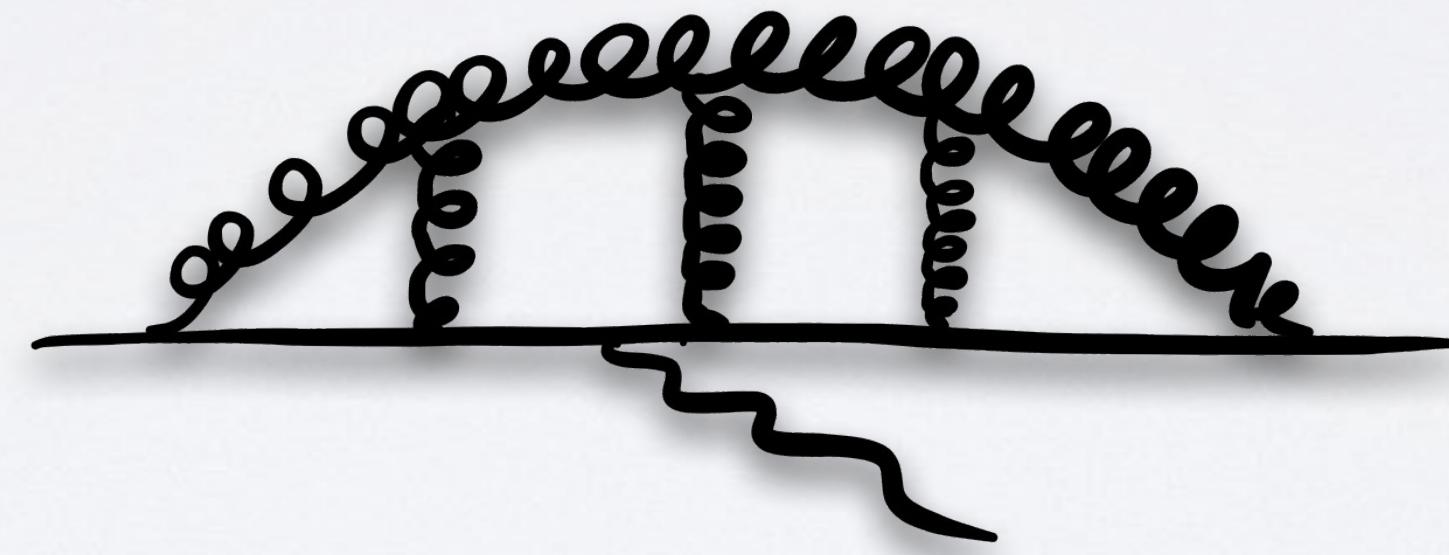


# MULTILOOP SCATTERING AMPLITUDES FOR COLLIDER PHYSICS

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# SCATTERING AMPLITUDES

- Precision predictions at LHC obtained with higher order perturbative calculations
- S matrix:  $S_{fi} = \langle f, \text{out} | i, \text{in} \rangle = \delta_{fi} + i(2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_f - p_i) \mathcal{M}_{fi}$
- $|\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2$  has probabilistic interpretation
- Partonic cross section  $d\hat{\sigma}_{fi} \propto |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2 d\Pi$
- Perturbative expansion of amplitude:  $\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \sum_{k=0} \alpha^k \mathcal{M}^{(k)}$
- Higher order  $\mathcal{M}^{(k)}$  require multi loop integrals, e.g.  $k$  loops

# LOOP INTEGRANDS

- $\mathcal{M}^{(k)}$  integrand from projectors + Feynman diagrams, on-shell techniques, ...
- Scheme to regularize UV and IR divergences + treatment of  $\gamma_5$
- Helicity amplitude  $\mathcal{M}^{(k)} = s_\lambda \mathcal{M}_\lambda^{(k)}$  where  $s_\lambda$  spinor factor and  $\mathcal{M}_\lambda^{(k)}$  scalar
- $\mathcal{M}_\lambda^{(k)} = \sum_i c_i I_i$  , different options:

		$I_i$	$c_i$
Requires IBP reduction	Tensor integrals	Tensor	Tensors
	Scalar integrals	Rational scalar functions of kinematics, d	
	Master integrals (d-fact., phys. denom., canonical, finite, ...)	Rational (algebraic,...) scalar functions	
	Special functions for Laurent exp. in $\epsilon$ (HPL, MPL, eMPL, problem specific, ...)	Rational (algebraic,...) scalar functions	
			Resolving analytic features

# LOOP INTEGRALS

- $\mathcal{M}_\lambda^{(k)} = \sum_i c_i I_i$  amplitude through scalar loop integrals  $I_i$  (e.g. Feynman diagrams)
- $I(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N) = \int \frac{d^d k_1 \cdots d^d k_L}{D_1^{\nu_1} \cdots D_N^{\nu_N}}$  in dimensional regularization
- $D_j = q_j^2 - m_j^2 + i\delta$  propagator **denominator** ( $\nu_j > 0$ ) or irreducible **numerator** ( $\nu_j < 0$ )
- $I(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N)$  for different arguments not independent, fulfill **linear relations**
- This talk:
  - **Loop integrals: reduction** through linear relations
  - **Loop integrals: evaluation**
  - **Rational coefficients**  $c_i(s_{ij}, m_j^2; d)$ : symbolic manipulations
  - **Results**

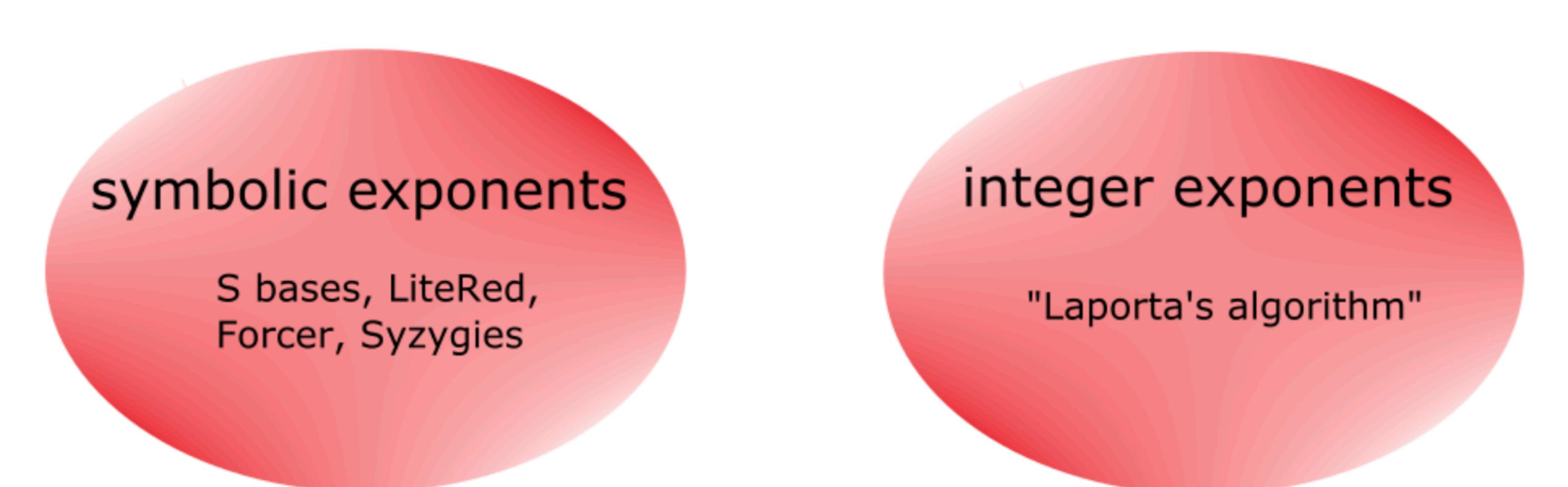
# INTEGRAL REDUCTIONS

# INTEGRATION-BY-PART (IBP) IDENTITIES

- IBP identities in dimensional regularization since integrals over total derivatives vanish:

$$\int d^d k_1 \cdots d^d k_L \frac{\partial}{\partial k_i^\mu} \left( q^\mu \frac{1}{D_1^{\nu_1} \cdots D_N^{\nu_N}} \right) = 0 \quad \text{where } q^\mu \text{ loop or ext. mom. [Chetyrkin, Tkachov '81]}$$

- Expresses invariance under contin. generated lin. trans., there are also discrete symmetries
- Inserting integers for indices: **linear system of equations**, allows for systematic **reduction** [Laporta '00]
- Only finite number of integrals linearly independent: **basis** or **master integrals**
- In practice:
  - Reductions **computational bottleneck**
  - **Choice of basis** deserves discussion



## symbolic exponents

S bases, LiteRed,  
Forcer, Syzygies

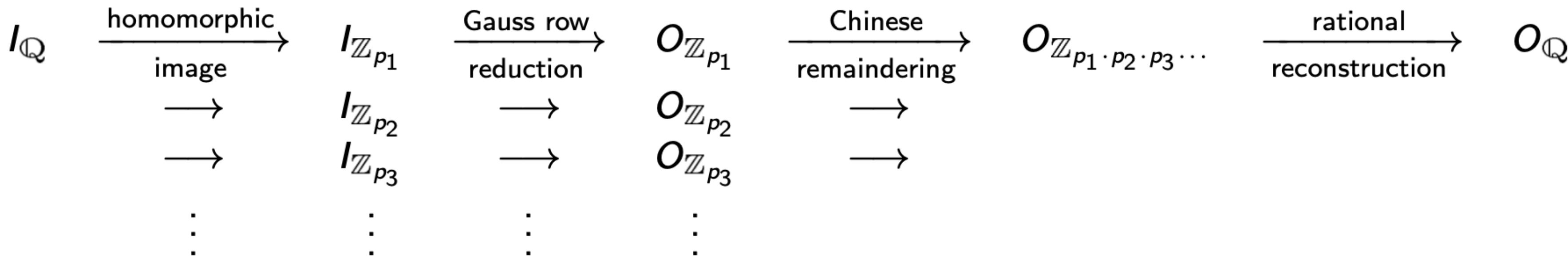
## integer exponents

"Laporta's algorithm"

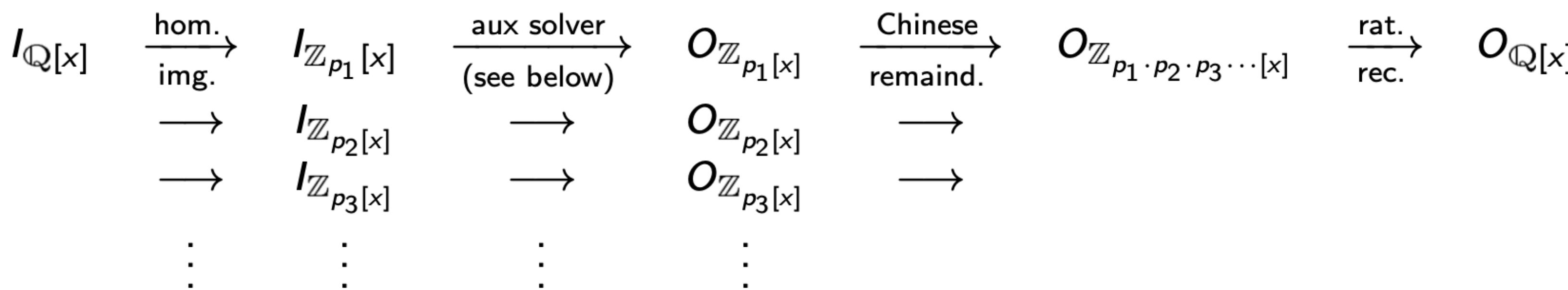
- Various public reduction codes exists: Fire, Reduze, LiteRed, Kira, FiniteFlow, NeatIBP, ...
- Calculations at the symbolic level: syzygies, Gröbner bases, ...
- Calculations at the linear algebra level: finite fields, ...
- Often very powerful in practice: combination of both
- Alternative approach: intersection theory

