

# Hidden Simplicity in QCD and Gravity Amplitudes

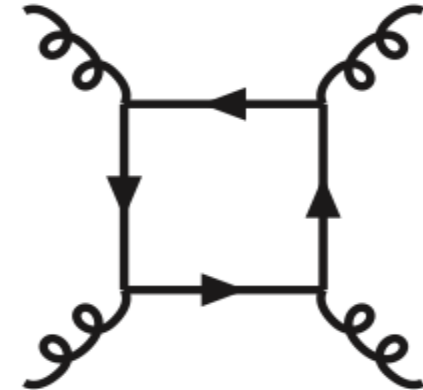
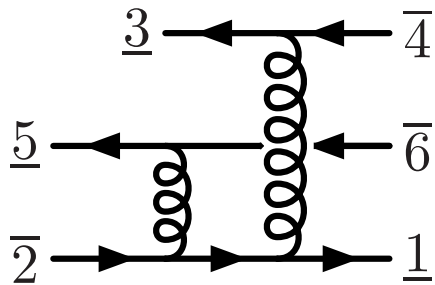
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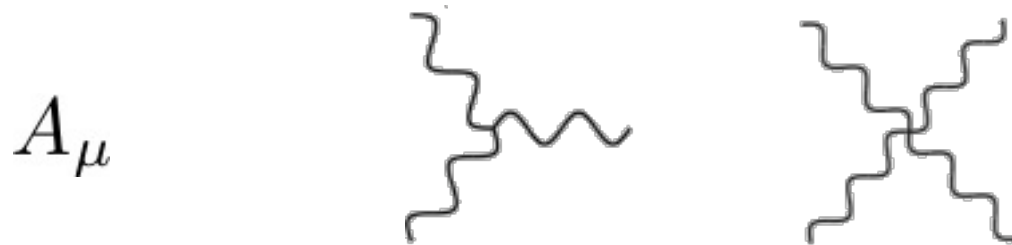


work with Alexander Ochirov [1407.4772, 1507.00332]  
and Marco Chiodaroli, Murat Gunaydin, Radu Roiban  
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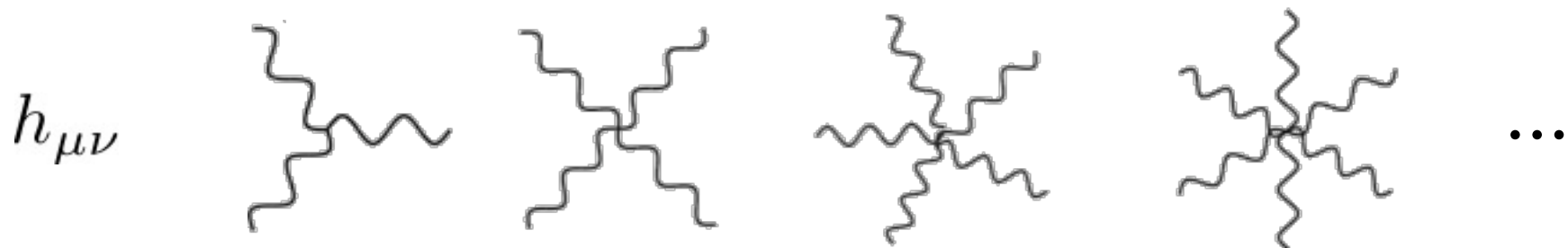
# Gauge and gravity theories

A story of Hidden Simplicity using basic QFT properties:

Gauge theories: massless spin-1, gauge invariance, color, ...



Gravity theories: massless spin-2, diffeomorphism invariance, ...



→ observe striking simplicity in general structure of these theories

# Amplitudes in a gauge theory

cubic diagram form:

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{i \in \text{cubic}} \frac{n_i c_i}{D_i}$$

kinematic numerators  
color factors  
propagators

$n_i \equiv \varepsilon_\mu(p) n_i^\mu$  Consider a gauge transformation  $\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon + \alpha p$

$$n_i \rightarrow n_i + \Delta_i \quad \Delta_i = \alpha p_\mu n_i^\mu$$

Invariance of  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{tree}}$  requires that  $c_i$  are linearly dependent

$$c_i - c_j = c_k \quad [\text{Jacobi id. or Lie alg. commutation}]$$

we automatically have:

$$\sum_{i \in \text{cubic}} \frac{\Delta_i c_i}{D_i} = 0$$

# Build gravity amplitudes

Assume the gauge freedom can be exploited to find numerators

$$C_i - C_j = C_k \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad n_i - n_j = n_k$$

dual to the color factors

Then the double copy  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{i \in \text{cubic}} \frac{n_i \tilde{n}_i}{D_i} \rightarrow \text{Gravity}$

describes a spin-2 theory  $\varepsilon_{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon_\mu \varepsilon_\nu$

invariant under (linear) diffeos  $\varepsilon_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \varepsilon_{\mu\nu} + p_\mu \xi_\nu + \xi_\mu p_\nu$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{tree}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \in \text{cubic}} \frac{\Delta_i \tilde{n}_i}{D_i} + \sum_{i \in \text{cubic}} \frac{n_i \tilde{\Delta}_i}{D_i}}_{= 0}$$

# Outline

- Motivation & review: color-kinematics duality
  - Various gravity/gauge theories
- Generalization to QCD tree amplitudes
- New color decomposition
- Primitive amplitude relations for QCD
- Double copies of QCD
- Simple one loop application: 1-loop 4pt
- Conclusion

# Color-kinematics duality

# Color-kinematics duality for pure (S)YM

YM theories are controlled by a hidden kinematic Lie algebra

- Amplitude expanded in terms of cubic graphs:

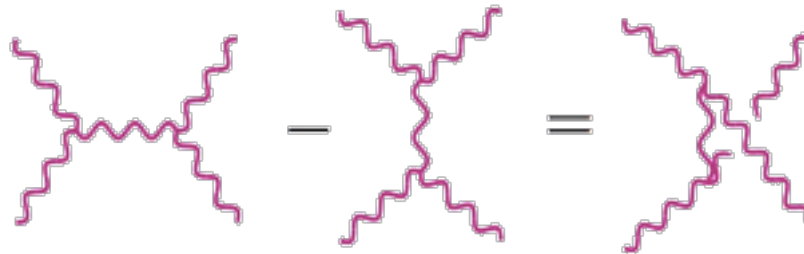
$$\mathcal{A}_n^{(L)} = \sum_{i \in \Gamma_3} \int \frac{d^{LD} \ell}{(2\pi)^{LD}} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i c_i}{p_{i_1}^2 p_{i_2}^2 p_{i_3}^2 \cdots p_{i_l}^2}$$

