#### Scattering Amplitudes in Field Theory, Multiple Polylogarithms and the Coaction Principle

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 $Li_2(z)$ 

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### Introduction

- Earlier we heard about loop-level scattering amplitudes in string theory from Eric d'Hoker.
- String theory has a scale  $\alpha' \sim M_{\text{Planck}}^{-2}$
- Most of the results Eric described were "low energy", kinematic variables  $s, t, u \ll M_{\rm Planck}^2$ , where the main results are polynomial in s, t, u. But because the world-sheet is a torus (at one loop), the modular parameter  $\tau$  appears.
- In a field theory of massless particles, the only scales are kinematic.
- There is no "obvious" τ, but in complicated enough loop integrals, denominator singularities are parametrized by elliptic curves (or even Calabi-Yau *n*-folds).

### One-loop 4-mass box integral

$$L = 1 \begin{array}{c|c} x_{1} & = \int d^{4} x_{5} \frac{x_{13}^{2} x_{24}^{2}}{x_{15}^{2} x_{25}^{2} x_{35}^{2} x_{45}^{2}} \\ = Bloch-Wigner dilogarithm \\ = Im[Li_{2}(z)] + arg(1-z) \ln|z| \\ n = 8 \\ z \overline{z} = \frac{x_{12}^{2} x_{34}^{2}}{x_{13}^{2} x_{24}^{2}} \end{array}$$

- Example of single-valued multiple polylogarithm.
- Real analytic function on  $\mathbb{C}[z, \overline{z}] \{0, 1, \infty\}$
- Branch cuts in  $z, \overline{z}$  cancel each other

### Two-loop train-track integral



n = 10

= elliptic polylogarithm

Brown, Levin, 1110.6917; Broedel et al., 1712.07089; Eric's talk

(analytic formula of this type not yet known) (depends on 9 variables, generically)



Paulos, Spradlin, Volovich, 1203.6362

Caron-Huot, Larsen, 1205.0801

- $\tilde{Q}(u)$  a quartic polynomial from setting 7 propagators to zero, defines elliptic curve (with punctures from additional variables)
- Recent (formal?) series representation Ananthanarayan et al., 2007.08360

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#### One context: Loop amplitudes in planar N=4 SYM depend on 3(n-5) variables



#### But first:

#### the electron anomalous magnetic moment, a (precious) "baby" scattering amplitude



Measurement doesn't look much like particle scattering, but  $a_e = (g_e - 2)/2$  can be computed from spin-flip part of  $\gamma e \rightarrow e$  process as photon momentum  $\rightarrow 0$ .

### The loop expansion

• **Feynman:** Draw all diagrams with specified incoming and outgoing particles, weight them by coupling factors at each vertex. For a given process, extra powers of coupling for each closed loop.



In quantum electrodynamics (QED), each additional loop suppressed by (Sommerfeld's) fine structure constant:

$$\frac{\mathrm{e}^2}{4\pi\hbar c} \equiv \alpha = \frac{1}{137.035999\ldots}$$

### QED state of numerical art today: 5 loops, 12,672 diagrams

M. Hayakawa

30 gauge invariant sets

The most difficult set, 6354 diagrams, leading to 389 integrals. Evaluated numerically after Feynman Parameterization.

Aoyama, Hayakawa, Kinoshita, Nio, Watanabe, 2006-2017





### Seven decades of $g_e$ -2 theory



# Matches incredible advances in experimental precision



#### What numbers appear (or don't) in $g_e$ -2?

- $a_e^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2}$
- $a_e^{(2)} = \frac{197}{144} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \frac{\pi^2}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{3}{4} \zeta(3)$ •  $a_e^{(3)} = \frac{28259}{5184} + \frac{17101}{810} \pi^2 - \frac{298}{9} \pi^2 \ln 2 + \frac{139}{18} \zeta(3) - \frac{239}{2160} \pi^4 + \frac{100}{3} \left\{ \text{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{24} \left(\ln^4 2 - \pi^2 \ln^2 2\right) \right\} + \frac{83}{72} \pi^2 \zeta(3) - \frac{215}{24} \zeta(5)$
- Assign "transcendental weight" *w* to numbers in the formulas:  $w[\pi] = w[\ln(x)] = 1,$  $w[\zeta(n)] = w[\operatorname{Li}_n(x)] = n$
- Apparently  $w \le 2L 1$  (L = loop order), but some terms are missing
- E.g. no  $\ln 2$ ,  $\ln^2 2$  or  $\ln^3 2$  in  $a_e^{(2)}$
- Do missing terms at lower loops imply missing terms at higher loops? **YES**, once we understood how to write them
- Do such patterns appear in other contexts? YES

### Large Hadron Collider



#### Quantum chromodynamics at the LHC



### One loop amplitudes

- Numbers are very simple.
- At one loop all integrals are reducible to scalar box integrals + simpler
- $\rightarrow$  combinations of dilogarithms

$$Li_2(x) = -\int_0^x \frac{dt}{t} \ln(1-t)$$



't Hooft, Veltman (1974)

- + logarithms and rational terms
- Two-loop integrals are intricate, transcendental, multi-variate functions. Special values ~ those found in  $g_{\rm e}\text{-}2$

#### Number-theory patterns in real scattering?

- Some patterns visible in QCD
- However, we can see them easiest in a "toy theory", planar N=4 SYM, whose remarkable symmetries let us compute 6-point amplitudes up to 7 loops!



