

All-loop conjecture for integrand s of reggeon amplitudes in N=4 SYM.

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N=4 SYM theory

- N=4 SYM - one may hope that this theory is exactly solvable.
- Physical content - resembles perturbative part of QCD (massless QED without running of the coupling). Tree amplitudes identical to QCD.
- The correlation functions in this theory can be studied in the weak and strong regimes (via AdS/CFT).
- The computation of anomalous dimensions of local operators in N=4 SYM in planar limit can be reduced to the problem of solving some integrable system.
- There are numerous results for perturbative expansions of amplitudes (S-matrix) and form factors/cor.functions with some results valid in all orders of PT (BDS ansatz for 4,5 points, collinear OPE).
- N=4 SYM is perfect theoretical laboratory development and tests of new ideas, methods and representations for D=4 gauge theories.

On-shell variables

- Why we know so much about N=4 SYM now ?
- Proper variables - helicity spinors:

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$$p_\mu^{(i)} \mapsto (\sigma^\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} p_\mu^{(i)} = \lambda_\alpha^{(i)} \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{(i)}$$

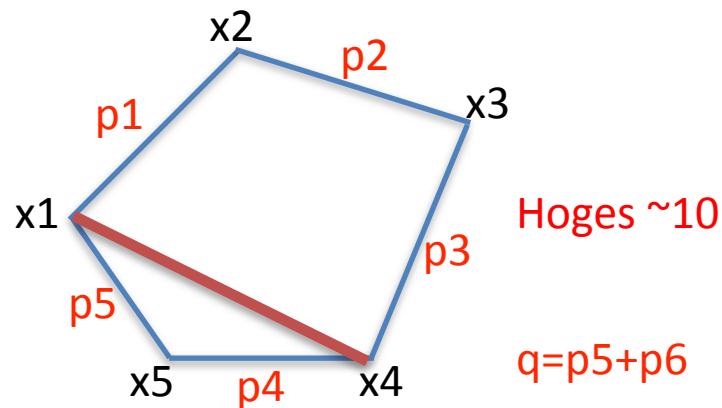
$$\lambda_\alpha \in SL(2, \mathbb{C})$$

$$\epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \lambda_\alpha^{(i)} \lambda_\beta^{(j)} \equiv \langle ij \rangle = \sqrt{(p_i + p_j)^2} e^{i\phi_{ij}} = \sqrt{s_{ij}} e^{i\phi_{ij}}, \quad \phi_{ij} \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\langle ij \rangle)^* \equiv [ij]$$

- and momentum twistors:

$$Z_i^M = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i^\alpha \\ \mu_i^{\dot{\alpha}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu_i^{\dot{\alpha}} = x_i^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \lambda_{\alpha i}$$

$$p_i^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = x_i^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} - x_{i-1}^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$$



N=4 SYM theory. Amplitudes and form factors

Lots of explicit answers in weak and strong coupling for amplitudes:

$$A_{n,k}(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_n) = \langle \Omega_1 \dots \Omega_m | 0 \rangle \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Dixon et.al,} \\ \text{Basso, et al.} \end{array}$$

k - labels
overall
helicity

Form factors:

$$F_n(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_n; \mathcal{O}) = \langle \Omega_1 \dots \Omega_m | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle$$

*Maldacena, Zhiboedov,
Brandhuber, et al.
Bork, et al.*

And correlation functions:

Gromov, et al.
Korchemsky et al. $\mathcal{G}_n = \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_1 \dots \mathcal{O}_n | 0 \rangle$

$$\Omega = g^+ + \tilde{\eta}_A \psi^A + \frac{1}{2!} \tilde{\eta}_A \tilde{\eta}_B \phi^{AB} + \frac{1}{3!} \tilde{\eta}_A \tilde{\eta}_B \tilde{\eta}_C \epsilon^{ABCD} \bar{\psi}_D + \frac{1}{4!} \tilde{\eta}_A \tilde{\eta}_B \tilde{\eta}_C \tilde{\eta}_D \epsilon^{ABCD} g^-$$

The N=4 on-shell momentum superspace is often used to describe on-shell states of N=4 SYM. Grassmann variables encode helicity.

Examples of some form factors of gauge invariant operators

Wilson line operator (operator corresponding to reggeon state in *Lipatov et al. 95* approach to high energy scattering):

$$\mathcal{W}_p^c(k) = \int d^4x e^{ix \cdot k} \text{Tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi g} t^c \mathcal{P} \exp \left[\frac{ig}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds p \cdot A_b(x + sp) t^b \right] \right\}$$

$$k_T^\mu(q) = k^\mu - x(q)p^\mu \quad \text{with} \quad x(q) = \frac{q \cdot k}{q \cdot p} \quad \text{and} \quad q^2 = 0. \quad k_T^\mu(q) = -\frac{\kappa}{2} \frac{\langle p | \gamma^\mu | q \rangle}{[pq]} - \frac{\kappa^*}{2} \frac{\langle q | \gamma^\mu | p \rangle}{\langle qp \rangle} \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa = \frac{\langle q | k | p \rangle}{\langle qp \rangle}, \quad \kappa^* = \frac{\langle p | k | q \rangle}{[pq]}$$

$$A_{m+n}^* (\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m, g_{m+1}^*, \dots, g_{n+m}^*) = \langle \Omega_1 \dots \Omega_m | \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{W}_{p_{m+j}}(k_{m+j}) | 0 \rangle$$

I.e. in general Wilson line (W.L.) form factors are functions of the following arguments:

$$A_{k,m+n}^* (\Omega_1, \dots, g_{m+n}^*) = A_{k,m+n}^* \left(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \tilde{\eta}_i\}_{i=1}^m; \{k_i, \lambda_{p,i}, \tilde{\lambda}_{p,i}\}_{i=m+1}^{m+n} \right)$$

Also W.L.form factors are sometimes called reggeon amplitudes ($W \sim$ reggeside gluon creation/annihilation operator).