← kinematic numerators  
← color factors  
← propagators

Color & kinematic numerators satisfy same relations:

$$n_i - n_j = n_k \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad c_i - c_j = c_k$$

Bern, Carrasco, HJ



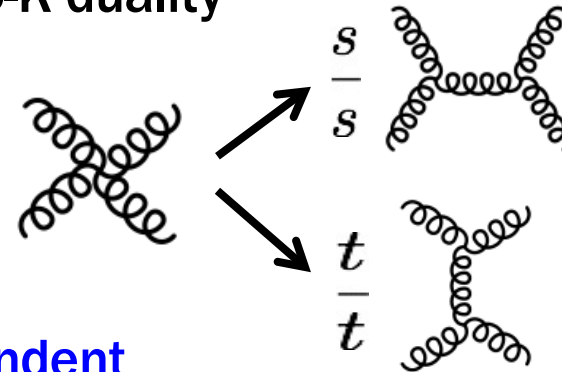
Jacobi identity

$$f^{dac} f^{cbe} - f^{dbc} f^{cae} = f^{abc} f^{dce} \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_i - c_j = c_k$$

# Generalized gauge transformations

In general Feynman diagrams do not obey C-K duality

- Four-gluon vertex absorbed into cubic graphs  $\rightarrow$  ambiguity



- Feynman diagrams are gauge-dependent  $\rightarrow$  no reason to expect C-K duality to be present in all gauges

Amplitudes are invariant under “generalized gauge transformations”

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

but not duality:  $n_i - n_j \stackrel{?}{=} n_k \Leftrightarrow c_i - c_j = c_k$

**Claim:** starting from a general gauge there exists transformations  $\Delta_i$  that makes the numerators obey the duality !

Bern, Carrasco, HJ ('08 - '10)

shown  $\rightarrow$  Lee, Mafra, Schlotterer ('15)



# Gauge-invariant relations (pure glue)

$$A(1, 2, \dots, n-1, n) = A(n, 1, 2, \dots, n-1) \quad \text{cyclicity} \rightarrow (n-1)! \text{ basis}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} A(1, 2, \dots, i, n, i+1, \dots, n-1) = 0 \quad \text{U(1) decoupling}$$

Mangano, Parke, Xu

$$A(1, \beta, 2, \alpha) = (-1)^{|\beta|} \sum_{\sigma \in \alpha \sqcup \beta^T} A(1, 2, \sigma) \quad \text{Kleiss-Kuijff relations ('89)}$$

(n-2)! basis

$$\sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=2}^i s_{jn} \right) A(1, 2, \dots, i, n, i+1, \dots, n-1) = 0$$

$$A(1, 2, \alpha, 3, \beta) = \sum_{\sigma \in S(\alpha) \sqcup \beta} A(1, 2, 3, \sigma) \prod_{i=1}^{|\alpha|} \frac{\mathcal{F}(3, \sigma, 1|i)}{s_{2, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i}}$$

BCJ relations ('08)  
(n-3)! basis

BCJ rels. proven via string theory by **Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove; Stieberger ('09)**

and field theory proofs through BCFW: **Feng, Huang, Jia; Chen, Du, Feng ('10 -'11)**

Relations used in string calcs: **Mafra, Stieberger, Schlotterer, et al. ('11 -'15)**

Relations used by **Cachazo, He, Yuan** to motivate **CHY** and scattering eqns ('13)

# Gravity is a double copy of YM

Gravity amplitudes obtained by replacing color with kinematics

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

double copy  
Bern, Carrasco, HJ

- The two numerators can differ by a generalized gauge transformation  
→ only one copy needs to satisfy the kinematic algebra
- The two numerators can differ by the external/internal states  
→ graviton, dilaton, axion ( $B$ -tensor), matter amplitudes
- The two numerators can belong to different theories  
→ give a host of different gravitational theories

equivalent to  
KLT at tree level  
for adj. reps

# Squaring of YM theory

Gravity processes = squares of gauge theory ones - entire S-matrix

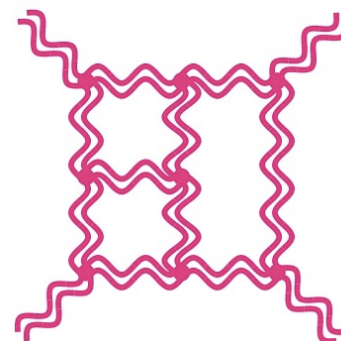
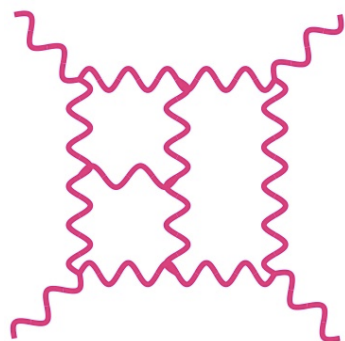
Bern, Carrasco, HJ ('10)

Yang-Mills

Gravity



squared  
numerators



E.g. pure Yang-Mills



Einstein gravity + dilaton + axion

$\mathcal{N}=4$  super-YM



$\mathcal{N}=8$  supergravity

# Which “gauge” theories obey C-K duality

- Pure  $\mathcal{N}=0,1,2,4$  super-Yang-Mills (any dimension) } Bern, Carrasco, HJ ('08)
- Self-dual Yang-Mills theory O'Connell, Monteiro ('11) } Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove; Stieberger; Feng et al. Mafrá, Schlotterer, etc ('08-'11)
- Heterotic string theory Stieberger, Taylor ('14)
- Yang-Mills +  $F^3$  theory Broedel, Dixon ('12)
- QCD, super-QCD, higher-dim QCD HJ, Ochirov ('15)
- Generic matter coupled to  $\mathcal{N}=0,1,2,4$  super-Yang-Mills } Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, Roiban; HJ, Ochirov ('14)
- Spontaneously broken  $\mathcal{N}=0,2,4$  SYM Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('15)
- Yang-Mills + scalar  $\phi^3$  theory Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('14)
- Bi-adjoint scalar  $\phi^3$  theory } Bern, de Freitas, Wong ('99), Bern, Dennen, Huang; Du, Feng, Fu; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Monteiro, O'Connell
- NLSM/Chiral Lagrangian Chen, Du ('13)
- $D=3$  Bagger-Lambert-Gustavsson theory (Chern-Simons-matter) Bargheer, He, McLoughlin; Huang, HJ, Lee ('12-'13)

