

# Color-Kinematics Duality for QCD Amplitudes

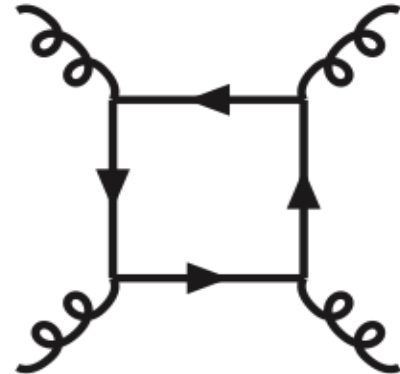
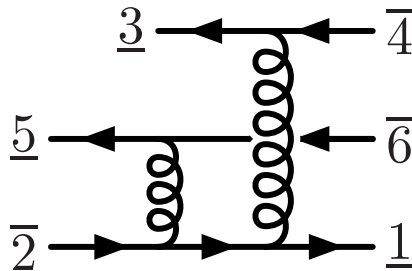
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# Outline

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

## Color-kinematics duality

# Color-kinematics duality for pure YM

YM theories are controlled by a hidden kinematic Lie algebra

- Amplitude expanded in terms of cubic graphs:

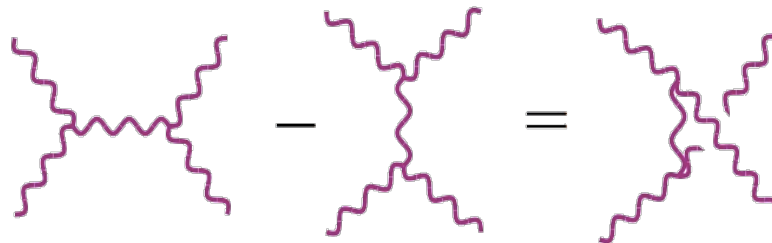
$$\mathcal{A}_n^{(L)} = \sum_{i \in \Gamma_3} \int \frac{d^{LD} \ell}{(2\pi)^{LD}} \frac{1}{S_i} \frac{n_i c_i}{p_{i_1}^2 p_{i_2}^2 p_{i_3}^2 \cdots p_{i_l}^2}$$

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



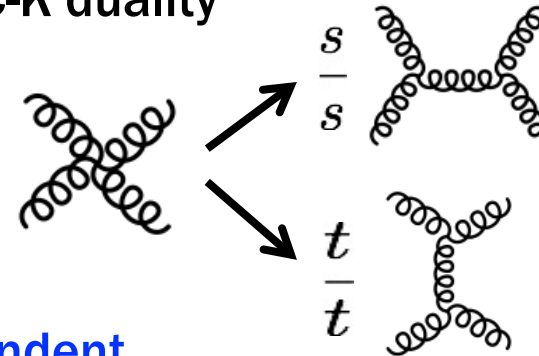
Jacobi identity

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

# 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:  $n_i - n_j \stackrel{?}{=} n_k \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad c_i - c_j = c_k$

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

# Gauge-invariant relations

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

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

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

(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 ('11 -'13)**

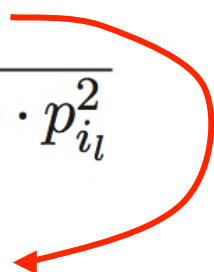
Relations used by **Cachazo, He, Yuan** to motivate **CHY** and scattering eqns ('13)

# 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

# Squaring of YM theory

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

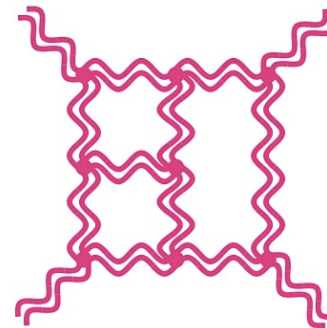
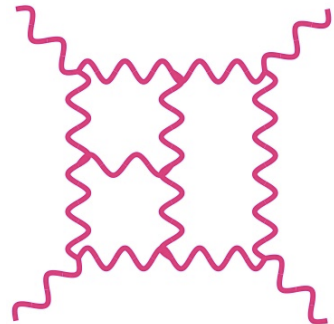
Bern, Carrasco, HJ ('10)