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For example in the simplest case (tree level):

$$A_{2,2+1}^*(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, g_3^*) = \prod_{A=1}^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{p_3}^A} \left[\frac{\delta^4(\lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + k_3)}{\kappa_3^*} \frac{\delta^8(\lambda_{p_3} \tilde{\eta}_{p_3} + \lambda_1 \tilde{\eta}_1 + \lambda_2 \tilde{\eta}_2)}{\langle p_3 1 \rangle \langle 1 2 \rangle \langle 2 p_3 \rangle} \right]$$

BCFW recursion. Tree amplitudes

- **BCFW recursion:**

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$$\begin{aligned} p_{(l)} &= \lambda_{(l)} \tilde{\lambda}_{(l)} : \lambda_{(l)} \mapsto \lambda_{(l)} - z \lambda_{(k)} \\ p_{(k)} &= \lambda_{(k)} \tilde{\lambda}_{(k)} : \tilde{\lambda}_{(k)} \mapsto \tilde{\lambda}_{(k)} + z \tilde{\lambda}_{(l)} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{ij}^z = p_i + \dots p_j + z \lambda_{(k)} \tilde{\lambda}_{(l)}, \quad (P_{ij}^z)^2 = 0$$

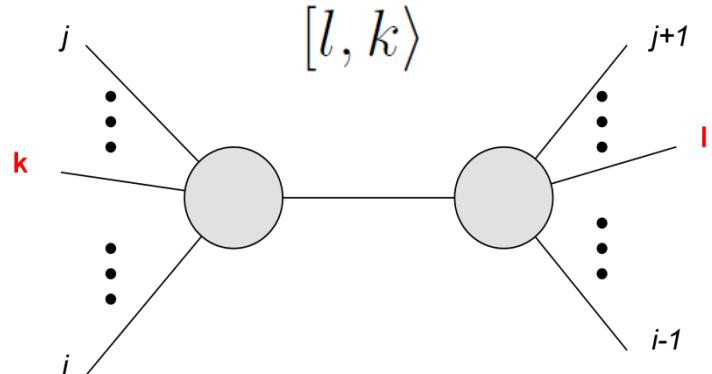
$$z_{ij} : (p_i + \dots p_j + z \lambda_{(k)} \tilde{\lambda}_{(l)})^2 = 0$$

$$A_n(z) \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } z \rightarrow \infty$$

$$z_{ij} = \frac{P_{ij}^2}{\langle k | P_{ij} | l \rangle}$$

$$0 = \int_{C_\infty} \frac{dz}{z} A_n(z) = A_n(0) + \sum_{poles \ z_{ij}} Res[A_n(z)/z]$$

$$A_n = \sum_{z_{ij}, pol} A_L(z_{ij}) \frac{1}{P_{ij}^2} A_R(z_{ij})$$



BCFW recursion. Amplitudes - momentum twistors

One can represent BCFW recursion in very compact form using momentum twistor variables:

$$\langle i, j, k, l \rangle = \epsilon_{ABCD} Z_i^A Z_j^B Z_k^C Z_l^D$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{k,n}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_n) &= \mathcal{P}_{k,n-1}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{n-1}) & (i, j) \cap (k, p, m) &\equiv \mathcal{Z}_i \langle j k p m \rangle + \mathcal{Z}_j \langle i k p m \rangle \\ &+ \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} [j-1, j, n-1, n, 1] \mathcal{P}_{k_1, n+2-j}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_j, \mathcal{Z}_{j+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_j}) \mathcal{P}_{k_2, j}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{j-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Where: $\mathcal{Z}_{n_j} = (n-1, n) \cap (1, j-1, j)$, $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{I_j} = (j-1, j) \cap (1, n-1, n)$

$$[a, b, c, d, e] = \frac{\hat{\delta}^4(\langle a, b, c, d \rangle \chi_e + \text{cycl.})}{\langle a, b, c, d \rangle \langle b, c, d, e \rangle \langle c, d, e, a \rangle \langle d, e, a, b \rangle \langle e, a, b, c \rangle}$$

Example of solution:

$$\frac{A_6^{NMHV}}{A_6^{MHV}} = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] + [1, 2, 3, 5, 6] + [1, 3, 4, 5, 6]$$

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Can be combined together into single
“generatingfunction” ...

Another representation for BCFW recursion solution. Grassmannian integral

One of such remarkable ideas is representations of amplitudes and leading singularities in N=4 SYM in terms of Grassmannian integral and development of on-shell diagram formalism and geometrical interpretation (“amplituhidron”):

$$L_n^k[\Gamma] = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{k \times n} C}{\text{Vol}[GL(k)]} \frac{\delta^{k \times 2} (C \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta^{k \times 4} (C \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \delta^{(n-k) \times 2} (C^\perp \cdot \lambda)}{(1 \cdots k) \cdots (n-1 \ n \cdots k-2)(n \ 1 \cdots k-1)}$$

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$$A_{k,n}^{\text{tree}} = L_n^k[\Gamma_{\text{tree}}], \quad C \cdot C^\perp = 1$$

C - is nXk matrix - a point in Grassmannian

This is multidimensional integral over multiple complex variables, which can be computed by residues. Different choices of integration contour gives different BCFW representations for tree amplitudes and leading singularities to all loop order (!). Also this is the most general form of rational Yangian invariant. And do not forget about twistor strings!

