

*Using improved auxiliary mass
flow method to compute master
integrals*

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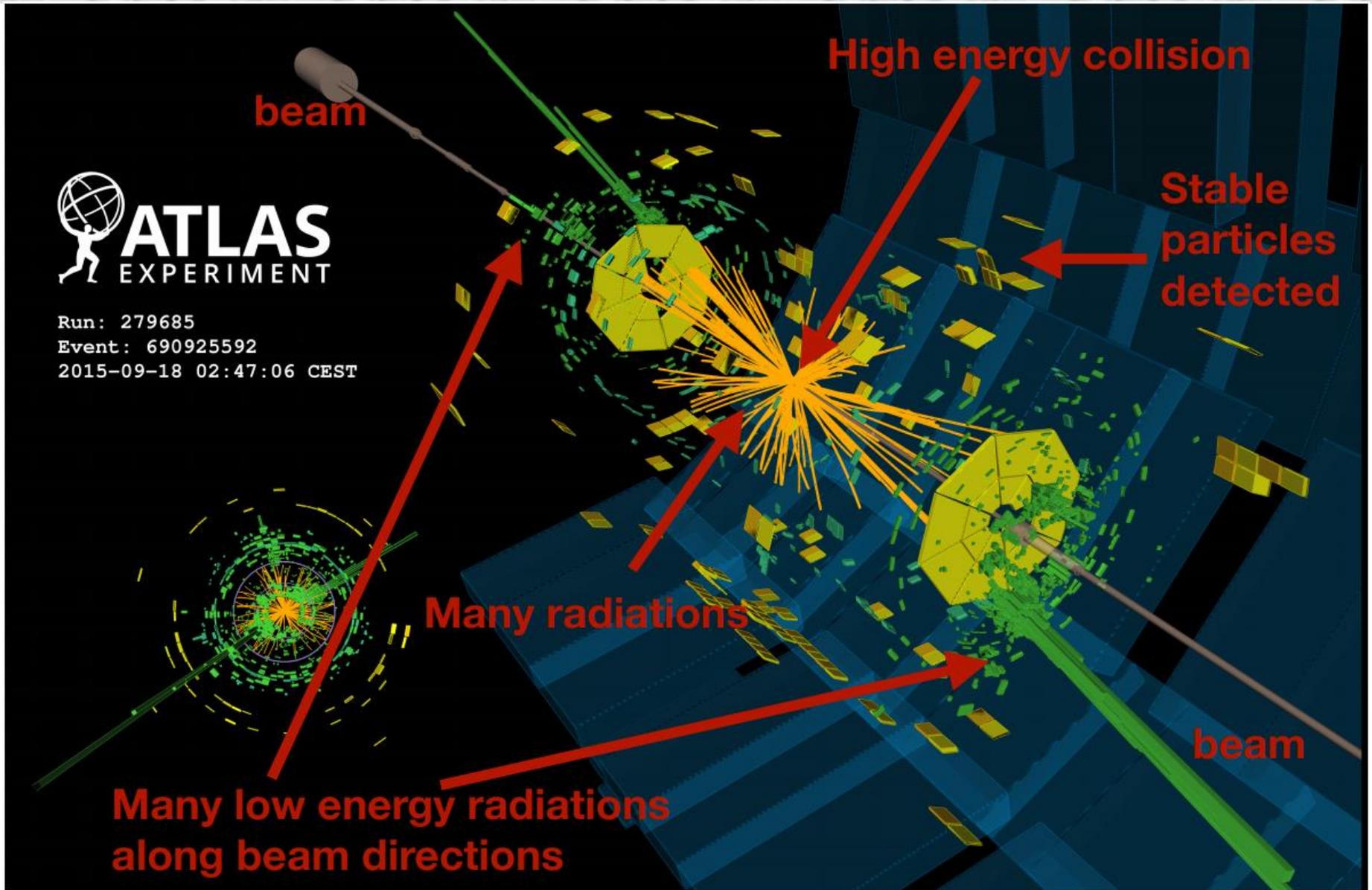
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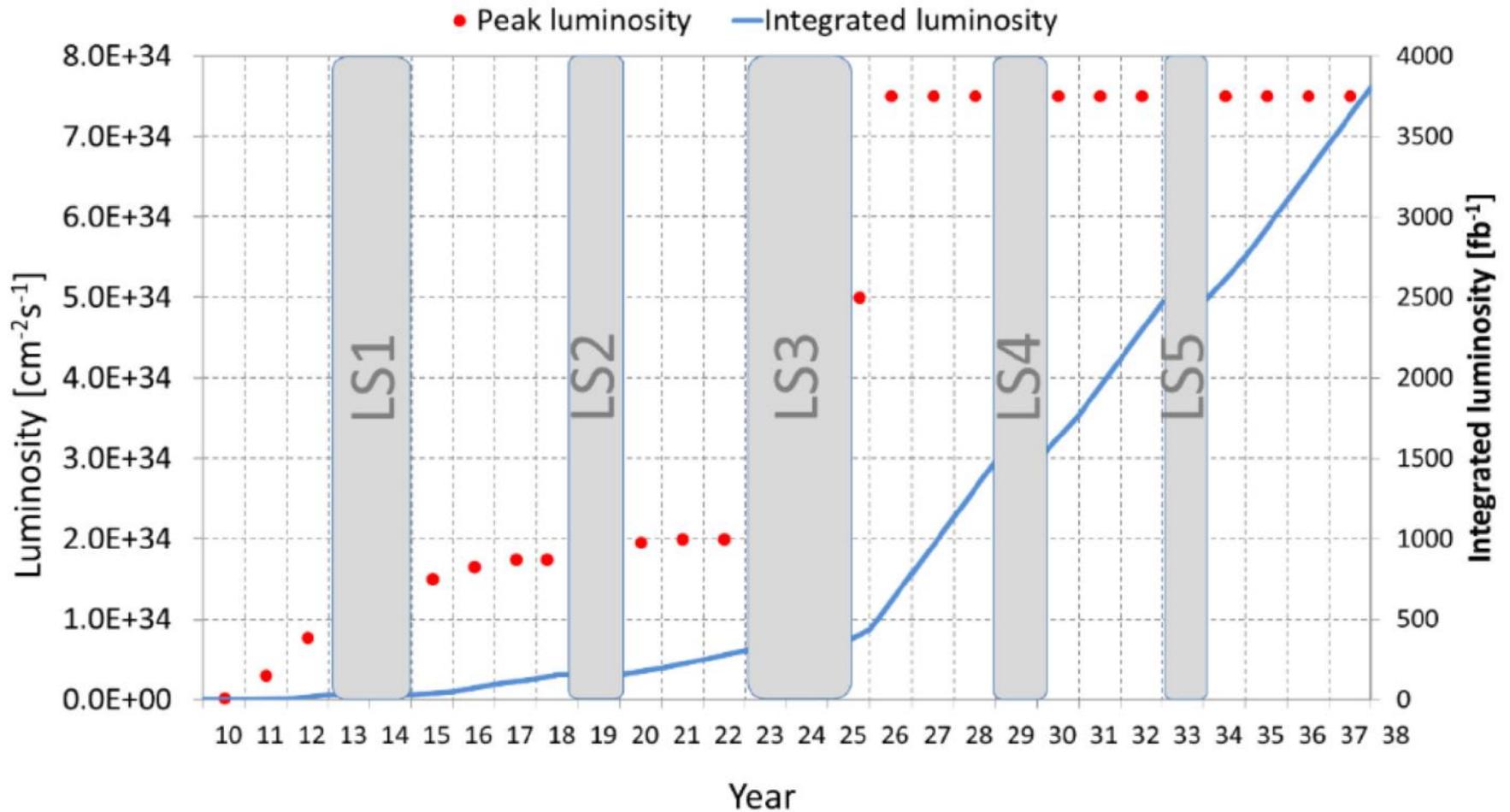
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High precision physics