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  $\varphi^3$  theory Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('14)
- Bi-adjoint scalar  $\varphi^3$  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 ( $2 < D < 11$ ) 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 HJ, Ochirov ('14 - '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 Cachazo, He, Yuan ('14)

# Self-dual kinematic Lie algebra

Self dual YM in light-cone gauge:

Monteiro and O'Connell ('11)

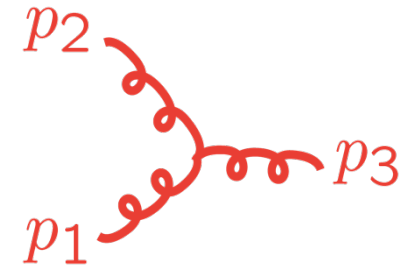
Generators of diffeomorphism invariance:

$$L_k = e^{-ik \cdot x} (-k_w \partial_u + k_u \partial_w)$$

Lie Algebra:

$$[L_{p_1}, L_{p_2}] = iX(p_1, p_2)L_{p_1+p_2} = iF_{p_1 p_2}^k L_k$$

 **YM vertex**



The  $X(p_1, p_2)$  are YM vertices of type  $++-$  helicity.

Diffeomorphism symmetry hidden in YM theory!

Self dual sector gives  $+++...+$  amplitudes (S-matrix is one-loop exact) Boels, Isermann, Monteiro, O'Connell

## Color-Kinematics Duality for QCD

# Defining QCD

‘QCD’ is taken to be the following theory:

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

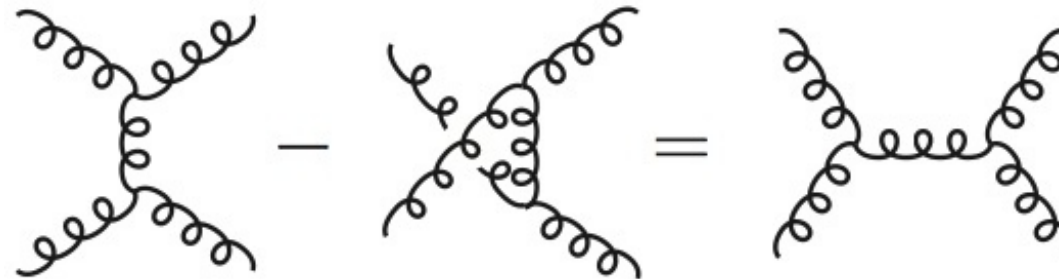
In fact, everything I say will also apply to:

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

in  $D$  dimensions or SUSY extended SQCD

# Only use two Lie-algebra properties

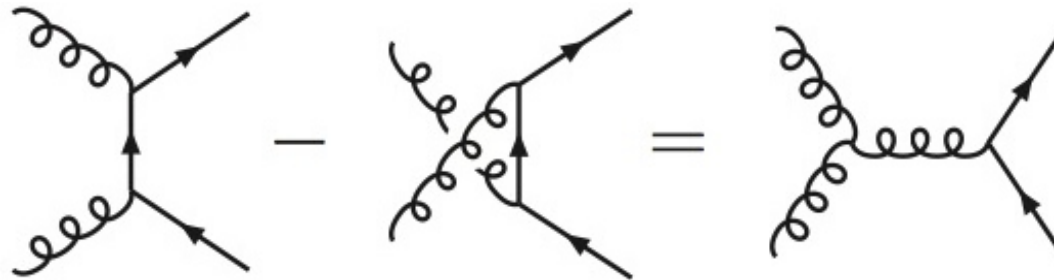
Jacobi Id.