+ ~  $10^9$  more Feynman diagrams

### **Transcendental numbers**

• 
$$\pi = \frac{C}{D} = 4(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \cdots)$$
  
Madhava-Leibniz series  
1300's  
1676  
• Special value of a special function:  
 $\arctan x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \cdots$ 

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### Leonhard Euler

#### See I. Todorov, 1804.09553

- ~1726: Euler wins prize essay on ship-building, although he had never been on a ship before.
- Offer to join St. Petersburg Academy, commissioned into Russian navy (not for long).
- In 1729, Euler began to play with values of infinite series.
- In particular, the "Basel problem":

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = ???$$



1707-1783

### Euler sums

Euler considered also the more general quantities, now called Riemann zeta values,

$$\zeta(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^n}$$

 Numerical convergence poor, important given computational tools of the day



 Euler realized that for faster convergence, one should embed ζ(n) into the alternating sums,

$$\phi(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k^n} = (1 - 2^{1-n}) \zeta(n)$$

### Euler and the dilogarithm

 Euler also recognized ζ(2) and φ(2) as special values of a function, an iterated integral now called the dilogarithm [Leibniz → J. Bernoulli → Euler]:

$$Li_{2}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k}}{k^{2}} = -\int_{0}^{x} \frac{dt}{t} \ln(1-t) = \int_{0}^{x} \frac{dt}{t} \int_{0}^{t} \frac{dt'}{1-t'}$$
$$Li_{2}(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2}} = \zeta(2),$$
$$Li_{2}(-1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k}}{k^{2}} = -\phi(2)$$

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#### Functional equation for better convergence

- Differentiating dilogarithm,  $\frac{d}{dx}\text{Li}_2(x) = -\frac{\ln(1-x)}{x}$ gives Euler's functional equation:  $\text{Li}_2(x) + \text{Li}_2(1-x) + \ln x \ln(1-x) = \text{Li}_2(1)$ • Setting  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  to be well inside radius of convergence 1, Euler could get "high precision numerics", and **ascertained** that  $\zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ , and later  $\zeta(2n) = -\frac{B_{2n}}{2(2n)!}(2\pi i)^n$
- But  $\zeta(3) = ???$
- "For *n* odd all my efforts have been useless until now" [Euler, 1749]

### Euler's useless efforts not so useless

 While failing to find polynomial relations among ζ(n), Euler introduced nested sums, or multiple zeta values (MZV's):

$$\zeta(n_1, \dots, n_d) = \sum_{k_1 > \dots + k_d > 0} \frac{1}{k_1^{n_1} \dots k_d^{n_d}}$$

- Weight =  $n_1 + \dots + n_d$ , depth = d
- And similar alternating [Euler-Zagier] sums with minus signs in the numerator

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### MZVs obey many identities

• For example, 
$$\zeta(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{k_1 > k_2 > 0} \frac{1}{k_1^{n_1} k_2^{n_2}}$$

obeys the "stuffle" identity,

$$\zeta(n_1)\zeta(n_2) = \zeta(n_1, n_2) + \zeta(n_2, n_1) + \zeta(n_1 + n_2)$$

- The first irreducible MZV, that cannot be written in terms of  $\zeta(n) \equiv \zeta_n$ , is at weight 8,  $\zeta(5,3) \equiv \zeta_{5,3}$ .  $\rightarrow$  High loops needed to explore MZV's.
- "MZV datamine", Blümlein, Broadhurst, Vermaseren, 0907.2557 solves all known relations to weight 24, also alternating (Euler) sums to at least weight 12

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#### MZVs and Harmonic Polylogarithms (HPLs)

Remiddi, Vermaseren, hep-ph/9905237

• Classical polylogs  $\operatorname{Li}_n(x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t} \operatorname{Li}_{n-1}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{x^k}{k^n}$ 

evaluate to Riemann zeta values  $\operatorname{Li}_n(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^n} = \zeta_n$ 

• Define HPLs  $H_{\vec{w}}(x), w_i \in \{0,1\}$  by iterated integration:

$$H_{0,\vec{w}}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t} H_{\vec{w}}(t), \quad H_{1,\vec{w}}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{1-t} H_{\vec{w}}(t)$$

• Then 
$$H_{n_1,...,n_d}(1) \equiv H_{\underbrace{0,\ldots,0,1}_{n_1},\ldots,\underbrace{0,\ldots,0,1}_{n_d}}(1) = \zeta_{n_1,...,n_d}$$

- Weight n =length of binary string;  $2^n$  HPLs at weight n
- Derivatives of just two types:

 $dH_{0,\vec{w}}(x) = H_{\vec{w}}(x) \ d\ln x \quad dH_{1,\vec{w}}(x) = -H_{\vec{w}}(x)d\ln(1-x)$ 

### HPLs and massless $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering

 $s + t + u = 0 \rightarrow$  one dimensionless variable,  $x = -\frac{t}{s}$ 

• Only interesting limits are

 $s \rightarrow 0$ ,  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $u \rightarrow 0$ 

