

# Transforming multi-loop Feynman integrals to a canonical basis

based on [C. M. '16]

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# Motivation: Demand for multi-loop calculations

- ◆ Experimental precision @ LHC pushing below 5%

e.g.  $t\bar{t}$  @ 13TeV

Measurement:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 818.0 \pm 8.0 \pm 35.0 \text{ pb} \quad [\text{ATLAS Collaboration '16}]$$

Theory NNLO + NNLL:

$$\sigma_{t\bar{t}} = 832.0^{+40}_{-46} \text{ pb} \quad [\text{M. Czakon, A. Mitov '13}]$$

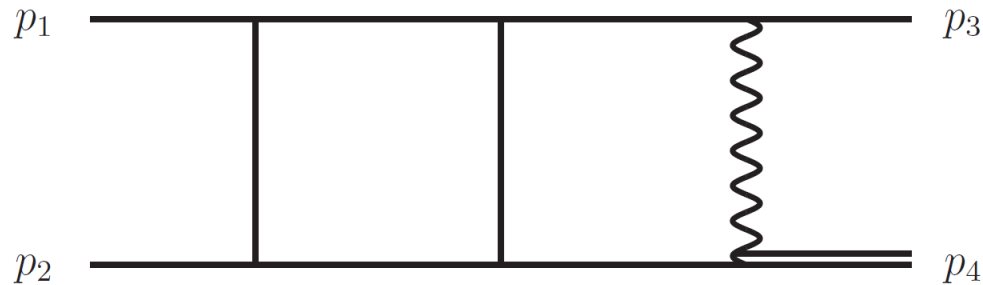
➡ Theory **and** experiment at  $\mathcal{O}(5\%)$  precision

- ◆ Increasing integrated luminosity ➡ decrease statistical uncertainties

➡ Demand for precise theoretical predictions will grow

**Goal:** Compute scalar multi-loop Feynman integrals

- ◆ **Example:** Single top-quark production @ NNLO QCD



Kinematics:

$$p_1^2 = 0, \quad p_2^2 = 0, \quad p_3^2 = 0, \quad p_4^2 = m_t^2$$

$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad t = (p_2 - p_3)^2$$

- ◆ Consider whole family of integrals:

$$\int \frac{d^d l_1}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{d^d l_2}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{[(l_1 - p_2)^2]^{-a_8} [(l_2 + p_3 + p_1)^2]^{-a_9}}{[l_2^2]^{a_1} [l_1^2 - m_w^2]^{a_2} [(l_1 + p_3)^2]^{a_3} [(l_2 + p_2)^2]^{a_4} [(l_1 - p_4)^2]^{a_5} [(l_2 - p_1)^2]^{a_6} [(l_1 + l_2 - p_1 + p_3)^2]^{a_7}}$$

with integer powers  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

# Introduction: Integration by parts relations

- ◆ Infinite number of scalar integrals in one family

$$I[a_1, \dots, a_n] = \int \frac{d^d l_1}{i\pi^{d/2}} \cdots \frac{d^d l_L}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{P_{t+1}^{-a_{t+1}} \cdots P_n^{-a_n}}{P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_t^{a_t}}$$

Only a finite number is independent!

- ◆ **Related by:** Infinite number of Integration by parts relations:

[K. G. Chetyrkin, F. V. Tkachov '81]

$$\int \frac{d^d l_1}{i\pi^{d/2}} \cdots \frac{d^d l_L}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial l_j^\mu} v^\mu \frac{P_{t+1}^{-a_{t+1}} \cdots P_n^{-a_n}}{P_1^{a_1} \cdots P_t^{a_t}} = 0$$

any loop momentum

any external or loop momentum

- ◆ Relations can be applied systematically (Laporta algorithm)

[S. Laporta '01]

➡ finite basis of **independent** master integrals

- ◆ Notation: vector of master integrals

$$\vec{f}(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) \end{pmatrix}$$

dimensional regulator  $\epsilon = (d - 4)/2$

dimensionless invariants

- ◆ Derivative of Feynman integral  $\rightarrow$  Linear combination of Feynman integrals