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:

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

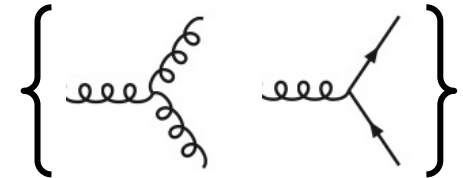
# Amplitude presentation for QCD

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

HJ, Ochirov

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

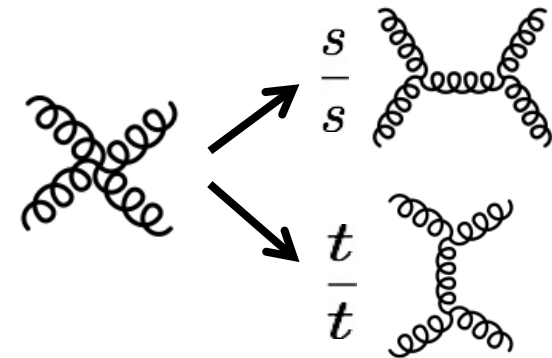
sum is over all cubic gluon–quark graphs with vertices  
Color factors  $c_i$  are built out of  $f^{abc}$ ,  $T_{i\bar{j}}^a$



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:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 3^-, k \quad 4^+, \bar{l} \\
 \text{Diagram 1: } 5, a = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{s_{15} s_{34}} T_{i\bar{m}}^a T_{m\bar{j}}^b T_{k\bar{l}}^b \langle 1 | \varepsilon_5 | 1+5 | 3 \rangle [24] = \frac{c_1 n_1}{D_1} \\
 2^+, \bar{j} \quad 1^-, i
 \end{array}$$

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

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

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

$SU(N_c)$  trace basis decomposition

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

Mangano, ...

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 line representing a quark. The left end is labeled  $\bar{2}$  and the right end is labeled  $\underline{1}$ . Above the line, there are several vertical wavy lines representing gluons. The first gluon is attached at index  $\sigma(3)$ , the second at  $\sigma(4)$ , followed by an ellipsis, and the last at  $\sigma(n)$ . Each gluon attachment is shown as a vertical wavy line connecting to the horizontal quark line.

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

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

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

# Melia basis

Basis of planar (color-ordered) tree amplitudes:

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

**size of basis:**

**T. Melia**

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

$k \setminus n$	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.**

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

**HJ, Ochirov**

# Tensor representations

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

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

$$\Xi_l^a = \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \\ \vdots \\ \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \end{array} \right\} l = \begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \\ \vdots \\ \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \Xi_l^a \\ \vdots \\ \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \\ \vdots \\ \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \end{array} + \dots + \begin{array}{c} \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \\ \vdots \\ \text{wavy line with } a \text{ and } 1 \end{array}$$

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:**

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

## HJ, Ochirov

(proof by Melia)

For example, consider:

[illegible]

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\underline{12}\underline{34}\underline{56}} &= \{2|\{3|T^a \otimes \Xi_1^a|4\}\{5|T^b \otimes \Xi_1^b|6\}|1\} = \{2|\{3|T^a \otimes \overline{T}^a|4\}\{5|T^b \otimes \overline{T}^b|6\}|1\} \\ &= \{2|\overline{T}^a \overline{T}^b|1\}\{3|T^a|4\}\{5|T^b|6\} = (T^b T^a)_{i_1 \bar{i}_2} T_{i_3 \bar{i}_4}^a T_{i_5 \bar{i}_6}^b, \end{aligned}$$