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LHC luminosity. Figure from [Apollinari et al. 2015]

Theoretical predictions

➤ Perturbative QCD

- **NLO revolution** [Ossola, Papadopoulos and Pittau. *Nucl. Phys. B*, 2007] [Berger, Bern, Dixon et al. *Phys. Rev. D*, 2008] [Ellis, Giele and Kunszt. *JHEP*, 2008] [Giele Kunszt and Melnikov. *JHEP*, 2008]
- **NNLO techniques**
 - $pp \rightarrow 2j$ [Currie Ridder, Gehrmann et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2017]
 - $pp \rightarrow Z + j$ [Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2016]
 - $pp \rightarrow W + j$ [Boughezal, Focke, Liu et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2015]
 - $pp \rightarrow \gamma + j$ [Campbell, Ellis and Williams. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2017]
 - $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [Cieri, Coradeschi and Florian. *JHEP*, 2015]
 - $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ [Czakon Heymes and Mitov. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2016]
 - ...
 - first 2 to 3: $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ [Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov et al. *JHEP*, 2020]
 - $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + j$ [Chawdhry, Czakon, Mitov et al. 2105.06940]

Multi-loop scattering amplitudes

- master integrals calculation
 - differential equations [Kotikov. *Phys. Lett. B*, 1991] [Henn. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2013] [Czakon. *Phys. Lett. B*, 2008]
 - sector decomposition [Binnoth and Heinrich, *Nucl. Phys. B*, 2000]
 - Mellin-Barnes representation [Smirnov. *Phys. Lett. B*, 1999]
 - dimensional recurrence relations [Tarasov. *Phys. Rev. D*, 1996] [Lee. *Nucl. Phys. B*, 2010]
- “basis” of special functions not fully known
 - elliptic sectors in $H + j$ production in full QCD [Bonciani, Duca, Frellesvig et al. *JHEP*, 2016]
[Bonciani, Duca, Frellesvig et al. *JHEP*, 2020] [Frellesvig, Hidding, Maestri et al. *JHEP*, 2020]
- auxiliary mass flow method [Liu, Ma and Wang. *Phys. Lett. B*, 2018] [paper in preparation]

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Introduction of auxiliary mass

- Integral family with auxiliary mass [Liu, Ma and Wang, *Phys. Lett. B*, 2018]

$$I[\vec{v}](D; \vec{s}; \eta) \equiv \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^D \ell_i}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\mathcal{D}_{K+1}^{-\nu_{K+1}} \cdots \mathcal{D}_N^{-\nu_N}}{(\mathcal{D}_1 - \eta)^{\nu_1} \cdots (\mathcal{D}_K - \eta)^{\nu_K}}$$

- η : the auxiliary mass parameter

$$I[\vec{v}](D; \vec{s}) = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow i0^-} I[\vec{v}](D; \vec{s}; \eta)$$

- near $\eta = \infty$, only one integration region:

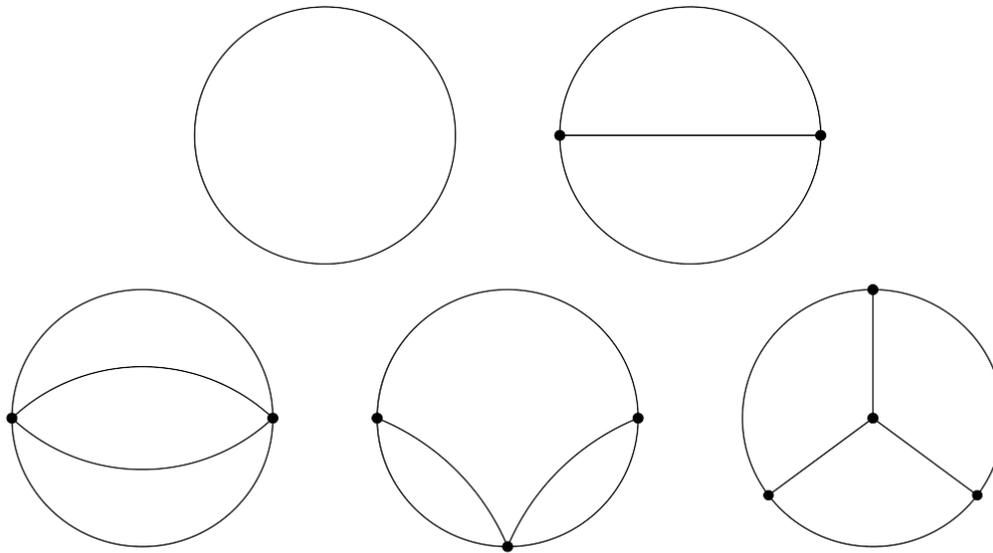
$$\ell_i^\mu \sim \sqrt{\eta}$$



$$\frac{1}{((\ell + p)^2 - m^2 - \eta)^\nu} = \frac{1}{(\ell^2 - \eta)^\nu} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\nu)_i}{i!} \left(-\frac{2\ell \cdot p + p^2 - m^2}{\ell^2 - \eta} \right)^i$$

Introduction of auxiliary mass

- equal-mass vacuum integrals:



[Davydychev and Tausk. *Nucl. Phys. B*, 1993]
[Broadhurst. *Eur. Phys. J. C*, 1999]
[Schroder and Vuorinen. *JHEP*, 2005]
[Kniehl, Pikelner and Veretin. *JHEP*, 2017]
[Luthe. phdthesis, 2015]
[Luthe, Maier, Marquard et al. *JHEP*, 2017]

- differential equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \vec{\mathcal{I}}(\eta) = A(\eta) \vec{\mathcal{I}}(\eta)$$