Another representation for BCFW recursion solution. Grassmannian integral

Similar expression can be obtained in momentum twistor representation:

On shell information about external particles

$$\mathcal{L}_{n+2}^k = \int \frac{d^{(k-2) \times (n+2)} D}{\text{Vol}[GL(k-2)]} \frac{\delta^{4(k-2)|4(k-2)}(D \cdot \mathcal{Z})}{(1 \dots k-2) \dots (n+2 \dots k-3)}$$

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$$\delta^{4(k-2)|4(k-2)}(D \cdot \mathcal{Z}) = \prod_{a=1}^{k-2} \delta^{4|4} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n+2} D_{ai} \mathcal{Z}_i \right)$$

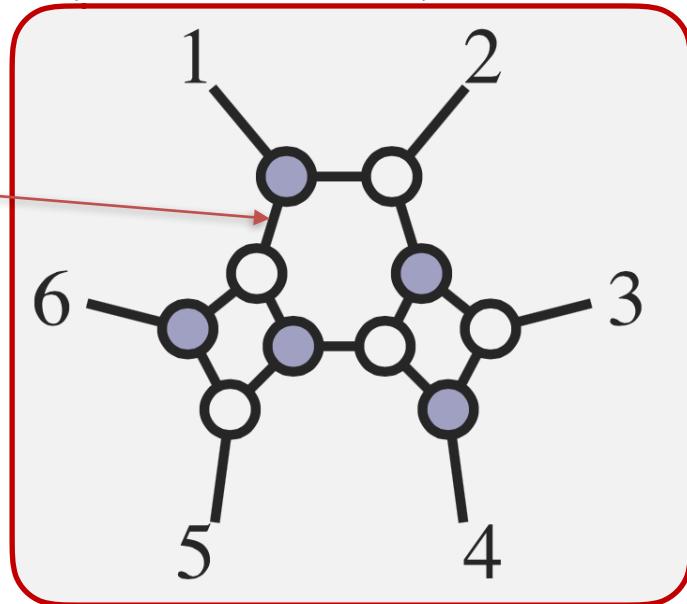
Grassmannian integral, on shell diagrams and (decorated) permutations

$$A_{3,0}(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i\}) = \int \frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \frac{d\alpha_2}{\alpha_2} \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_1 + \alpha_1 \tilde{\lambda}_3) \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_2 + \alpha_2 \tilde{\lambda}_3) \times \delta^2(\lambda_3 + \alpha_1 \lambda_1 + \alpha_2 \lambda_2) \times \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_1 + \alpha_1 \eta_3) \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_2 + \alpha_2 \eta_3),$$

$$A_{3,-1}(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i\}) = \int \frac{d\beta_1}{\beta_1} \frac{d\beta_2}{\beta_2} \delta^2(\lambda_1 + \beta_1 \lambda_3) \delta^2(\lambda_2 + \beta_2 \lambda_3) \times \delta^2(\tilde{\lambda}_3 + \beta_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \beta_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2) \times \hat{\delta}^4(\eta_3 + \beta_1 \eta_1 + \beta_2 \eta_2).$$

$$\frac{d^2 \lambda_i d^2 \tilde{\lambda}_i d^4 \tilde{\eta}_i}{\text{Vol}[GL(1)]}$$

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One can show that integrating such vertexes in appropriate combination one can reproduce Grassmannian integral mentioned above.

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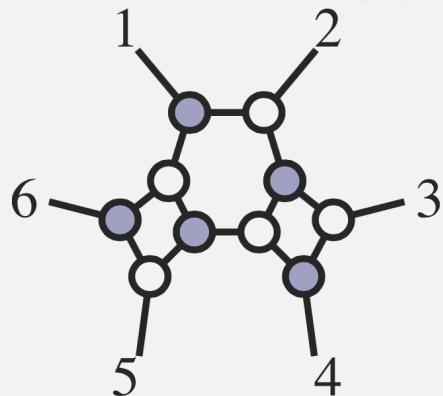
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$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{d^{n \times k} C_{al}}{Vol[GL(k)]} \frac{1}{M_1 \dots M_n} \prod_{a=1}^k \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \tilde{\lambda}_l \right) \delta^4 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n C_{al} \eta_l \right) \times \\ \times \prod_{b=k+1}^n \delta^2 \left(\sum_{l=1}^n \tilde{C}_{al} \lambda_l \right).$$

There is one to one correspondence between the following objects:

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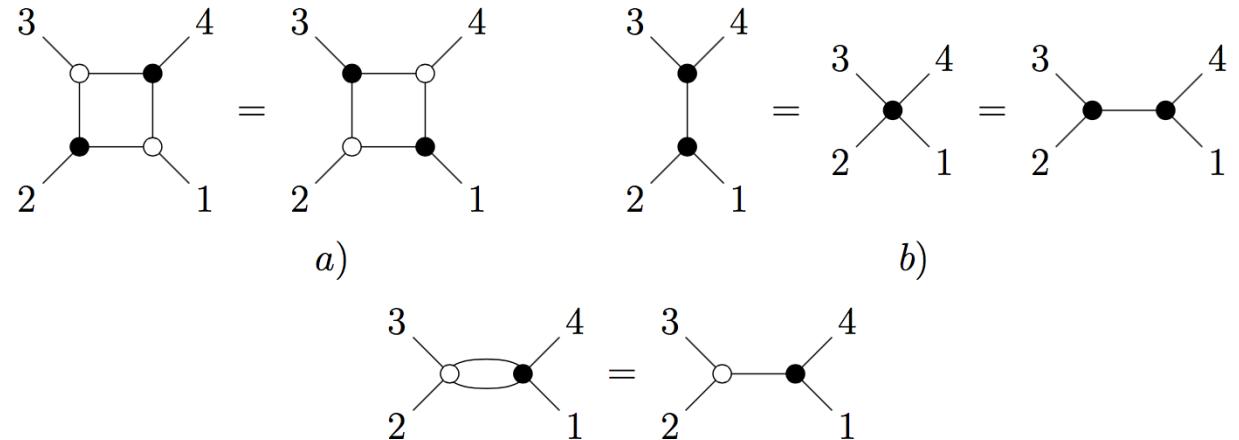
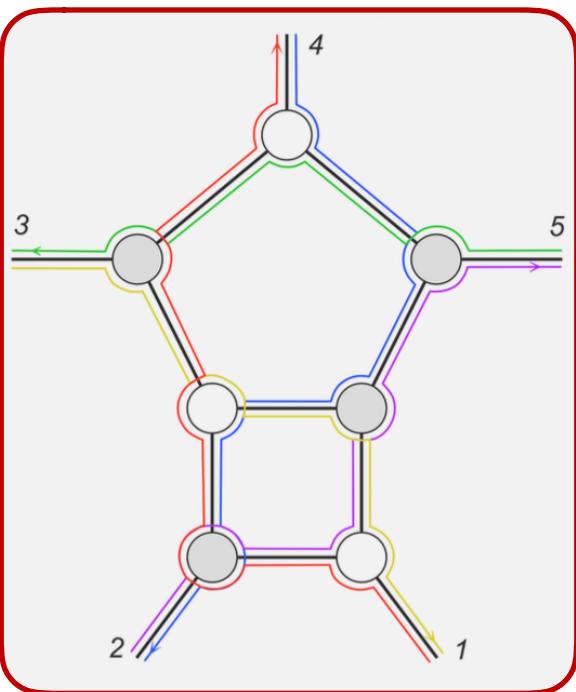
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 5 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Grassmannian integral, on shell top-cell diagram

- Every Grassmannian integral can be reduced to:

$$\oint \frac{df_1}{f_1} \oint \frac{df_2}{f_2} \dots \oint \frac{df_d}{f_d} \delta^{k \times 2}(C(f_i) \cdot \tilde{\lambda}) \delta^{k \times 4}(C(f_i) \cdot \tilde{\eta}) \delta^{(n-k) \times 2}(C^\perp(f_i) \cdot \lambda)$$

- On shell diagrams are equivalent after:

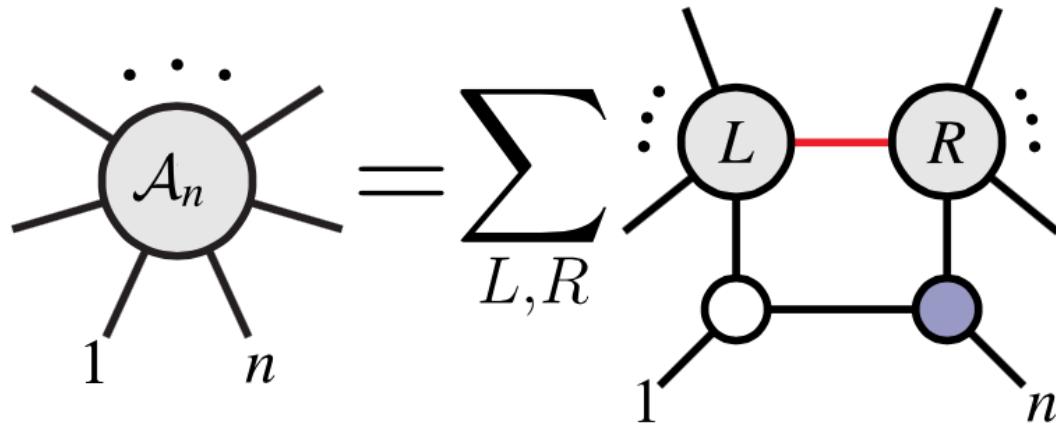


Top-cell for NMHV_5

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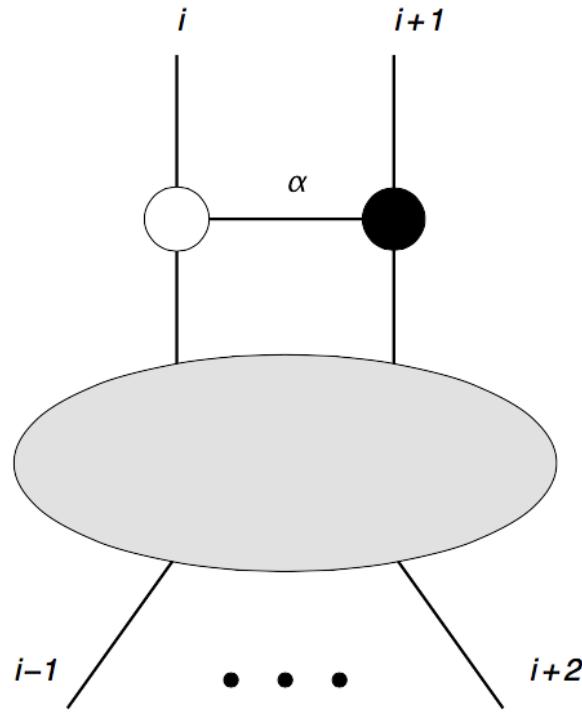
- BCFW recursion in terms of on-shell diagrams:



$$A_n = \sum_{z_{ij}, pol} A_L(z_{ij}) \frac{1}{P_{ij}^2} A_R(z_{ij})$$

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Grassmannian integral, on shell top-cell diagram



$$Br(i, i+1) \left[f(\dots, \lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i \tilde{\eta}_i, \dots, \lambda_j, \tilde{\lambda}_j, \tilde{\eta}_j, \dots) \right] = \int \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha} f(\dots, \lambda_i, \hat{\tilde{\lambda}}_i, \hat{\tilde{\eta}}_i, \dots, \hat{\tilde{\lambda}}_j, \tilde{\lambda}_j, \tilde{\eta}_j, \dots) =$$
$$\int \frac{d\alpha}{\alpha} f(\dots, \lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i - \alpha \tilde{\lambda}_j, \tilde{\eta}_i - \alpha \tilde{\eta}_j, \dots, \lambda_j + \alpha \lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_j, \tilde{\eta}_j, \dots)$$

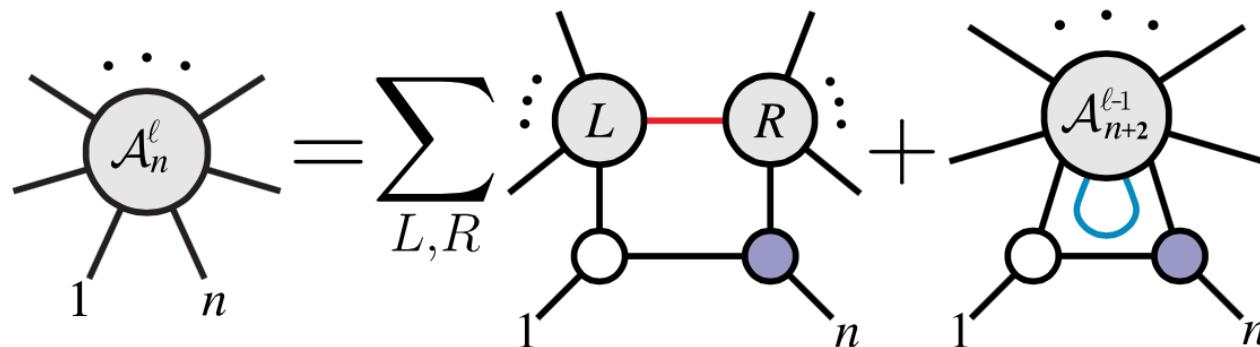
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But what about loops ? BCFW for loop integrands

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{k,n}^{(L)} &= I_{k,n-1}^{(L)}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{n-1}) \\
 &+ \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} [j-1, j, n-1, n, 1] I_{k_1, n+2-j}^{(L_1)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_j, \mathcal{Z}_{j+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_j}) I_{k_2, j}^{(L_2)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{j-1}) \\
 &+ \int \frac{d^{4|4}\mathcal{Z}_A d^{4|4}\mathcal{Z}_B}{\text{Vol}[GL(2)]} \int_{GL(2)} [A, B, n-1, n, 1] I_{k+1, n+2}^{(L-1)}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_{AB}}, \mathcal{Z}_A, \mathcal{Z}_B)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_j} = (n-1, n) \cap (1, j-1, j)$, $\mathcal{Z}_{I_j} = (j-1, j) \cap (1, n-1, n)$, $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_{AB}} = (n-1, n) \cap (A, B, 1)$ and $k_1 + k_2 + 1 = k$.



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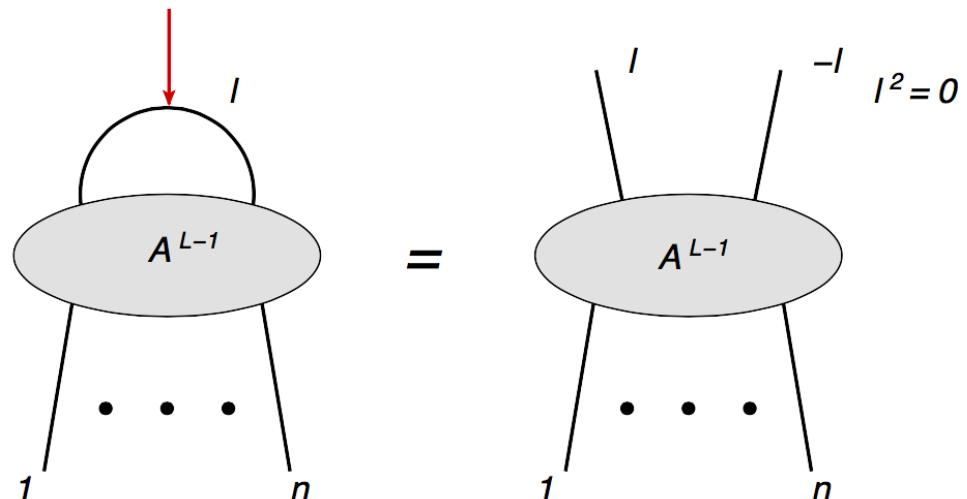
$$I_{k,n}^{(L)} = I_{k,n-1}^{(L)}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{n-1})$$

$$+ \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} [j-1, j, n-1, n, 1] I_{k_1, n+2-j}^{(L_1)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_j, \mathcal{Z}_{j+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_j}) I_{k_2, j}^{(L_2)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{j-1})$$