# Which “gravity” theories are double copies

- Pure  $\mathcal{N}=4,5,6,8$  supergravity ( $2 < D < 11$ ) KLT ('86), Bern, Carrasco, HJ ('08-'10)
- Einstein gravity and pure  $\mathcal{N}=1,2,3$  supergravity HJ, Ochirov ('14)
- Self-dual gravity O'Connell, Monteiro ('11)
- Closed string theories Mafrá, Schlotterer, Stieberger ('11); Stieberger, Taylor ('14)
- Einstein +  $R^3$  theory Broedel, Dixon ('12)
- Abelian matter coupled to supergravity  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Carrasco, Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, Roiban ('12)} \\ \text{HJ, Ochirov ('14 - '15)} \end{array} \right.$
- Magical sugra, homogeneous sugra Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('15)
- SYM coupled to supergravity Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('14)
- Spontaneously broken YM-Einstein gravity Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('15)
- $D=3$  supergravity (BLG Chern-Simons-matter theory)<sup>2</sup>  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Bargheer, He, McLoughlin;} \\ \text{Huang, HJ, Lee ('12-'13)} \end{array} \right.$
- Born-Infeld, DBI, Galileon theories (CHY form) Cachazo, He, Yuan ('14)

# Color-Kinematics Duality for QCD

# Defining QCD

'QCD' is taken to be the following theory:

$SU(N_c)$  YM +  $N_f$  massive quarks

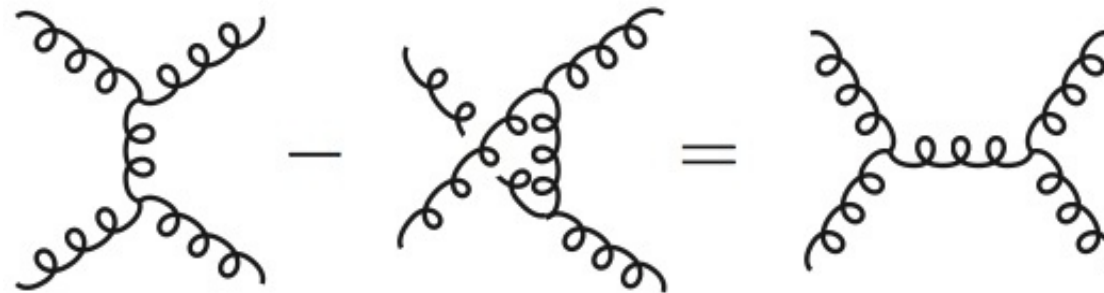
In fact, everything I say will also apply to:

$G_c$  YM +  $N_f$  massive complex-rep. fermions  
/scalars

in  $D$  dimensions or SUSY extended SQCD

# Only use two Lie-algebra properties

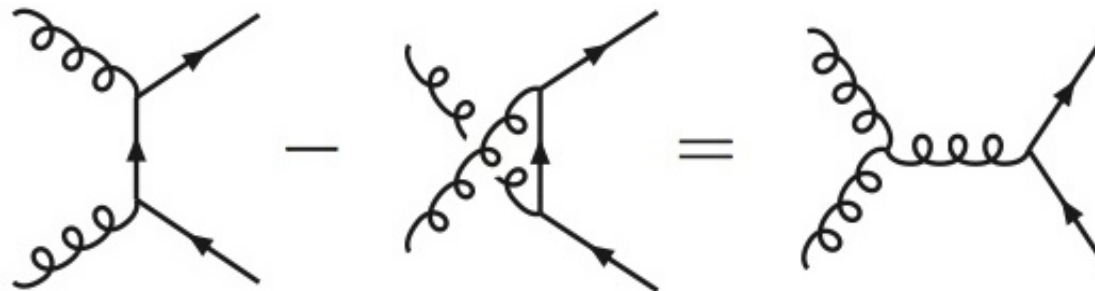
Jacobi Id.



adjoint repr.  
or gluon, or  
vector multipl.

$$\tilde{f}^{dac} \tilde{f}^{cbe} - \tilde{f}^{dbc} \tilde{f}^{cae} = \tilde{f}^{abc} \tilde{f}^{dce}$$

Commutation Id.



fund. repr.  
or fermion, or  
complex scalar,  
or matter multipl.

$$T_{i\bar{k}}^a T_{k\bar{j}}^b - T_{i\bar{k}}^b T_{k\bar{j}}^a = \tilde{f}^{abc} T_{i\bar{j}}^c$$

Duality:

$$n_i - n_j = n_k \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad c_i - c_j = c_k$$



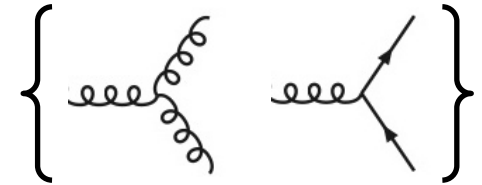
# Amplitude presentation for QCD

QCD amplitude with  $k$  quark lines of distinct flavor:

HJ, Ochirov

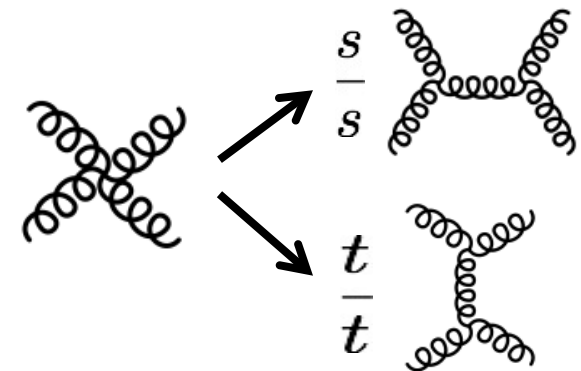
$$\mathcal{A}_{n,k}^{(L)} = \sum_i \int \frac{d^{LD} \ell}{(2\pi)^{LD}} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i c_i}{D_i}$$

sum is over all cubic gluon-quark graphs with vertices  
Color factors  $c_i$  are built out of  $f^{abc}$ ,  $T_{ij}^a$