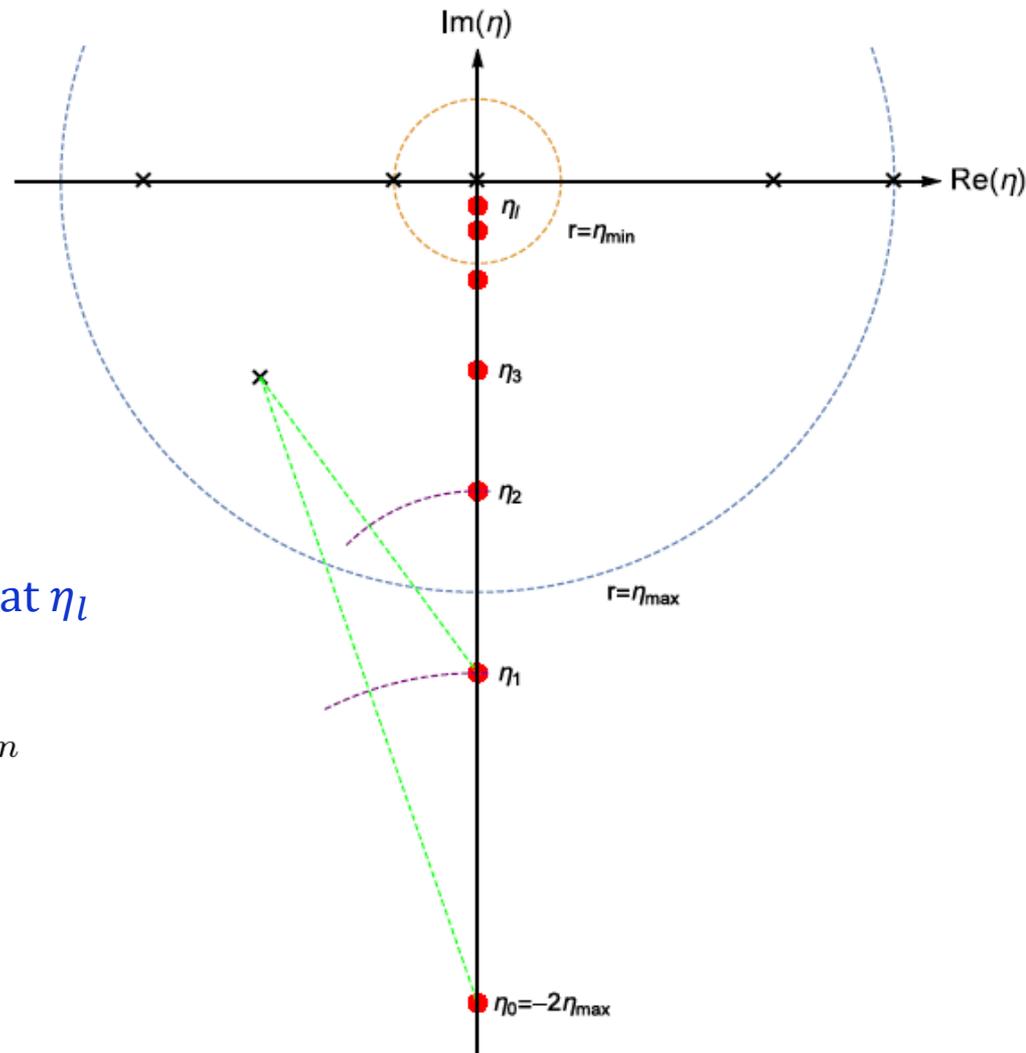
Auxiliary mass flow

➤ Numerical evaluation

- list of regular points: $\{\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_l\}$
 - η_0 : outside the large circle
 - η_l : inside the small circle
- expand at $\eta = \infty$ to estimate $\vec{I}(\eta_0)$
- expand at $\eta = \eta_i$ to estimate $\vec{I}(\eta_{i+1})$
- expand formally at $\eta = 0$ and match at η_l

$$\vec{I}(\eta) = \sum_{\mu \in S} \eta^\mu \sum_{k=0}^{k_\mu} \log^k(\eta) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \vec{I}_{\mu,k,n} \eta^n$$

- take the limit $\eta \rightarrow 0$
- **auxiliary mass flow**



Auxiliary mass flow

➤ Advantages

- systematic
 - process independent
 - general algorithm
 - physical region \sim Euclidean region
- efficient
 - $e \sim \left| \frac{\eta_{i+1} - \eta_i}{r} \right|^N, N \sim t$
 - $p \sim -\log(e) \sim N \sim t$

➤ Problems

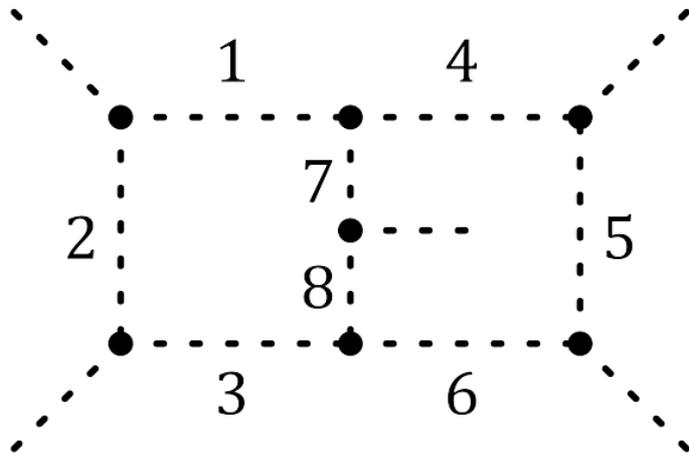
- effect of η : enlargement of the number of master integrals

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Improved auxiliary mass flow

➤ A simple observation



108 master integrals

Mode	Propagators	#MIs
all	{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}	476
loop	{4,5,6,7,8}	305
	{1,2,3,4,5,6}	319
branch	{4,5,6}	233
	{7,8}	234
propagator	{4}	178
	{5}	176
	{7}	220

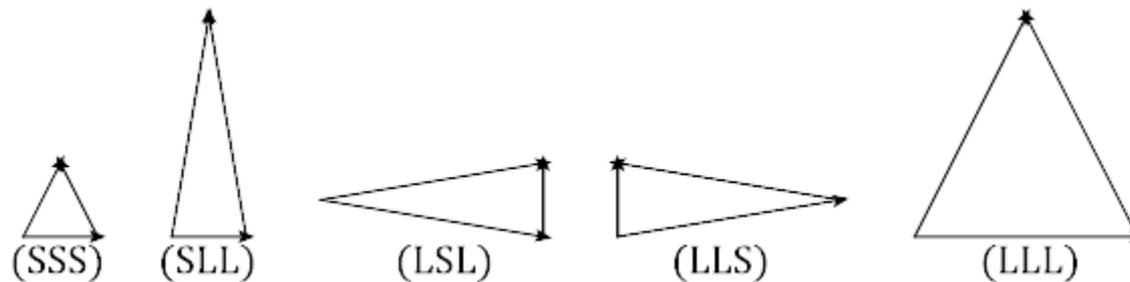
Integration regions

➤ Integration regions [Beneke and Smirnov. *Nucl. Phys. B*, 1998]

- principles: loop momentum of each branch can be either of $O(1)$ or $O(\sqrt{\eta})$
- regions for one-loop:



- regions for two-loop:



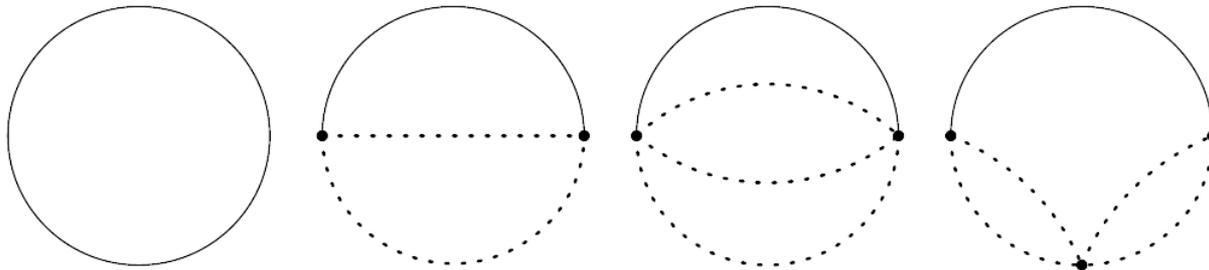
- (LSS), (SLS), (SSL) excluded by momentum conservation
- $R_1 = 2, R_2 = 5, R_3 = 15, R_4 = 47, \dots$