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$$d^4l = \langle ABd^2A \rangle \langle ABd^2B \rangle$$

$$= \frac{d^4 Z_A d^4 Z_B}{\text{Vol}[GL(2)]}$$



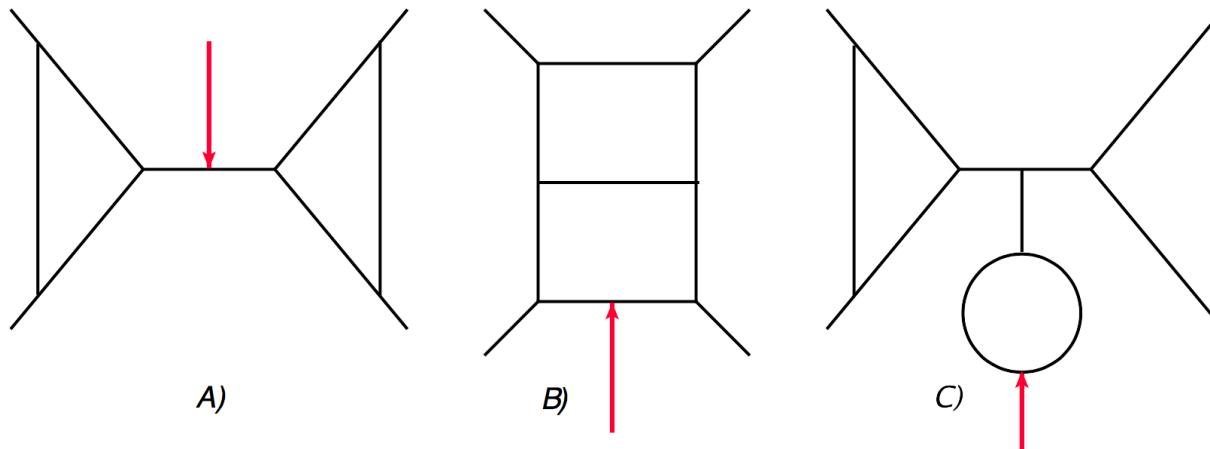
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$$\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_n = \mathcal{Z}_n + w\mathcal{Z}_{n-1}$$

$$+ \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} [j-1, j, n-1, n, 1] I_{k_1, n+2-j}^{(L_1)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_j, \mathcal{Z}_{j+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_j}) I_{k_2, j}^{(L_2)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{j-1})$$

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BCFW recursion for W.L. form factors

- Also version of BCFW recursion exists for W.L. form factors:

$$\hat{k}_i^\mu(z) \equiv k_i^\mu + ze^\mu = x_i(p_j)p_i^\mu - \frac{\kappa_i - [ij]z}{2} \frac{\langle i|\gamma^\mu|j]}{[ij]} - \frac{\kappa_i^*}{2} \frac{\langle j|\gamma^\mu|i]}{\langle ji\rangle},$$

$$\hat{k}_j^\mu(z) \equiv k_j^\mu - ze^\mu = x_j(p_i)p_j^\mu - \frac{\kappa_j}{2} \frac{\langle j|\gamma^\mu|i]}{[ji]} - \frac{\kappa_j^* + \langle ij\rangle z}{2} \frac{\langle i|\gamma^\mu|j]}{\langle ij\rangle}.$$

$$= \sum_{i=2}^{n-2} \sum_h \mathbb{A}_{i,h} + \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \mathbb{B}_i + \mathbb{C} + \mathbb{D}.$$

$$\mathbb{A}_{i,h} = \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^h \frac{1}{k_{1,i}^2} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^{-h} \hat{i} \quad \mathbb{B}_i = \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^i \frac{1}{2p_i \cdot k_{i,n}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^i \hat{n}$$

$$\mathbb{C} = \frac{1}{\kappa_1} \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^2 \hat{i} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^{n-1} \hat{n}$$

$$\mathbb{D} = \frac{1}{\kappa_n^*} \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^2 \hat{i} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{shaded circle} \\ \vdots \end{array}^{n-1} \hat{n}$$

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Gluing operator

$$\hat{A}_{n+1,n+2}[f] \equiv \int \prod_{i=n+1}^{n+2} \frac{d^2\lambda_i d^2\tilde{\lambda}_i d^4\tilde{\eta}_i}{\text{Vol}[GL(1)]} A_{2,2+1}^*(g^*, \Omega_{n+1}, \Omega_{n+2}) \times f \left(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \tilde{\eta}_i\}_{i=1}^{n+2} \right)$$

$$\hat{A}_{n+1,n+2}[f] = \frac{\langle p_{n+1} \xi_{n+1} \rangle}{\kappa_{n+1}^*} \int \frac{d\beta_1}{\beta_1} \wedge \frac{d\beta_2}{\beta_2} \frac{1}{\beta_1^2 \beta_2} f \left(\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \tilde{\eta}_i\}_{i=1}^{n+2} \right) |_*$$

where $|_*$ denotes substitutions $\{\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i, \eta_i\}_{i=n+1}^{n+2} \mapsto \{\lambda_i(\beta), \tilde{\lambda}_i(\beta), \tilde{\eta}_i(\beta)\}_{i=n+1}^{n+2}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n+1}(\beta) &= \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+1} + \beta_2 \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+2}, & \tilde{\lambda}_{n+1}(\beta) &= \beta_1 \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+1} + \frac{(1+\beta_1)}{\beta_2} \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+2}, & \tilde{\eta}_{n+1}(\beta) &= -\beta_1 \underline{\underline{\eta}}_{n+1} \\ \lambda_{n+2}(\beta) &= \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+2} + \frac{(1+\beta_1)}{\beta_1 \beta_2} \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+1}, & \tilde{\lambda}_{n+2}(\beta) &= -\beta_1 \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+2} - \beta_1 \beta_2 \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+1}, & \tilde{\eta}_{n+2}(\beta) &= \beta_1 \beta_2 \underline{\underline{\eta}}_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