# FINITE FIELDS AND RATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION

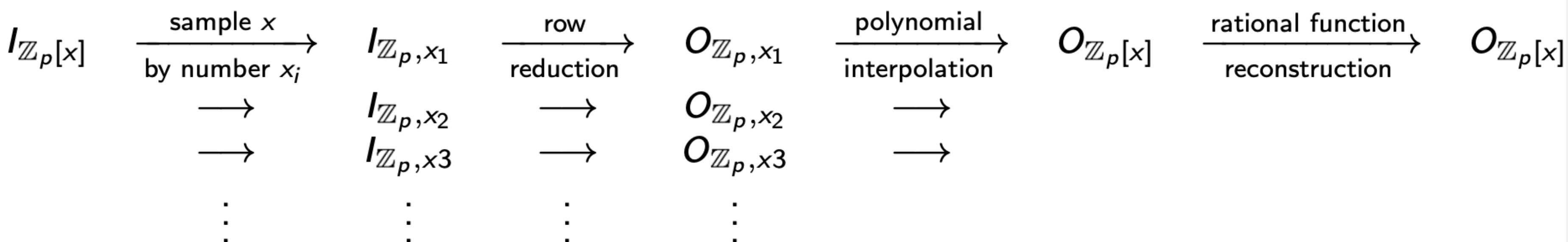
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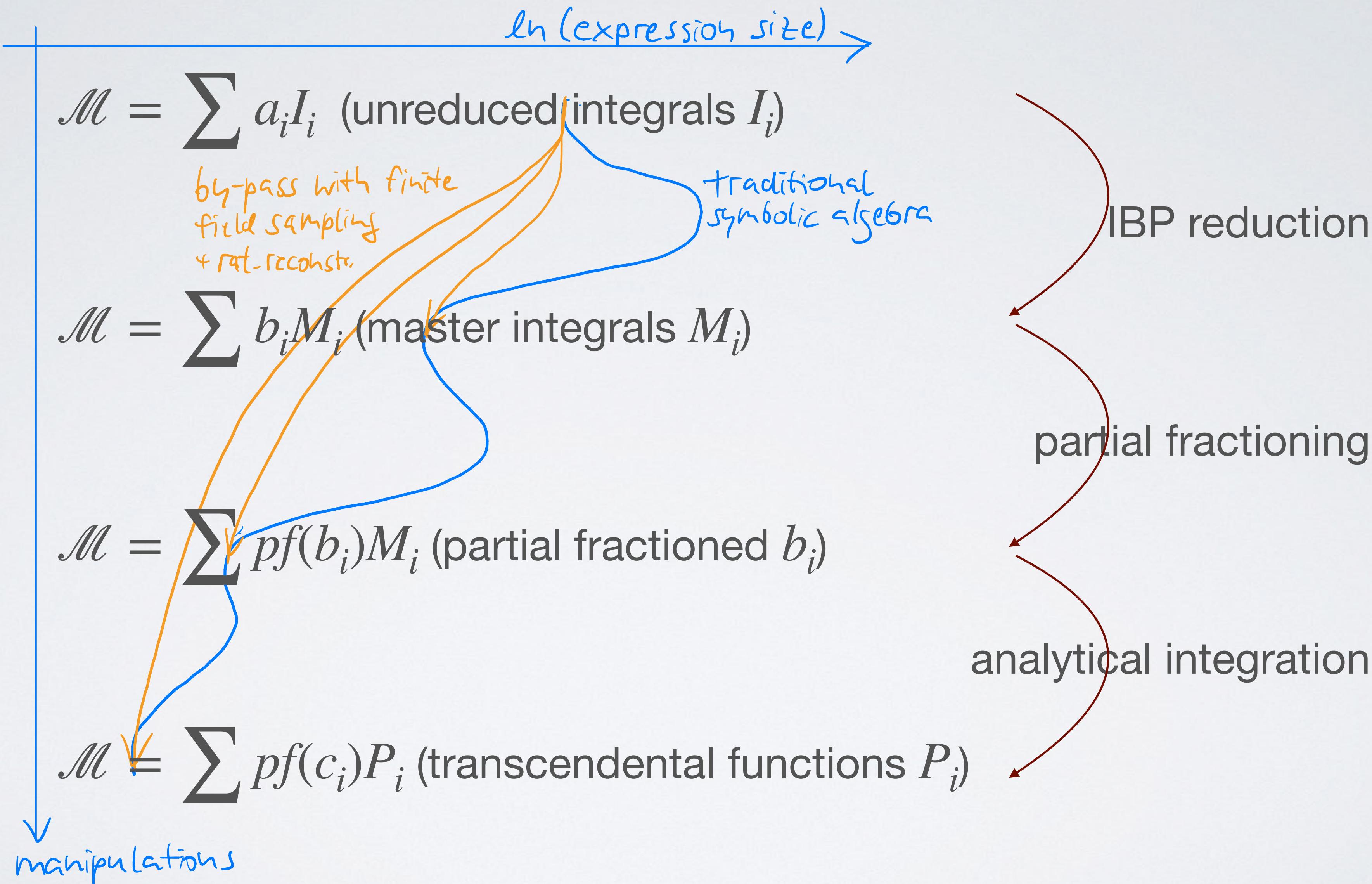
univariate solver: reduce matrix  $I_{\mathbb{Q}[x]}$  of rational functions in  $x$



aux solver: reduce matrix  $I_{\mathbb{Z}_p[x]}$  of polynomials in  $x$  with finite field coefficients



# REDUCTIONS AND COMPLEXITY

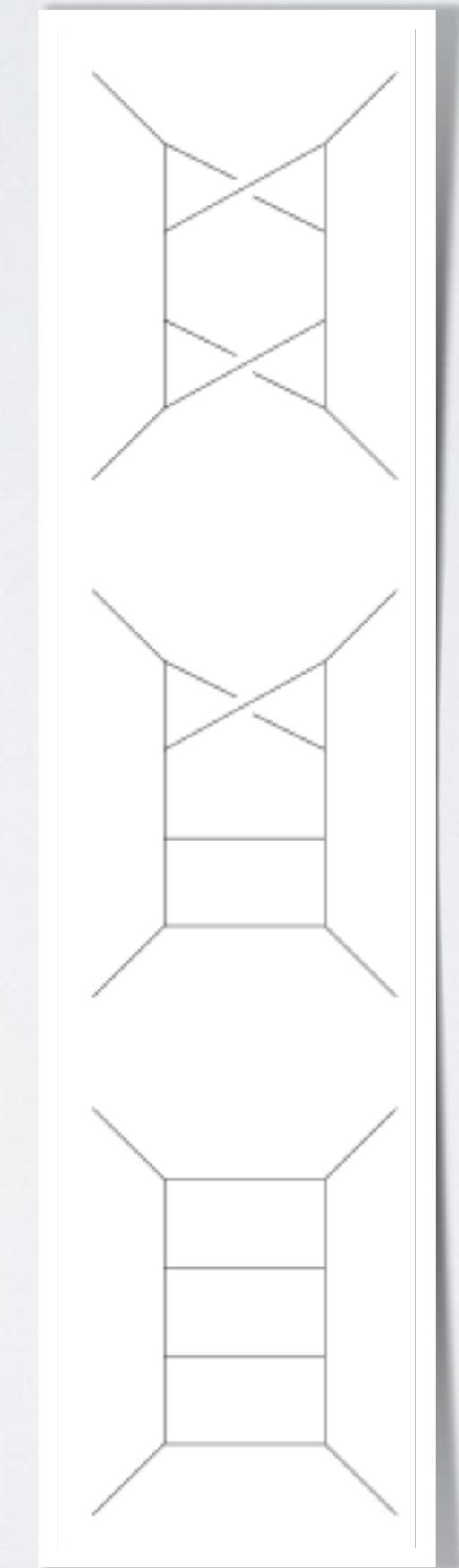
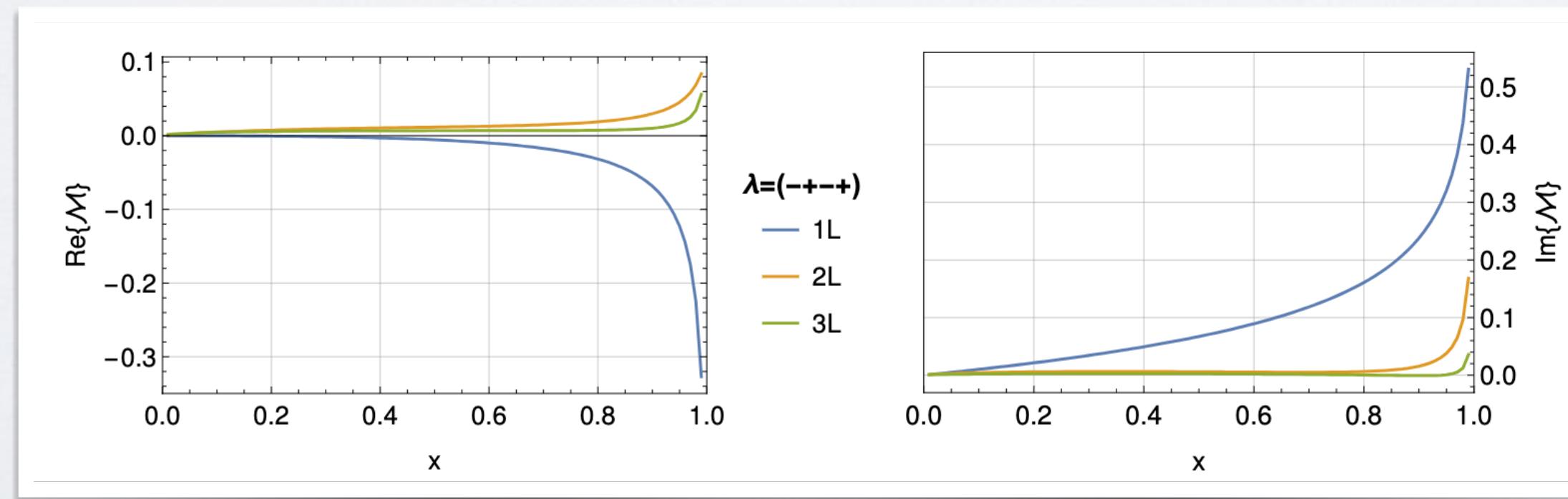


(Illustration idea by V. Sotnikov)

# $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ @ 3 LOOPS

- Master integrals in terms of HPLs: [Henn, Mistlberger, Smirnov, Wasser '20]
- $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  helicity amplitudes: [Bargiela, Caola, AvM, Tancredi '21]
  - Symbolic intermediate expressions sizable but allow for easy crossings, simple workflow
  - Compact analytical results for amplitudes

	1L	2L	3L
Number of diagrams	6	138	3299
Number of inequivalent integral families	1	2	3
Number of integrals before IBPs and symmetries	209	20935	4370070
Number of master integrals	6	39	486
Size of the Qgraf result [kB]	4	90	2820
Size of the Form result before IBPs and symmetries [kB]	276	54364	19734644
Size of helicity amplitudes written in terms of MIs [kB]	12	562	304409
Size of helicity amplitudes written in terms of HPLs [kB]	136	380	1195



# SYZYGY BASED IBPs WITHOUT DOTS

Baikov's parametric representation of Feynman integrals:

$$I(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N) = \mathcal{N} \int dz_1 \cdots dz_m P^{\frac{d-L-E-1}{2}} \frac{1}{z_1^{\nu_1} \cdots z_N^{\nu_N}}$$

[Böhm, Georgoudis, Larsen, Schulze, Zhang '18]: useful for IBPs without dots

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int dz_1 \cdots dz_m \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \left( a_i P^{\frac{d-L-E-1}{2}} \frac{1}{z_1^{\nu_1} \cdots z_N^{\nu_N}} \right) \\ &= \int dz_1 \cdots dz_m \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial z_i} + \frac{d-L-E-1}{2P} a_i \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_i} - \frac{\nu_i a_i}{z_i} \right) P^{\frac{d-L-E-1}{2}} \frac{1}{z_1^{\nu_1} \cdots z_N^{\nu_N}} \end{aligned}$$

explicit solutions to constraint:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^N a_i \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_i} \right) + bP = 0 \quad (\text{absence of dim. shifts})$$

in addition, require for denominators of sector:

$$a_i = b_i z_i \quad (\text{absence of dots})$$

need intersection of two syzygy modules

## SYZYGIES

- suppose that for given polynomials  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots)$  one can find polynomials  $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots)$  such that  $\sum_i f_i s_i = 0$ , then  $s$  is called a **syzygy**
- if  $s$  is a syzygy, then  $s \cdot g$  is a syzygy for any polynomial  $g$
- the (infinite) set of syzygies for  $f$  is a **syzygy module**

- Reduction of numerators: “no-dot syzygies”  
*[Gluza, Kajda, Kosower ‘11; Schabinger ‘11; Ita ‘15; Larsen, Zhang ‘15; Böhm, Georgoudis, Larsen Schulze, Zhang ‘18; ...]*
- Linear algebra approach: set degree restriction for monomials, use linear algebra with finite fields to determine syzygies (or intersections of syzygy modules) *[Agarwal, Jones, AvM ‘20]*

# SYZYGY BASED IBPs WITHOUT NUMERATORS

[Lee-Pomeransky '13] representation:

$$I(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N) = \mathcal{N} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^N \int_0^\infty dx_i x_i^{\nu_i - 1} \right] G^{-d/2} \quad \text{with } G = \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{F}$$

[Bitoun, Bogner, Klausen, Panzer '17]: define (twisted) Mellin Transform

$$\mathcal{M}\{f\}(\nu) := \left( \prod_{k=1}^N N \int_0^\infty \frac{x_k^{\nu_k - 1} dx_k}{\Gamma(\nu_k)} \right) f(x_1, \dots, x_N)$$

Feynman integrals are Mellin transforms:

$$\tilde{I}(\nu) = \mathcal{M}\{G^{-d/2}\}(\nu)$$

with  $\nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N)$  and  $\tilde{I}(\nu) = \Gamma[(L+1)d/2 - \nu] I(\nu)$  (remark: similar for Baikov's rep.)