 $\rightarrow x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $x \rightarrow 1$ 

- Match singular points of HPLs  $H_{\vec{w}}(x)$ .
- HPLs  $H_{\vec{w}}(x)$  with weight  $\leq 4$  describe all massless QCD amplitudes through 2 loops

Anastasiou, Glover, Oleari, Tejeda-Yeomans; Bern, LD, de Freitas (~2000)

 weight ≤ 6 for planar N=4 SYM and later QCD amplitudes through 3 loops Bern, LD, Smirnov, hep-th/0505205; Henn, Mistlberger, 1608.00850; Henn, Mistlberger, Smirnov, Wasser, 2002.09492

# Generic iterated integrals

Chen; Goncharov; Brown

• Generalized polylogarithms of weight *n* are *n*-fold iterated integrals, defined (for  $a_n \neq 0$ ) by

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n; z) = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(a_2, \dots, a_n; t)$$

 Important property of space *G* of such functions: Hopf co-algebra Δ maps functions to products of

"functions":

$$\Delta \mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{G} \otimes \mathcal{G}'$$

Goncharov, math/0208144; Brown, 1102.1312

- ∆ basically arises from chopping iterated integration contours into pieces.
- Weight is preserved, so  $\Delta = \sum_{p,q=1}^{\infty} \Delta_{p,q}$  where  $\Delta_{n-q,q} f^{(n)} = \sum_{k} f^{k,(n-q)} \otimes g^{k,(q)}$

### Iterated integrals (cont.)

- Co-action  $\Delta_{n-q,q} f^{(n)} = \sum_k f^{k,(n-q)} \otimes g^{k,(q)}$
- Special case q = 1 is just the derivative:

$$\Delta_{n-1,1}f = \sum_{s_k \in \mathcal{S}} f^{s_k} \otimes \ln s_k(x_a)$$

is equivalent to 
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_a} = \sum_{s_k \in S} f^{s_k} \frac{\partial \ln s_k}{\partial x_a}$$

- $S = \text{finite set of rational expressions, "symbol letters" <math>s_k$ , depending on coordinates  $x_a$
- $f^{s_k}$  are pure functions, weight n-1
- Iterate the  $\{n-1,1\}$  coproduct *n* times:
- → Symbol =  $\{1, 1, ..., 1\}$  component of  $\Delta$

Goncharov, Spradlin, Vergu, Volovich, 1006.5703

### Symbol example

• 
$$\frac{d}{dx}\operatorname{Li}_n(x) = \frac{\operatorname{Li}_{n-1}(x)}{x}$$
,  $\frac{d}{dx}\operatorname{Li}_2(x) = -\frac{\ln(1-x)}{x}$ 

 $\rightarrow \Delta_{1,\dots,1}[\operatorname{Li}_n(x)] = -(1-x) \otimes x \otimes \dots \otimes x$ 



→ 
$$\Delta_{1,1}$$
[Li<sub>2</sub>(x) + Li<sub>2</sub>(1 - x) + ln x ln(1 - x)]  
= -(1 - x) ⊗ x - x ⊗ (1 - x) + x ш (1 - x)  
= 0

(Symbol of Euler functional equation)

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### Symbols and co-actions

- Symbol trivializes all complicated polylogarithmic identities
- → incredibly useful for simplifying massively complicated expressions for two-loop QCD amplitudes Duhr, 1203.0454
- However, differentiating *n* times loses all information about constants, MZVs, etc.
- Components  $\Delta_{n-3,3}$ ,  $\Delta_{n-5,5}$ , ... more useful for diagnosing structure of numbers like MZVs Brown, 1102.1310
- $\exists$  map between MZV's and non-abelian "*f* alphabet"  $f_3, f_5, f_7, \ldots$  which makes the action of  $\Delta$  manifest.  $\zeta(2i + 1) \rightarrow f_{2i+1}, \ \zeta(5,3) \rightarrow -5f_5f_3 \equiv -5f_{5,3}$
- Similar alphabet for alternating sums, adding  $f_1 \sim \ln 2$

### Back to $g_e$ -2

- What do two- and three-loop terms look like in *f* alphabet?
- O. Schnetz, 1711.05118, HyperlogProcedures MAPLE program

• 
$$\frac{197}{144} + \frac{\zeta_2}{2} + 3\zeta_2 f_1 - f_3$$
  
•  $\frac{28259}{5184} + \frac{17101}{135}\zeta_2 + \frac{596}{3}\zeta_2 f_1 - \frac{278}{27}f_3 + \frac{511}{24}\zeta_4$   
 $- \frac{350}{9}f_{1,3} - \frac{83}{9}\zeta_2 f_3 + \frac{86}{9}f_5$ 

- $\Delta_{n-q,q}$  for q=2i+1 means: "clip  $f_{2i+1}$  from the left"
- Operation always lands on something seen at lower loops
- Conversely: no naked *f*<sub>1</sub> at two loops
   → no *f*<sub>1</sub>, *f*<sub>1,1</sub>, *f*<sub>1,1,1</sub>, *f*<sub>3,1</sub>, ... expected at higher loops

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### **Co-action principle**

Schnetz, 1302.6445; Brown, 1512.06409; Panzer, Schnetz, 1603.04289;...

