and (superficially) independent perspective:

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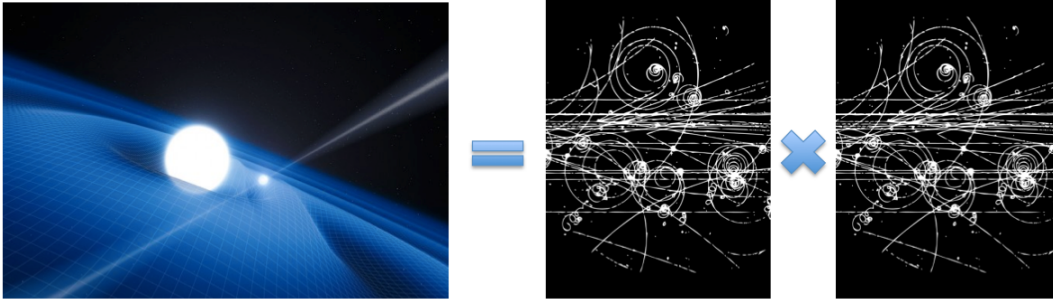
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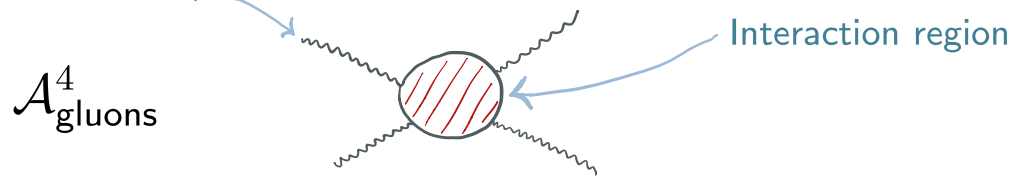
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- ▶ Renaissance: **Colour–Kinematics (CK) duality conjecture** and **double copy** of gauge theory and gravity **scattering amplitudes**
[Bern-Carrasco-Johansson '08, '10; Bern-Dennen-Huang-Kiermaier '10]

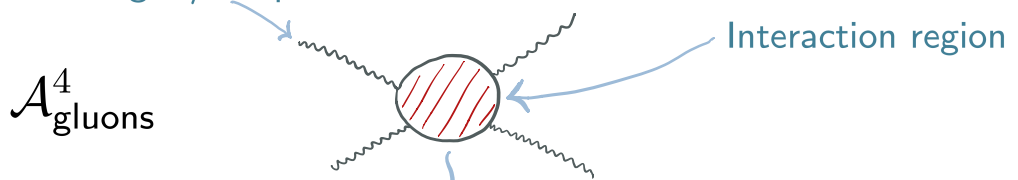
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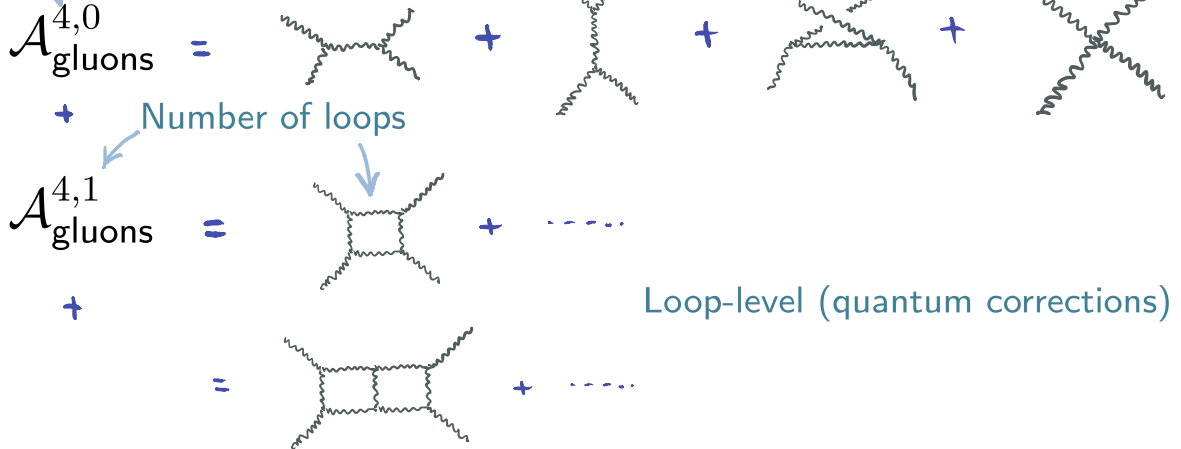
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Feynman diagram expansion

Number of external particles



Deep, hidden structures

→ **New insights** into the underlying theories themselves


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Colour numerators $c \sim f_{ab}^c f_{cd}^e \dots$
colour/gauge group data of gluons

Kinematic numerators $n \sim \varepsilon_\mu p^\mu \dots$
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Kinematic Jacobi identity

- ▶ Bern-Carrasco-Johansson CK duality conjecture 2008:

Jacobi identity $c_i + c_j + c_k = 0 \Rightarrow n_i + n_j + n_k = 0$

- ▶ Proven at tree level (zeroth order in \hbar)
- ▶ Conjectured at loop level (but see later!) with highly non-trivial examples

The Double Copy Prescription

- ▶ Assuming CK duality is realised, **gravity comes for free**:

$$A_{\text{gluons}}^{n,L} \sim \sum_i \int_{\text{loops}} \frac{c_i n_i}{d_i}$$

Double copy kinematics

$$c_i \longrightarrow n_i$$
$$A_{\text{gravitons}}^{n,L} \sim \sum_i \int_{\text{loops}} \frac{n_i n_i}{d_i}$$

- ▶ ‘Gluons for (almost) nothing, gravitons for free’ JJ Carrasco

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Conceptually provocative: is gravity really the square of gauge theory?

- ▶ Does CK duality and the double copy actually hold?
- ▶ What *is* CK duality?
- ▶ Can it be taken beyond amplitudes?

→ Lift CK duality and double copy to field theory?

Field Theory Colour-Kinematics Duality and Double Copy

- ▶ Introduce **field theory** realisation of **CK duality** the **double copy**
[LB-Hughes-Duff-Nagy '14; Anastasiou-LB-Hughes-Duff-Nagy '14, 18'...]

Kinematic algebra index Colour algebra index

$$A^{Aa} = (A_{\mu}{}^a, \underbrace{c^a, \bar{c}^a}_{\text{Faddeev-Popov ghosts}}, b^a, B_{\mu\nu}{}^a \dots)$$

Nakanishi-Lautrup field

Auxiliary fields

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the field A^{Aa} . The label 'Kinematic algebra index' points to the upper index A . The label 'Colour algebra index' points to the lower index a . The field is shown as a tuple of components: $A_{\mu}{}^a$, c^a , \bar{c}^a , b^a , and $B_{\mu\nu}{}^a$. A bracket under c^a and \bar{c}^a is labeled 'Faddeev-Popov ghosts'. An arrow points from 'Nakanishi-Lautrup field' to b^a . An arrow points from 'Auxiliary fields' to $B_{\mu\nu}{}^a$.