Properties of Mellin transform

- ①  $\mathcal{M}\{\alpha f + \beta g\}(\nu) = \alpha \mathcal{M}\{f\}(\nu) + \beta \mathcal{M}\{g\}(\nu)$
- ②  $\mathcal{M}\{x_i f\}(\nu) = \nu_i \mathcal{M}\{f\}(\nu + e_i)$
- ③  $\mathcal{M}\{-\partial_i f\}(\nu) = \mathcal{M}\{f\}(\nu - e_i)$  (proof: partial integration + surface term is zero)

Define shift operators

$$(\hat{i}^+ F)(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N) = \nu_i F(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_i + 1, \dots, \nu_N)$$

$$(\hat{i}^- F)(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N) = F(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_i - 1, \dots, \nu_N)$$

which form Weyl algebra,  $[\hat{i}^+, \hat{j}^-] = \delta_{ij}$

## SHIFT RELATIONS FROM ANNIHILATORS

[Lee '14; Bitoun, Bogner, Klausen, Panzer '17]: a differential operator  $P$  which annihilates  $G^{-d/2}$

$$P G^{-d/2}$$

generates via the substitutions  $x_i \rightarrow \hat{i}^+$ ,  $\partial_i \rightarrow -\hat{i}^-$  a shift relation according to

$$\mathcal{M}\{P G^{-d/2}\} = 0$$

In fact, *every* shift relation is related in this way.

consider annihilators beyond linear order:

$$\left[ c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N c_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{i,j=1}^N c_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \dots \right] G^{-d/2} = 0$$

determine  $c_0(x_1, \dots, x_N), \dots$  via syzygy equations:

$$c_0 \left[ -\frac{2}{d} G^2 \right] + \sum_{i=1}^N c_i \left[ G \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} \right] + \sum_{i,j=1}^N c_{ij} \left[ G \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \left( -\frac{d}{2} - 1 \right) \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_j} \right] + \dots = 0$$

Syzygies generate linear relations for Feynman integrals:

$$\left( \left[ c_0(\hat{1}^+, \dots, \hat{N}^+) - \sum_{i=1}^N c_i(\hat{1}^+, \dots, \hat{N}^+) \hat{i}^- + \sum_{i,j=1}^N c_{ij}(\hat{1}^+, \dots, \hat{N}^+) \hat{i}^- \hat{j}^- + \dots \right] \tilde{i} \right) (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N) = 0$$

INTEGRAL SOLUTIONS

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External Leg E1  $q^2 = 0$  ⚡ External Leg E2  $q^2 = 0$  ⚡ External Leg E3  $q^2 = m^2$  ⚡ External Leg E4  $q^2 = m^2$  ⚡

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Description: The authors compute the full set of massless two-loop four-point functions with two off-shell legs with the same invariant mass relevant for diboson production at hadron colliders ( $qq \rightarrow VV$  and  $gg \rightarrow VV$ ). The  $\epsilon$  expansion is given in terms of multiple polylogarithms of uniform weight through to weight four. Results for physical scattering kinematics are optimized for numerical evaluations using  $L_{2,2}$ ,  $L_n$  and log functions. In addition, expansions are provided at the production threshold and in the small mass limit.  
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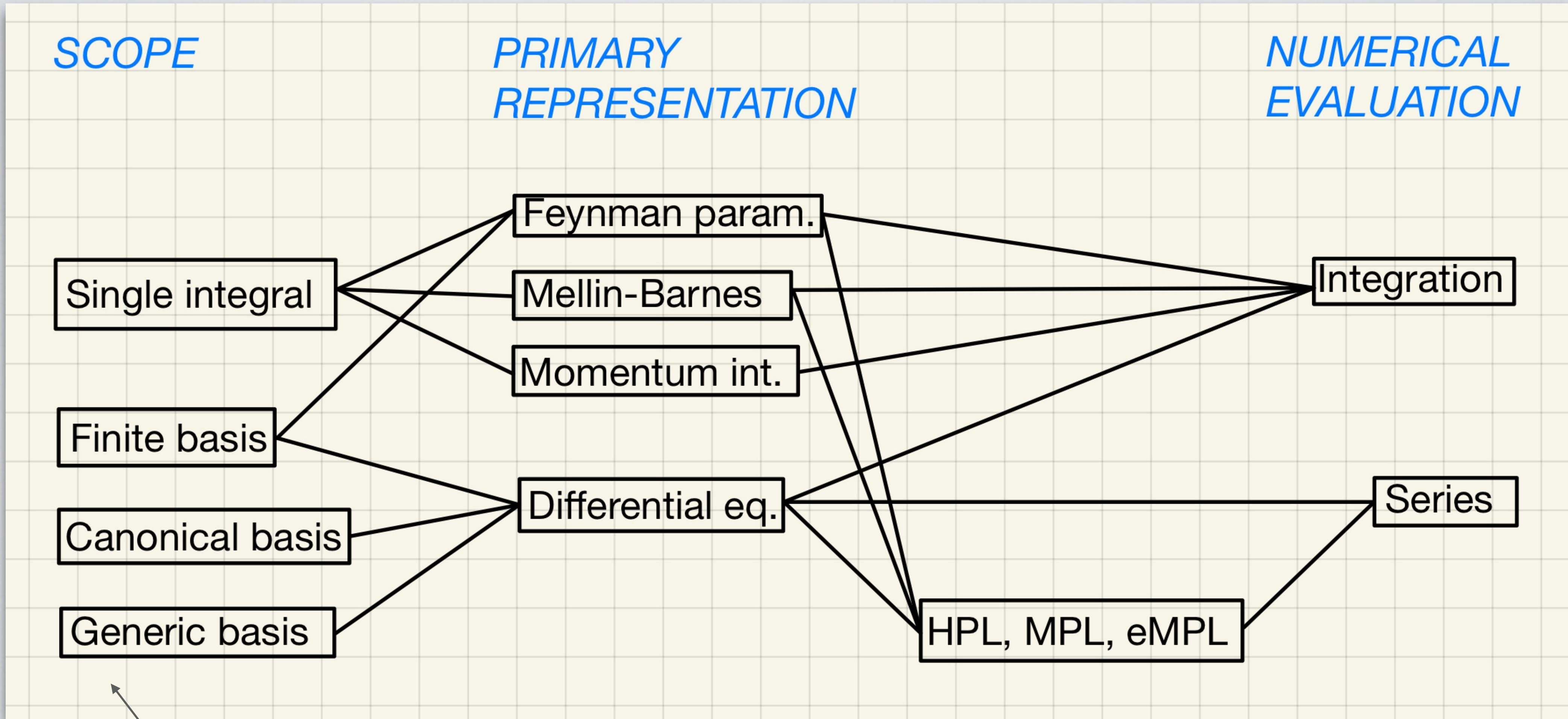
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# EVALUATION OF INTEGRALS



Note: choice of basis also impacts performance. Also useful: just avoid mixed dep. of denominators on d + kinematics

# SOLVE INTEGRALS: DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

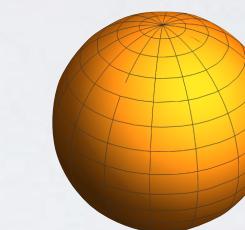
- Integration of differential equations [*Kotikov '91, Remiddi '97*]:

$$\partial_x \vec{I}(x; \epsilon) = A(x; \epsilon) \vec{I}(x; \epsilon)$$

where  $\epsilon = (4 - d)/2$  (analytical or through series expansions)

- Homogeneous solutions for  $\epsilon = 0$  (leading singularities):

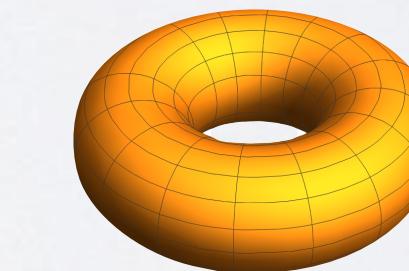
- **Rational number**, e.g.  $1/2$



- **Rational functions**, e.g.  $1/x$

- **Algebraic functions**, e.g.  $\sqrt{x(x-4)}$

- **Elliptic integrals**, e.g.  $K(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(1-z^2)(1-xz^2)}}, \dots$



- Basis change involving homogenous solutions may allow to find  $\epsilon$ -form:

$$d\vec{m} = \epsilon \operatorname{dln}(l_a(x)) A^{(a)}(x) \vec{m}$$

[*Kotikov '10, Henn '13*]

# SYMBOL CALCULUS

- **Great for deriving diff. eq. and solving it:**

$$d\vec{m} = \epsilon \sum_a d \ln(l_a) A^{(a)} \vec{m}$$

- If letters  $l_i$  simple: iterated integration gives **multiple polylogarithms**

e.g.  $l_1 = x, \quad l_2 = x - 1, \quad Li_2(x) = - \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t} \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{t' - 1}$

- **Symbol calculus** [Duhr, Gangl, Rhodes 2011]:  $S(Li_2(x)) = -(\ln(x) \otimes \ln(x - 1))$

- **Letters** form **words** with grammar (log law):

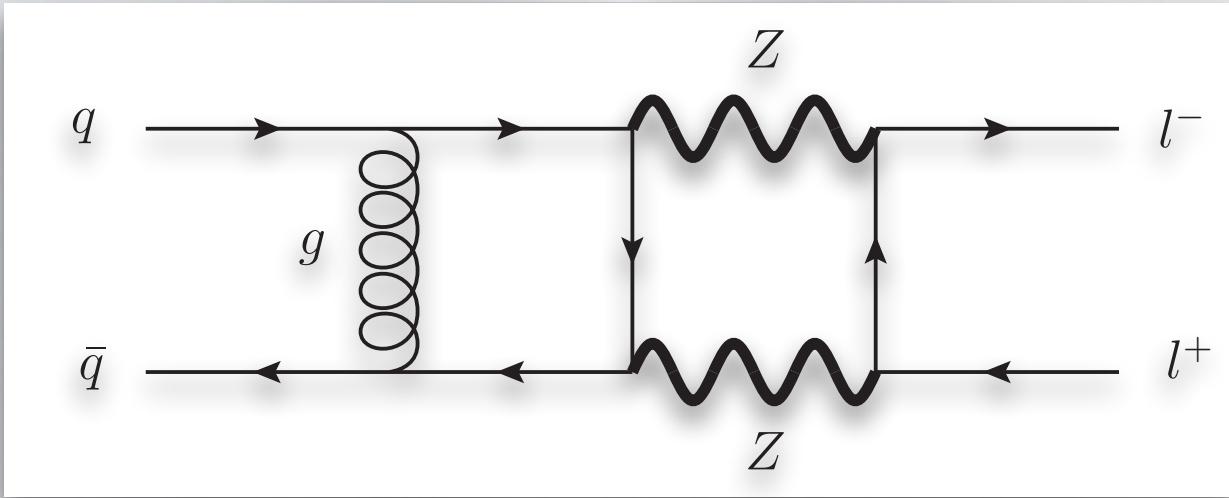
$$\ln(l_1 l_2) \otimes \ln(l_3) = \ln(l_1) \otimes \ln(l_3) + \ln(l_2) \otimes \ln(l_3)$$

- **Computer algebra implementation** allows to automatically derive functional identities, take limits, ...