- Suppose H ⊂ G is some subspace of a space of generalized polylogs or MZVs which is picked out by "physics" in some way.
- Then the left factor in the co-action should be stable, i.e.

#### $\Delta \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$

- Note: left ← → right here, versus f alphabet ordering
- This principle makes many predictions which can be tested in a variety of multi-loop settings.

### **Cosmic Galois Group**

- There is a group action C dual to  $\Delta$
- The restriction  $\Delta \mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{K}$  corresponds to invariance under the group,  $\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$
- Group C is infinite dimensional analog of Galois group associated with roots of a polynomial equation
- Because this property appears "everywhere", termed "cosmic Galois group" Cartier (1996,2000); Andre (2008); Brown, 1512.06409, 1512.06410
- Precisely how the group acts (what numbers appear) depends on the physical problem

### $g_e$ -2 at four loops

- Computed
   "almost" analytically
   Laporta arXiv:1704.06996
- Contains non-polylog terms. Also, polylog terms require two different *f* alphabets, one associated with  $G(a_1, ..., a_n; 1)$  where  $a_i$  are 4<sup>th</sup> roots of unity,  $f_i^4$ another with 6<sup>th</sup> roots,  $f_i^6 + g_1^6$
- **Co-action principle satisfied:** Clipping an  $f_i$  from left lands on a stable subspace, called the Galois conjugates.

 $a_e \cong \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\tau} \right)$  $+\left(\frac{197}{144}+\frac{1}{12}\pi^{2}+\frac{27}{32}f_{3}^{6}-\frac{1}{4}g_{1}^{6}\pi^{2}\right)\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{2}$  $+ \left(\frac{28259}{5184} + \frac{17101}{810}\pi^2 + \frac{139}{16}f_3^6 - \frac{149}{9}g_1^6\pi^2 - \frac{525}{32}g_1^6f_3^6 + \frac{1969}{8640}\pi^4 - \frac{1161}{122}f_5^6\right)$  $+ \frac{83}{64} f_3^6 \pi^2 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \right)^3$  $+ \left(\frac{1243127611}{130636800} + \frac{30180451}{155520}\pi^2 - \frac{255842141}{2419200}f_3^6 - \frac{8873}{36}g_1^6\pi^2 + \frac{126909}{2560}\frac{f_4^6}{i\sqrt{3}}\right)$  $-\frac{84679}{1280}g_1^6f_3^6+\frac{169703}{3840}\frac{f_2^6\pi^2}{\pi^2}+\frac{779}{108}g_1^6g_1^6\pi^2+\frac{112537679}{3110400}\pi^4-\frac{2284263}{25600}f_5^6$  $+\frac{8449}{96}g_1^6g_1^6f_3^6-\frac{12720907}{345600}f_3^6\pi^2-\frac{231919}{97200}g_1^6\pi^4+\frac{150371}{256}\frac{f_6^6}{i\sqrt{3}}+\frac{313131}{1280}g_1^6f_5^6$  $-\frac{121383}{1280}f_2^6f_4^6-\frac{14662107}{51200}f_3^6f_3^6+\frac{8645}{128}\frac{f_2^6g_1^6f_3^6}{\frac{1}{28}}-\frac{231}{4}g_1^6g_1^6g_1^6f_3^6-\frac{16025}{48}\frac{f_4^6\pi^2}{\frac{1}{28}}$  $+\frac{4403}{384}g_1^6f_3^6\pi^2-\frac{136781}{1920}f_2^6f_2^6\pi^2+\frac{7069}{75}f_2^4f_2^4\pi^2-\frac{1061123}{14400}f_3^6g_1^6\pi^2$  $+\frac{1115}{72}\frac{f_2^6g_1^6g_1^6\pi^2}{i\sqrt{3}}+\frac{781181}{20736}\frac{f_2^6\pi^4}{i\sqrt{3}}-\frac{4049}{1080}g_1^6g_1^6\pi^4+\frac{90514741}{54432000}\pi^6$  $-\frac{95624828289}{2050048}f_7^6-\frac{29295}{512}g_1^6f_2^6f_4^6+\frac{107919}{512}g_1^6f_3^6f_3^6+\frac{337365}{256}f_3^6g_1^6f_3^6$  $-\frac{55618247}{409600}f_5^6\pi^2 - \frac{1055}{256}g_1^6f_2^6f_2^6\pi^2 + \frac{26}{3}f_1^4f_2^4f_2^4\pi^2 + \frac{553}{4}g_1^6f_3^6g_1^6\pi^2$  $-\frac{35189}{1024}f_3^6g_1^6g_1^6\pi^2+\frac{79147091}{2211840}f_3^6\pi^4-\frac{3678803}{4354560}g_1^6\pi^6$  $+\sqrt{3}(E_{4a}+E_{5a}+E_{6a}+E_{7a})+E_{6b}+E_{7b}+U\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^4.$ 

### "Galois conjugates" through weight 5

wt.	dim.	words						
0	1	1						
1	0							
2	1	$\pi^2$						
3	2	$f_{3}^{6}$	$g_1^6\pi^2$					
4	6	$f_{4}^{6}$	$g_1^6 f_3^6$	$f_2^6 \pi^2$	$f_2^4 \pi^2$	$g_{1}^{6}g_{1}^{6}\pi^{2}$	$\pi^4$	
5	4	$f_{5}^{6}$	$g_1^6 g_1^6 f_3^6$	$f_3^6\pi^2$	$g_{1}^{6}\pi^{4}$			

- Weights 1 to 4 "expected to be stable"
- Weight 5 will undoubtedly have additions once next loop order is computed...