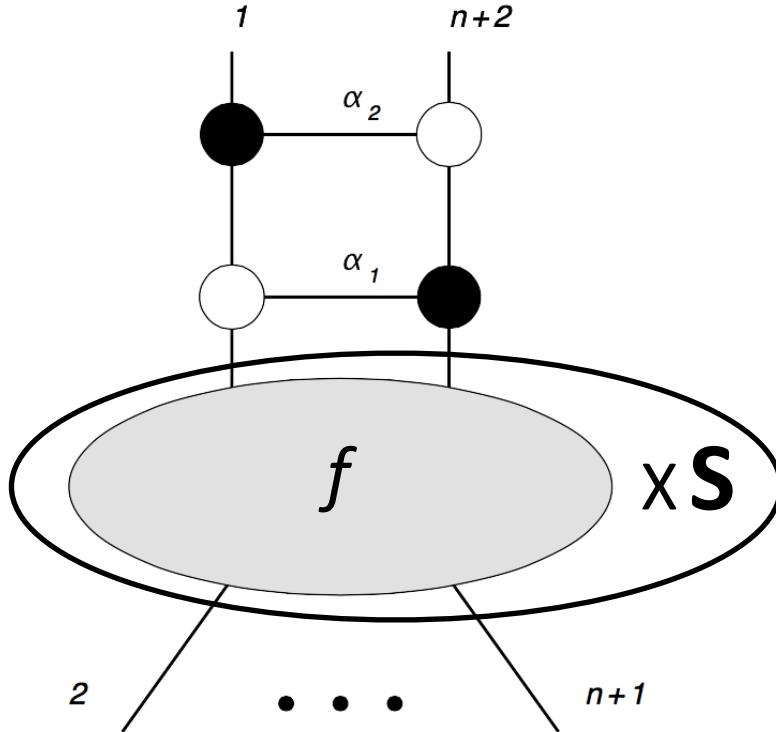
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$$\underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+1} = \lambda_p, \quad \tilde{\underline{\underline{\lambda}}}_{n+1} = \frac{\langle \xi | k}{\langle \xi p \rangle}, \quad \underline{\underline{\eta}}_n = \tilde{\eta}_p; \quad \underline{\underline{\lambda}}_{n+2} = \lambda_\xi, \quad \tilde{\underline{\underline{\lambda}}}_{n+2} = \frac{\langle p | k}{\langle \xi p \rangle}, \quad \underline{\underline{\eta}}_{n+2} = 0.$$

Gluing operator in terms of on-shell diagrams

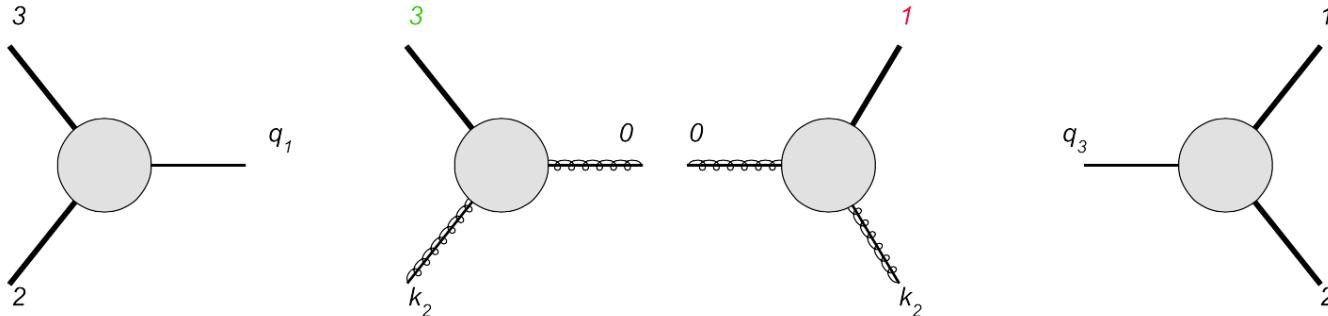
$\hat{A}_{n+1,n+2}[f] =$



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$$S(1, n+2, n+1) = \frac{\kappa_{n+1}^* \langle 1n+1 \rangle}{\langle 1n+2 \rangle \langle n+2n+1 \rangle}$$