# ALGEBRAIC LETTERS

- In mixed EW-QCD corrections to DY [Heller, AvM, Schabinger '19]

talk: Tausif Ahmed



provably non-rationalizable root in letters

e.g.  $l_{13} = -(1-w)(z-w)(1-wz) + (1+w)\sqrt{4(1-w)^2wz^2 + (w+z)^2(1+wz)^2}$

- Algebraic letters can be constructed from rational letters plus homogeneous solutions (just the bare root)
- Integrable in terms of multiple polylogarithms:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{32} = & \epsilon^3 \left[ 4 \text{Li}_3 \left( \frac{l_1 l_2 l_6 l_7 l_{10} l_{13}}{l_{14} l_{15} l_{16}} \right) - 2 \text{Li}_3 \left( \frac{l_2^3 l_6 l_7^2}{l_{15} l_{16}} \right) + \dots + 4 \text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{l_6 l_{14} l_{16}}{l_7 l_9 l_{15}} \right) \ln(l_3) + \dots \right] \\ & + \epsilon^4 \left[ - \text{Li}_{2,2} \left( -\frac{l_1^2 l_3 l_{15}}{l_2^2 l_7 l_{14}}, \frac{l_2^2 l_7 l_{15}}{l_1 l_3 l_6 l_{14}} \right) + \dots + \frac{701}{4} \text{Li}_4 \left( \frac{l_1 l_3^2 l_6^2 l_9 l_{14}}{l_2 l_7 l_{13} l_{15} l_{16}} \right) + \dots \right] + O(\epsilon^5) \end{aligned}$$

- Such analytical solutions allow for fast and robust numerical evaluations in Monte Carlo programs

# SOLVE INTEGRALS: PARAMETRIC INTEGRATION OF FINITE INTEGRALS

- General observation

[Panzer 2014; AvM, Panzer, Schabinger 2014]:

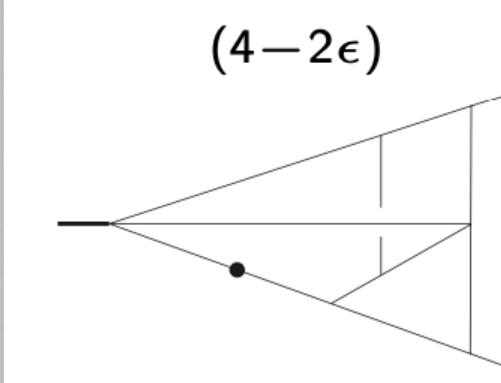
- any **divergent** loop integral can be expressed via **finite** basis integrals
- Reduze 2 finds finite integrals

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram with 4 external lines and 2 internal lines, labeled } (4-2\epsilon) \\
 & = - \frac{4(1-4\epsilon)}{\epsilon(1-\epsilon)q^2} \text{ Diagram with 4 external lines and 1 internal line, labeled } (6-2\epsilon) \\
 & - \frac{2(2-3\epsilon)(5-21\epsilon+14\epsilon^2)}{\epsilon^4(1-\epsilon)^2(2-\epsilon)^2q^2} \text{ Diagram with 4 external lines and 3 internal lines, labeled } (8-2\epsilon) \\
 & + \frac{4(2-3\epsilon)(7-31\epsilon+26\epsilon^2)}{\epsilon^4(1-2\epsilon)(1-\epsilon)^2(2-\epsilon)^2q^2} \text{ Diagram with 4 external lines and 4 internal lines, labeled } (8-2\epsilon)
 \end{aligned}$$

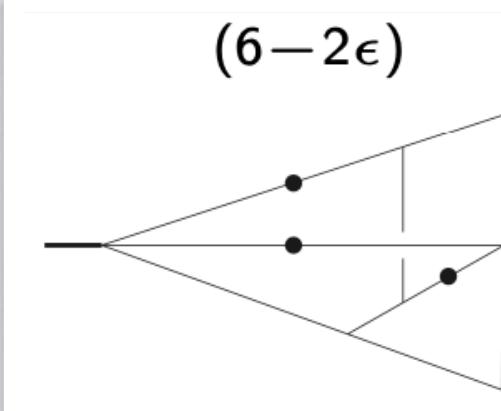
- Expand integrands of **finite** integrals around  $\epsilon = (4 - d)/2 \approx 0$ 
  - If linearly reducible: integrate **analytically** with HyperInt [Panzer 2014]
  - Improved **numerical** evaluations, used for HH [Borowka, Greiner, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner '16], Hj [Jones, Kerner, Lusioni '18], ZH [Chen, Davies, Heinrich, Jones, Kerner, Mishima, Schlenk, Steinhauser '22] ...

# “NICE” FINITE INTEGRALS

- Example: 10 terms in  $\epsilon$  for weight 6 in conventional basis:



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^8} \left( -\frac{1}{144} \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon^7} \left( -\frac{1}{12} \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon^6} \left( \frac{1}{24} \zeta_2 - \frac{7}{36} \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon^5} \left( \frac{29}{24} \zeta_3 + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_2 - \frac{1}{72} \right) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\epsilon^4} \left( \frac{71}{16} \zeta_2^2 + \frac{29}{2} \zeta_3 + \frac{39}{16} \zeta_2 + \frac{335}{144} \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} \left( \frac{1819}{24} \zeta_5 - \frac{23}{6} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{213}{4} \zeta_2^2 + \frac{1211}{24} \zeta_3 + \frac{431}{48} \zeta_2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{47}{18} \right) + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left( -\frac{1285}{24} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{80579}{1008} \zeta_2^3 + \frac{1819}{2} \zeta_5 - 46 \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{25787}{160} \zeta_2^2 + \frac{417}{8} \zeta_3 - \frac{1175}{48} \zeta_2 - \frac{7277}{72} \right) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{434203}{192} \zeta_7 - \frac{7139}{24} \zeta_2 \zeta_5 - \frac{54139}{120} \zeta_2^2 \zeta_3 - \frac{1285}{2} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{80579}{84} \zeta_2^3 + \frac{5571}{2} \zeta_5 - \frac{9005}{24} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{967}{480} \zeta_2^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{4045}{8} \zeta_3 - \frac{733}{24} \zeta_2 + \frac{57635}{72} \right) - \frac{2023}{12} \zeta_{5,3} - \frac{30581}{4} \zeta_3 \zeta_5 - \frac{6829}{24} \zeta_2 \zeta_3^2 + \frac{45893321}{100800} \zeta_2^4 + \frac{434203}{16} \zeta_7 \\
 &- \frac{7139}{2} \zeta_2 \zeta_5 - \frac{54139}{10} \zeta_2^2 \zeta_3 - \frac{10706}{3} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{7987951}{3360} \zeta_2^3 + \frac{1309}{12} \zeta_5 - \frac{30317}{24} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 - \frac{43847}{96} \zeta_2^2 + \frac{32335}{24} \zeta_3 \\
 &+ \frac{2553}{4} \zeta_2 - \frac{334727}{72} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon).
 \end{aligned}$$

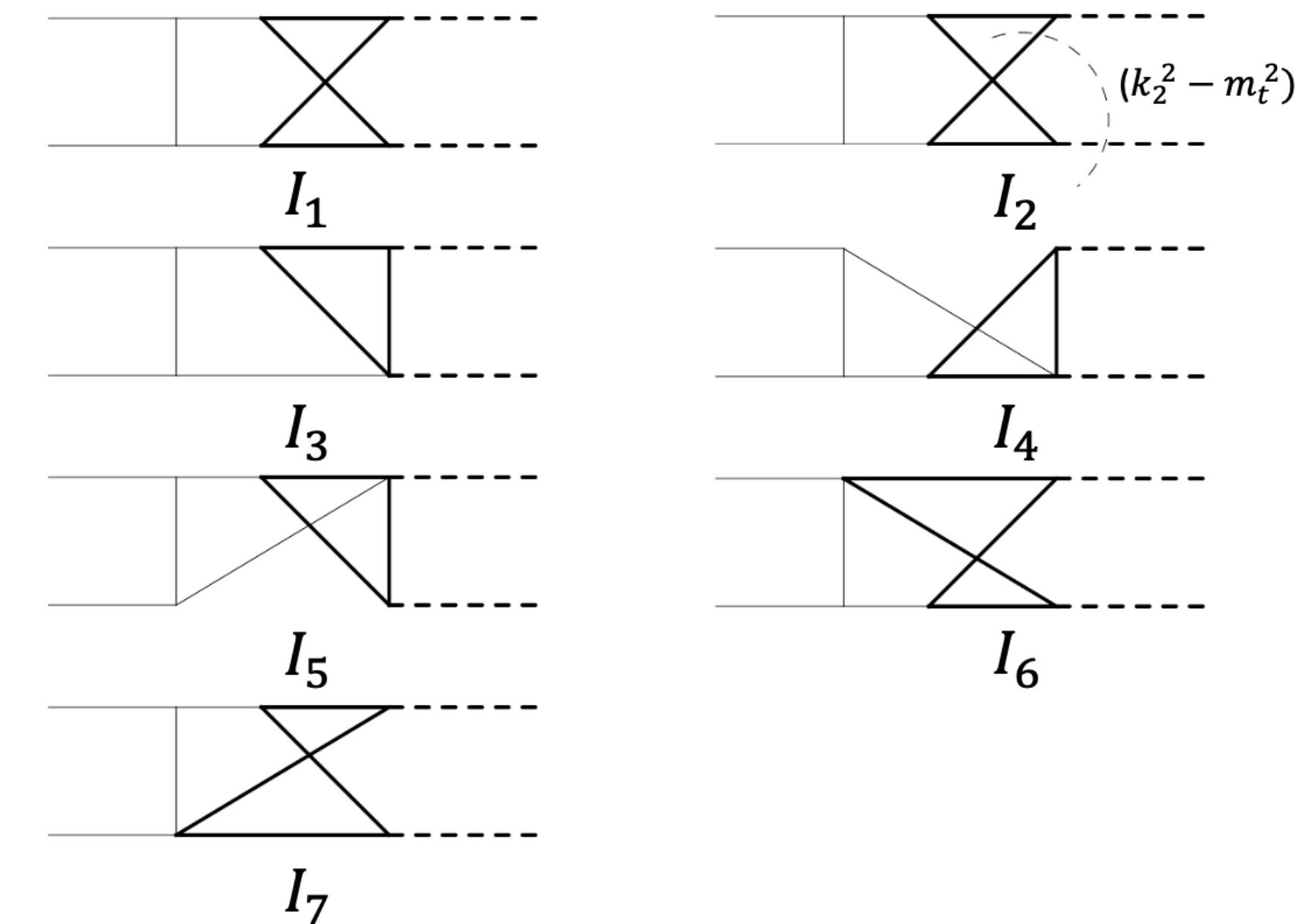


$$= -\frac{3}{2} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{4}{3} \zeta_2^3 + 10 \zeta_5 + 2 \zeta_2 \zeta_3 - \frac{1}{5} \zeta_2^2 - 6 \zeta_3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

- Only 1 term for weight 6 for a nice finite integral:

# GENERALIZED FINITE INTEGRALS

Integral	Rel.Err.	Timing(s)
	$\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	45
	$\sim 4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	63
	$\sim 8 \cdot 10^{-6}$	55
	$\sim 8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	60
Linear combination	$\sim 1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	18



$$I = (m_z^2 - s - t)(sI_1 - I_6) + s(I_2 + I_3 - I_4 - I_5) - (m_z^2 - t)I_7$$

$$I(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_N) = (-1)^{r+\Delta t} \Gamma(\nu - L d/2) \int \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_T} dx_j \right) \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_t} \frac{x^{\nu_j-1}}{\Gamma(\nu_j)} \right) \delta \left( 1 - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_T} x_j \right) \\ \left[ \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{\setminus T}} \frac{\partial^{|\nu_j|}}{\partial x_j^{|\nu_j|}} \right) \left( \prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{\Delta t}} \frac{\partial^{|\nu_j|+1}}{\partial x_j^{|\nu_j|+1}} \right) \frac{\mathcal{U}^{\nu-(L+1)d/2}}{\mathcal{F}^{\nu-Ld/2}} \right]_{x_j=0 \forall j \in \mathcal{N}_{\setminus T}} \quad (\nu_j \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