Field Theory Colour-Kinematics Duality and Double Copy

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YM BV-action $S_{\text{BV}}^{\text{YM}}[A^{Aa}, A^+_{Aa}]$ \Rightarrow $F_{AB}{}^C \leftrightarrow f_{ab}{}^c$ Infinite dimensional kinematic Lie algebra

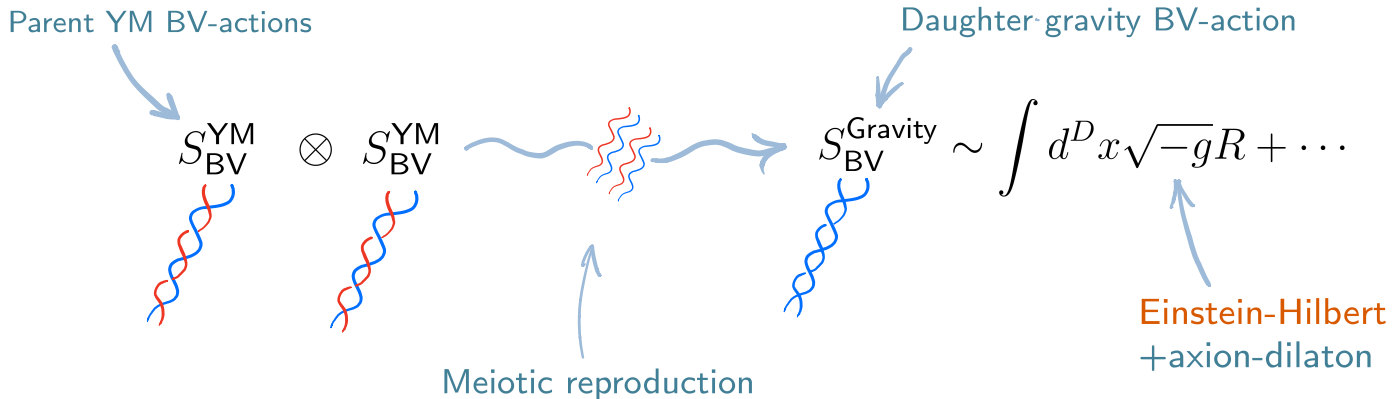
Anti-fields

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- ▶ BV-action double copy [BJKMSW '20; '21]



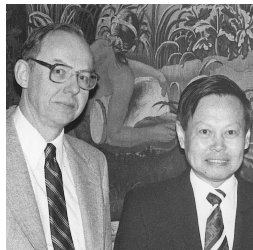
- ▶ Double copy origin of symmetries to all orders in perturbation theory:

$$\underbrace{(\text{gauge, global susy, R-sym.} \dots)}_{\text{(super) Yang–Mills symmetries}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{(\text{diffeomorphism, local susy, U-duality.} \dots)}_{\text{(super)gravity symmetries}}$$

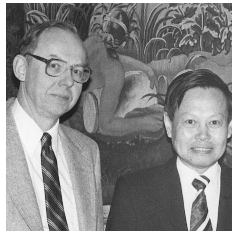
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- ▶ The double copy holds to all loops [BJKMSW '20]

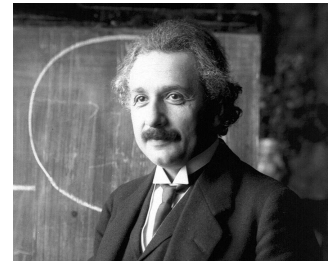
Quantum gravity is Yang-Mills theory squared!
(Well, perturbatively and coupled to the axion-dilaton)



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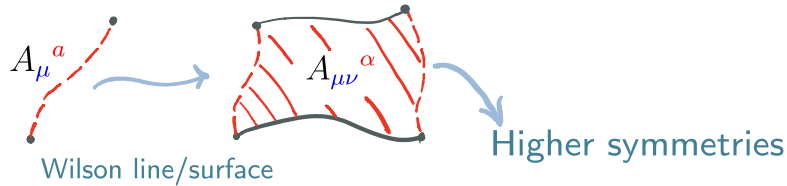


Einstein

- ▶ Revealed mathematical structure: homotopy algebras [BJKMSW '21]

Homotopy Algebras

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$$A_\mu^a \longrightarrow A_\mu^a, A_{\mu\nu}^\alpha, A_{\mu\nu\rho}^i, \dots$$

Tower of higher gauge fields

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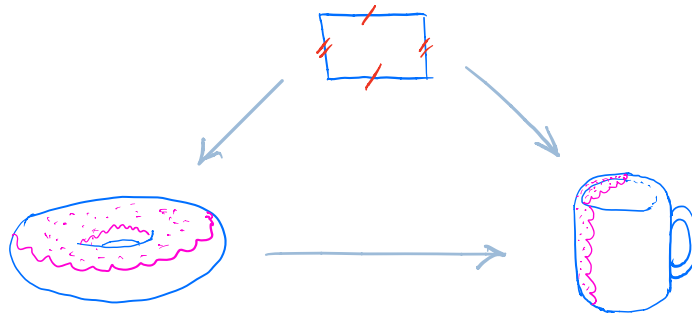
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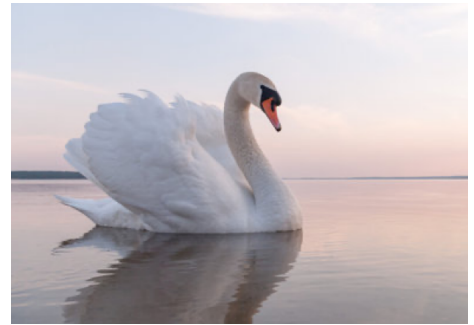
$$[-, -] \longrightarrow [-], [-, -], [-, -, -], [-, -, -, -] \dots$$

Jacobi relation Homotopy Jacobi relations



- ▶ Homotopy Lie L_∞ -algebras: string field theory, quantum field theory, condensed matter/higher Berry connections. . .