Number of cubic tree-level graphs

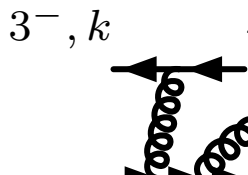
| $k \setminus n$ | 3 | 4 | 5  | 6   | 7   | 8     |
|-----------------|---|---|----|-----|-----|-------|
| 0               | 1 | 3 | 15 | 105 | 945 | 10395 |
| 1               | 1 | 3 | 15 | 105 | 945 | 10395 |
| 2               | - | 1 | 5  | 35  | 315 | 3465  |
| 3               | - | - | -  | 7   | 63  | 693   |
| 4               | - | - | -  | -   | -   | 99    |



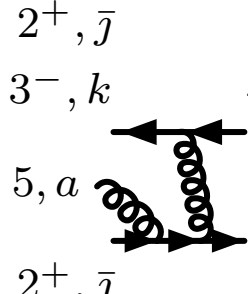
$$\nu(n, k) = \frac{(2n-5)!!}{(2k-1)!!} \text{ for } 2k \leq n$$

# n=5 k=2 example

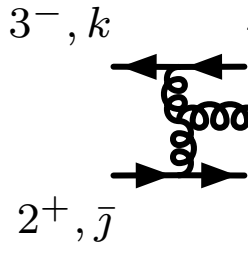
Look at 3 Feynman diagrams out of 5 in total:



$$5, a = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{s_{15}s_{34}} T_{i\bar{m}}^a T_{m\bar{j}}^b T_{k\bar{l}}^b \langle 1|\varepsilon_5|1+5|3\rangle [24] = \frac{c_1 n_1}{D_1}$$



$$5, a = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{s_{25}s_{34}} T_{i\bar{m}}^b T_{m\bar{j}}^a T_{k\bar{l}}^b \langle 13\rangle [2|\varepsilon_5|2+5|4] = \frac{c_2 n_2}{D_2}$$



$$5, a = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}} \tilde{f}^{abc} T_{i\bar{j}}^b T_{k\bar{l}}^c \left( \langle 1|\varepsilon_5|2\rangle \langle 3|5|4\rangle - \langle 1|5|2\rangle \langle 3|\varepsilon_5|4\rangle \right. \\ \left. - 2 \langle 13\rangle [24] ((k_1 + k_2) \cdot \varepsilon_5) \right) = \frac{c_5 n_5}{D_5}$$

Not gauge invariant, but satisfy color-kinematics duality

$$c_1 - c_2 = -c_5 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad n_1 - n_2 = -n_5$$

# Color decomposition

$SU(N_c)$  basis decomposition

Mangano, Parke, Xu;  
Berends, Giele;  
Mangano; Kosower + more

only gluons:  $\mathcal{A}_{n,0}^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}(\{2, \dots, n\})} \text{Tr}(T^{a_1} T^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) A(1, \sigma(2), \dots, \sigma(n))$

with quarks more complicated  $\sim \frac{1}{N_c^p} (T^{a_{2k+1}} \dots T^{a_{l_1}})_{i_1 \bar{\alpha}_1} (T^{a_{l_1+1}} \dots T^{a_{l_2}})_{i_2 \bar{\alpha}_2} \dots (T^{a_{l_{k-1}+1}} \dots T^{a_n})_{i_k \bar{\alpha}_k}$

e.g.  $k=1$   $\mathcal{A}_{n,1}^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}(\{3, \dots, n\})} (T^{a_{\sigma(3)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(n)}})_{\bar{j}_2 i_1} A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \sigma(3), \dots, \sigma(n))$

The diagram shows a horizontal chain of vertices. From left to right: an incoming line labeled  $\bar{2}$ , a vertex with a wavy gluon line labeled  $\sigma(3)$ , another vertex with a wavy gluon line labeled  $\sigma(4)$ , an ellipsis, and finally a vertex with a wavy gluon line labeled  $\sigma(n)$ . The chain ends with an outgoing line labeled  $1$ .

## Del Duca, Dixon, Maltoni (DDM) basis

$$\mathcal{A}_{n,0}^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}(\{3, \dots, n\})} \tilde{f}^{a_2 a_{\sigma(3)} b_1} \tilde{f}^{b_1 a_{\sigma(4)} b_2} \dots \tilde{f}^{b_{n-3} a_{\sigma(n)} a_1} A(1, 2, \sigma(3), \dots, \sigma(n))$$

Properties: valid for any G, gives small  $(n - 2)!$  basis

# Dyck words

Basis of planar (color-ordered) tree amplitudes:

only quarks  $\left\{ A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \sigma) \mid \sigma \in \text{Dyck}_{k-1} \right\}$  **T. Melia**

six-point example:

$$\text{XYXY} \Rightarrow (\underline{3}, \bar{4}, \underline{5}, \bar{6}), (\underline{5}, \bar{6}, \underline{3}, \bar{4}) \Leftrightarrow \{3\ 4\}\{5\ 6\}, \{5\ 6\}\{3\ 4\},$$

$$\text{XXYY} \Rightarrow (\underline{3}, \underline{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{4}), (\underline{5}, \underline{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}) \Leftrightarrow \{3\{5\ 6\}4\}, \{5\{3\ 4\}6\}.$$

**basis:**  $A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \underline{3}, \bar{4}, \underline{5}, \bar{6}), A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \underline{5}, \bar{6}, \underline{3}, \bar{4}), A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \underline{3}, \underline{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{4})$  and  $A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \underline{5}, \underline{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{6})$