**Idea:** Express derivative of  $\vec{f}$  in terms of  $\vec{f}$  again:

$$d\vec{f}(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) = \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\partial \vec{f}}{\partial x_j} dx_j = a(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) \vec{f}(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$$

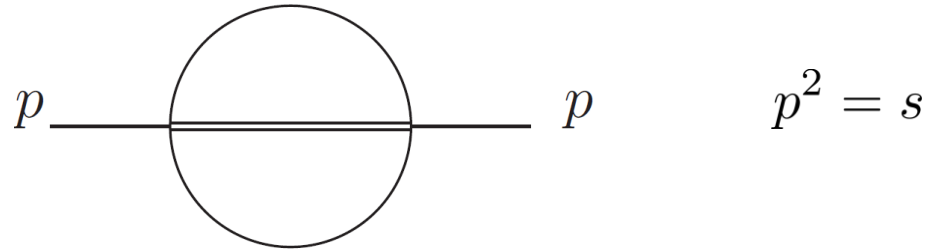
w.r.t. the invariants

$$a(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) = \sum_{j=1}^M a_j(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) dx_j$$

- ◆  $a_j(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$  are  $m \times m$  matrices of rational functions

# Introduction: Example for differential equations

- ◆ Two loop sunrise:



$$I[a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5] = \int \frac{d^d l_1}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{d^d l_2}{i\pi^{d/2}} \frac{[(l_1 - p)^2]^{-a_4} [(l_2 - p)^2]^{-a_5}}{[l_1^2]^{a_1} [l_2^2]^{a_2} [(l_1 + l_2 - p)^2 - m^2]^{a_3}}$$


- ◆ Family contains two master integrals: e.g.  $\{I[1, 1, 1, 0, 0], I[1, 1, 2, 0, 0]\}$
- ◆ Rescale for dimensionless master integrals:

$$f_1 = (m^2)^{2\epsilon-1} I[1, 1, 1, 0, 0] \quad f_2 = (m^2)^{2\epsilon} I[1, 1, 2, 0, 0]$$

- ◆ Can only depend on dimensionless variable:  $x = \frac{p^2}{m^2}$

# Introduction: Example for differential equations

- ◆ Take derivative of master integral:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial I[1, 1, 1, 0, 0]}{\partial s} &= \frac{-1}{2s} (I[1, 1, 2, 0, -1] + I[1, 1, 2, -1, 0]) \\ &= \frac{1}{s} ((1 - 2\epsilon)I[1, 1, 1, 0, 0] - m^2 I[1, 1, 2, 0, 0])\end{aligned}$$


$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial f_1(\epsilon, x)}{\partial x} = \frac{1 - 2\epsilon}{x} f_1(\epsilon, x) - \frac{1}{x} f_2(\epsilon, x)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_x f_1(\epsilon, x) \\ \partial_x f_2(\epsilon, x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-2\epsilon}{x} & -\frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{(-1+2\epsilon)(-2+3\epsilon)}{(-1+x)x} & \frac{-2+3\epsilon+\epsilon x}{(-1+x)x} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1(\epsilon, x) \\ f_2(\epsilon, x) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ◆ Differential equation determines the master integrals up to integration constants
- ◆ Solve differential equation for  $\vec{f}(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) \rightarrow$  **in general very hard!**

- ◆ Turn to a different basis:  $\vec{f} = T(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) \vec{f}'$

$$d\vec{f}' = a' \vec{f}'$$

transformation law:  $a' = T^{-1} a T - T^{-1} dT$

- ◆ **Idea:** Use a basis such that the differential equation is in  $\epsilon$ -form:

$$a(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) = \epsilon d\tilde{A} \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{A} = \sum_{l=1}^N \tilde{A}_l \log(L_l(\{x_i\}))$$

constant  $m \times m$  matrices

- ◆ Call set of letters **alphabet:**  $\mathcal{A} = \{L_1(\{x_i\}), \dots, L_N(\{x_i\})\}$

$$d\vec{f}'(\epsilon, \{x_i\}) = \epsilon d\tilde{A} \vec{f}'(\epsilon, \{x\})$$

canonical form /  
 $\epsilon$ -form



Solution order by order in  $\epsilon$



- ◆ New method has been very successful: e.g.