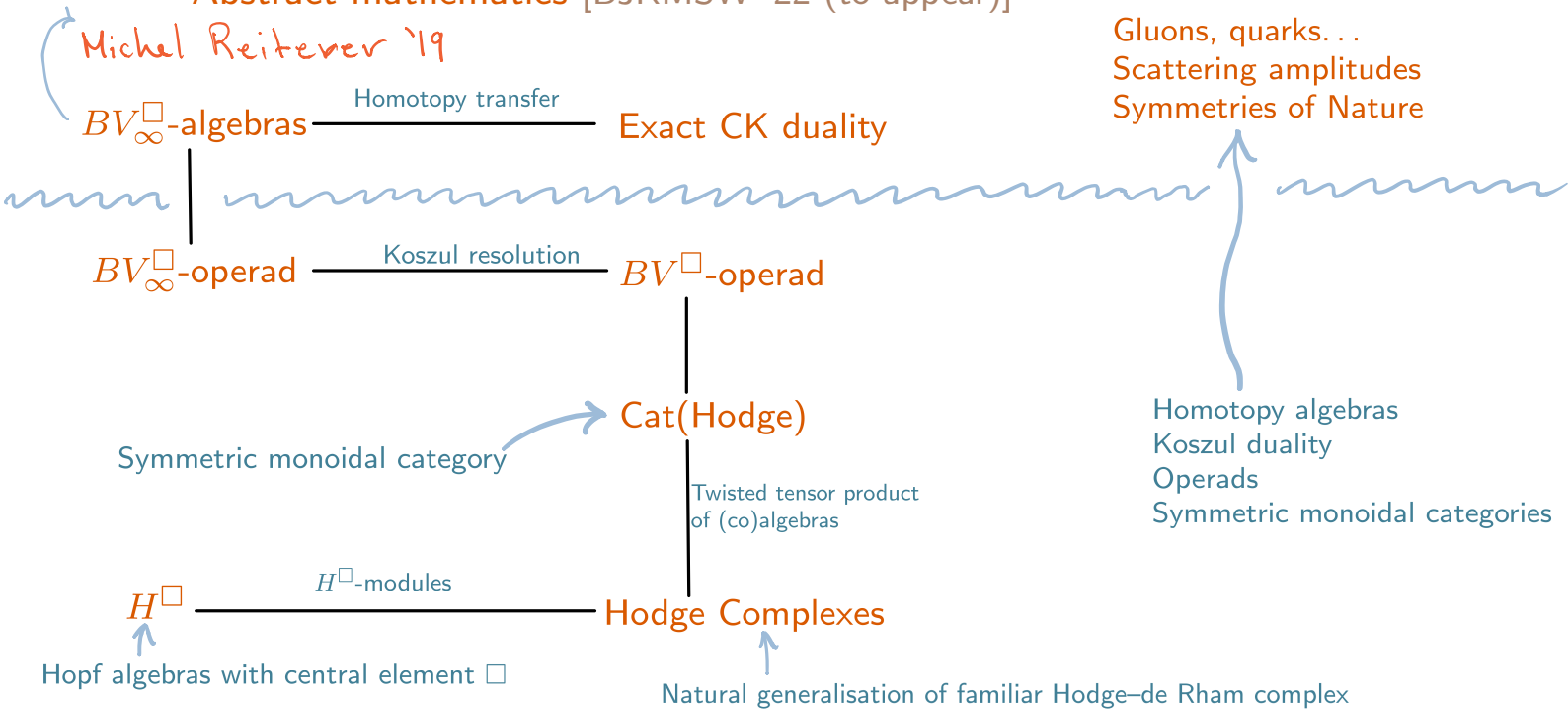
The Homotopy Algebra of Colour-Kinematics Duality



- ▶ CK duality: kinematic algebra
Hands on quantum field theory

- ▶ A: BV_{∞}^{\square} homotopy algebra
Abstract mathematics [BJKMSW '22 (to appear)]

Michel Reiterer '19



- ▶ CK duality: a symmetry of Nature as a mug is a donut!

Order of Events

Lecture 1 Colour–kinematics duality and the double-copy

Lecture 2 Off-shell colour–kinematics and the BRST Lagrangian double copy

Lecture 3 The homotopy algebra of colour–kinematics duality

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Lecture 1: Colour–kinematics duality and the double-copy

Yang–Mills theory

- ▶ Classical Yang–Mills action

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{classical}}^{\text{YM}} &:= \frac{1}{2g^2} \int \text{tr} F \wedge \star F \\ &= \int d^d x \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F_{a\mu\nu} F^{a\mu\nu} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Connection on princ. G -bundle
See K. Waldorf
(have trivial w/ $M \simeq \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$)

$$F := dA + A \wedge A, \quad F_{\mu\nu}^a := \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + f_{bc}^a g A_\mu^b A_\nu^c, \quad A = g A_\mu^a dx^\mu \otimes t_a$$

- ▶ Invariant under gauge transformations

$$\delta_\theta A = \nabla \theta = d\theta + [A, \theta], \quad (\nabla_\mu \theta)^a = \partial_\mu \theta^a + g f_{bc}^a A_\mu^b \theta^c$$

- ▶ Expanding:

$$S_{\text{classical}}^{\text{YM}} \sim \int d^d x \left\{ A(\square - \partial\partial)A + gAA\partial A + g^2AAAA \right\}$$

- ▶ Kinematic operator $(\square - \partial\partial)$ has kernel

Yang–Mills theory

- ▶ Gauge fix using BRST formalism $\theta \rightarrow c, Q^2 = 0$:

$$QA = \nabla c, \quad Qc = [c, c], \quad Q\bar{c} = b, \quad Qb = 0$$

with gauge-fixing fermion $\Psi = -\text{tr}\bar{c}(\frac{\xi}{2}b - G[A])$:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{BRST}}^{\text{YM}} &= S_{\text{classical}}^{\text{YM}} + \int \star Q\Psi \\ &= \int d^d x \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F_{a\mu\nu} F^{a\mu\nu} - \bar{c}_a \partial^\mu (\nabla_\mu c)^a + \frac{\xi}{2} b_a b^a + b_a \partial^\mu A_\mu^a \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Physical states in Q -cohomology \longrightarrow asymptotic Hilbert space with unitary S -matrix
- ▶ Extended pseudo-Hilbert BRST space

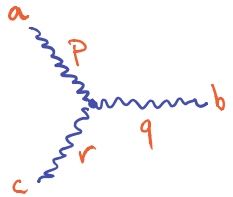
$$A_{\text{phys}}, \quad A_{\text{forward}}, \quad A_{\text{backward}} \equiv b, \quad c, \quad \bar{c}$$

Yang–Mills Feynman diagrams

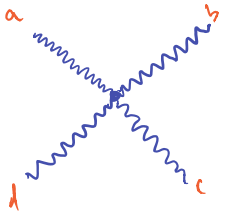
Functionally varying $\frac{\delta^n S}{(\delta A)^n} |_{A=0}$ for n -point Feynman rules (Feynman gauge):



$$a \text{---} p \text{---} b = -\frac{i\eta_{\mu\nu}\delta^{ab}}{p^2}$$



$$= gf_{abc}[(p^\rho - q^\rho)\eta^{\mu\nu} + (q^\mu - r^\mu)\eta^{\nu\rho} + (r^\nu - p^\nu)\eta^{\rho\mu}]$$

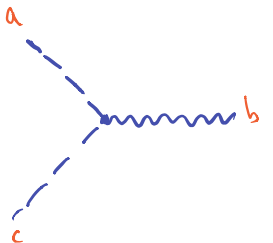


$$= -ig^2 [f^{abx} f_x^{cd} \eta^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + f^{adx} f_x^{bc} \eta^{\mu\sigma\nu\rho} + f^{acx} f_x^{db} \eta^{\mu\rho\nu\sigma}]$$



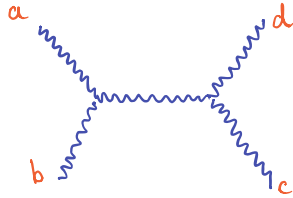
$$a \text{---} b = \frac{i\delta^{ab}}{p^2}$$

$\eta^{\mu\rho}\eta^{\nu\sigma} - \eta^{\nu\rho}\eta^{\mu\sigma}$

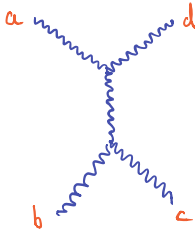


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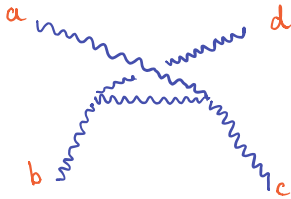
Tree-level 4-point colour-kinematics duality



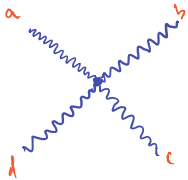
$$= -ig^2 \frac{f^{abe} f_e^{cd} n_s}{s} =: -ig^2 \frac{c_s n_s}{s}$$