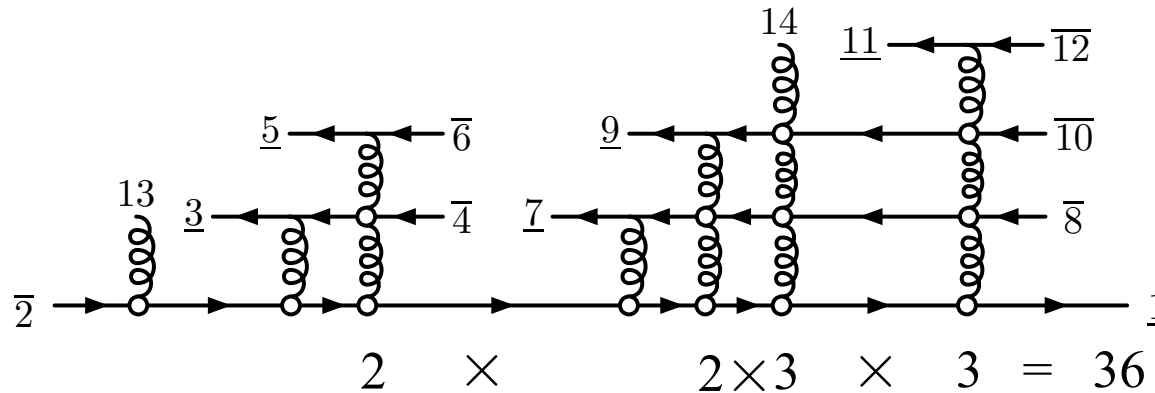
# Color coefficient diagrams

Consider a high-multiplicity example:

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

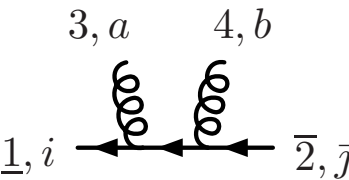
bra-(c)-ket  
structure

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

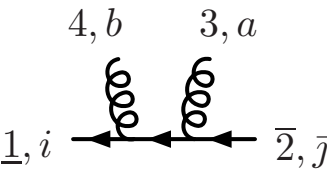


$$C_{\underline{1}, \overline{2}, 13, \underline{3}, \underline{5}, \overline{6}, \overline{4}, \underline{7}, \underline{9}, 14, \underline{11}, \overline{12}, \overline{10}, \overline{8}} = - \{2 | \Xi_1^{a_{13}} \{3 | T^b \otimes \Xi_1^b \{5 | T^c \otimes \Xi_2^c | 6\} | 4\} \\ \times \{7 | T^d \otimes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

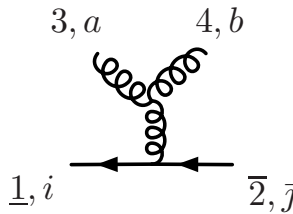
# Amplitude relations: example



$$= -\frac{i}{2} \frac{T_{i\bar{k}}^a T_{k\bar{j}}^b}{s_{13} - m^2} (\bar{u}_1 \not{\epsilon}_3 (\not{k}_{1,3} + m) \not{\epsilon}_4 v_2) = \frac{c_1 n_1}{D_1}$$