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#### Co-action for QCD scattering amplitudes?

- Same Galois conjugates for  $g_e$ -2 appear in quark (chromo) magnetic moments through 3 loops, also q<sup>2</sup> dependence of form factors Bonciani, Mastrolia, Remiddi, hep-ph/0307295; Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov, Steinhauser, 1801.08151, 1804.07310; ...
- Also evidence for interesting number theory in QCD  $\beta$  function, e.g. no  $\pi$ 's until 5 loops, when  $\pi^4$  appears; predictions of  $\pi$  dependence at 6,7 loops Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn, 1606.08659; Baikov, Chetyrkin, 1804.10088, 1808.00237
- Unfortunately, know very few full QCD amplitudes beyond two loops, where co-action principle becomes more predictive.
- Can say a lot more for QCD's maximally supersymmetric cousin, N=4 supersymmetric Yang Mills theory (N=4 SYM), especially in (planar) limit of a large number of colors where it has many secret symmetries.

### N=4 SYM particle content

Brink, Schwarz, Scherk; Gliozzi, Scherk, Olive (1977)



### Solving for Planar N=4 SYM Amplitudes

Images: A. Sever, N. Arkani-Hamed



#### Bootstrapping amplitudes through 7 loops

S. Caron-Huot, LD, Dulat, von Hippel, McLeod, Papathanasiou, 1903.10890 and 1906.07116; <sup>24</sup> LD, Dulat, 20mm.nnnn



- Six-gluon amplitude is first one not fixed by symmetries, depends on u, v, w (dual conformal cross ratios).
- Amplitude lives in remarkably small space of polylogarithmic hexagon functions, the weight 2L part at L loops.
- Space small enough that one can bootstrap the amplitude by writing a linear combination of functions and imposing constraints → unique solution.
- At u = v = w = 1, the amplitudes, and all of their iterated {n-q,1,...,1} coproducts (derivatives) evaluate to MZVs.

### f basis for $\mathcal{H}^{hex}(1,1,1)$



The values of the MHV amplitudes  $\mathcal{E}^{(L)}(1,1,1)$  for L = 1 to 7 in the f-basis are:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(1,1,1) &= 0, \\ \mathcal{E}^{(2)}(1,1,1) &= -10\,\zeta_4, \\ \mathcal{E}^{(3)}(1,1,1) &= \frac{413}{3}\,\zeta_6, \\ \mathcal{E}^{(4)}(1,1,1) &= -\frac{5477}{3}\,\zeta_8 + 24\left[5f_{3,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{3,3}\right], \\ \mathcal{E}^{(5)}(1,1,1) &= \frac{379957}{15}\,\zeta_{10} - 384\left[7f_{3,7} - \zeta_2 f_{3,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{3,3}\right] - 312\left[5f_{5,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{5,3}\right], \\ \mathcal{E}^{(6)}(1,1,1) &= -\frac{2273108143}{6219}\zeta_{12} + 2264\left[7f_{3,9} - 6\zeta_4 f_{3,5}\right] + 6536\left[5f_{3,9} - 3\zeta_6 f_{3,3}\right] \\ &\quad - 3072\left[\zeta_2 f_{3,7} - \zeta_6 f_{3,3}\right] + 5328\left[7f_{5,7} - \zeta_2 f_{5,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{5,3}\right] \\ &\quad + 4224\left[5f_{7,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{7,3}\right], \end{split}$$

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The values of the NMHV amplitudes  $E^{(L)}(1,1,1)$  for L = 1 to 6 in the *f*-basis are

$$\begin{split} E^{(1)}(1,1,1) &= -2\,\zeta_2\,,\\ E^{(2)}(1,1,1) &= 26\,\zeta_4\,,\\ E^{(3)}(1,1,1) &= -\frac{940}{3}\,\zeta_6\,,\\ E^{(4)}(1,1,1) &= \frac{36271}{9}\,\zeta_8 - 24\left[5f_{3,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{3,3}\right],\\ E^{(5)}(1,1,1) &= -\frac{1666501}{30}\,\zeta_{10} + 528\left[7f_{3,7} - \zeta_2 f_{3,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{3,3}\right] + 384\left[5f_{5,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{5,3}\right],\\ E^{(6)}(1,1,1) &= \frac{5066300219}{6219}\zeta_{12} - 4664\left[7f_{3,9} - 6\zeta_4 f_{3,5}\right] - 11384\left[5f_{3,9} - 3\zeta_6 f_{3,3}\right] \\ &\quad + 5664\left[\zeta_2 f_{3,7} - \zeta_6 f_{3,3}\right] - 8928\left[7f_{5,7} - \zeta_2 f_{5,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{5,3}\right] \\ &\quad - 6528\left[5f_{7,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{7,3}\right]. \end{split}$$