[Agarwal, AvM, Jones 2020]

Numerical integration used pySecDec

[Borowka, Heinrich, Jahn, Jones, Kerner, Schlenk, Zirke 2017]

# MULTIVARIATE PARTIAL FRACTIONS

- Univariate partial fraction decomposition separates singularities:

$$\frac{x}{(x-1)(x+1)^2} = -\frac{1}{4(x+1)} + \frac{1}{2(x+1)^2} + \frac{1}{4(x-1)}$$

- Iterated partial fractioning introduces spurious poles in multivariate case:

$$\frac{1}{(x-f(y))(x-g(y))} = \frac{1}{(f(y)-g(y))} \frac{1}{(x-f(y))} - \frac{1}{(f(y)-g(y))} \frac{1}{(x-g(y))},$$

for example:

$$\frac{1}{(x+y)(x-y)} = \frac{1}{2y} \frac{1}{(x-y)} - \frac{1}{2y} \frac{1}{(x+y)}$$

- Our approach to be discussed in the following: MultivariateApart [Heller, AvM '21]
- Related work: [Pak '11, Abreu et al '19, Boehm et al '20, Bendle et al '21]
- Motivation: (non-planar) amplitudes sometimes reduced by factor  $O(100)$  in size with respect to common denominator representation

# PARTIAL FRACTIONS VIA POLYNOMIAL REDUCTIONS

- Algorithm: write inverse denominators as  $q_i = 1/d_i$  and reduce polynomial in  $q_1, \dots, x_1, \dots$  with respect to ideal

$$I = \langle q_1 d_1(x_1, \dots) - 1, \dots, q_m d_m(x_1, \dots) - 1 \rangle$$

- Here, polynomial reduction means

$$p' = p - u \cdot g$$

such that  $p'$  “smaller” than  $p$  for some monomial ordering,  $u$  is an arbitrary polynomial and  $g \in I$

- Result will always be unique if we consider all  $g$  from a “Gröbner basis”.
- Depending on monomial ordering we can ensure specific features of output form:
  - Sorting  $q_1, \dots$  before  $x_1, \dots$  guarantees Leinartas (i)
  - A lexicographic ordering of the  $q_1, \dots$  and  $x_1, \dots$  (separately) guarantees also Leinartas (ii), but this is just some choice.

# PARTIAL FRACTIONS FOR AMPLITUDES

The screenshot shows a Mathematica notebook window with the title "multivariateapart.nb". The code demonstrates univariate and multivariate partial fraction decomposition.

**Univariate partial fractions separate terms with different poles:**

```
In[1]:= Apart[1/(x (1+x)), x]
```

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Out[1]= 1/x - 1/(1+x)
```

**Let's consider a multivariate example:**

```
In[2]:= multi = (2 y - x)/(y (x + y) (y - x));
```

Naive iteration introduces spurious poles (here 1/x) for multivariate case:

```
In[3]:= Apart[multi, y]
```

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Out[3]= 1/(x y) + 1/(2 x (-x + y)) - 3/(2 x (x + y))
```