Two-loop non-leptonic  $B$  decays [G. Bell, T. Huber '14]

Two-loop Bhabha scattering [J. M. Henn, A. V. Smirnov, V. A. Smirnov '14]

Two-loop  $VV$  production [J. M. Henn, K. Melnikov, V. A. Smirnov '14; F. Caola, J. M. Henn, K. Melnikov, V. A. Smirnov '14; T. Gehrmann, A. v. Manteuffel, L. Tancredi, E. Weihs '14]

Three-loop ladder boxes [J. M. Henn, V. A. Smirnov '13]

Three-loop  $gg \rightarrow H$  [M. Höschele, J. Hoff, T. Ueda '14]

Two-loop  $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$  [R. Bonciani, V. Del Duca, H. Frellesvig, J. M. Henn, F. Moriello, V. A. Smirnov '15; T. Gehrmann, S. Guns, D. Kara '15]  
many more...

## How to find such a basis?

Several methods:

- ◆ Integrals with constant leading singularities [F. Cachazo '08; J.M. Henn '13]

- ◆ Algorithms available for case of one variable [R. Lee '14; J. M. Henn '14; J. Ablinger, A. Behring, J. Blümlein, A. De Freitas, A. Von Manteuffel, C. Schneider '15]

- ◆  $a(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$  linear in  $\epsilon$ : Magnus/Dyson series approach [M. Argeri, S. Di Vita, P. Mastrolia, E. Mirabella, J. Schlenk, U. Schubert, L. Tancredi '14]

- ◆ Diagonal blocks of  $a(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$  linear in  $\epsilon$  [T. Gehrmann, A. von Manteuffel, L. Tancredi, E. Weihs '14]

Public implementations only for single variable case:

- ◆ Implementation of Lee's algorithm [O. Gituliar, V. Magerya '16]

# Expansion of the transformation law

- ◆ Problem description:

**Given** differential equation with rational  $a(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$

**Find** invertible rational  $T(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$  such that:

$$\epsilon d\tilde{A} = T^{-1}aT - T^{-1}dT$$

if it exists

- ◆ Equivalently:

$$dT - aT + \epsilon T d\tilde{A} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{free of } T^{-1}$$

**Idea:** Expand in  $\epsilon$  and Solve for  $T$  order by order

**Note:**  $d\tilde{A}$  is unknown as well!

# Expansion of the transformation law

- ◆ Transformation law:

$$dT - aT + \epsilon T d\tilde{A} = 0$$

- ◆ Invariant under:  $T \rightarrow Tg(\epsilon)$
- ◆ Choice of  $g(\epsilon)$   $\Rightarrow$  expansion of  $T$  starts with  $T^{(0)} \neq 0$ :

$$T = \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} \epsilon^n T^{(n)}$$

- ◆ For simplicity assume finite expansion:  $a = \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\max}} \epsilon^k a^{(k)}$

General case works too

# Expansion of the transformation law

- ◆ Expand transformation law:

$$dT^{(0)} - a^{(0)}T^{(0)} = 0$$

$$dT^{(n)} - \sum_{k=0}^{\min(k_{\max}, n)} a^{(k)}T^{(n-k)} + T^{(n-1)}d\tilde{A} = 0$$

➡ Equation at order  $n$  contains only  $T^{(k)}$  with  $k \leq n$  ➡ solve order by order

- ◆ Highest order  $n_{\max}$  unknown ➡ Check at each order  $n$  whether  $n = n_{\max}$

Need to find rational solution ➡ solve with rational Ansatz

# Linear ansatz with rational functions

- Transformation law is **linear** in  $T^{(n)}$

**Idea:** Ansatz **linear** in parameters  $\Rightarrow$  equations **linear** in parameters

**Ansatz:**

$$T^{(n)} = \sum_{k=1}^R \tau_k^{(n)} r_k(\{x_i\})$$

$m \times m$  matrix of parameters

rational functions

**What kind of rational functions should be used?**

- Linearly independent over  $\mathbb{C}$   $\Rightarrow$  no apparent redundancies
- As *simple* as possible  $\Rightarrow$  cheap computations
- Any rational function =  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear combination of *simple* rational functions  
 $\Rightarrow$  solution for  $T$  can be represented as well