**Color  
coefficients:**

**HJ, Ochirov**

$$C_{\underline{1}\bar{2}\underline{3}\bar{4}\underline{5}\bar{6}} = \begin{array}{c} \underline{3} \leftarrow \bar{4} \quad \underline{5} \leftarrow \bar{6} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \underline{2} \rightarrow \bar{1} \end{array}, \quad C_{\underline{1}\bar{2}\underline{3}\bar{5}\bar{6}\bar{4}} = \begin{array}{c} \underline{5} \leftarrow \bar{6} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \underline{2} \rightarrow \bar{1} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \underline{3} \leftarrow \bar{4} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \underline{2} \rightarrow \bar{1} \end{array}$$

$$C_{\underline{1}\bar{2}\underline{5}\bar{6}\bar{3}\bar{4}} = \begin{array}{c} \underline{5} \leftarrow \bar{6} \quad \underline{3} \leftarrow \bar{4} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \underline{2} \rightarrow \bar{1} \end{array}, \quad C_{\underline{1}\bar{2}\underline{5}\bar{3}\bar{4}\bar{6}} = \begin{array}{c} \underline{3} \leftarrow \bar{4} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \underline{2} \rightarrow \bar{1} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \underline{5} \leftarrow \bar{6} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \underline{2} \rightarrow \bar{1} \end{array}$$

# Melia basis

Basis of planar (color-ordered) tree amplitudes:

gluons & quarks  $\{A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \sigma) \mid \sigma \in \text{Dyck}_{k-1} \times \{\text{gluon insertions}\}_{n-2k}\}$

T. Melia

size of basis:

$$\varkappa(n, k) = \underbrace{\frac{(2k-2)!}{k!(k-1)!}}_{\text{dressed quark brackets}} \times (k-1)! \times \underbrace{(2k-1)(2k)\dots(n-2)}_{\text{insertions of } (n-2k) \text{ gluons}} = \frac{(n-2)!}{k!}$$

empty brackets

| $k \setminus n$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  | 7   | 8   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|----|-----|-----|
| 0               | 1 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 120 | 720 |
| 1               | 1 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 120 | 720 |
| 2               | - | 1 | 3 | 12 | 60  | 360 |
| 3               | - | - | - | 4  | 20  | 120 |
| 4               | - | - | - | -  | -   | 30  |

Color decomposition, any  $G_c, k$ , any rep.

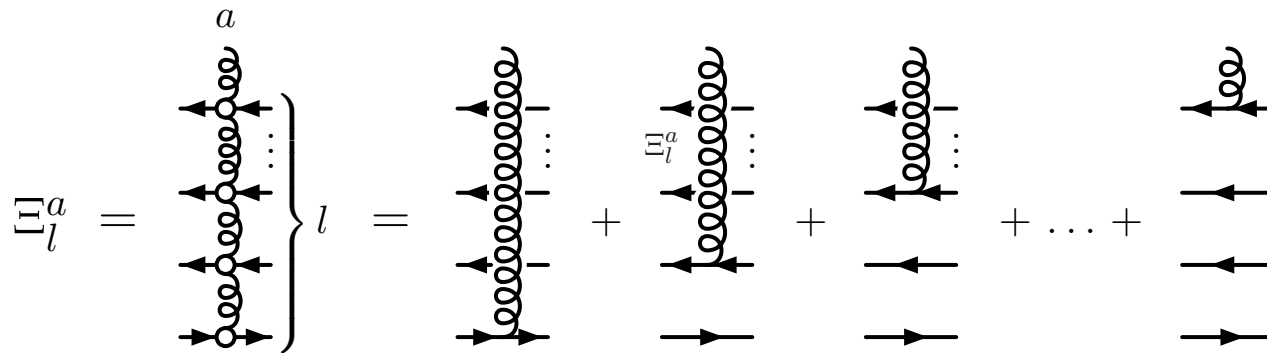
$$A_{n,k}^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Melia basis}} \varkappa(n, k) C(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \sigma) A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \sigma)$$

HJ, Ochirov

# Tensor representations

Tensor  $l$  copies of the gauge group Lie algebra:

$$\Xi_l^a = \sum_{s=1}^l \underbrace{1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \otimes T^a \otimes 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \otimes \bar{1}}_l$$



The  $\Xi_l^a$  are Lie algebra generators

$$[\Xi_l^a, \Xi_l^b] = \tilde{f}^{abc} \Xi_l^c$$

# Color coefficients

Color coefficients are given by ‘sandwich’ formulas:

$$C(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, \sigma) = (-1)^{k-1} \{2|\sigma|1\} \left| \begin{array}{l} q \rightarrow \{q|T^b \otimes \Xi_{l-1}^b \\ \bar{q} \rightarrow |q\} \\ g \rightarrow \Xi_l^{ag} \end{array} \right.$$

color wave function

HJ, Ochirov

(proof by Melia)

For example, consider:

$$C_{\underline{1}\bar{2}\underline{3}\bar{4}\underline{5}\bar{6}} = \begin{array}{c} \underline{3} \leftarrow \leftarrow \bar{4} \quad \underline{5} \leftarrow \leftarrow \bar{6} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line} \\ \text{wavy line} \end{array} \right\} \\ \bar{2} \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \underline{1} \end{array} ;$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\underline{1}\bar{2}\underline{3}\bar{4}\underline{5}\bar{6}} &= \{2|\{3|T^a \otimes \Xi_1^a|4\}\{5|T^b \otimes \Xi_1^b|6\}|1\} = \{2|\{3|T^a \otimes \bar{T}^a|4\}\{5|T^b \otimes \bar{T}^b|6\}|1\} \\ &= \{2|\bar{T}^a \bar{T}^b|1\}\{3|T^a|4\}\{5|T^b|6\} = (T^b T^a)_{i_1 \bar{i}_2} T_{i_3 \bar{i}_4}^a T_{i_5 \bar{i}_6}^b, \end{aligned}$$