Solution: multivariate partial fractions using methods from polynomial ideal theory:

```
In[4]:= << MultivariateApart`
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MultivariateApart -- Multivariate partial fractions. By Matthias Heller and Andreas von Manteuffel.
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In[5]:= MultivariateApart[multi]
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Out[5]= -1/(2 (x - y) y) + 3/(2 y (x + y))
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Note: minimize denominator degrees ( $\neq$  Leinartas)

- PFD: significant **reduction in size**
- Easy to identify **linear relations** between coefficients
- Easy to **generate fast code** even for complicated amplitudes
- Representation can be tuned for **numerical stability** !  
see  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j$  @ 2-loops  
[Agarwal, Buccioni, AvM, Tancredi '21]

# DENOMINATOR GUESSING

- Suppose we want to reconstruct

$$r = \frac{N}{d_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots d_m^{\alpha_m}}$$

and we have a guess for the multivariate denominator factors, e.g.

$$d_1 = x - y, \quad d_2 = y, \quad d_3 = x + y$$

- Sample variables such that prime factor decomposition of each denominator factor has unique signature, e.g.  $x=17, y=31$ :

$$d_1 = -7 \cdot 2, \quad d_2 = 31, \quad d_3 = 3 \cdot 2^4$$

- Suppose the denominator of the rational function  $r$  is

$$d = 31^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 2^{13}$$

What are the denominator factors ?

- What if we found

$$d = 97 \cdot 31^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 2^{13} ?$$

- Improves rational reconstruction (fewer samples !), guides partial fraction decomposition (no symbolic common denominator form)
- Method above from [\[Heller, AvM '21\]](#), see also [\[Abreu, Dormans, Febres Cordero, Ita, Page '18, De Laurentis, Page '22\]](#)

# FULL-COLOR MASSLESS QCD AMPLITUDES

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

[Caola, AvM, Tancredi '20]

$gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

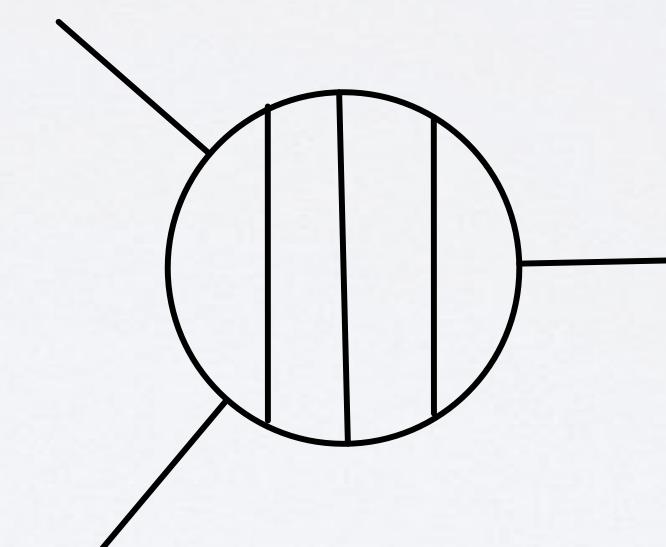
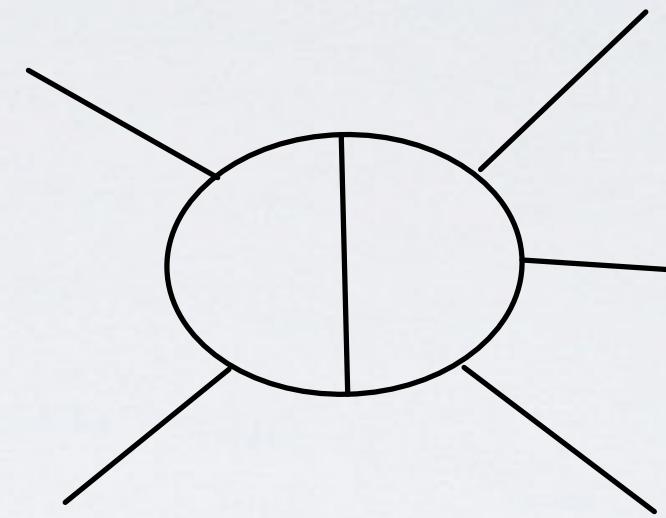
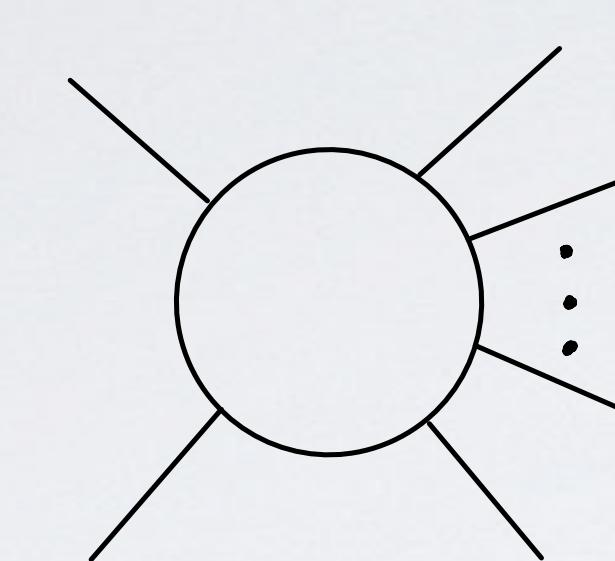
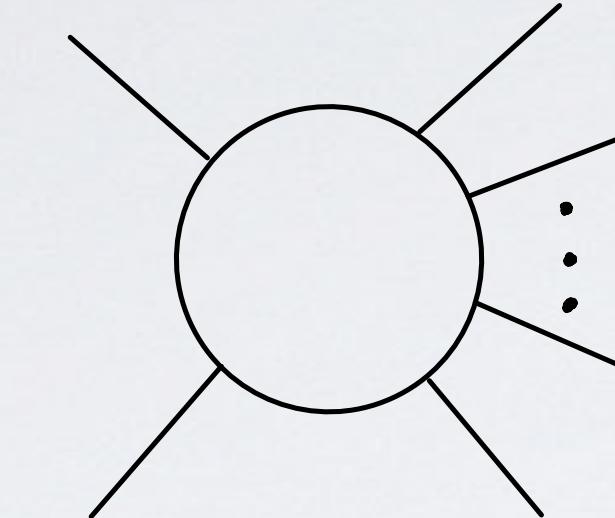
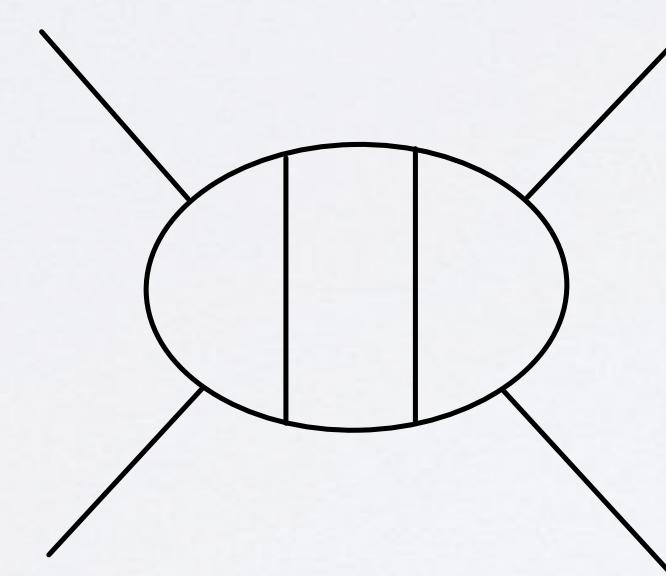
[Bargiela, Caola, AvM, Tancredi '21]

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$ ,  $gg \rightarrow gg$ ,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$ :

[Caola, Chakraborty, Gambuti, AvM, Tancredi '21, '21, '22]

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma g$ :

[Bargiela, Chakraborty, Gambuti '22]



$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^*$ ,  $gg \rightarrow H$

[Lee, AvM, Schabinger, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser '21]

$b\bar{b} \rightarrow H$

[Chakraborty, Huber, Lee, AvM, Schabinger, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser '21]

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j$

[Agarwal, Buccioni, AvM, Tancredi '21]

$gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma j$

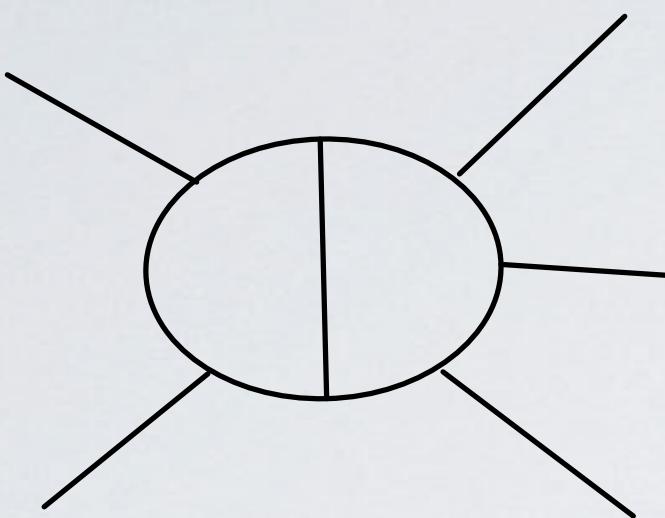
[Badger, Brønnum-Hansen, Chicherin, Gehrmann, Hartanto, Henn, Marcoli, Moodie, Peraro, Zoia '21]

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$

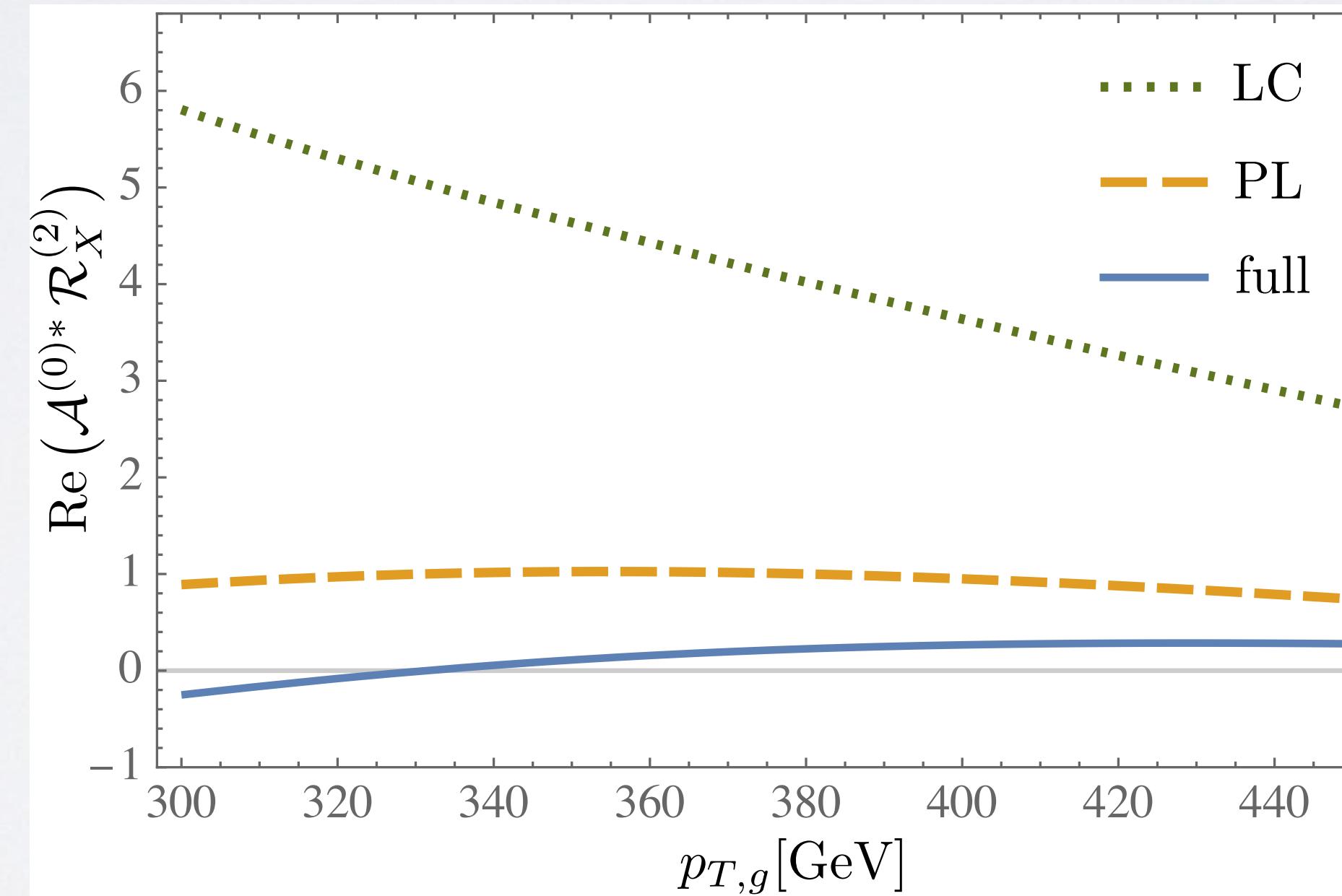
[Abreu, De Laurentis, Ita, Klinkert, Page, Sotnikov '23]

# ACCURACY OF LEADING COLOR APPROXIMATIONS

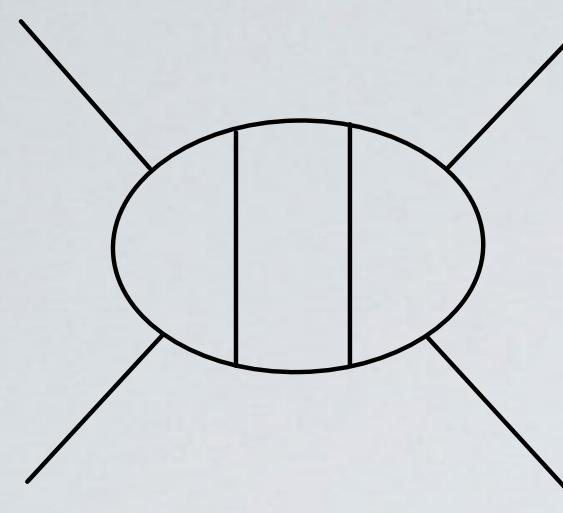
Ex.:  $\gamma\gamma j$  @ NNLO: result w/ leading color virtual: [Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov, Poncelet 2021]  
Public library for master integrals: PentagonFunctions [Chicherin, Sotnikov '20]



Leading color not always a good approximation:  
e.g. 2-loop finite remainder for  $u\bar{u} \rightarrow g\gamma\gamma$  in Catani's scheme:



[Agarwal, Buccioni, AvM, Tancredi PRL '21]



# IR BEYOND DIPOLES

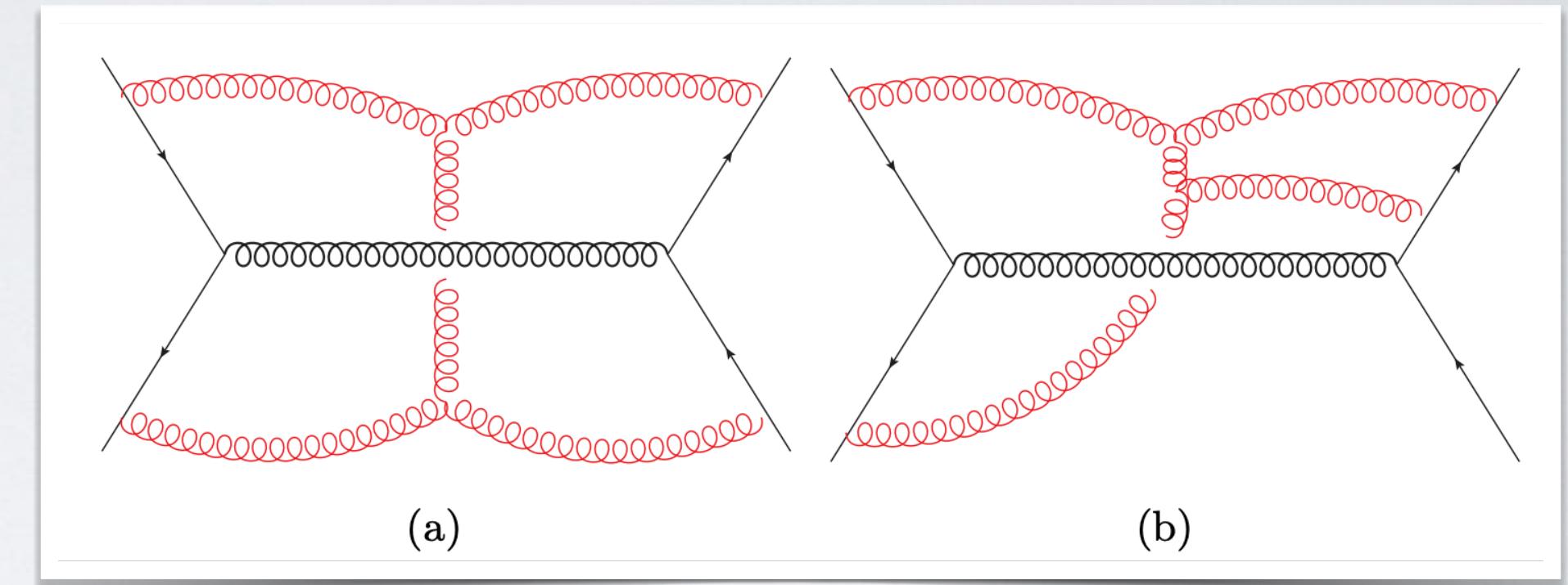
soft anomalous dimension matrix @ 3 loops  
[Almelid, Duhr, Gardi '15]