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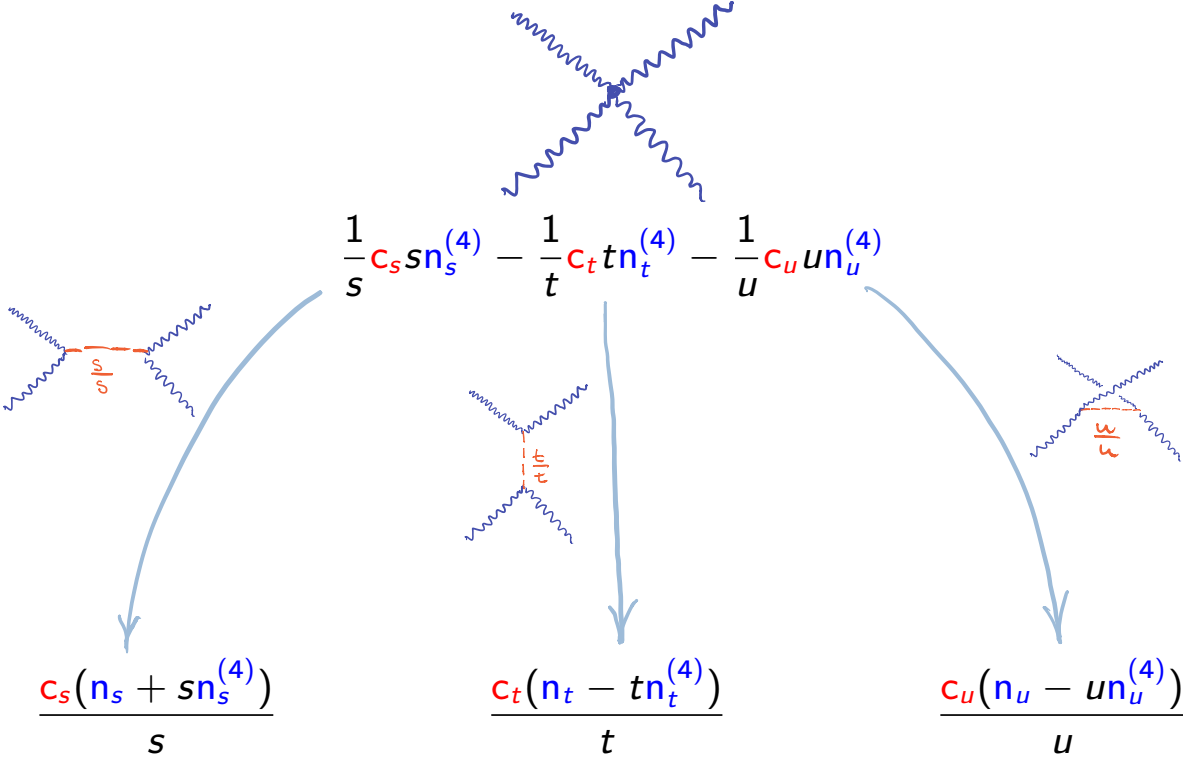
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$$= -ig^2 \left(c_s n_s^{(4)} - c_t n_t^{(4)} - c_u n_u^{(4)} \right)$$

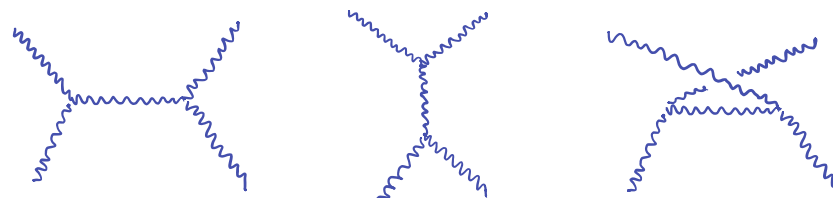
$$n_s = 4 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot p_2) \varepsilon_2 - (\varepsilon_2 \cdot p_1) \varepsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) p_{12} \right] \cdot \left[(\varepsilon_3 \cdot p_4) \varepsilon_4 - (\varepsilon_4 \cdot p_3) \varepsilon_3 + \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4) p_{34} \right]$$

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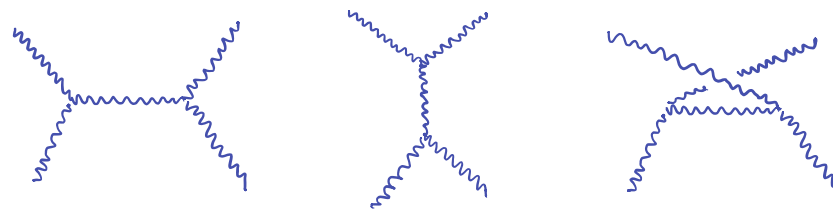
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- ▶ Obvious (by Jacobi): $c_s - c_t - c_u = 3f^{ea[b}f_e^{cd]} = 0$

- ▶ **Exercise:** show that [Zhu '80]

$$\tilde{n}_s - \tilde{n}_t - \tilde{n}_u = 0$$

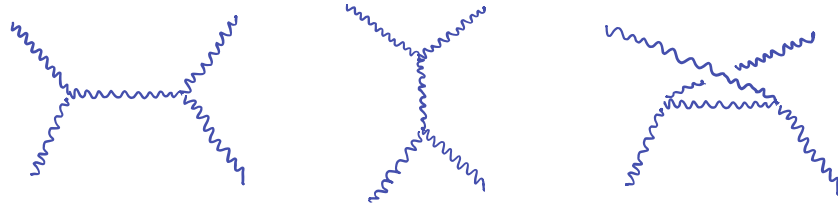
Hint: Recall $p_i \cdot \varepsilon_i(p_i, q_i) = p_i^2 = 0$ and there is freedom in the choice of reference vectors q_i

- ▶ Kinematics appears to be playing by the same rules as the colour!

Amplitudes and cubic diagrams

- ▶ Can write n -point L -loop gluon amplitude in terms of only cubic diagrams:

$$A_{\text{YM}}^{n,L} = \sum_{i \in \text{cubic diag}} \int_L \frac{c_i n_i}{S_i d_i}$$