### Caveat

• To squeeze amplitudes into a space  $\mathcal{H}^{hex}$  that obeys a co-action principle, we need to adjust their normalization slightly:  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\rho}, \quad E \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\rho}$ 

$$\rho(g^2) = 1 + 8(\zeta_3)^2 g^6 - 160\zeta_3\zeta_5 g^8 + \left[1680\zeta_3\zeta_7 + 912(\zeta_5)^2 - 32\zeta_4(\zeta_3)^2\right] g^{10} - \left[18816\zeta_3\zeta_9 + 20832\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 448\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 400\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2\right] g^{12} + \left[221760\zeta_3\zeta_{11} + 247296\zeta_5\zeta_9 + 126240(\zeta_7)^2 - 3360\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_7 - 1824\zeta_4(\zeta_5)^2 - 5440\zeta_6\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 4480\zeta_8(\zeta_3)^2\right] g^{14} + \mathcal{O}(g^{16}).$$

• We have ascertained what  $\rho$  is to all orders (related to determinant of BES kernel) Basso, LD, Papathanasiou, 2001.05460

#### 6-gluon amplitude → many "cyclotomic" polylogs at unity



### Saturation

 Take iterated {n-1,1} coproducts of these amplitudes → generate more and more lower weight functions until space is "saturated" and number declines again

weight $n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
L = 1	1	3	4												
L = 2	1	3	6	10	6										
L = 3	1	3	6	13	24	15	6								
L = 4	1	3	6	13	27	53	50	24	6						
L = 5	1	3	6	13	27	54	102	118	70	24	6				
L = 6	1	3	6	13	27	54	105	199	269	181	78	24	6		
L = 7 +	1	3	6	13	27	54	105	200	338	331	210	85	27	6	1

• Verifies that we have exactly the right function space (weight  $\leq$  7) Bottom up: 1 3 6 13 27 54 105 200 372 679 1214 2136 ...

# $\phi^4$ theory

Leptons Quarks Photon Weak Bosons Gluons

Theory of Higgs boson, neglecting all other Standard Model couplings.

Pure O(N) symmetric  $\phi^4$  theory in  $D = 4 - 2\varepsilon$  experimentally relevant for  $\varepsilon$  expansion approach to critical exponents in D = 3Wilson, Fisher (1972); Guillou, Zinn-Justin; Kleinert, Vasil'ev,...

High order computations required since  $\varepsilon = 1/2$ 

- ε expansion recently completed to 6 loops
- → 3-4 digits accuracy for critical exponents after Borel resummation Kompaniets, Panzer, 1705.06483
- Many primitive divergences known to much higher orders.

## Co-action principle in $\phi^4$ theory

- Earlier: Hopf algebra associated with nested structure of renormalization; knots and Feynman diagrams Broadhurst, Kreimer, hep-th/9504352, hep-th/9810087
- Co-action principle first formulated for  $\phi^4$  theory
- Much data now for primitive graphs, those with no subdivergences
   Schnetz, 1302.6445; Panzer, Schnetz, 1603.04289

### Panzer, Schnetz, 1603.04289

• "Period" = UV divergence of  $\phi^4$  graph containing no subdivergences



Here, co-action principle works "graph by graph",
 i.e. result of clipping f<sub>i</sub> on left is the period for a subgraph of original graph

#### Proof: Brown, 1512.06409

In the following table we demonstrate that the known  $\phi^4$  periods up to eight loops obey the coaction conjecture. For this we express the infinitesimal coaction in terms of  $\phi^4$  periods.