# Linear ansatz with rational functions

- ◆ Univariate case:

polynomial division

and

partial fractioning

→

$$r(x) = \sum_{j=0}^J a_j x^j + \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^{D_k} \frac{c_{kn}}{(x - a_k)^n}$$

rational

→ Linear combination of **monomials** and rational functions with **one pole**

- ◆ Multivariate case:

- ◆ polynomial division generalizes straightforwardly

upon choice of monomial ordering

- ◆ generalization of partial fractioning:

[E. K. Leinartas '78, A. Raichev '12]



Leinartas decomposition

Two steps: Nullstellensatz decomposition and algebraic independence decomposition

Finite set of polynomials  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  with **no common zero**

**(weak) Nullstellensatz**  $\Downarrow$

Exist polynomials  $\{h_1, \dots, h_m\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m h_i f_i = 1$

**Example:**  $\{x, 1 + xy\}$  has no common zero  $\implies h_1 = -y, h_2 = 1$

Yields decomposition:  $\sum_{i=1}^m h_i f_i = 1$

$$\frac{1}{x(1+xy)} \stackrel{\text{multiplication by one}}{=} \frac{(-y)(x) + (1)(1+xy)}{x(1+xy)} = \frac{-y}{1+xy} + \frac{1}{x}$$

# Leinartas decomposition step 2: algebraic independence

Finite set of algebraically dependent polynomials  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$



Exists polynomial  $\kappa$  in  $m$  variables  $\kappa(f_1, \dots, f_m) = 0$

**Example:**

$\{x, y, x + y\}$  is algebraically dependent  $\Rightarrow \kappa(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) = Y_1 + Y_2 - Y_3$

$$\kappa(x, y, x + y) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (x) + (y) - (x + y) = 0$$

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

Yields decomposition:

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



# Leinartas decomposition: summary

## Nice property:

Maximal number of algebraically independent polynomials given by number of variables

For  $n$  variables  $\Rightarrow$  summands with at most  $n$  distinct factors

$\Rightarrow$  Reduces number of summands in ansatz

## Summary Leinartas decomposition:

Apply step 1 and step 2 **repeatedly**  $\Rightarrow$  **Linear combination** of summands

with **algebraically independent** denominator polynomials and **no common zero**

Call these summands to be in ***Leinartas form***

Ansatz for the  $T^{(n)}$   $\Rightarrow$  rational functions in *Leinartas form*

# Constraining the ansatz: Information from the trace

Recall:

$$dT^{(n)} - \sum_{k=0}^{\min(k_{\max}, n)} a^{(k)} T^{(n-k)} + T^{(n-1)} d\tilde{A} = 0$$

➔  $d\tilde{A}$  is unknown

**But constrained** by dlog-form:  $\tilde{A} = \sum_{l=1}^N \alpha_l \log(L_l(\{x_i\}))$

- ◆ denominator factors of  $a(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$  ➔ set of polynomials  $L_l(\{x_i\})$
- ◆  $m \times m$  matrices  $\alpha_l$  ➔ unknown parameters

**Additional information** :  $\det(T) = C(\epsilon) \exp\left(\int_{\gamma} \text{Tr}[a^{(0)}]\right)$

$$\text{Tr}[d\tilde{A}] = \text{Tr}[a^{(1)}]$$

- ◆ **Fully determines transformation** of 1-dim. sectors
- ◆ Formulas **also** hold for **higher dimensional sectors**
- ◆ Provide **useful information** for the ansatz

Input:

$$\text{Differential form: } a = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \frac{1-2\epsilon}{(-1+x)x} & \frac{2-3\epsilon}{(-1+x)x} \\ \frac{x}{(-1+x)x} & \frac{2-\epsilon(3+x)}{(-1+x)x} \end{array} \right) dx$$