- ▶ c_i : colour numerator, built from f^{abc} , read off diagram i

- ▶ n_i : kinematic numerator, built from p, ε ← *Non-unique*

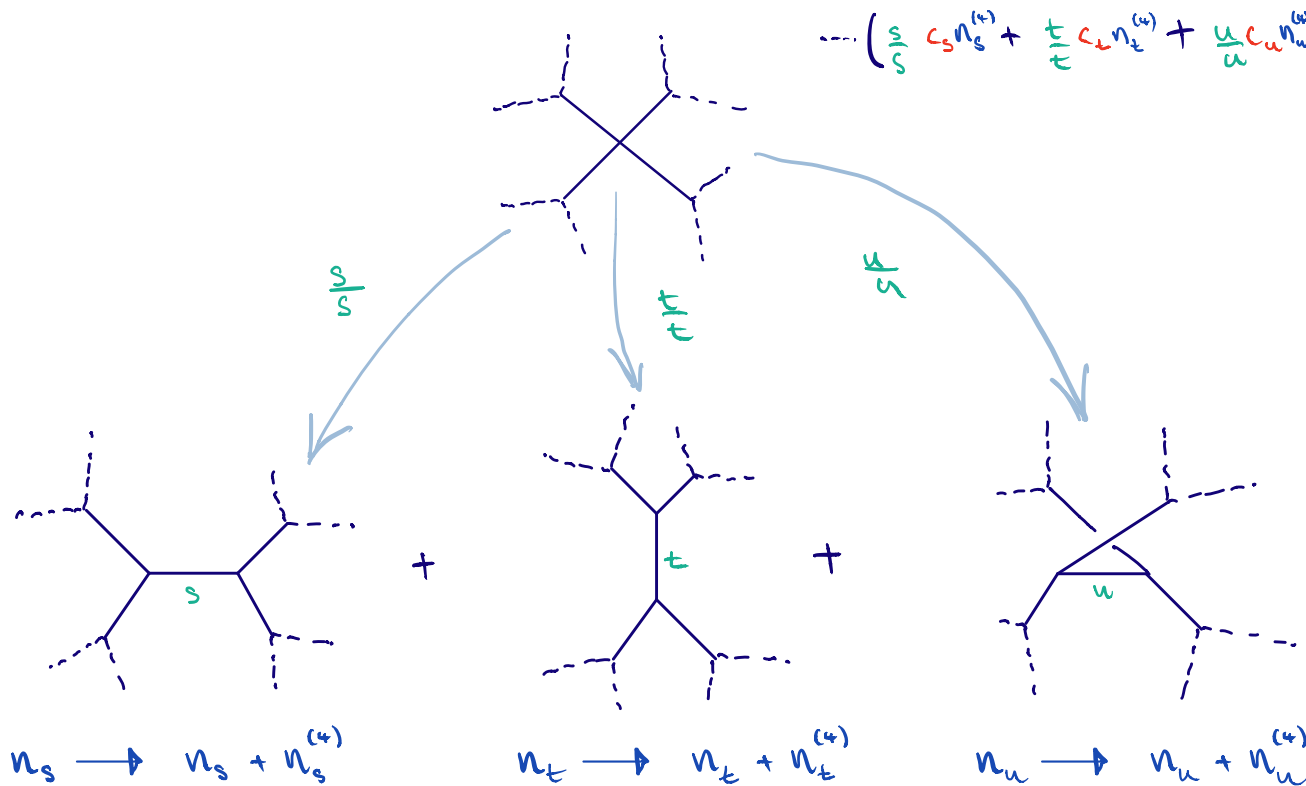
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Amplitudes and cubic diagrams

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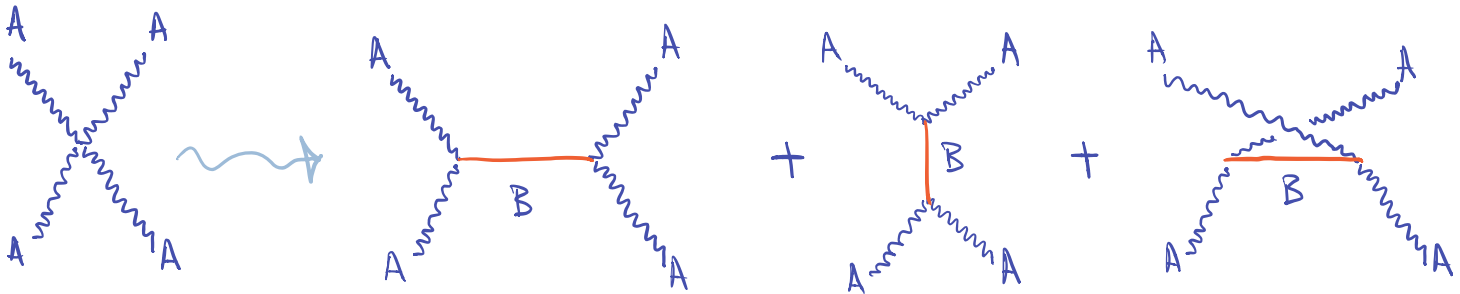
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$$g^2 [A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} B^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa} - g \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu} [A^\mu, A^\nu]$$

[Bern-Dennen-Huang-Kiermaier '10]

$$B \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g \partial [A, A]$$



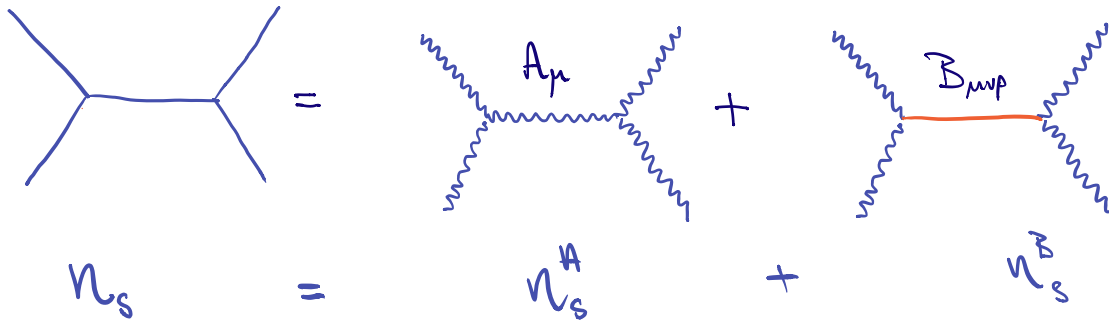
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- ▶ Feynman diagrams give 'cubic' amplitudes directly:

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- ▶ Example: 4-point s-channel diagram