period	$\sum_{m} f_m^N \delta_m(P_{\bullet})$
$P_1$	0
$P_3$	$6f_3P_1$
$P_4$	$20f_5P_1$
$P_5$	$\frac{441}{8}f_7P_1$
$P_{6,1}$	$168f_9P_1$
$P_{6,2}$	$\frac{2}{3}f_3P_3^2 + \frac{1063}{9}f_9P_1$
$P_{6,3}$	$\frac{63}{5}f_3P_4 - 30f_5P_3$
$P_{6,4}$	$-\frac{648}{5}f_3P_4 + 720f_5P_3$
$P_{7,1}$	$\left  \frac{33759}{64} f_{11} P_1 \right $
$P_{7,2}$	$\frac{7}{12}f_3P_3P_4 - \frac{5}{18}f_5P_3^2 - \frac{195379}{192}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,3}$	$\frac{1}{3}f_3P_3P_4 - \frac{31}{9}f_5P_3^2 - \frac{960211}{240}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,4}, P_{7,7}$	$\frac{160}{21}f_3P_5 - 20f_5P_4 + 70f_7P_3$
$P_{7,5}, P_{7,10}$	$-\frac{24}{7}f_3P_5+45f_5P_4-\frac{63}{2}f_7P_3$
$P_{7,6}$	$\frac{7}{12}f_3P_3P_4 + \frac{145}{18}f_5P_3^2 + \frac{502247}{64}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,8}$	$\int f_3(7P_{6,3} - \frac{161}{30}P_3P_4) + \frac{527}{9}f_5P_3^2 + \frac{2756439}{20}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,9}$	$\int f_3(\frac{7}{2}P_{6,3} - \frac{133}{80}P_3P_4) - \frac{217}{24}f_5P_3^2 + \frac{4136619}{160}f_{11}P_1$
$P_{7,11}$	$\int_{2}^{6} \left(-\frac{2755}{864}P_{6,1} + \frac{35}{27}P_{3}^{3}\right) + \frac{14}{9}f_{4}^{6}P_{5} + \frac{1017}{22}f_{6}^{6}P_{4} - \frac{36918}{43}f_{8}^{6}P_{3}$
$P_{8,1}$	$1716f_{13}P_1$
$P_{8,2}$	$\int f_3(\frac{145}{147}P_3P_5 - \frac{27}{80}P_4^2) + \frac{29}{40}f_5P_3P_4 + \frac{47}{16}f_7P_3^2 + \frac{94871691}{22400}f_{13}P_1$
$P_{8,3}$	$\int f_3(2P_4^2 - \frac{320}{189}P_3P_5) - 13466f_{13}P_1$
$P_{8,4}$	$\int f_3(\frac{27}{80}P_4^2 + \frac{1}{147}P_3P_5) + \frac{11}{40}f_5P_3P_4 - \frac{97}{16}f_7P_3^2 - \frac{76207221}{22400}f_{13}P_1$
$P_{8,5}$	$\frac{789}{112}f_3P_{6,1} - \frac{2930}{147}f_5P_5 + \frac{3549}{40}f_7P_4 - 180f_9P_3$
$P_{8,6}, P_{8,9}$	$\left  \frac{488}{441} f_3 P_3 P_5 - \frac{29}{2} f_7 P_3^2 - \frac{1717423}{336} f_{13} P_1 \right $
$P_{8,7}, P_{8,8}$	$ \left  -\frac{81}{10}f_5P_3P_4 + \frac{75}{4}f_7P_3^2 - \frac{9819147}{2800}f_{13}P_1 \right  $

### Summary

- Many important physical quantities expressed in terms of the (conjecturally) transcendental MZVs, and related generalizations.
- Properties of numbers unveiled by embedding them into (polylogarithmic) functions with an associated Hopf co-algebra
- Whenever there is a lot of theoretical data  $-g_e$ -2, planar N=4 SYM amplitudes,  $\phi^4$  theory the relevant numbers appear to obey a co-action

principle.

### Outlook

- In many cases, polylogarithms and MZVs do not suffice for multi-loop Feynman integrals
   need elliptic polylogarithms or "worse".
- How exactly co-action works there is still in infancy
- To how many arenas of QFT can these ideas be applied?
- One slightly negative result comes from 7-point planar N=4 SYM amplitudes: ζ values recently fixed [LD, Liu, 2007.12966]; few "missing ζ values"
- Does any general principle lurk behind what is there (including the rational numbers??) as well as what is not there?

### **Extra Slides**

### 3 loop g-2 goes bananas



General-mass banana integral has K3 singularities, but equal-mass case (for  $p^2 \neq m^2$ ) is elliptic. No punctures. Iterated integrals of modular forms for  $\Gamma_1(6)$ Broedel, Duhr, Dulat, Marzucca, Penante, Tancredi, 1907.03787 See also Bloch, Kerr, Vanhove, 1406.2664 [unequal mass 3-loop banana] and Bloch, Vanhove, 1309.5865 [elliptic dilog for 2-loop sunset]

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### "Calabi-Yau" Polylogarithms



Bourjaily, McLeod, Vergu, Volk, von Hippel, Wilhelm, 1910.01534

- Singularity is a Calabi-Yau hypersurface in WP<sup>1,1,1,1,4</sup>
- Has L = 3, n = 9
- However, in contrast to train-track integrals, it can't be identified directly with any particular planar N=4 SYM amplitude, so the CY polylogarithmic part could cancel out of the amplitude.

#### How are QCD and N=4 SYM related?

#### At tree level they are essentially identical

Consider a tree amplitude for *n* gluons. Fermions and scalars cannot appear because they are produced in pairs



Hence the amplitude is the **same** in QCD and N=4 SYM. So the QCD tree amplitude "secretly" obeys all identities of N=4 supersymmetry:

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independent of *i*,*j* 

n 1

0 0

#### At loop level, QCD and N=4 SYM differ

However, it is profitable to rearrange the QCD computation to exploit supersymmetry



### Strong coupling and soap bubbles

Alday, Maldacena, 0705.0303

- Use AdS/CFT to compute scattering amplitude
- High energy scattering in string theory semi-classical: two-dimensional string world-sheet stretches a long distance, classical solution minimizes area

Gross, Mende (1987,1988)

Classical action imaginary → exponentially suppressed tunnelling configuration

$$A_n \sim \exp[-\sqrt{\lambda}S_{\rm Cl}^{\rm E}]$$



# Is $\zeta(3)$ Transcendental?

- Still not known!
- $\zeta(3)$  is proven to be irrational Apéry, 1973
- Also proven: For any ε > 0, at least 2<sup>(1-ε) ln s</sup>/ln ln s of the odd Riemann ζ values between 3 and s are irrational. Fischler, Sprang, Zudilin, 1803.08905
- It is a "folklore conjecture" (i.e. all physicists believe it) that π, ζ(3), ζ(5), ... are algebraically independent over Q
- Follows from Grothendieck's period conjecture for mixed Tate motives, but this seems impossible to prove
- To make formal mathematical progress, usually define motivic multiple zeta values,  $\zeta \to \zeta^{\mathfrak{M}}$
- We won't worry about the distinction here.