$$= \frac{c_2 n_2}{D_2}$$



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

**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

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

 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

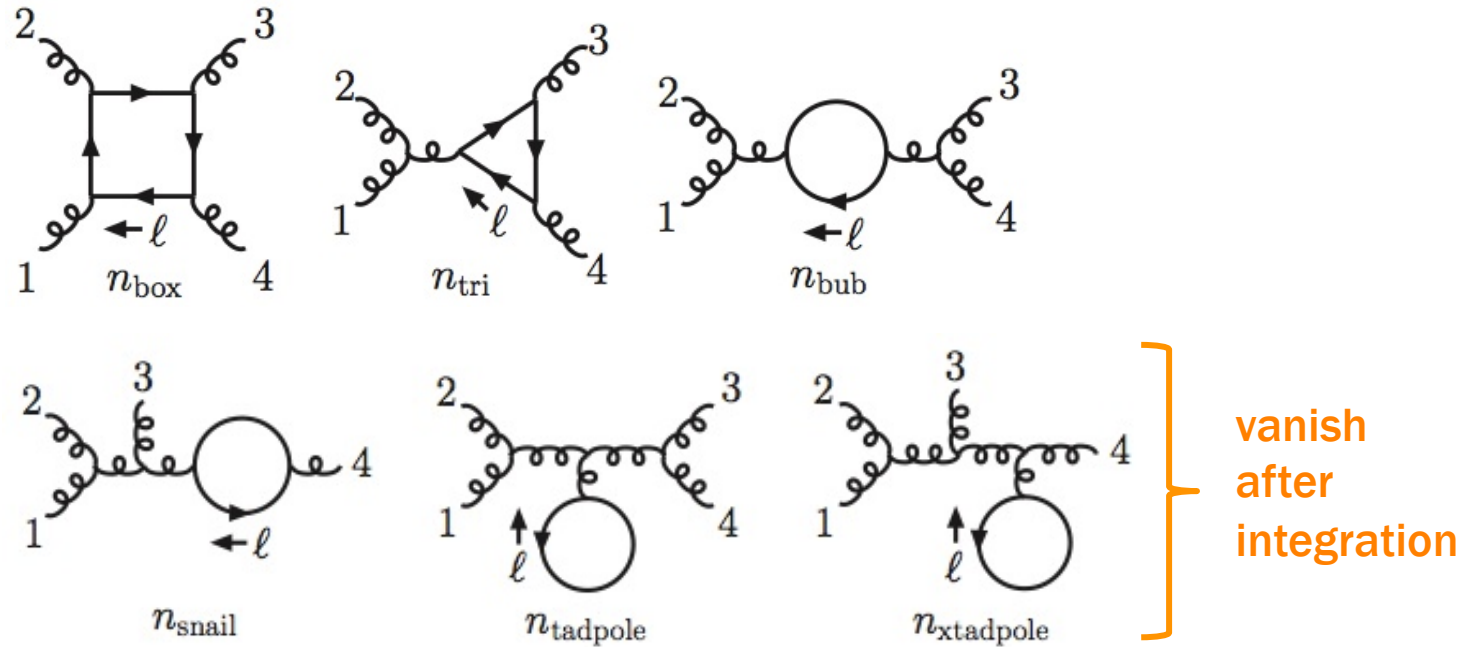
$$\begin{aligned} & (n-3)! && \text{for } k = 0, 1 \\ & (n-3)!(2k-2)/k! && \text{for } 2 < 2k \leq n \end{aligned}$$



## **Simple 1-loop examples**

# One-loop calculations

diagrams:

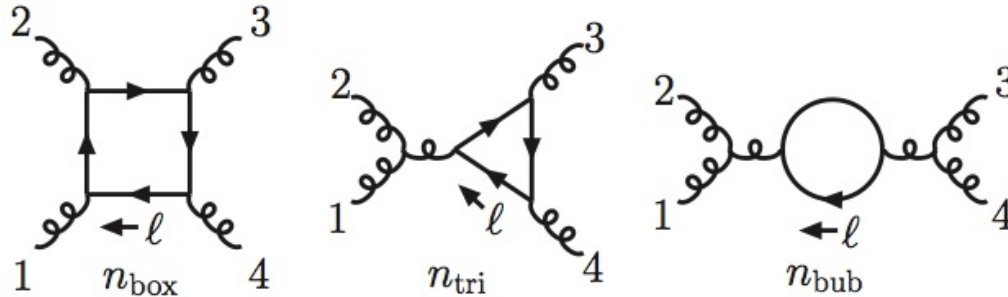


kinematic algebra:

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

# Ansatz for the box numerator: $\mathcal{N}=0,1,2$ SQCD

diagrams:



ansatz for 4pt MHV amplitude with internal matter, in any SYM theory: [HJ, Ochirov](#)

$$n_{\text{box}}(1, 2, 3, 4, \ell) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \frac{\kappa_{ij}}{s_{ij}^N} \left( \sum_k a_{ij;k} M_k^{(N)} + \epsilon(1, 2, 3, \ell) \sum_k \tilde{a}_{ij;k} M_k^{(N-2)} \right)$$

power-counting factor:  $N = 4 - \mathcal{N} \leftarrow \text{SUSY}$

momentum monomials:  $M^{(N)} = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^N m_i \mid m_i \in \{s, t, \ell \cdot k_j, \ell^2, \mu^2\} \right\}$