- ◆ Alphabet:  $\mathcal{A} = \{-1+x, x\} \rightarrow \tilde{A} = \alpha_1 \log(-1+x) + \alpha_2 \log(x)$
- ◆ Determinant:  $\text{Tr}[a^{(0)}] = \left( \frac{2}{-1+x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) dx \rightarrow \det(T) \propto \frac{(-1+x)^2}{x}$
- ◆ Traces:  $\text{Tr}[a^{(1)}] = \left( \frac{-4}{-1+x} + \frac{1}{x} \right) dx \rightarrow \text{Tr}[\alpha_1] = -4, \quad \text{Tr}[\alpha_2] = 1$
- ◆ Ansatz:  $T^{(n)} = \tau_1^{(n)} + \tau_2^{(n)} x + \tau_3^{(n)} \frac{1}{x}$

# Algorithm Example: first order

- ◆ Insert Ansatz into equation of order  $\epsilon^0$ :  $dT^{(0)} - a^{(0)}T^{(0)} = 0$
- ◆ Each component  $\rightarrow$  an equation of the type:

$$\frac{-(\tau_1^{(0)})_{11} - 2(\tau_1^{(0)})_{21}}{x} - 2(\tau_2^{(0)})_{21} - 2\frac{(\tau_3^{(0)})_{11} + (\tau_3^{(0)})_{21}}{x^2} = 0$$

- ◆ Require to hold for all values  $x \neq 0 \rightarrow$  equations in the parameters:

$$(\tau_1^{(0)})_{11} + 2(\tau_1^{(0)})_{21} = 0, \quad (\tau_2^{(0)})_{21} = 0, \quad (\tau_3^{(0)})_{11} + (\tau_3^{(0)})_{21} = 0$$

- ◆ All components together  $\rightarrow$  linear system of equations for the  $\tau$

# Algorithm Example: first order

- ◆ General solution:  $\tau_2^{(0)} = \tau_3^{(0)} = 0$ ,  $\tau_1^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 & -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow T^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 & -\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ◆  $\epsilon$  - form only unique up to constant transformation  $\Rightarrow$  redundancy expected

$\Rightarrow$  Fix  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  such that  $\text{rank}(T^{(0)})$  is preserved, e.g.  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 0$

- ◆ Check series abortion:

$$\det(T^{(0)}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n_{\max} \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Proceed to next order

# Algorithm Example: second order

- ◆ Equation of order  $\epsilon^1$  :

$$dT^{(1)} - a^{(0)}T^{(1)} - a^{(1)}T^{(0)} + T^{(0)}d\tilde{A} = 0$$

➡ Insert ansatz for  $T^{(1)}$  and  $\tilde{A} = \alpha_1 \log(-1+x) + \alpha_2 \log(x)$

- ◆  $T^{(0)}$  is completely fixed ➡ get **linear** system of equations for the  $\tau_i^{(1)}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$

**Additionally:**  $\text{Tr}[\alpha_1] = -4, \quad \text{Tr}[\alpha_2] = 1$

➡ Solution determines  $T^{(1)}$  up to 4 parameters  $T^{(1)} = T^{(1)}(\lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_5, \lambda_6)$

- ◆ Check series abortion: highest order of  $a(\epsilon, x)$  is  $\epsilon^1$

➡ Sufficient to check only the equation of the **next** order:

$$-a^{(1)}T^{(1)} - T^{(1)}d\tilde{A} = 0$$

➡ **Solution exists** and **fixes** two of the four parameters

# Algorithm Example: second order

- ◆  $T^{(1)} = T^{(1)}(\lambda_5, \lambda_6) \rightarrow$  attains  $\epsilon$ -form for all  $\lambda_5, \lambda_6$  with  $\det(T) \neq 0$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  remaining two degrees of freedom in the choice of constant transformation  
(could not be exploited for  $T^{(0)}$  since it did not have full rank)