$$\Gamma(\{p\}, \mu) = \Gamma_{\text{dipole}}(\{p\}, \mu) + \Delta_4(\{p\})$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{dipole}}(\{p\}, \mu) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \frac{\mathbf{T}_i^a \mathbf{T}_j^a}{2} \gamma^{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \log \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-s_{ij} - i\delta} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^4 \gamma^i(\alpha_s)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_4^{(3)} = & 128 f_{abe} f_{cde} \left[ \mathbf{T}_1^a \mathbf{T}_2^c \mathbf{T}_3^b \mathbf{T}_4^d D_1(x) - \mathbf{T}_4^a \mathbf{T}_1^b \mathbf{T}_2^c \mathbf{T}_3^d D_2(x) \right] \\ & - 16 C \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j < k \leq 4 \\ j, k \neq i}} \left\{ \mathbf{T}_i^a, \mathbf{T}_i^d \right\} \mathbf{T}_j^b \mathbf{T}_k^c, \end{aligned}$$

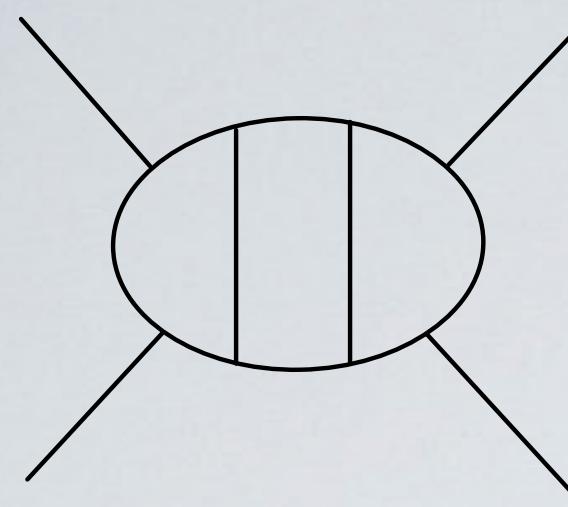
confirmed for N=4 four-point amplitude  
[Henn, Mistlberger '16]



Our calculations confirm the predicted quadrupole structure for QCD in all partonic channels

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}', gg \rightarrow gg, q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$$

[Caola, Chakraborty, Gambuti, AvM, Tancredi '21, '21, '22]



# HIGH ENERGY LIMIT

- Interesting to study high-energy (Regge) limit of amplitudes beyond fixed order
- Regge-cut description to define Regge trajectory beyond 3-loops [*Falcioni, Gardi, Maher, Milloy, Vernazza; Nov '21*]

talk: *Einan Gardi*

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{ren},\pm} = Z_g^2 e^{L \mathbf{T}_t^2 \tau_g} \sum_{n=0}^3 \bar{\alpha}_s^n \sum_{k=0}^n L^k \mathcal{O}_k^{\pm,(n)} \mathcal{H}_{\text{ren}}^{(0)},$$

- Our  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q'\bar{q}'$ ,  $gg \rightarrow gg$ ,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$  calculations [*Caola, Chakraborty, Gambuti, AvM, Tancredi '21, '21, '22*] allowed us to validate the framework and determine missing parameters:
- We extracted 3-loop gluon Regge trajectory, last building block for single-Reggeon exchanges at NNLL

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_3 = & K_3 + N_c^2 \left( 16\zeta_5 + \frac{40\zeta_2\zeta_3}{3} - \frac{77\zeta_4}{3} - \frac{6664\zeta_3}{27} - \frac{3196\zeta_2}{81} + \frac{297029}{1458} \right) + \frac{n_f}{N_c} \left( -4\zeta_4 - \frac{76\zeta_3}{9} + \frac{1711}{108} \right) \\ & + N_c n_f \left( \frac{412\zeta_2}{81} + \frac{2\zeta_4}{3} + \frac{632\zeta_3}{9} - \frac{171449}{2916} \right) + n_f^2 \left( \frac{928}{729} - \frac{128\zeta_3}{27} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

indep. extraction: [*Falcioni, Gardi, Maher, Milloy, Vernazza; Dec '21*]

- Gluon Regge trajectory and gluon and quark impact factors extracted from different partonic 3-loop amplitudes agree

# TOWARDS ALL-N, FOUR-LOOP DGLAP EVOLUTION

# SPLITTING FUNCTIONS

- Factorization of hadronic cross section:

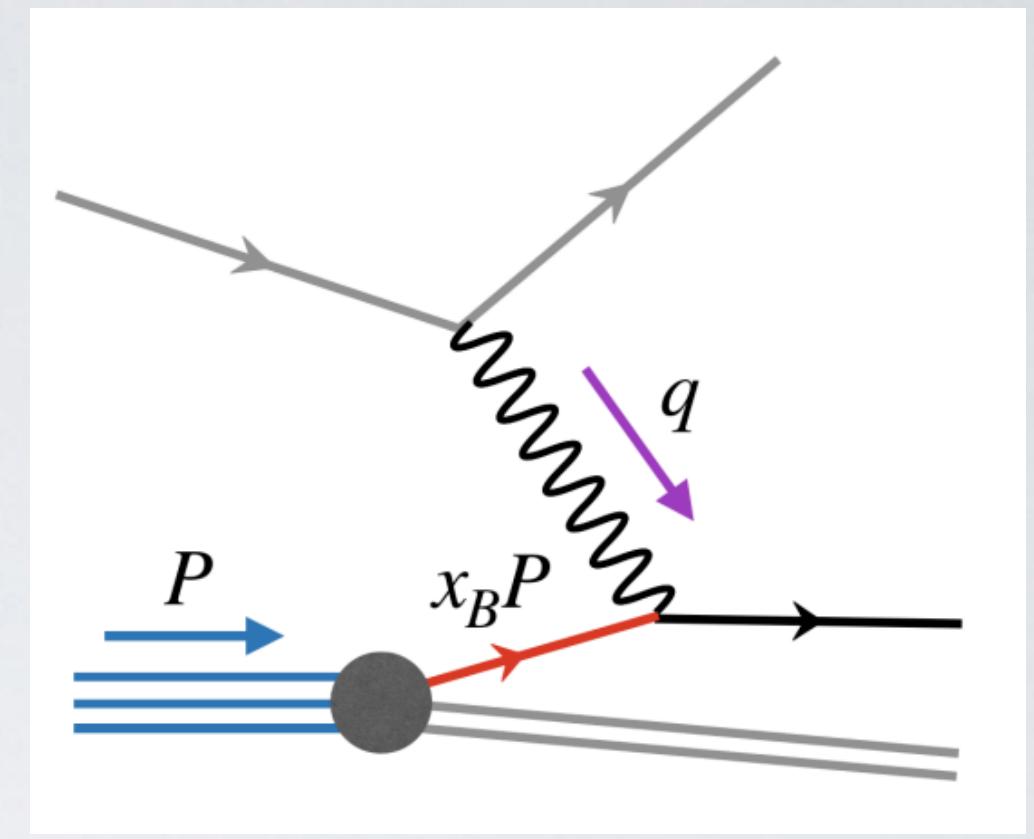
$$\sigma \sim \sum_k f_{k|N}(x) \otimes \sigma_k(x) \text{ with } x = -\frac{q^2}{2P \cdot q}$$

- Splitting functions  $P_{ik}$  govern DGLAP evaluations of PDFs:

$$\frac{df_{i|N}}{d \ln \mu} = 2 \sum_k P_{ik} \otimes f_{k|N}$$

- Consistent N3LO cross section requires 4-loop splitting functions, only partially known:

- Large  $n_f$  limit [Gracey '94, '96; Davies, Vogt, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren '16]
- Non-singlet  $n \leq 16$  from off-shell OMEs [Moch, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, Vogt '17]
- Singlet  $n \leq 8$  from DIS [Moch, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren, Vogt '21]
- Pure-singlet, gluon-quark  $n \leq 20$  from off-shell OMEs [Falcioni, Herzog, Moch, Vogt '23, '23]
- Approximate N3LO PDF fits [McGowan, Cridge, Harland-Lang, Thorne '22; Hekhorn, Magni '23]
- This talk: all- $n$  results for pure-singlet  $n_f^2$  splitting functions



[Image credit: Tong-Zhi Yang]

talk: Giulio Falcioni

# SPLITTING FUNCTIONS FROM OPERATORS

- With Mellin transform  $f_q(n) = - \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} f_q(x)$ ,  $\gamma_{ij}(n) = - \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} P_{ij}(x)$

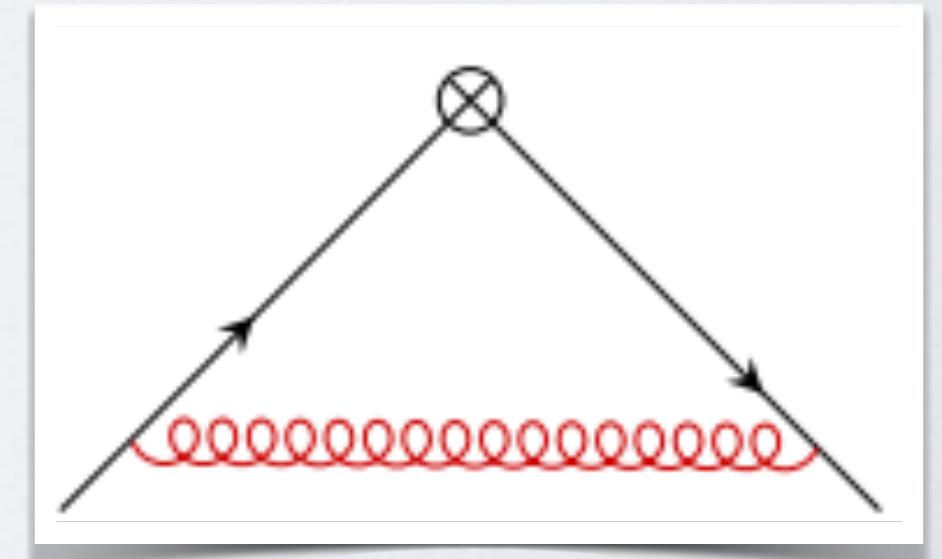
DGLAP becomes  $\frac{df_i(n, \mu)}{d \ln \mu} = -2 \sum_j \gamma_{ij}(n) f_j(n, \mu)$

- The  $\gamma_{ij}(n)$  appear as **anomalous dimensions of twist-two operators**,

e.g. flavor non-singlet:  $O_{q,k} = \frac{i^{n-1}}{2} \left[ \bar{\psi} \Delta_\mu \gamma^\mu (\Delta \cdot D)^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_k}{2} \psi \right]$