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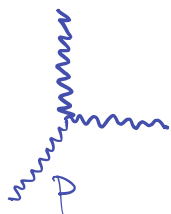
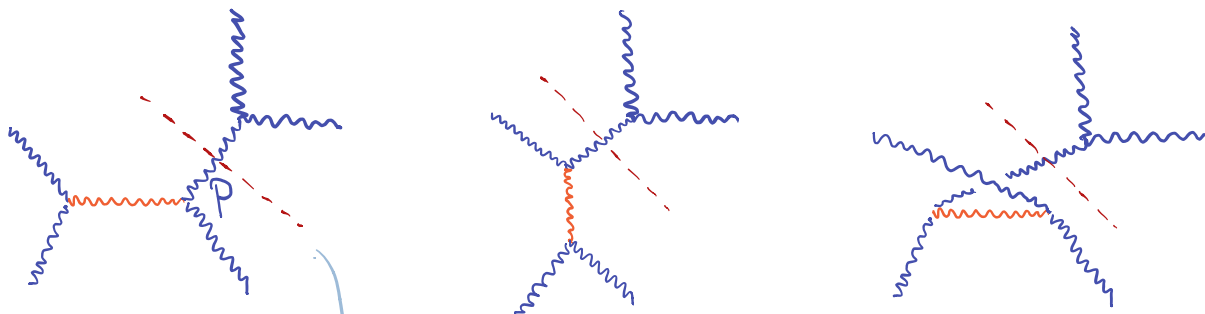
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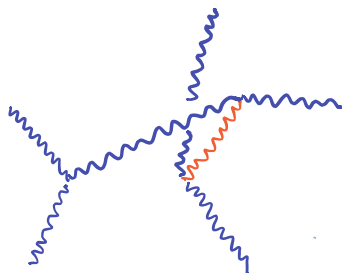
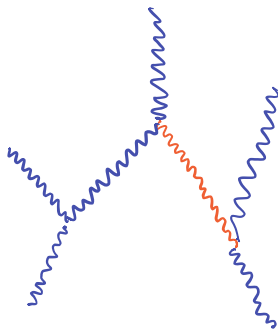
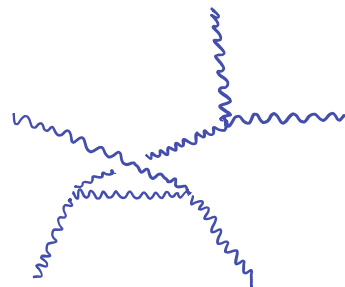
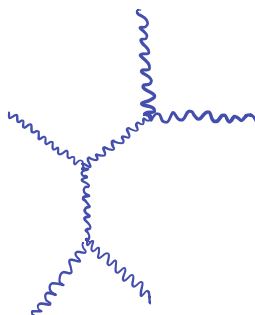
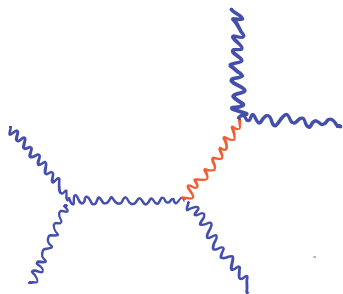
- ▶ CK duality established at tree-level
[Stieberger '09, Bjerrum-Bohr-Damgaard-Vanhove '09; Mizera '19; Reiterer '19]
- ▶ Significant evidence up to 4 loops in various (super)YM theories
[Carrasco-Johansson '11; Bern-Davies-Dennen-Huang-Nohle '13;
Bern-Davies-Dennen '14...]
- ▶ Quickly becomes difficult to check: remains conjectural at the loop level
[Bern-Carrasco-Chen-Edison-Johansson-Parra-Martinez-Roiban-Zeng '18]

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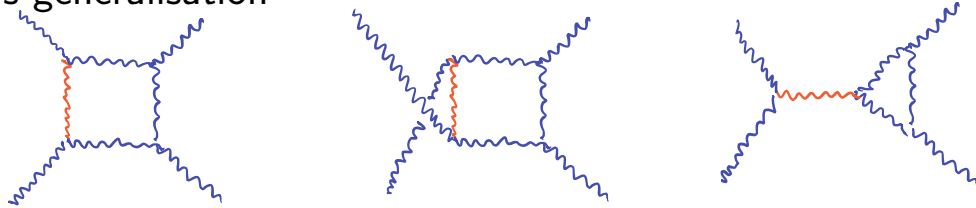
where A is the $(n - 2)!$ -vector of colour-ordered partial amplitudes and P is an $(n - 2)! \times (2n - 5)!!$ matrix of signed propagators

- ▶ $\det(PJ) = 0$, but can solve via Gaussian elimination

↪ only $(n-3)!$ independent partial amplitudes (BCJ relations)

Going to loops

- ▶ Obvious generalisation



- ▶ Quickly becomes very difficult since CK duality relations become functional due the graph automorphisms \Rightarrow **numerator ansatz**:
 1. The numerators are polynomials in momenta and polarization vectors
 2. Power-counting matches those of Feynman-gauge Feynman rules
 3. Diagrams with only trivalent vertices
 4. Relabeling maps numerators to numerators
 5. Diagram symmetries respected
 6. The cuts of ansatz match a spanning set of unitarity cuts for Yang–Mills
 7. CK duality manifest in integrand
- ▶ 1-6 are are manifested by Feynman diagrams (3 requires aux fields)
- ▶ 6 \Leftrightarrow unitary theory + ansatz verification
- ▶ **1-7 cannot be satisfied at two loops**: something has to give
[Bern-Davies-Nohle '15]

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All order interactions

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- ▶ Gauge fix using BRST formalism $\theta \rightarrow X$:

$$Qh = \nabla X, \quad QX = \mathcal{L}_X X, \quad Q\bar{X} = \pi, \quad Q\pi = 0$$

with gauge-fixing fermion $\Psi = -\bar{X} \cdot (\frac{\xi}{2}\pi - G[h])$:

$$S_{\text{BRST}}^{\text{EH}} = S_{\text{classical}}^{\text{EH}} + \int \star Q\Psi$$

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- Compare graviton three point [De Wit '69; Carrasco '15 (TASI lectures)]:

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

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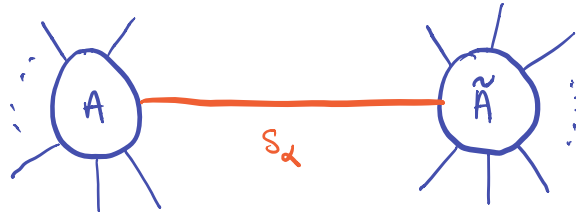
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where B is the Kalb-Ramond 2-form [See K. Waldorf lectures], φ is the dilaton [Bern-Carrasco-Johansson '08, '10; Bern-Dennen-Huang-Kiermaier '10]

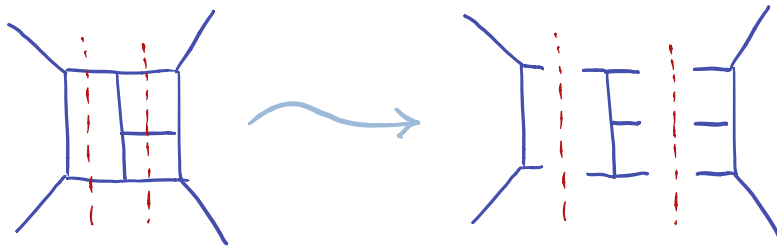
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$$A_{\mathcal{N}=0}^{n,0} \mapsto A_{\mathcal{N}=0}^{n,0}(z) = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{s_{\alpha}} A_{\mathcal{N}=0}^{\alpha}(z_{\alpha}) \tilde{A}_{\mathcal{N}=0}^{\alpha}(z_{\alpha})$$



- ▶ Loop generalisation: unitary cuts



- ▶ Cut-constructible part amplitude correct: higher dimensions to get the rest
- ▶ Unitarity of Yang–Mills integrand essential for this argument (point 7)

Generalisations

$$\sum_{i \in \text{cubic diag}} \frac{n_i n_i}{d_i} \longrightarrow \sum_{i \in \text{cubic diag}} \frac{n_i \tilde{n}_i}{d_i}$$

Distinct theories
(CK dual)

Inputs: Matter-coupled (super) Yang-Mills, $D = 3$ Chern-Simons-Matter, QCD, Higgsed theories, Z-theory, $(DF)^2$ theories ...

Outputs: ϕ^3 theory, Maxwell/scalar/Yang-Mills supergravity, gauged supergravity (Minkowski vacua), non-linear sigma model, pure gravity, Born-Infeld, conformal gravity, strings ...

[Hodges '11; Cachazo, He, Yuan '13 '14, Dolan, Goddard '13; Naculich '14 '15, Cachazo, He, Yuan '13 '14; Chiodaroli et al '14 '15; Johansson, Ochirov '15 '16; Chiodaroli, Günaydin, Johansson, Roiban '17; Carrasco, Mafra, Schlotterer '16; Johansson, Nohle '17; Azevedo, Chiodaroli, Johansson, Schlotterer '18...]