Output:

$$\text{Full transformation: } T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \epsilon \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{7+x}{2} & \frac{-1+x^2}{2x} \\ 2 & -\frac{-1+x}{2x} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ◆  $\epsilon$ -form:  $a' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\epsilon}{x} \\ \frac{2\epsilon}{(-1+x)} & -\frac{4\epsilon}{(-1+x)} + \frac{\epsilon}{x} \end{pmatrix} dx$
- ◆ Determinant as predicted:  $\det(T) = -\frac{\epsilon(-1+3\epsilon)(-1+x)^2}{4x}$

# Block triangular structure

[S. Caron-Huot, J. M. Henn '14; T. Gehrmann, A. von Manteuffel, L. Tancredi, E. Weihs '14; R. Lee '14]

- ◆ Recursion over subsectors  huge gain in performance
- ◆ Derivative of Masterintegral = Sum of Masterintegrals of the same or lower sectors

 Differential Equation in **block-triangular form**:


$$a = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} \square & & & \\ \square & \square & & \\ \square & \square & \square & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{array} \right)$$

 Compute transformation recursively:



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$$a' = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} \color{green}\blacksquare & & \\ \hline & & \\ \hline & & \ddots \\ & & \ddots \\ & & \ddots \end{array} \right) \quad \color{green}\blacksquare \text{ } \epsilon\text{-form}$$


 Compute transformation recursively:

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$


algorithm just presented

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 Differential Equation in **block-triangular form**:

$$a'' = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c} \text{green box} & & \\ \hline \text{white box} & \text{green box} & \\ \hline & & \ddots \end{array} \right) \quad \text{green box } \epsilon\text{-form}$$


 Compute transformation recursively:

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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 Differential Equation in **block-triangular form**:

$$a''' = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} \text{green} & & \\ \text{blue} & \text{green} & \\ & & \ddots \end{array} \right)$$

  $\epsilon$  - form  
 dlog - form


 Compute transformation recursively:

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ D & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

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 Differential Equation in **block-triangular form**:

$$a'''' = \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{\text{green}} & & & \\ \boxed{\text{green}} & \boxed{\text{green}} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$\epsilon$ -form

dlog - form

 Compute transformation recursively:

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ D & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K(\epsilon) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

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[R. Lee '14]

# Off – diagonal blocks

$$\begin{pmatrix} T_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ 0 & T_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon \tilde{c} \\ b & \epsilon \tilde{e} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ D & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon \tilde{c} \\ b' & \epsilon \tilde{e} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow dD - \epsilon(\tilde{e}D - D\tilde{c}) = b - b'$

 dlog-form

## Analogous strategy:

- ◆ Extract rational ansatz for  $D$  from  $b$
- ◆  $b'$  in dlog-form  $\Rightarrow$  only alphabet needed for ansatz

Mathematica package *CANONICA*

- ◆ Implementation of the presented algorithm [\[C.M. '16\]](#)

## Flexibility:

- ◆ High level functions: Input: differential equation  
Output: Transformation to  $\epsilon$ -form
- ◆ Low level functions: Perform particular steps of the algorithm
- ◆ Successfully applied to many non-trivial examples

soon to be published...

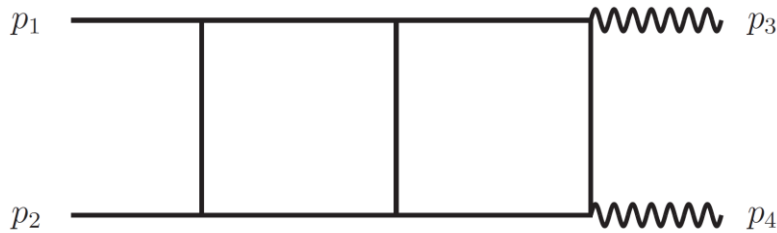
# Vector boson pair production @ NNLO QCD

Kinematics:

[T. Gehrmann, L. Tancredi, E. Weihs '13; J.M. Henn, K. Melnikov, V.A. Smirnov '14]

$$p_1^2 = 0, \quad p_2^2 = 0, \quad p_3^2 = m_3^2, \quad p_4^2 = m_4^2 \quad s = (p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad t = (p_1 - p_3)^2$$

Depend on **3 scales**:  $(1+x)(1+xy) = \frac{s}{m_3^2}, \quad -xz = \frac{t}{m_3^2}, \quad x^2y = \frac{m_4^2}{m_3^2}$