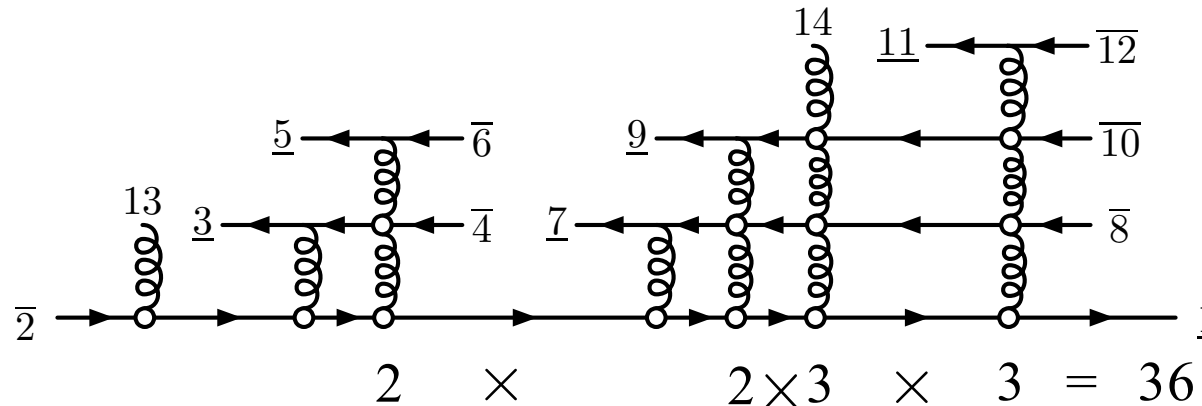
# Color coefficient diagrams

Consider a high-multiplicity example:

$$A(\underline{1}, \bar{2}, 13, \underline{3}, \underline{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{4}, \underline{7}, \underline{9}, 14, \underline{11}, \bar{12}, \bar{10}, \bar{8})$$

bra-(c)-ket  
structure

$$\{2 \ 13 \{3 \{5 \ 6\} 4\} \{7 \{9 \ 14 \{11 \ 12\} 10\} 8\} 1\}$$



$$C_{\underline{1}, \bar{2}, 13, \underline{3}, \underline{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{4}, \underline{7}, \underline{9}, 14, \underline{11}, \bar{12}, \bar{10}, \bar{8}} = - \{2 | \Xi_1^{a_{13}} \{3 | T^b \otimes \Xi_1^b \{5 | T^c \otimes \Xi_2^c | 6\} | 4\} \\ \times \{7 | T^d \otimes \Xi_1^d \{9 | (T^e \otimes \Xi_2^e) \Xi_3^{a_{14}} \{11 | T^f \otimes \Xi_3^f | 12\} | 10\} | 8\} | 1\}$$



# Amplitude relations: example

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & 3, a & 4, b \\
 & \text{wavy} & \text{wavy} \\
 \underline{1}, i & \leftarrow & \leftarrow & \underline{2}, \bar{j}
 \end{array} \\
 = -\frac{i}{2} \frac{T_{i\bar{k}}^a T_{k\bar{j}}^b}{s_{13} - m^2} (\bar{u}_1 \not{\epsilon}_3 (k_{1,3} + m) \not{\epsilon}_4 v_2) = \frac{c_1 n_1}{D_1}
 \end{array}$$

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 & \text{wavy} & \text{wavy} \\
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 \end{array} = \frac{c_2 n_2}{D_2}$$

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 \end{array} = \frac{c_3 n_3}{D_3}$$

**commutation rel. holds:**  $c_1 - c_2 = c_3 \quad n_1 - n_2 = n_3$

$$\mathcal{A}_{4,1}^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{c_i n_i}{D_i} = \left\{ c_1 \left( \frac{n_1}{D_1} + \frac{n_3}{D_3} \right) + c_2 \left( \frac{n_2}{D_2} - \frac{n_3}{D_3} \right) \right\} \equiv c_2 A_{\underline{1}\bar{2}34} + c_1 A_{\underline{1}\bar{2}43}$$

**Gaussian elimination of  $n_1$**

$$A_{\underline{1}\bar{2}34} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{D_2} + \frac{1}{D_3} - \frac{D_1}{(D_1 + D_3)D_3} \right)}_{=0} n_2 - \frac{D_1}{D_1 + D_3} A_{\underline{1}\bar{2}43}$$

**→ BCJ amplitude rel.**  $(s_{14} - m^2) A_{\underline{1}\bar{2}34} = (s_{13} - m^2) A_{\underline{1}\bar{2}43}$

# Amplitude relations & basis

BCJ relations for pure-gluon amplitudes:

Bern, Carrasco, HJ

$$\sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=2}^i s_{jn} \right) A(1, 2, \dots, i, n, i+1, \dots, n-1) = 0$$

BCJ relations for quark-gluon QCD amplitudes:

HJ, Ochirov

$$\sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{j=2}^i s_{jn} - m_j^2 \right) A(1, 2, \dots, i, n, i+1, \dots, n-1) = 0$$

gluon!

proof by: de la Cruz,  
Kniss,  
Weinzierl

Basis:

| $k \setminus n$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  | 8   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 0               | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 120 |
| 1               | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 120 |
| 2               | - | 1 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 120 |
| 3               | - | - | - | 4 | 16 | 80  |
| 4               | - | - | - | - | -  | 30  |

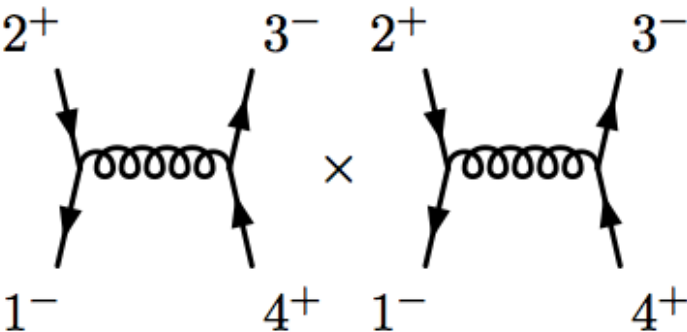
$$(n-3)! \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1$$

$$(n-3)!(2k-2)/k! \quad \text{for } 2 < 2k \leq n$$

**Gravity double copy**

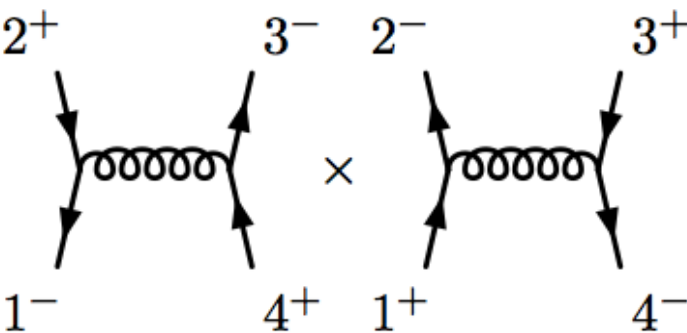
# Gravity amplitudes from double copy

Four-photon amplitude in GR (distinguishable matter):



$$A(1_{\gamma}^{-}, 2_{\gamma}^{+}, 3_{\gamma'}^{-}, 4_{\gamma'}^{+}) = \frac{n_s^2}{s} = \frac{\langle 13 \rangle^2 [24]^2}{s}$$