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- Generalises to all $3 \leq D \leq 10$: square $(\mathbb{A}_L, \mathbb{A}_R) \rightarrow$ pyramid $(\mathbb{A}_D, \mathbb{A}_L, \mathbb{A}_R)$
[Anastasiou-LB-Hughes-Nagy '15]

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“Enhanced” cancellations

[Bern–Davies–Dennen '14]

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- ▶ Classical (non)perturbative solutions and gravity wave astronomy
[Monteiro–O’Connell–White ’14; Cardoso–Nagy–Nampuri ’16;
Luna–Monteiro–Nicholson–Ochirov–O’Connell–Westerberg–White ’16;
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[Cachazo–He–Yuan ’13 ’14; Mason–Skinner ’13; Adamo–Casali–Skinner ’13;
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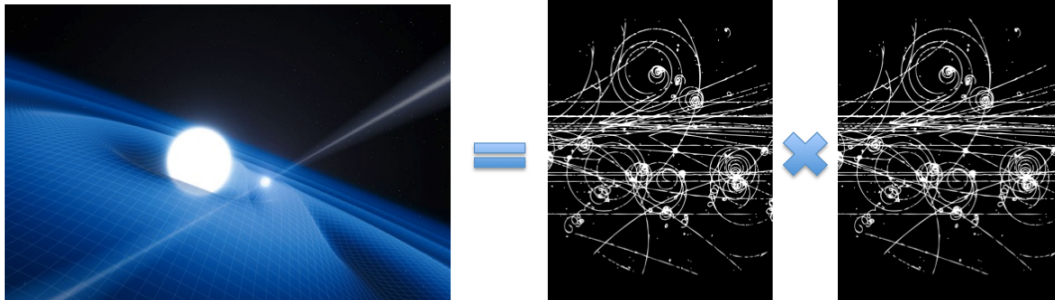
§2.

Lecture 2: Off-shell field theory colour–kinematics and double copy

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Longstanding open questions

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- ▶ Is this restricted to the S-matrix or more general?



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Ben-Shahar–Johansson '21; Brandhuber–Chen–Johansson–Travaglini–Wen '21...]
 2. Field theory product of BRST gauge theories and Lagrangian double-copy
[Bern–Dennen–Huang–Kiermaier '10; Anastasiou–LB–Duff–Hughes–Nagy '14; LB '17; Anastasiou–LB–Duff–Nagy–Zoccali '18;
LB–Jubb–Makwana–Nagy '20; LB–Nagy '20; BJKMSW '20, '21]
- ▶ Today: the YM BV action admits a natural form of **anomalous** CK duality that immediately implies the double copy to all orders

Lighting overview

Step 1. Cubic tree-level off-shell CK duality manifesting Yang-Mills BRST-action:

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$$S_{\text{DC}} = \int C_{ij} C_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} A^{i\tilde{i}} \square A^{j\tilde{j}} + F_{ijk} F_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}\tilde{k}} A^{i\tilde{i}} A^{j\tilde{j}} A^{k\tilde{k}}$$

Step 3. Double-copy BRST operator:

$$(Q_{\text{YM}}, \tilde{Q}_{\text{YM}}) \longrightarrow Q_{\text{DC}} = Q_{\text{diffeo}} + Q_{\text{2-form}} + \text{trivial symmetries}$$

Step 4. Assuming tree-level physical CK duality, perturbative quantum equivalence:

$$Q_{\text{DC}}^2 = Q_{\text{DC}} S_{\text{DC}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_{\text{DC}} \cong S_{\text{BRST}}^{\mathcal{N}=0}$$

Corollary: Loop amplitude (integrand) computed from Feynman diagrams of $S_{\text{BRST-CK}}^{\text{YM}}$ manifest CK duality, *up to counterterms needed for unitarity*, and double-copy correctly to give amplitudes of $\mathcal{N} = 0$ supegravity

Step 1: Colour-Kinematic Duality Redux

Manifest physical tree-level CK duality

- ▶ There is a YM action such that the Feynman diagrams yield amplitudes manifesting CK duality for tree-level amplitudes:

$$S_{\text{on-shell CK}}^{\text{YM}} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \int \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}^{(n)} \sim A \square A + \partial A A A + \frac{\square}{\square} A A A A + \frac{\partial^3}{\square^2} A A A A A + \dots$$

[Bern–Dennen–Huang–Kiermaier 1004.0693; Tolotti–Weinzierl 1306.2975]

Colour-Kinematic Duality Redux

Manifest physical tree-level CK duality

- ▶ This can be “strictified” to have only cubic interactions through infinite tower of auxiliaries [BJKMSW '21]

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\text{on-shell CK}}^{\text{YM}} = \text{tr} \int d^D x & \frac{1}{2} A_\mu \square A^\mu + \frac{1}{2} g \partial_\mu A_\nu [A^\mu, A^\nu] \\ & \frac{1}{2} B^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa} - g(\partial_\mu A_\nu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu}) [A^\mu, A^\nu] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} B^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa} - g(\partial_\mu A_\nu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu}) [A^\mu, A^\nu] \\ & + C^{\mu\nu} \square \bar{C}_{\mu\nu} + C^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square \bar{C}_{\mu\nu\kappa} + C^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \square \bar{C}_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} + \\ & + g C^{\mu\nu} [A_\mu, A_\nu] + g \partial_\mu C^{\mu\nu\kappa} [A_\nu, A_\kappa] - \frac{g}{2} \partial_\mu C^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} [\partial_{[\nu} A_{\kappa]}, A_\lambda] \\ & + g \bar{C}^{\mu\nu} (\frac{1}{2} [\partial^\kappa \bar{C}_{\kappa\lambda\mu}, \partial^\lambda A_\nu] + [\partial^\kappa \bar{C}_{\kappa\lambda\nu\mu}, A^\lambda]) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

[Bern–Dennen–Huang–Kiermaier '10]

- ▶ Purely cubic Feynman diagrams \longrightarrow

$$A_n^{\text{tree}} = \sum_i \frac{c_i n_i}{d_i} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad c_i + c_j + c_k = 0 \Rightarrow n_i + n_j + n_k = 0$$

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 2. Ghosts - BRST Ward identities
 3. Off-shell - nonlocal field redefinitions (invisible on-shell)
- ▶ 3. \Rightarrow induces Jacobian counterterms that cancel spurious modes

[BJKMSW '21]

Colour-Kinematic Duality Redux

Tree-level CK duality for longitudinal gluons

- ▶ Relax transversality $p_n \cdot \varepsilon_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ tree CK duality fails
- ▶ By analogy can compensate with new *non-zero* vertices [BJKMSW '20]:

- ▶ Add them to the action without changing the physics [BJKMSW '20]

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Tree-level CK duality for ghosts

- ▶ Use on-mass-shell BRST Ward identities

$$Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}} A_{\text{phys}} = 0, \quad Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}} A_{\text{f}} = c, \quad Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}} b = \bar{c}$$

- ▶ Analogous to global SUSY Ward identities

$$0 = \langle 0 | [Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}}, O_1 \cdots O_n] | 0 \rangle$$

- ▶ Transfers CK duality onto ghosts through

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ghost}}^{\text{YM}} = \bar{c} Q_{\text{YM}} (\partial^\mu A_\mu - 2\xi Y)$$