with multiplicative renormalization  $O_{q,k}^R = Z^{ns} O_{q,k}^B$  where  $\frac{dZ^{ns}}{d \ln \mu} = -2\gamma^{ns} Z^{ns}$

- Poles of (off-shell) operator matrix elements: **efficient** way to find  $f_q(n)$



# SINGLET CASE AND OPERATOR MIXING

- Singlet twist-two operators:

$$O_q = \frac{i^{n-1}}{2} \left[ \bar{\psi} \Delta_\mu \gamma^\mu (\Delta \cdot D)^{n-1} \psi \right]$$

$$O_g = -\frac{i^{n-2}}{2} \left[ \Delta_\mu G^a{}^\mu{}_\nu (\Delta \cdot D)^{n-2}_{ab} \Delta_\kappa G_b{}^{\kappa\nu} \right]$$

- Singlet operators mix under renormalization
- For off-shell OME, also new, unknown gauge-variant operators contribute
- Gauge-variant operators caused confusion in early literature
- Construction of operators for fixed Mellin moment  $n$  from generalized BRST: [Falcioni, Herzog '22]
- Our goal: **all- $n$  results**
- Our method: directly compute **counter term Feynman rules** from multi-leg off-shell OMEs  
[Gehrmann, AvM, Yang '23]

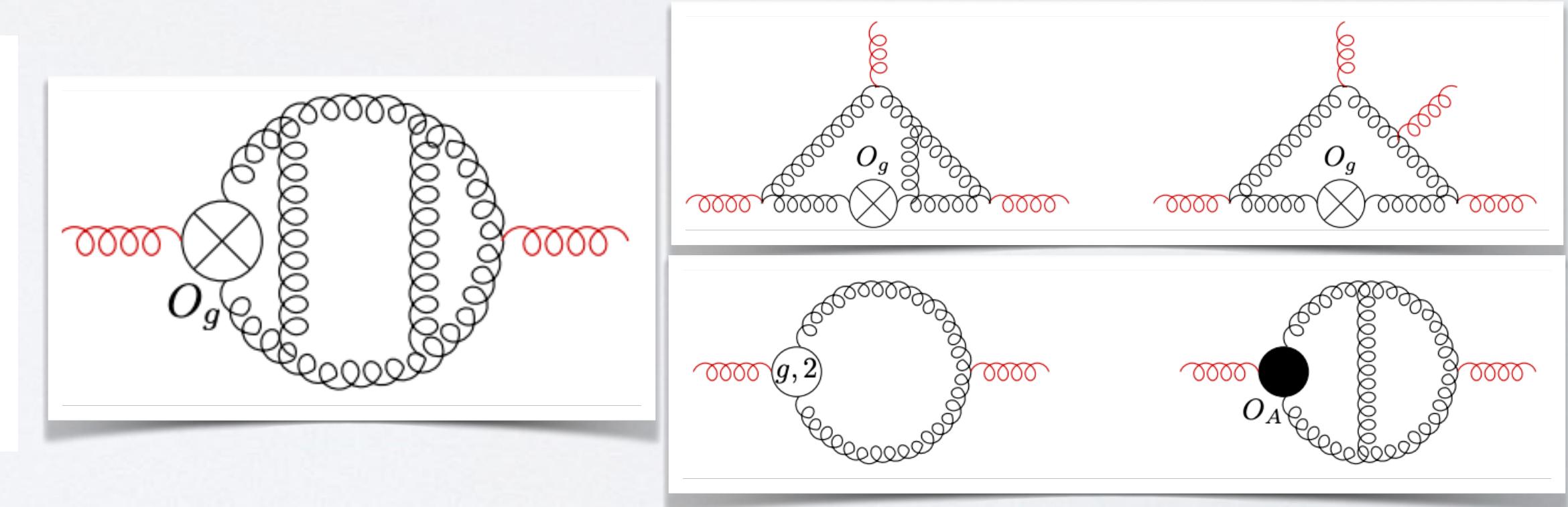
# COUNTER TERMS FROM MULTI-LEG OMES

• Renormalization:

$$\begin{pmatrix} O_q \\ O_g \\ O_{ABC} \end{pmatrix}^R = \begin{pmatrix} Z_{qq} & Z_{qg} & Z_{qA} \\ Z_{gq} & Z_{gg} & Z_{gA} \\ Z_{Aq} & Z_{Ag} & Z_{AA} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} O_q \\ O_g \\ O_{ABC} \end{pmatrix}^B + \begin{pmatrix} [ZO]_q^{GV} \\ [ZO]_g^{GV} \\ [ZO]_A^{GV} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Take OMEs according to  $\langle j | O | j + mg \rangle$  with  $j = q, g, c$  and  $m$  additional gluons
- Expand  $[ZO]^{GV} = \sum_l [ZO]^{GV,(l)} \alpha_s^l$ , determine counter terms from OMEs with extra legs, e.g.:

Loops \ Legs	2	3	4	5
0		$[ZO]_g^{GV,(2)}$	$O_{ABC}$	$O_q, O_g$
1	$[ZO]_g^{GV,(2)}$	$O_{ABC}$	$O_g$	
2	$O_{ABC}$	$O_g$		
3	$O_q, O_g$			



[Gehrman, AvM, Yang '23]

# THREE-LOOP SPLITTING FUNCTIONS

- Operator insertions introduce  $n$  dependent powers of scalar products
- Use **tracing parameter**  $t$  to map to standard linear propagators

[Ablinger, Blümlein, Hasselhuhn, Schneider, Wissbrock '12]

$$(\Delta \cdot p)^{n-1} \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^n (\Delta \cdot p)^{n-1} = \frac{t}{1 - t \Delta \cdot p}$$

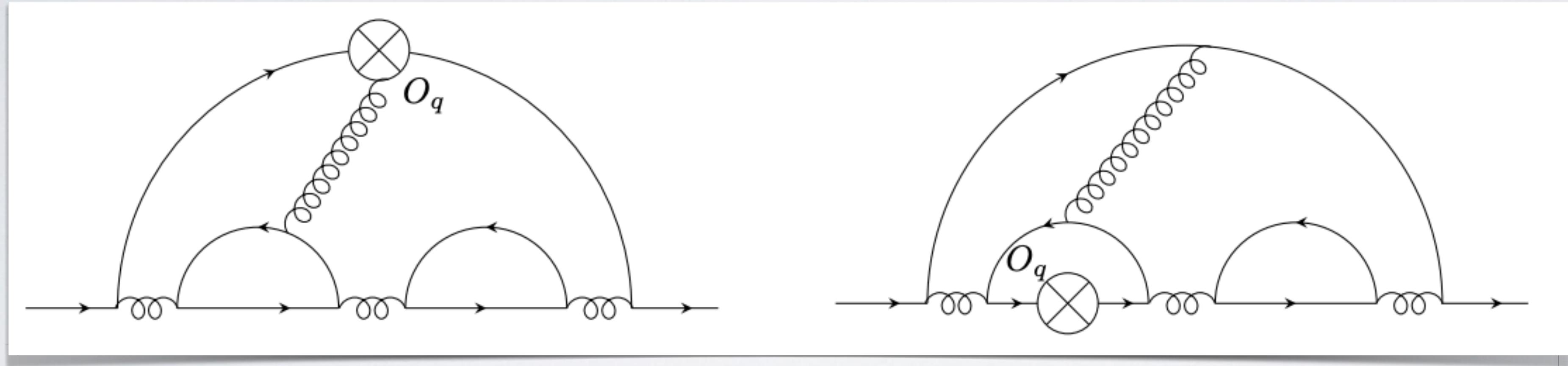
allows to use standard IBP technology

- We applied our method to **3-loop splitting functions**, computation in general  $R_\xi$  gauge
- Differential equations in  $t$ , find  $\epsilon$  factorized form using Canonica and Libra, boundary values known
- Complicated counter terms, involve generalized harmonic sums
- Gauge parameter  $\xi$  drops out, full agreement with [Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt '04, '04]

# FOUR-LOOP PURE SINGLET: $N_f^2$ , ALL-N

- Four-loop contributions for quark, with two or three closed fermion loops

[Gehrmann, AvM, Sotnikov, Yang '23]

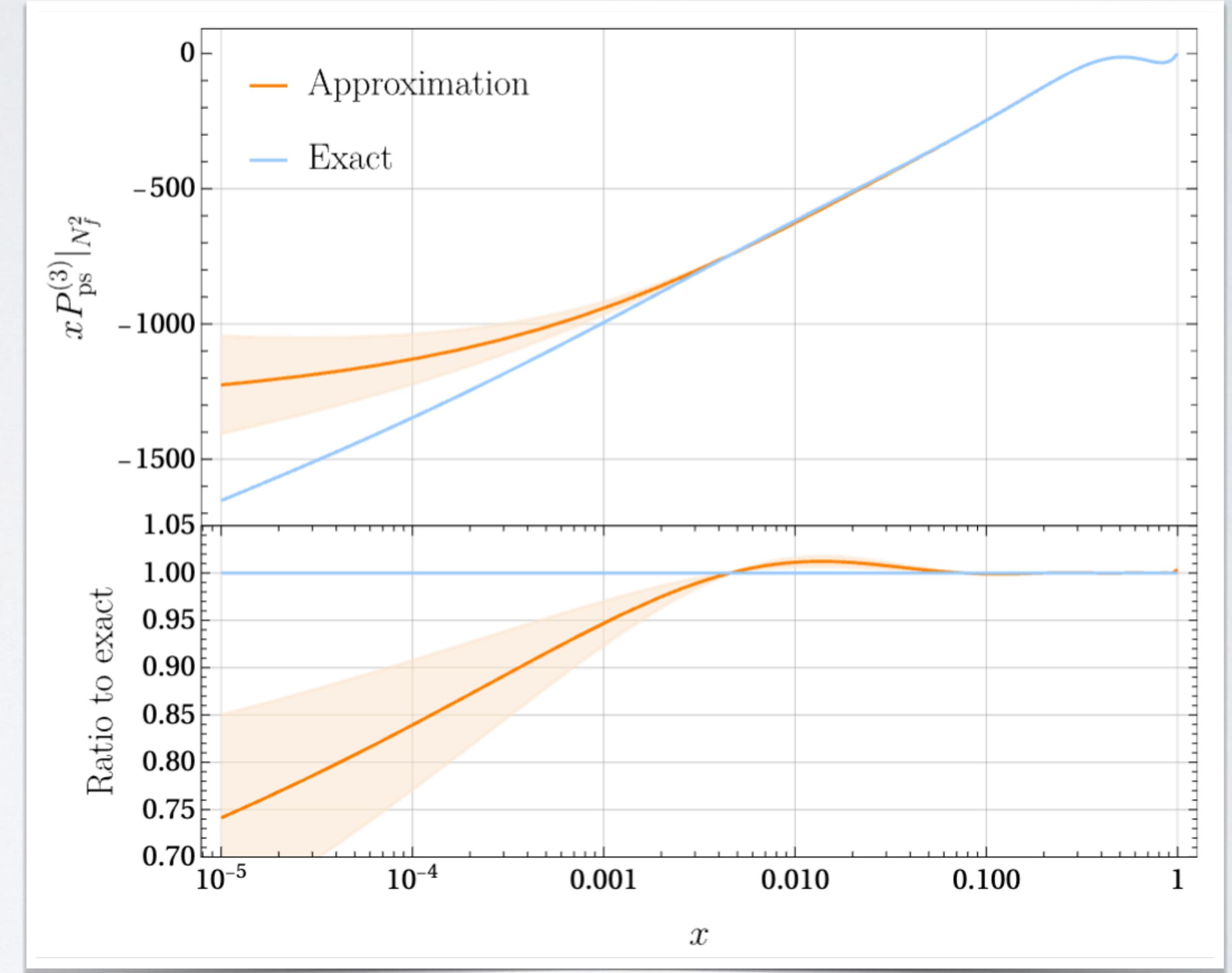


(singlet and non-singlet, also non-planar)

- Use syzygies, compute with linear algebra
- Finred with finite field sampling to derive differential equations, reduction of amplitude
- Simple analytical result for splitting functions in terms of HPLs and powers of x

# ALL-N RESULT IMPROVES SMALL X KNOWLEDGE

- $n \leq 20$  by [Falcioni, Herzog, Moch, Vogt '23]
- partial information for  $x \rightarrow 0$ :  
[Catani, Hautmann '94; Davies, Kom, Moch, Vogt '22]
- leading terms for  $x \rightarrow 1$ :  
[Soar, Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt '09]
- Generate fit similar to [Falcioni, Herzog, Moch, Vogt '23], compare to all- $n$  result:

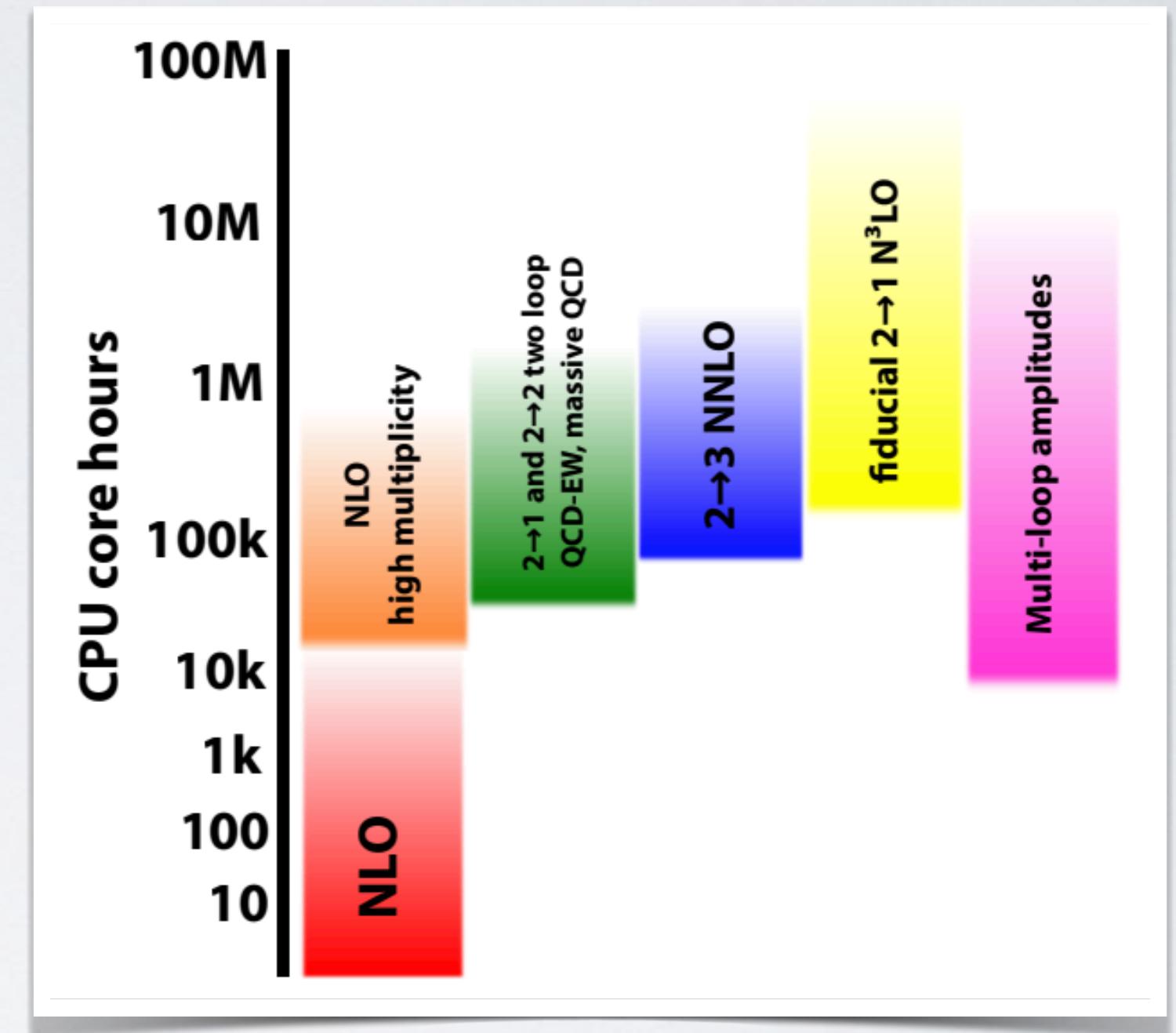


[Gehrman, AvM, Sotnikov, Yang]

# CONCLUSION & OUTLOOK

## Status and Prospects For Future Precision Goals :

- **Numerical methods** easier to automate, avoid expression swell
- **Analytical insights** can enable much better numerical performance
- **Finite-field methods** crucial in many current calculations
- Challenging calculations (mixed EW-QCD, masses, higher loops):
  - Improved **IBP reductions** (fast, low memory, automated)
  - Improved **integral evaluation** (fast, reliable, automated)
  - Improved  $\gamma_5$  **treatment** (rigorous, automated)



From: *Snowmass survey of 53 recent perturbative calculations*  
[Febres-Cordero, AvM, Neumann '22]