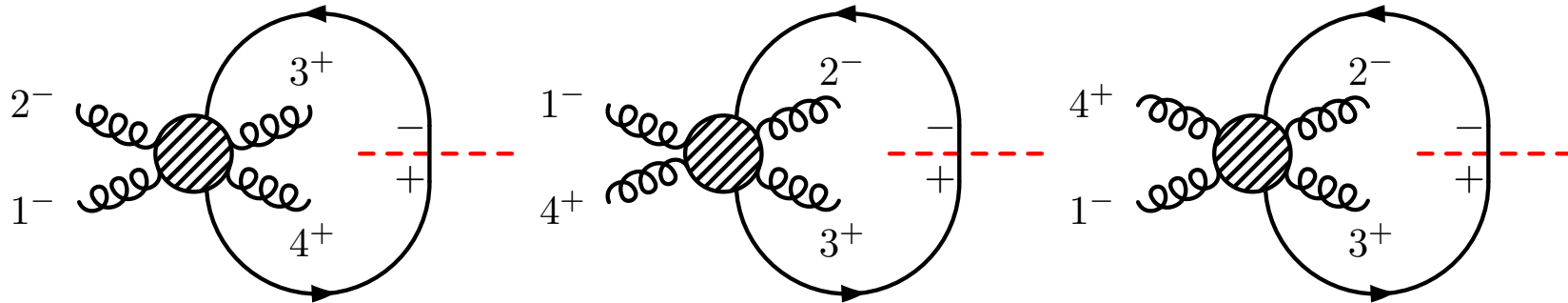
state dependence:  $\kappa_{ij} = \frac{[1\ 2][3\ 4]}{\langle 1\ 2 \rangle \langle 3\ 4 \rangle} \delta^{(2\mathcal{N})}(Q) \langle i\ j \rangle^{4-\mathcal{N}} \theta_i \theta_j$

( vector multiplet:  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{N}} = V_{\mathcal{N}} + \bar{V}_{\mathcal{N}} \theta$  )

# Unitarity cuts

Parameters in ansatz fixed by unitarity cuts (unitarity method)

Bern, Dixon,  
Dunbar, Kosower



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

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

**N=1 SQCD:**

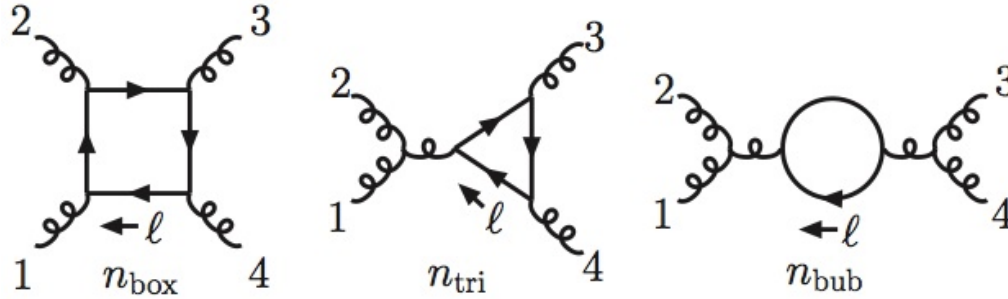
HJ, Ochirov

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

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

**QCD:** HJ, Ochirov

# N=2 SQCD



**N=2 SQCD integrated amplitude:**

Bern, Dixon,  
Dunbar, Kosower;  
Bern, Morgan

$$A_4^{\mathcal{N}=2, \text{fund}}(1^-, 2^-, 3^+, 4^+) = \frac{i\langle 12 \rangle^2 [34]^2}{(4\pi)^{D/2}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{st} I_2(t) \right\},$$

$$A_4^{\mathcal{N}=2, \text{fund}}(1^-, 2^+, 3^-, 4^+) = \frac{i\langle 13 \rangle^2 [24]^2}{(4\pi)^{D/2}} \left\{ -\frac{r_\Gamma}{2u^2} \left( \ln^2 \left( \frac{-s}{-t} \right) + \pi^2 \right) + \frac{1}{su} I_2(s) + \frac{1}{tu} I_2(t) \right\}$$