Four-scalar amplitude in GR (distinguishable matter):



$$A(1_{\phi}^{-+}, 2_{\phi}^{+-}, 3_{\phi'}^{-+}, 4_{\phi'}^{+-}) = \frac{n_s \bar{n}_s}{s} = \frac{u^2}{s}$$

indistinguishable matter:

$$A(1_{\phi}^{-+}, 2_{\phi}^{+-}, 3_{\phi}^{-+}, 4_{\phi}^{+-}) = \frac{n_s \bar{n}_s}{s} + \frac{n_s \bar{n}_s}{t} = \frac{u^2}{s} + \frac{u^2}{t}$$

# Gravity Theories

$$\text{QCD} \otimes \text{QCD} = \text{GR} + \text{matter}$$

matter that only interacts gravitationally

HJ, Ochirov ('14 - '15)

E.g. Maxwell-Einstein theory

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Used recently to construct magical and homogeneous  $\mathcal{N}=2$  sugras

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{N} = 2 \text{ SQCD}) \otimes (D = 7, 8, 10, 14 \text{ QCD}) \\ = \text{Magical } \mathcal{N} = 2 \text{ Supergravity} \\ (\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{O} \text{ type}) \end{aligned}$$

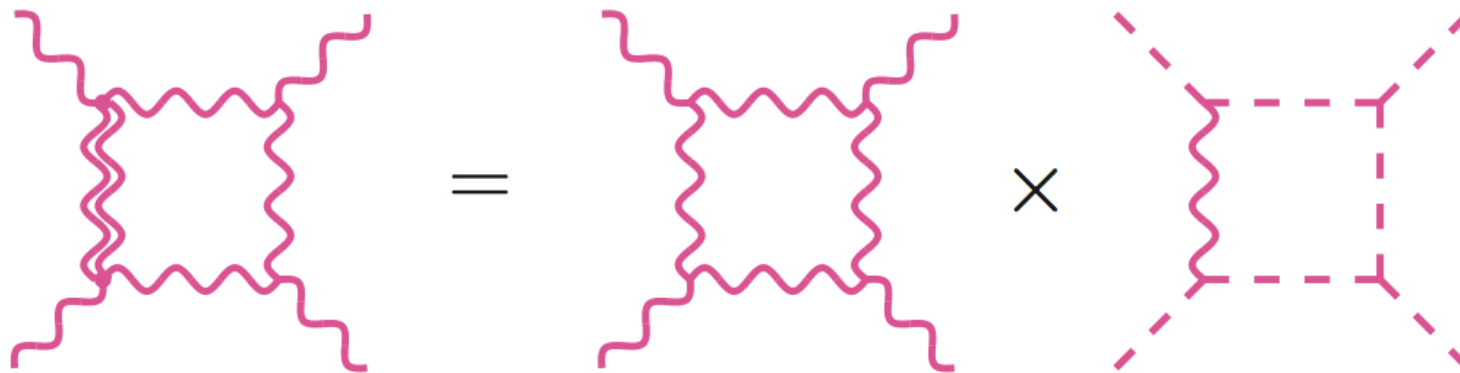
Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('15)

# YM-Einstein theory

Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('14)

$$\text{GR} + \text{YM} = \text{YM} \otimes (\text{YM} + \phi^3)$$

GR+YM amplitudes are “heterotic” double copies



$\mathcal{N} = 0, 1, 2, 4$  YM-E  
supergravity

$\mathcal{N} = 0, 1, 2, 4$  SYM

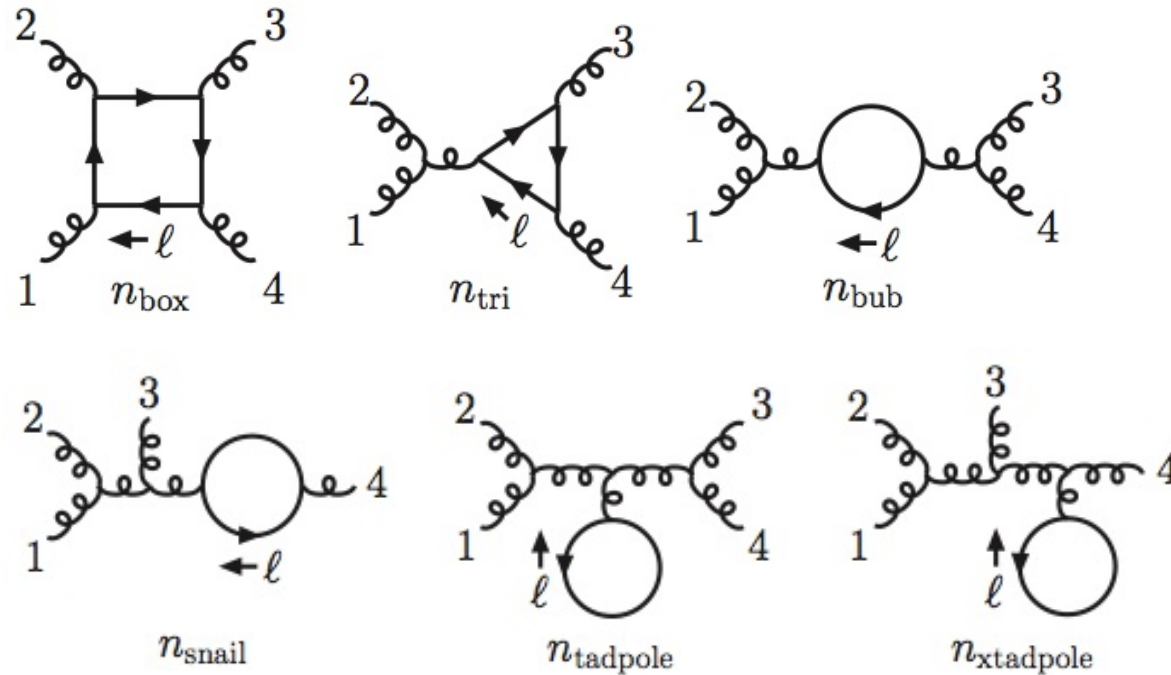
YM +  $\phi^3$

Gives a construction of the simplest type of gauged supergravities,  
other constructions should exist for other gaugings.