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E}^{(7)}(1,1,1) &= \frac{2519177639}{1260} \zeta_{14} - 63968 \Big[ 5f_{9,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{9,3} \Big] - 77952 \Big[ 7f_{7,7} - \zeta_2 f_{7,5} - 3\zeta_4 f_{7,3} \Big] \\ &- 34976 \Big[ 7f_{5,9} - 6\zeta_4 f_{5,5} \Big] - 95552 \Big[ 5f_{5,9} - 3\zeta_6 f_{5,3} \Big] + 44640 \Big[ \zeta_2 f_{5,7} - \zeta_6 f_{5,3} \Big] \\ &- \frac{413920}{11} \Big[ 33f_{3,11} - 20\zeta_8 f_{3,3} \Big] + 28000 \Big[ \zeta_2 f_{3,9} - \zeta_8 f_{3,3} \Big] \\ &+ 62720 \Big[ 3\zeta_4 f_{3,7} - 2\zeta_8 f_{3,3} \Big] + \frac{218696}{3} \Big[ 3\zeta_6 f_{3,5} - 2\zeta_8 f_{3,3} \Big] \\ &- 4992 \Big[ 5f_{3,3,3,5} - 2\zeta_2 f_{3,3,3,3} + \frac{5611}{132} \zeta_8 f_{3,3} \Big] \,. \end{split}$$

#### Amplitude values at (1,1,1) through 5 loops

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}^{(1)}(1,1,1) &= 0, \\ \mathcal{E}^{(2)}(1,1,1) &= -10\,\zeta_4, \\ \mathcal{E}^{(3)}(1,1,1) &= \frac{413}{3}\,\zeta_6, \\ \mathcal{E}^{(4)}(1,1,1) &= -\frac{5477}{3}\,\zeta_8 + 24\left[\zeta_{5,3} + 5\,\zeta_3\,\zeta_5 - \zeta_2\,(\zeta_3)^2\right], \\ \mathcal{E}^{(5)}(1,1,1) &= \frac{379957}{15}\,\zeta_{10} - 12\left[4\,\zeta_2\,\zeta_{5,3} + 25\,(\zeta_5)^2\right] \\ &- 96\left[2\,\zeta_{7,3} + 28\,\zeta_3\,\zeta_7 + 11\,(\zeta_5)^2 - 4\,\zeta_2\,\zeta_3\,\zeta_5 - 6\,\zeta_4\,(\zeta_3)^2\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$E^{(1)}(1,1,1) = -2\zeta_{2},$$

$$E^{(2)}(1,1,1) = 26\zeta_{4},$$

$$E^{(3)}(1,1,1) = -\frac{940}{3}\zeta_{6},$$

$$E^{(4)}(1,1,1) = \frac{36271}{9}\zeta_{8} - 24\left[\zeta_{5,3} + 5\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5} - \zeta_{2}(\zeta_{3})^{2}\right],$$

$$E^{(5)}(1,1,1) = -\frac{1666501}{30}\zeta_{10} + 12\left[4\zeta_{2}\zeta_{5,3} + 25(\zeta_{5})^{2}\right]$$

$$+ 132\left[2\zeta_{7,3} + 28\zeta_{3}\zeta_{7} + 11(\zeta_{5})^{2} - 4\zeta_{2}\zeta_{3}\zeta_{5} - 6\zeta_{4}(\zeta_{3})^{2}\right]$$

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### Six loops

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}^{(6)}(1,1,1) &= -\frac{2273108143}{6219}\zeta_{12} \\ &+ \frac{260}{3} \Big[ 140\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 56\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - 10\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 60\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 + 49\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \\ &+ 384 \Big[ \zeta_2\zeta_{7,3} + 14\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 + 3\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \\ &+ 120 \Big[ 4\zeta_4\zeta_{5,3} + 20\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \\ &+ \frac{5392}{3} \Big[ \zeta_{9,3} + 27\zeta_3\zeta_9 + 20\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 2\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - \zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 6\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 5\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \end{aligned}$$

$$E^{(6)}(1,1,1) = \frac{5066300219}{6219} \zeta_{12} \\ - \frac{344}{3} \Big[ 140\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 56\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - 10\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 60\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 + 49\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \\ - 528 \Big[ \zeta_2\zeta_{7,3} + 14\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 + 3\zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \\ + 60 \Big[ 4\zeta_4\zeta_{5,3} + 20\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 7\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \\ - \frac{9952}{3} \Big[ \zeta_{9,3} + 27\zeta_3\zeta_9 + 20\zeta_5\zeta_7 - 2\zeta_2\zeta_3\zeta_7 - \zeta_2(\zeta_5)^2 - 6\zeta_4\zeta_3\zeta_5 - 5\zeta_6(\zeta_3)^2 \Big] \Big]$$

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