Integration regions

➤ Expansion in each region

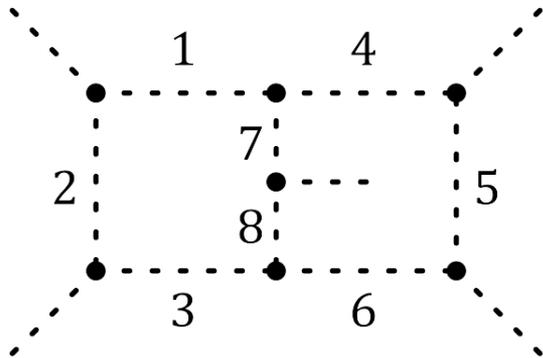
- (L ... L): $\frac{1}{((\ell + p)^2 - m^2 - k\eta)^\nu} \sim \frac{1}{(\ell^2 - k\eta)^\nu}$  vacuum
- (L ... S): $\frac{1}{((\ell_L + \ell_S + p)^2 - m^2 - k\eta)^\nu} \sim \frac{1}{(\ell_L^2 - k\eta)^\nu}$  factorized
- (S ... S): $\frac{1}{((\ell + p)^2 - m^2 - \eta)^\nu} \sim \frac{1}{(-\eta)^\nu}$  sub-family

Integrals can be solved by iteration!



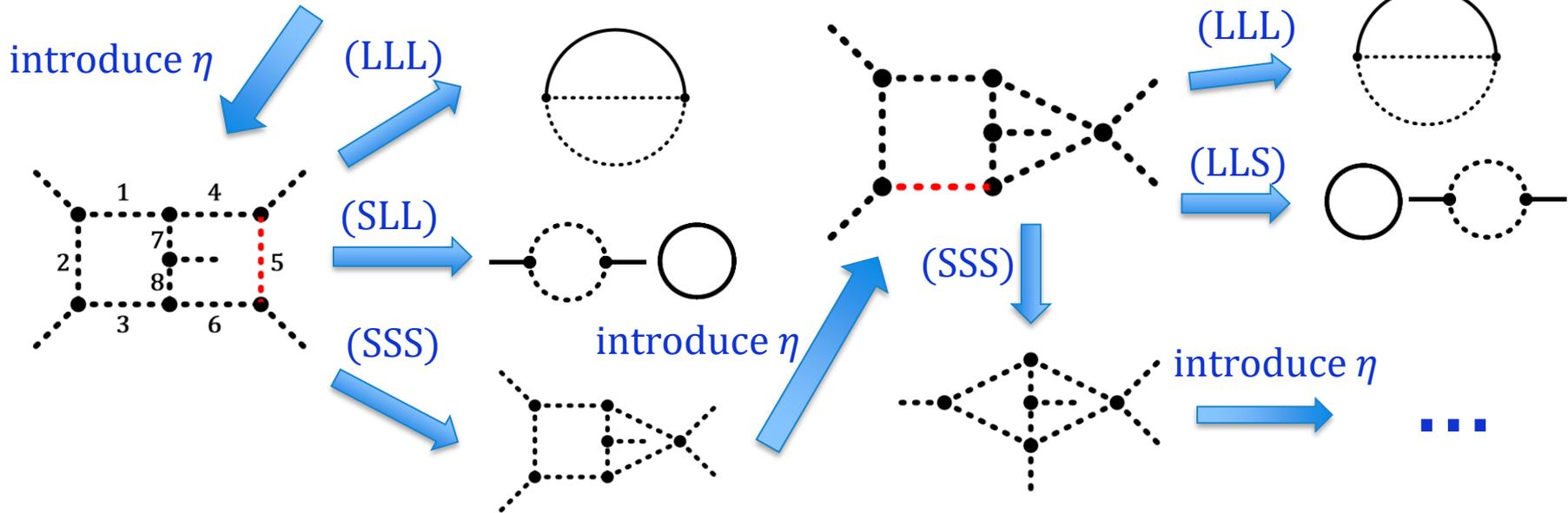
Examples

Two-loop five-point massless double-pentagon



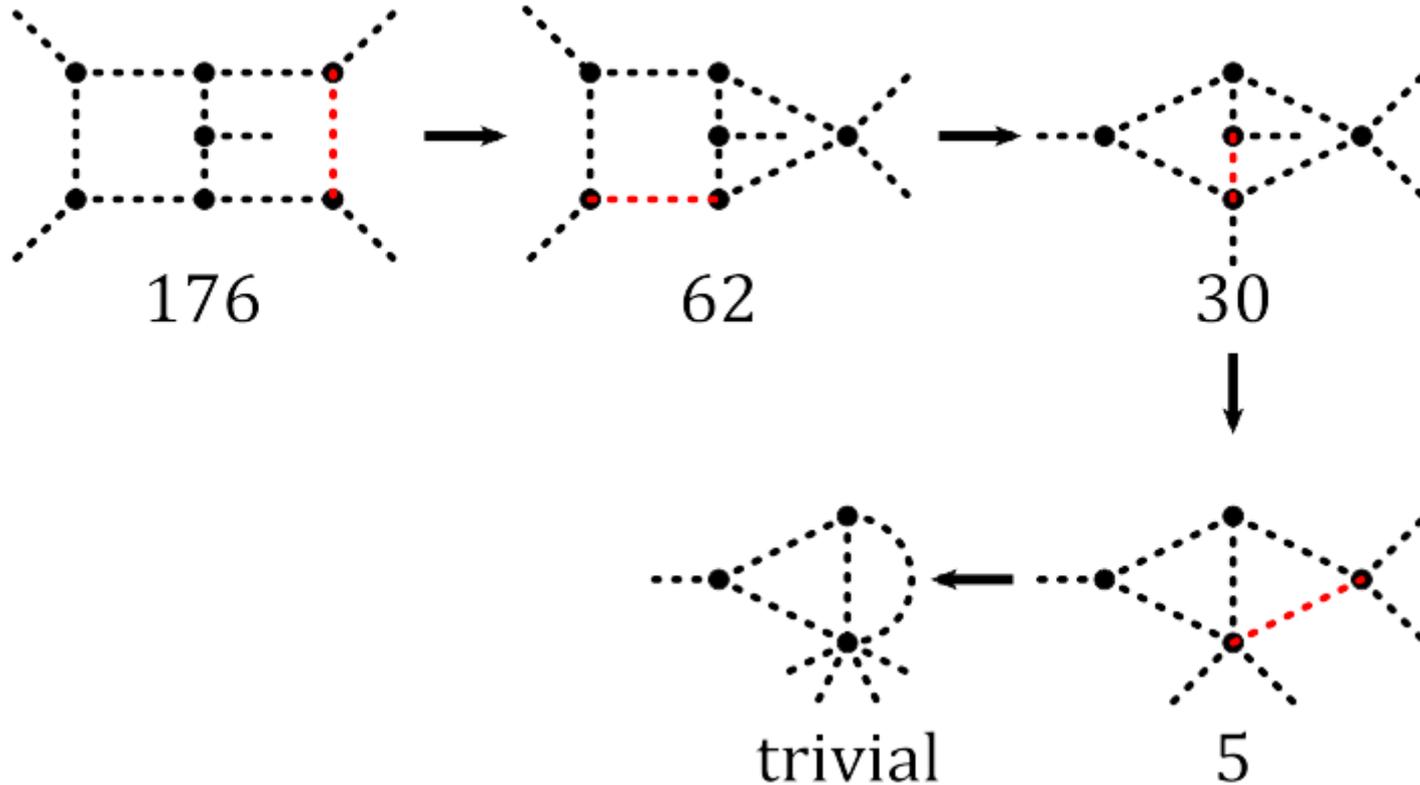
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_1 &= l_1^2, \mathcal{D}_2 = (l_1 - p_1)^2, \mathcal{D}_3 = (l_1 - p_1 - p_2)^2, \\ \mathcal{D}_4 &= l_2^2, \mathcal{D}_5 = (l_2 + p_5)^2, \mathcal{D}_6 = (l_2 + p_4 + p_5)^2, \\ \mathcal{D}_7 &= (l_1 - l_2)^2, \mathcal{D}_8 = (l_1 - l_2 + p_3)^2, \mathcal{D}_9 = (l_1 + p_5)^2, \\ \mathcal{D}_{10} &= (l_2 - p_1)^2, \mathcal{D}_{11} = (l_2 - p_1 - p_2)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{s} \equiv \{s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{15}\}$$