## Simple 1-loop examples

# One-loop calculations

diagrams:



vanish  
after  
integration

kinematic algebra:

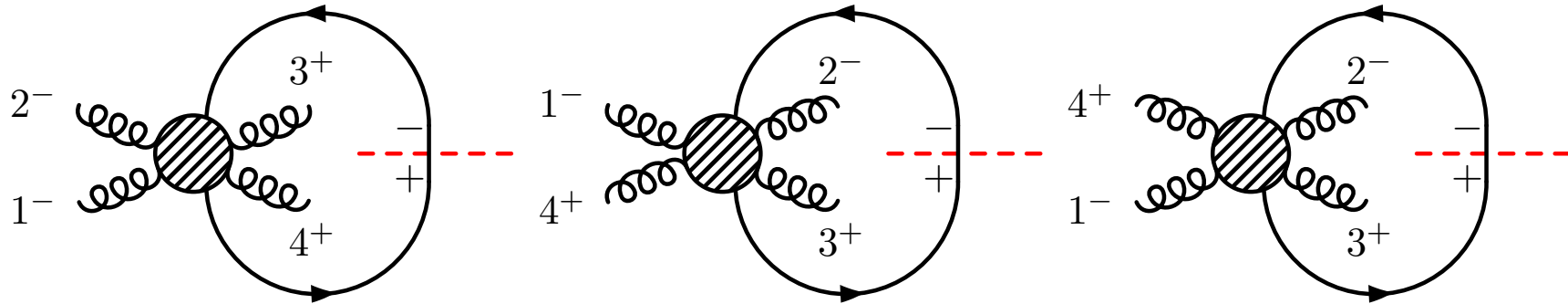
$$\begin{aligned}
 n_{\text{tri}}(1, 2, 3, 4, \ell) &= n_{\text{box}}([1, 2], 3, 4, \ell), \\
 n_{\text{bub}}(1, 2, 3, 4, \ell) &= n_{\text{box}}([1, 2], [3, 4], \ell), \\
 n_{\text{snail}}(1, 2, 3, 4, \ell) &= n_{\text{box}}([[1, 2], 3], 4, \ell), \\
 n_{\text{tadpole}}(1, 2, 3, 4, \ell) &= n_{\text{box}}([[1, 2], [3, 4]], \ell), \\
 n_{\text{xtadpole}}(1, 2, 3, 4, \ell) &= n_{\text{box}}([[[1, 2], 3], 4], \ell).
 \end{aligned}$$



# Unitarity cuts

Parameters in ansatz fixed by unitarity cuts (unitarity method)

Bern, Dixon,  
Dunbar, Kosower



**$\mathcal{N}=2$  SQCD:** Carrasco, Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, Roiban; [Nohle](#); Ochirov, Tourkine, HJ, Ochirov

$$n_{\text{box}}^{\mathcal{N}=2, \text{fund}} = (\kappa_{12} + \kappa_{34}) \frac{(s - \ell_s)^2}{2s^2} + (\kappa_{23} + \kappa_{14}) \frac{\ell_t^2}{2t^2} + (\kappa_{13} + \kappa_{24}) \frac{st + (s + \ell_u)^2}{2u^2} \\ - 2i\epsilon(1, 2, 3, \ell) \frac{\kappa_{13} - \kappa_{24}}{u^2} + \mu^2 \left( \frac{\kappa_{12} + \kappa_{34}}{s} + \frac{\kappa_{23} + \kappa_{14}}{t} + \frac{\kappa_{13} + \kappa_{24}}{u} \right)$$

**$\mathcal{N}=1$  SQCD:**

HJ, Ochirov

$$n_{\text{box}}^{\mathcal{N}=1, \text{odd}} = (\kappa_{12} - \kappa_{34}) \frac{(\ell_s - s)^3}{2s^3} + (\kappa_{23} - \kappa_{14}) \frac{\ell_t^3}{2t^3} + (\kappa_{13} - \kappa_{24}) \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\ell_u^3}{u^3} + \frac{3s\ell_u^2}{u^3} - \frac{3s\ell_u}{u^2} + \frac{s}{u} \right) \\ - 2i\epsilon(1, 2, 3, \ell) (\kappa_{13} + \kappa_{24}) \frac{2\ell_u - u}{u^3} - a\mu^2 (\kappa_{13} - \kappa_{24}) \frac{s - t}{u^2},$$

**YM + scalar:** [Nohle](#); HJ, Ochirov

**QCD:** HJ, Ochirov

# Using the QCD numerators to get GR

Pure Einstein gravity can be obtained from the QCD numerators:

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(1)} = \sum_{S_4} \sum_{i=\{B,t,b\}} \int \frac{d^D \ell}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i^V n_i^{V'} - \bar{n}_i^m n_i^{m'} - n_i^m \bar{n}_i^{m'}}{D_i}$$

The YM square contains dilaton & axion, which has to be subtracted out

The diagram shows the relationship between gravity and Yang-Mills theory. On the left is a four-point gravity amplitude (GR) represented by a square with wavy lines. This is equal to the square of a four-point Yang-Mills amplitude (YM) with curly lines, minus twice the product of two four-point quark amplitudes (one with a quark line and one with an anti-quark line). The quark and anti-quark diagrams are squares with straight lines and arrows. The text 'HJ, Ochirov' is written in pink to the right of the diagrams.

...and similarly for triangle and bubble

Gives correct pure GR amplitude (cf. Dunbar & Norridge)

# Summary

- Color-kinematics duality implies kinematic Lie algebra relations satisfied by the numerators of gauge theory amplitudes
- Generalized color-kinematics duality to QCD tree amplitudes
- New color decomposition of QCD tree amplitudes
- BCJ amplitude relations between primitives of QCD
- Checks: Explicitly up to 8pts tree level, proof color decomposition (Melia)  
proof BCJ relations (Weinzierl, et al.)
- Constructed one-loop 4pt amplitude in  $N=1,2$  SQCD and QCD such that the duality is manifest.
- Useful for construction of QCD loop amplitudes as well as for pure Einstein and gravity + matter amplitudes