$$I_2(t) = \frac{r_\Gamma}{\epsilon(1-2\epsilon)} (-t)^{-\epsilon}$$

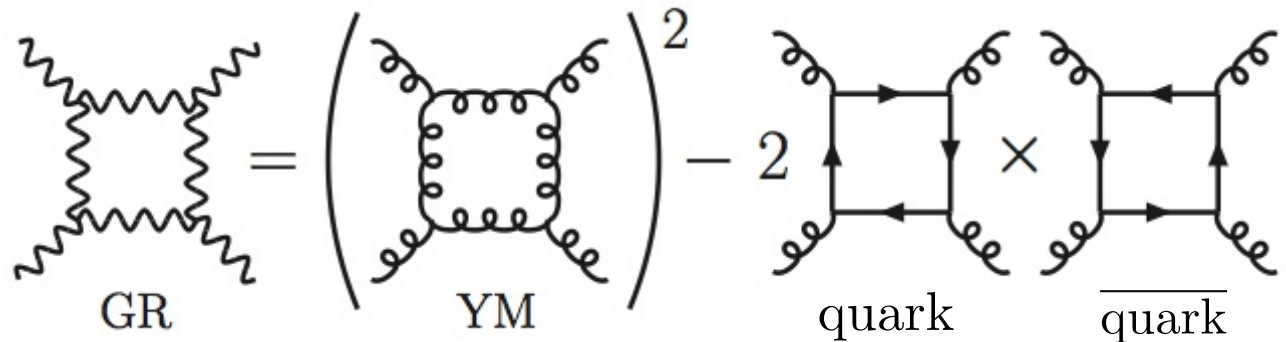
$$r_\Gamma = \frac{\Gamma(1+\epsilon)\Gamma^2(1-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(1-2\epsilon)}$$

# 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



HJ, Ochirov

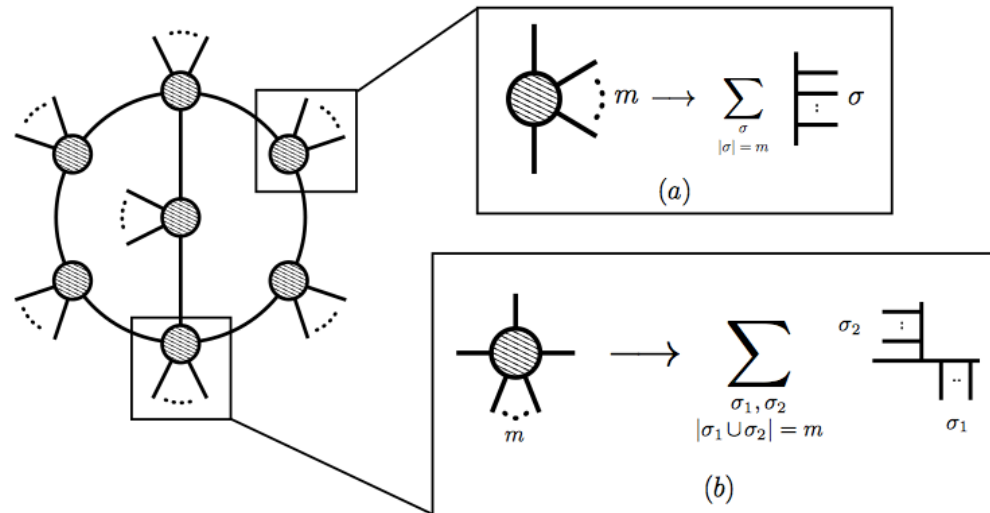
...and similarly for triangle and bubble

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

# Loop-level application QCD

Two-loop 5pt all-plus-helicity amplitude in pure YM computed to all orders in  $N_c$  using the DDM basis and BCJ relations:

Badger, Mogull, Ochirov, O'Connell (arXiv:1507.08797)



# 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 pure Einstein gravity amplitudes