Examples

- all-small region iteration



Examples

- $\vec{s}_0 = \{4, -\frac{113}{47}, \frac{281}{149}, \frac{349}{257}, -\frac{863}{541}\}$
- setup (block-triangular systems) + solve: 6 CPU hour + 7 CPU hour
- first step in the iteration: $P_1 = 95\%$

$$I_{\text{phy}}[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0] =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - 0.06943562517263776\epsilon^{-4} \\ & + (1.162256636711287 + 1.416359853446717i)\epsilon^{-3} \\ & + (37.82474332116938 + 15.91912443581739i)\epsilon^{-2} \\ & + (86.2861798369034 + 166.8971535711277i)\epsilon^{-1} \\ & - (4.1435965578662 - 333.0996040071305i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & - (531.834114822928 - 1583.724672502141i)\epsilon \\ & - (2482.240253232612 - 2567.398291724192i)\epsilon^2 \\ & - (8999.90369367113 - 19313.42643829926i)\epsilon^3 \\ & - (28906.95582696762 - 17366.82954322838i)\epsilon^4 \end{aligned}$$

checked with analytic solutions

[Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2019]

[Chicherin and Sotnikov. *JHEP*, 2020]

new, self-consistence check

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \vec{\mathcal{I}}_{\text{phy}}(r) = A(r) \vec{\mathcal{I}}_{\text{phy}}(r)$$

$$\vec{s} = \vec{s}_0 + r(\vec{s}_1 - \vec{s}_0)$$

Examples

- block-triangular systems [Liu, Ma and Wang. *Phys. Lett. B*, 2018] [Guan, Liu and Ma. *Chin. Phys. C*, 2020]
 - each block can be solved independently
 - much smaller size and much better structure than IBP systems
 - 30~100 times faster in general for finite field computations
- block-triangular system V.S. IBP system (LiteRed + FiniteFlow) [Lee. *J. Phys. Conf. Ser.*, 2014]
[Peraro. *JHEP*, 2019]

system	block-triangular	IBP
# relations	869	212847
t_{FF}	0.029s	3.93s

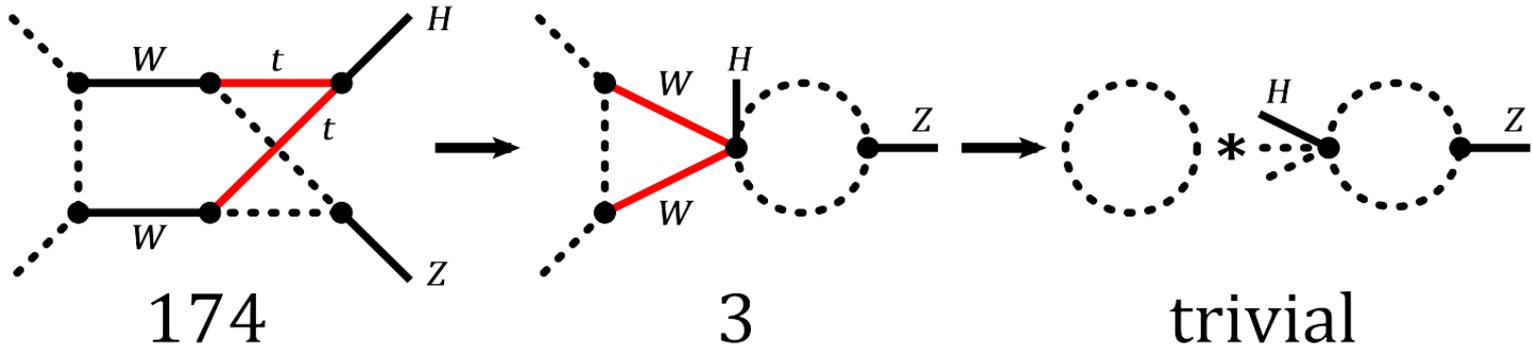
Much more efficient!