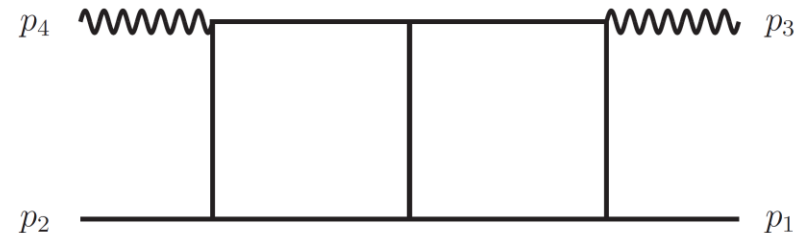


**31** master integrals

Alphabet contains **12 letters**:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{x, 1+x, 1-y, y, 1+xy, 1+x(1+y-z), 1-z, z, z-y, z+xy, 1+xz, 1+(1+x)y-z\}$$

*CANONICA* runtime: < 1h



**29** master integrals

Alphabet contains **14 letters**:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{x, 1+x, 1-y, y, 1+xy, 1+x(1+y-z), 1-z, 1+(1+x)y-z, z, z-y, z+xy, 1+xz, z-y+yz+xyz, z-xy+xz+xyz\}$$

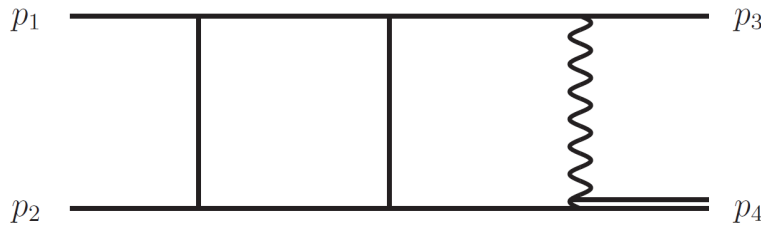
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# Single Top Quark Production @ NNLO QCD

Kinematics:

$$p_1^2 = 0, \quad p_2^2 = 0, \quad p_3^2 = 0, \quad p_4^2 = m_t^2 \quad s = (p_1 + p_2)^2, \quad t = (p_2 - p_3)^2$$

Depend on **3 scales**:  $x = \frac{s}{m_W^2}, \quad y = \frac{t}{m_W^2}, \quad z = \frac{m_t^2}{m_W^2}$

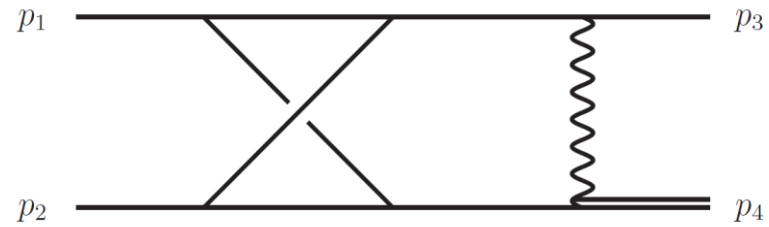


**31** master integrals

Alphabet contains **11 letters**:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{x, y, x + y, x - z, y - z, x + y - z, 1 + x + y - z, -1 + z, z - 1 - x + z, y(-1 + z) + (1 + x - z)z\}$$

*CANONICA* runtime: < 1h



**35** master integrals

Alphabet contains **13 letters**:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{x, -1 + y, y, x + y, x - z, 1 + x - z, y - z, x + y - z, 1 + x + y - z, -1 + z, z, x + y(1 - z), x(-1 + y) + y(y - z)\}$$

*CANONICA* runtime: a few hours

Other topologies entail irrational letters → requires extension of the algorithm



## Conclusions:

- ◆ New algorithm applicable to the general case of rational  $a(\epsilon, \{x_i\})$
- ◆ Implemented in Mathematica Package *CANONICA*
- ◆ Tested for non-trivial examples

## Outlook:

- ◆ Study further applications
- ◆ Better understanding of how to automatically choose ansatz
- ◆ Extension to irrational letters

Thank You!