Colour-Kinematic Duality Redux

On-shell tree-level CK manifesting BRST action

- ▶ Introduce new auxiliary gluons and ghosts [BJKMSW '20, '21]:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{BRST CK-dual}}^{\text{YM}} = & \frac{1}{2} A_{a\mu} \square A^{\mu a} - \bar{c}_a \square c^a + \frac{1}{2} b_a \square b^a + \xi b_a \sqrt{\square} \partial_\mu A^{\mu a} \\ & - K_{1a}^\mu \square \bar{K}_\mu^{1a} - K_{2a}^\mu \square \bar{K}_\mu^{2a} - gf_{abc} \bar{c}^a \partial^\mu (A_\mu^b c^c) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} B_a^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa}^a + gf_{abc} \left(\partial_\mu A_\nu^a + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu}^a \right) A^{\mu b} A^{\nu c} \\ & - gf_{abc} \left\{ K_1^{a\mu} (\partial^\nu A_\mu^b) A_\nu^c + [(\partial^\kappa A_\kappa^a) A^{b\mu} + \bar{c}^a \partial^\mu c^b] \bar{K}_\mu^{1c} \right\} \\ & + gf_{abc} \left\{ K_2^{a\mu} \left[(\partial^\nu \partial_\mu c^b) A_\nu^c + (\partial^\nu A_\mu^b) \partial_\nu c^c \right] + \bar{c}^a A^{b\mu} \bar{K}_\mu^{2c} \right\} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Cubic Feynman diagrams yield CK dual tree amplitudes for physical gluons and unphysical longitudinal modes and ghosts (on-shell)

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- ▶ Price to pay: Jacobian determinants \rightarrow counterterms ensuring unitarity
- ▶ In this sense, this manifest loop CK duality is anomalous on the physical Hilbert space (but is exact on the complete pre-Hilbert space)

Colour-Kinematic Duality Redux

Perfect off-shell 'BRST-Lagrangian CK duality'

- ▶ BV YM action with manifest *off-shell* CK duality

$$S_{\text{BV CK-dual}}^{\text{YM}} = \int C_{ij} c_{ab} A^{ia} \square A^{ja} + F_{ijk} f_{abc} A^{ia} A^{jb} A^{kc} + A_{ia}^+ \left(Q_j^i A^{ja} + Q_{jk}^i f_{bc}^a A^{jb} A^{kc} \right)$$

- ▶ Rendered cubic with infinite tower of aux. fields

$$A^{ia} = (A_\mu^a, b^a, \bar{c}^a, c^a, \underbrace{G_{\mu\nu\rho}^a, \bar{K}_\mu^a, \dots}_{\text{auxiliaries}})$$

- ▶ c_{ab}, f^{abc} gauge group Killing form and structure constants
- ▶ C_{ij}, F^{ijk} are differential operators that satisfy the same identities as c_{ab}, f^{abc} as operator equations

$$\begin{array}{llll} c_{ab} = c_{(ab)} & f_{abc} = f_{[abc]} & c_{a(b} f_{c)d}^a = 0 & f_{[ab|d} f_{c]e}^d = 0 \\ C_{ij} = C_{(ij)} & F_{ijk} = F_{[ijk]} & C_{i(j} F_{k)l}^i = 0 & F_{[ij|l} F_{|k]m}^l = 0 \end{array}$$

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 - ▶ Anomaly: generalised unitarity proof of loop double copy doesn’t go through, at least not straightforwardly
 - ▶ Departure from standard articulation of loop integrand CK duality: all desiderata *except* generalised unitarity
 - ▶ Latter replaced with off-shell CK duality of BV action (without Jacobian counterterms): alternative proof of double copy

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Syngamatic reproduction of factorable theories

Parent theories

$$c_{IJ} \phi^I \square \phi^J + f_{IJK} \phi^I \phi^J \phi^K$$

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Double copy of BRST charge

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- ▶ Yang-Mills gauge \Rightarrow diffeomorphisms and 2-form gauge symmetries:

$$Q_{\text{DC}} = Q_{\text{diffeo}} + Q_{\text{2-form}} + \text{trivial symmetries}$$

Cf. [Anastasiou-LB-Duff-Hughes-Nagy '14]

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- ▶ Given CK duality of the tree-level physical S-matrix we can run our argument:
 - ▶ Non-linear sigma model [Chen-Du '13] → special Galileon
 - ▶ Fundamental couplings [Johansson-Ochirov '14] → plethora of supergravity theories
 - ▶ Bagger–Lambert–Gustavsson [Bargheer-He-McLoughlin '12; Huang-Johansson '12] → $D = 3$ maximal supergravity

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- ▶ Local NS-R sector susy follows from super Yang–Mills factors

$$Q_{\alpha} A_{\mu}{}^a = \delta^a{}_b \gamma_{\mu\alpha}{}^{\beta} \psi_{\beta}{}^b + \dots \quad \longrightarrow \quad Q_{\alpha} h_{\mu\nu} = \gamma_{(\mu\alpha}{}^{\beta} \Psi_{\beta\nu)} + \dots$$

- ▶ Super $\eta, \bar{\eta}$ and Nielsen–Kallosh χ ghosts

$$\bar{c} \otimes \psi \sim \bar{\eta}, \quad c \otimes \psi \sim \eta, \quad b \otimes \psi \sim \chi$$

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- ▶ Any BV field theory with operator Q_{BV} corresponds to an L_∞ -algebra in the CE picture, see e.g. [Jurco-Raspollini-Saemann-Wolf '18]

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Cf. [Jurčo-Raspollini-Saemann-Wolf '18; Jurčo-Macrelli-Saemann-Wolf '19]

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$$\Delta^2 \square = (\text{id} + \sigma_{(123)} + \sigma_{(123)}^2)(\text{id} \otimes \Delta \square) - (\text{id} + \sigma_{(123)} + \sigma_{(123)}^2)(\text{id} \otimes \text{id} \otimes \square)$$

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Coassociativity \Rightarrow the seven-term identity

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- ▶ Computational efficiency:
 - ▶ Purely tree-level calculations
 - ▶ One identity at any order (the rest follow axiomatically)

$$\sum_{p+q=n+2} n\text{-point tree with two internal } (p\text{-ary and } q\text{-ary) \text{ vertices}$$

$$= n\text{-point tree with one internal } (n\text{-ary) \text{ vertex}$$

- ▶ But, work with Feynman diagrams - marry with on-shell methods?

Future work

- ▶ AdS background [Zhou '21; Diwakar-Herderschee-Roiban-Teng '21 ...] \rightarrow Hopf algebra of universal enveloping algebra of AdS isometries
- ▶ Bagger-Lambert-Gustavsson CK duality [Bargheer-He-McLoughlin '12; Huang-Johansson '12] \rightarrow m -ary BV^\square operads
- ▶ Matter coupling [Johansson-Ochirov '14] \rightarrow many-sorted BV^\square operads
- ▶ String theory (modular envelope over) $BV_\infty^{L_0}$

$$\{d, h\} = \square \quad \longrightarrow \quad \{Q, b_0\} = L_0$$

Cf. BV_∞ structure on TVOA [Galvez-Carrillo-Tonks-Vallette '09] lifting the BV -algebra structure on the BRST (co)homology [Lian-Zuckerman '93]

- ▶ Counterterms?

Thanks for listening