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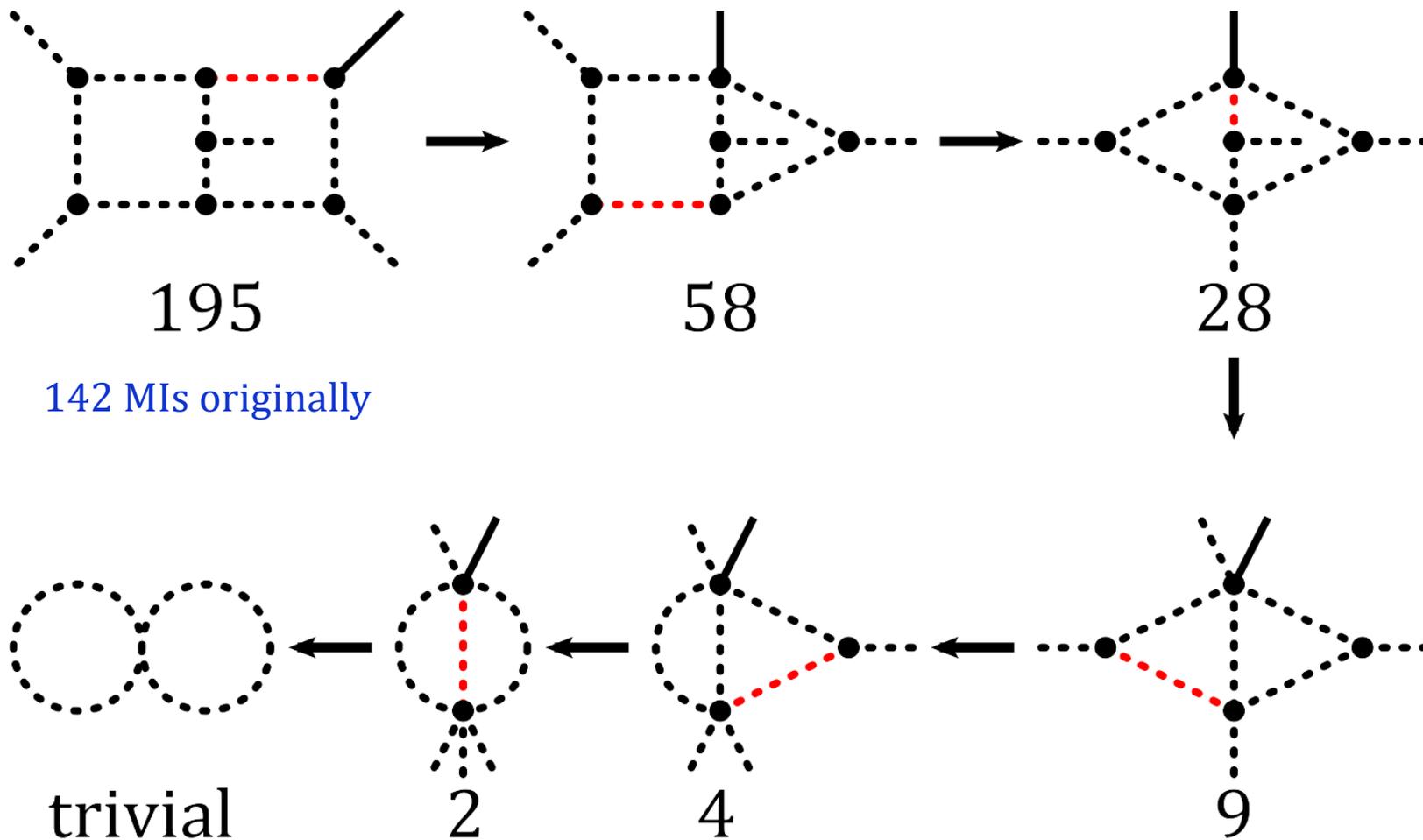
- two-loop electroweak correction to $e^+ e^- \rightarrow H + Z$ [Song and Freitas. *JHEP*, 2021]



- mass mode [Hansen and Wang. *JHEP*, 2021] [Hansen and Wang. *JHEP*, 2021]
- $m_t^2 \rightarrow m_t^2 + \eta$
- The number of master integrals does not change.

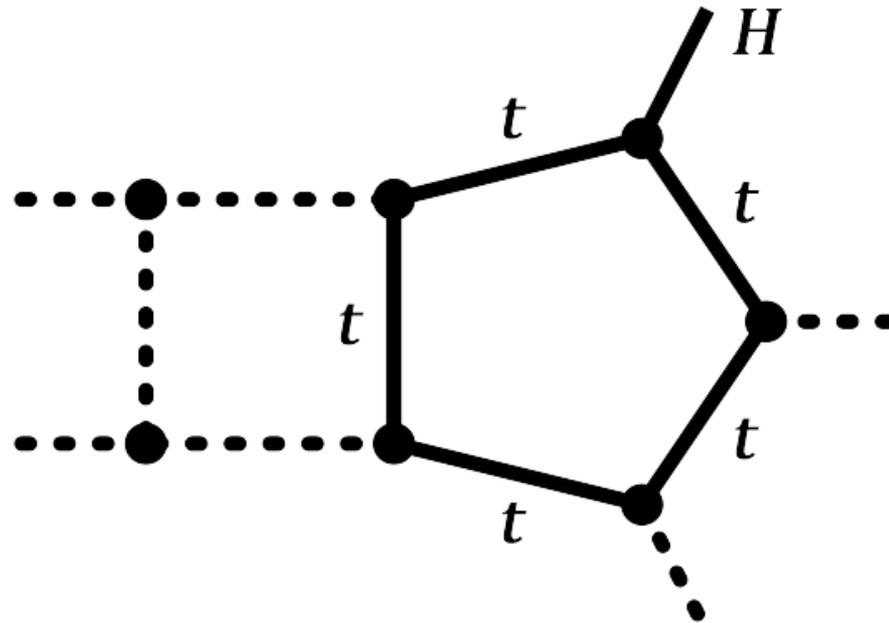
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- $W/Z/H + 2j$ production at two loop



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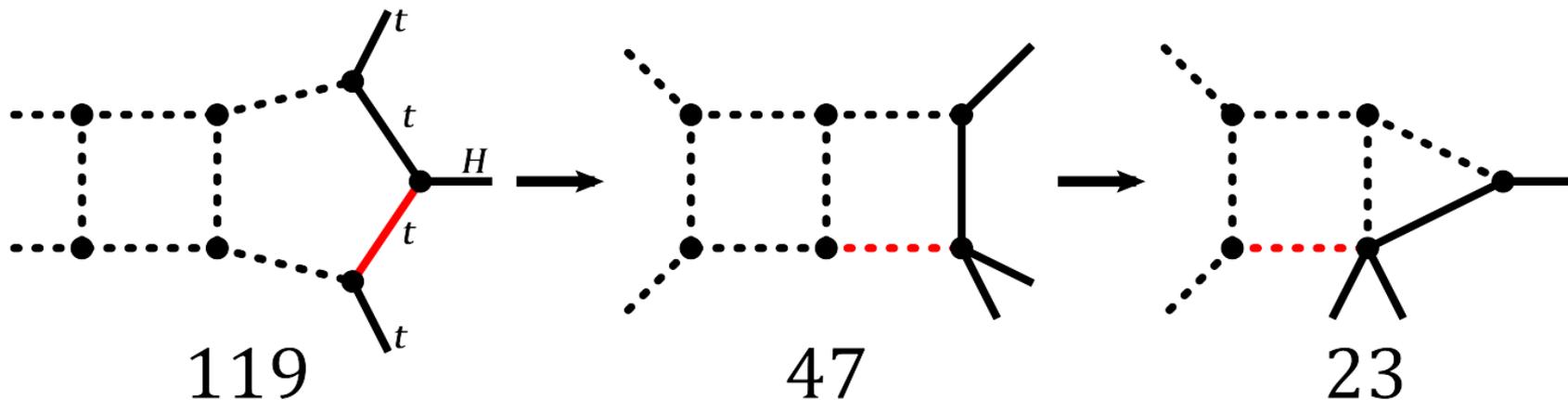
- $H + 2j$ production at two loop in full QCD



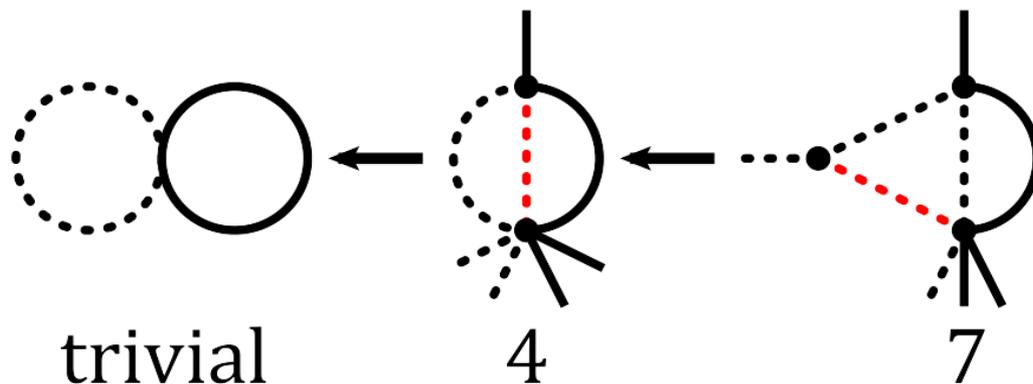
- mass mode: $m_t^2 \rightarrow m_t^2 + \eta$
- 173 MIs

Examples

- $t\bar{t}H$ production at two loop

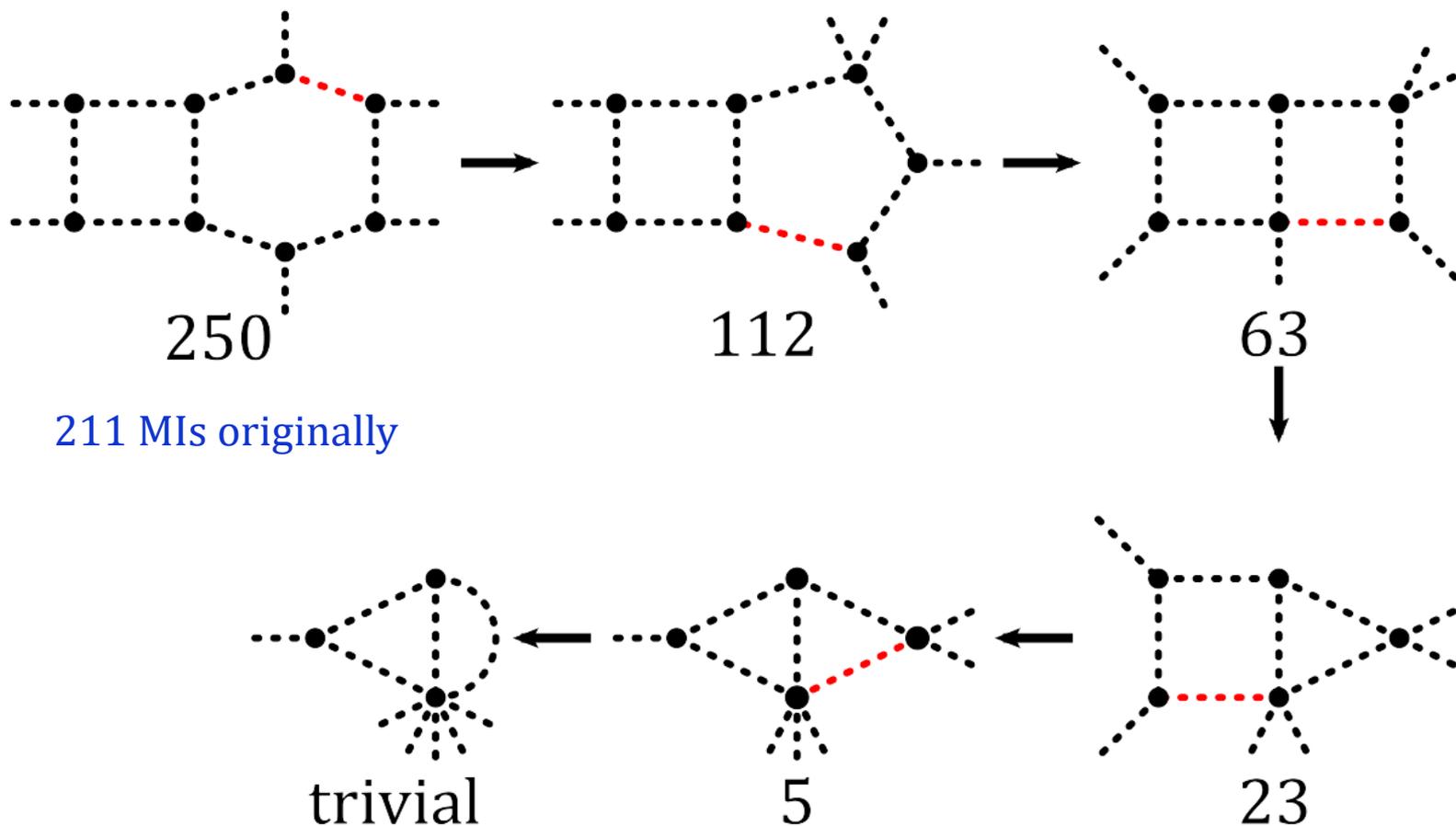


112 MIs originally



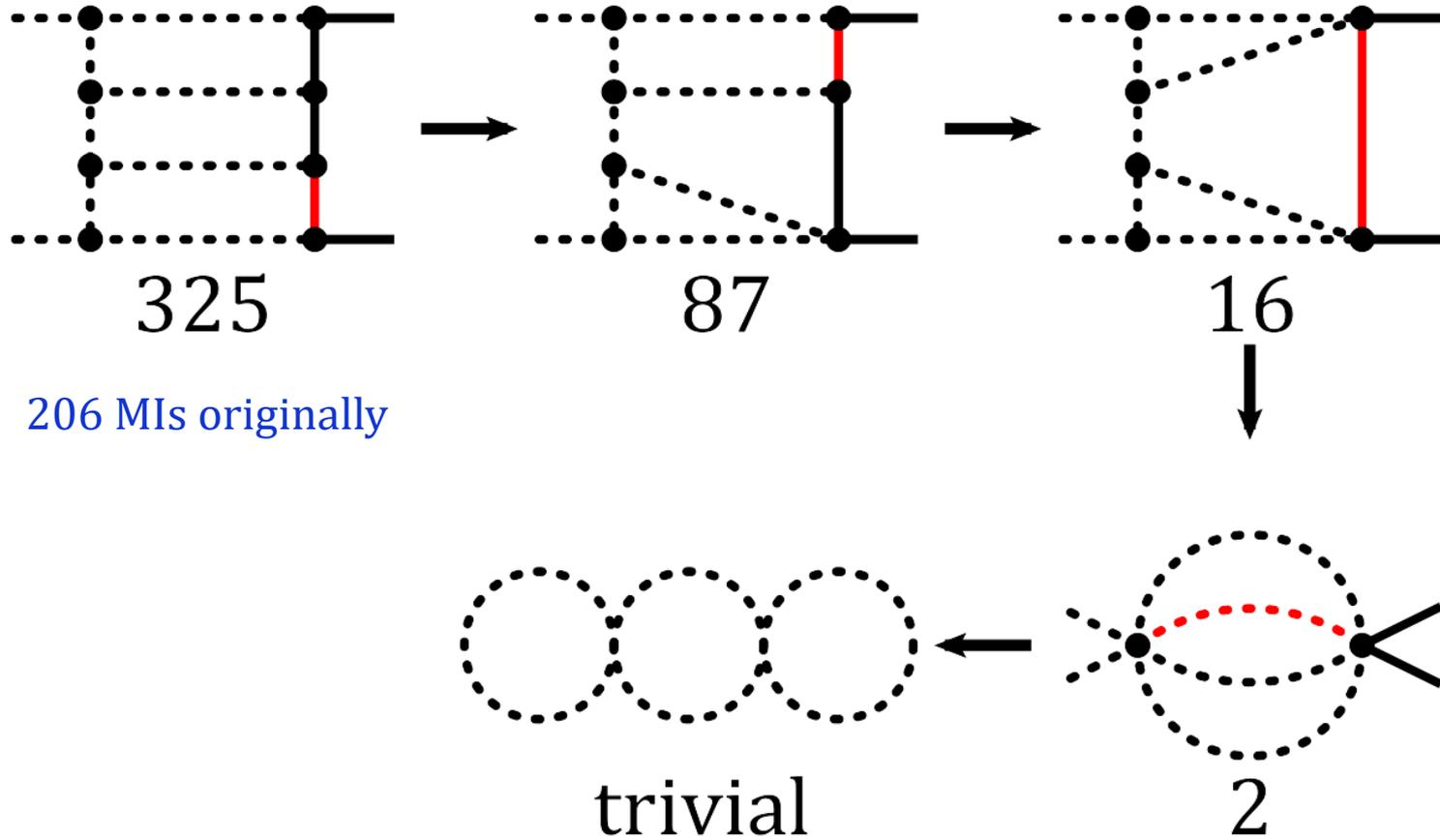
Examples

- $4j$ production at two loop



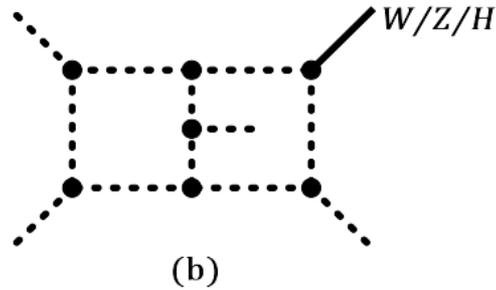
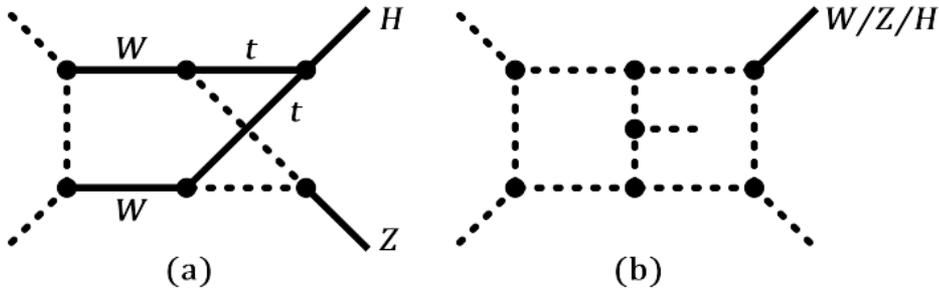
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- $t\bar{t}$ production at three loop

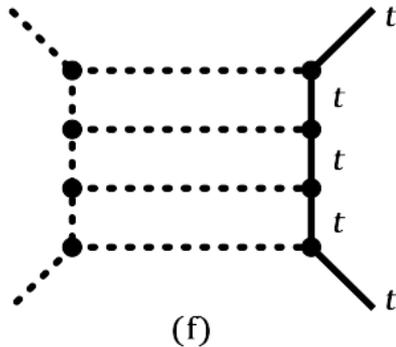
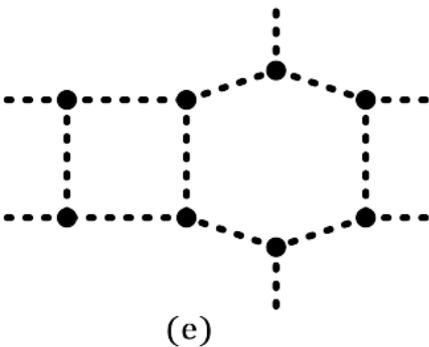
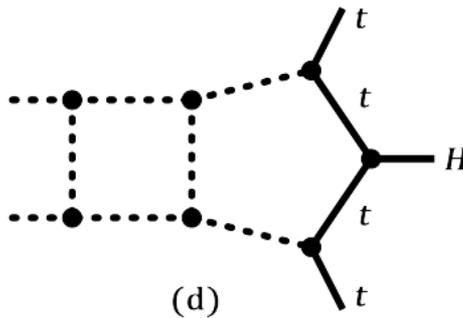
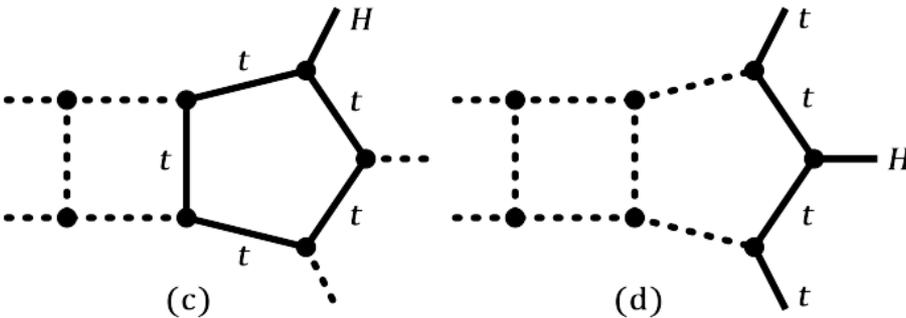


Examples

➤ Other cutting-edge examples



Family	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
T_{setup}	20	18	8	1	25	30
T_{solve}	11	15	6	3	15	42
P_1	99%	96%	99%	98%	94%	93%



- $O(10) \sim O(100)$ CPU hours
- $P_1 > 90\%$, first step dominant

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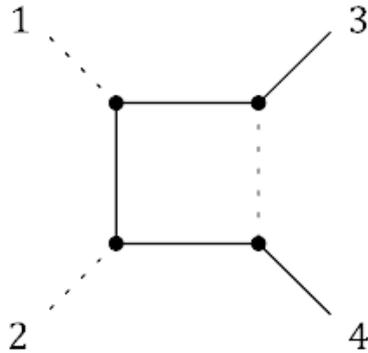
Summary and outlook

- We improve the original auxiliary mass flow method by introducing η in an iterative way.
- We compute master integrals involved in cutting-edge problems which may be challenging for all other methods.
- The method could be used directly or combined with traditional differential equations for future phenomenological studies.

Thank you!

Infrared Divergences

➤ Example: one-loop four-point integral



$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 = 10, t = (p_1 + p_3)^2 = -3, m^2 = 1$$

$$I[1, 1, 1, 1] = \frac{0.0665971 - 0.101394i}{\epsilon} + (-0.0133705 + 0.287857i)$$

- η -reg: $I[1, 1, 1, 1](\eta) \sim (0.0665971 - 0.101394i) \log(\eta) + 0.0250704 + 0.22933i$
- ϵ -reg: $I[1, 1, 1, 1](\eta) \sim \eta^{-\epsilon} f_1 + f_2 + \eta^{1/2-\epsilon} f_3$

$$f_1 = \frac{-0.0665971 + 0.101394i}{\epsilon} + (0.0384409 - 0.0585265i),$$

$$f_2 = \frac{0.0665971 - 0.101394i}{\epsilon} + (-0.0133705 + 0.287857i),$$

$$f_3 = 0.1309.$$

- take $\eta \rightarrow 0$, only f_2 survives