Gluing operator and BCFW for on-shell amplitudes

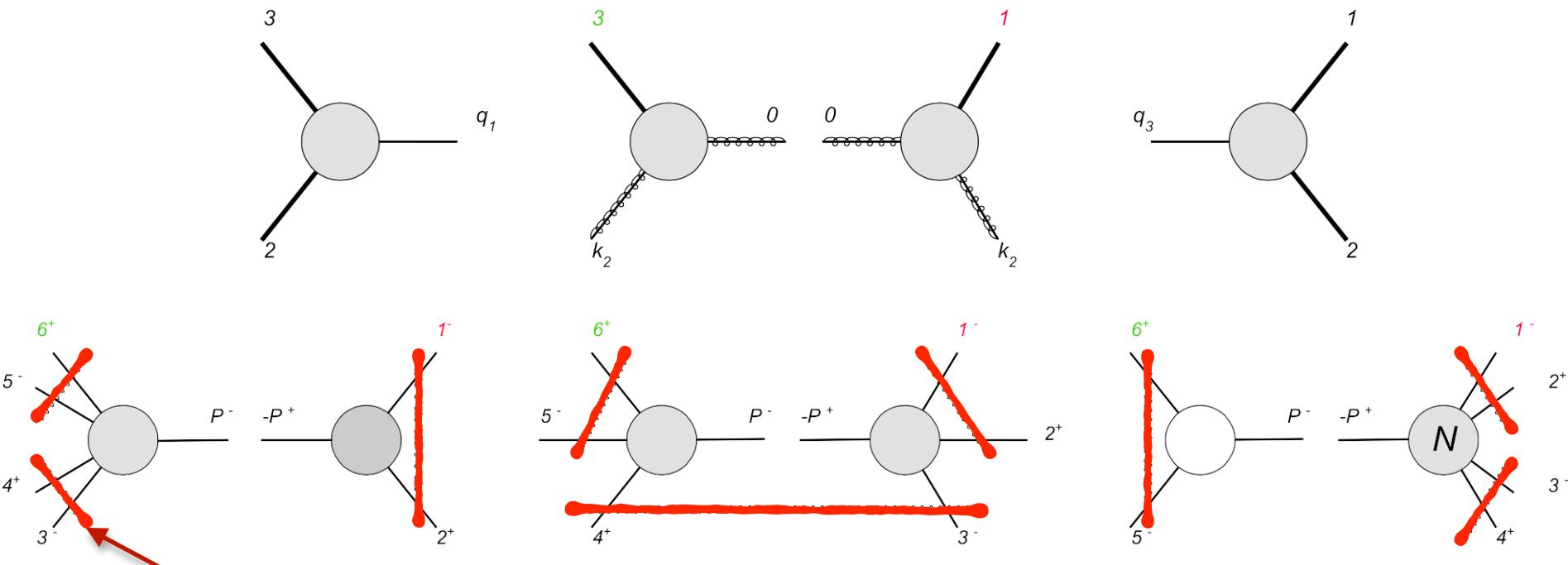


$$\prod_{j=1,2,3}^3 \frac{\partial^4}{\partial \tilde{\eta}_{p_j}^4} \Omega_{0+6}^3[\Gamma_{135}] = \{1\} + \{3\} + \{5\} = A_{3,0+3}^*(g_1^*, g_2^*, g_3^*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{1\} &= \frac{\langle p_1 \xi_1 \rangle \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle}{\kappa_1^* \kappa_2^* \kappa_3^*} \frac{\langle p_1 p_2 \rangle^3 [p_2 p_3]^3 \kappa_2^{*3} \kappa_3^{*3} \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle^{-3} \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle^{-3}}{\kappa_3 \kappa_3^* \langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle^{-2} \langle p_1 \xi_1 \rangle \kappa_3^* \kappa_2^{*2} \langle p_2 \xi_2 \rangle^{-2} \langle p_2 | k_1 | p_2 \rangle \langle p_2 | k_1 | p_3 \rangle \langle p_1 | k_3 | p_2 \rangle} \\ &= \frac{1}{\kappa_1^* \kappa_3} \frac{\langle p_1 p_2 \rangle^3 [p_2 p_3]^3}{\langle p_2 | k_1 | p_2 \rangle \langle p_2 | k_1 | p_3 \rangle \langle p_1 | k_3 | p_2 \rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

Gluing operator and BCFW for on-shell amplitudes

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Action of Gluing operator

Gluing operator and BCFW for on-shell amplitudes

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$$\hat{A}_{n+1,n+2}^{m.\text{twistor}} [\mathcal{L}_{n+2}^k] = \omega_{n+2}^k$$

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$$\omega_{n+2}^k = \int \frac{d^{(k-2) \times (n+2)} D}{\text{Vol}[GL(k-2)]} \text{Reg.} \frac{\delta^{4(k-2)|4(k-2)} (D \cdot \mathcal{Z})}{(1 \dots k-2) \dots (n+2 \dots k-3)}$$

$$\text{Reg.} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_{n+1} \xi_{n+1} \rangle}{\langle p_{n+1} 1 \rangle} \frac{(n+2 \ 2 \ \dots \ k-2)}{(1 \ \dots \ k-2)}} \quad \text{Grassmannian integral for W.L. form factor}$$

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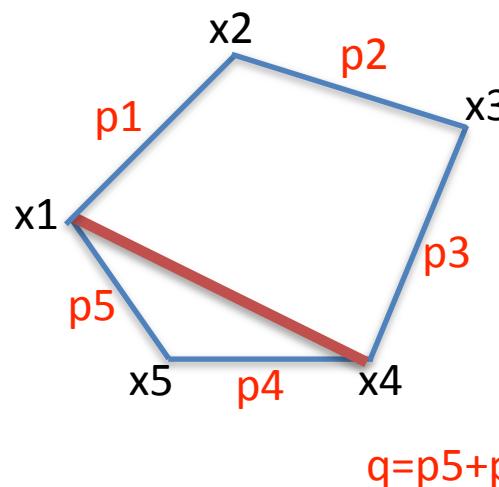
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$$p_i^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = x_i^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} - x_{i-1}^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}}$$



n=3 example
 Dual variables for
 3 point W.L. form
 factor $\langle 0 | W | 123 \rangle$

Gluing operator and BCFW for on-shell amplitudes. Examples

$$\hat{A}_{5,6} [\mathcal{P}_6^4] = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_5 \xi_5 \rangle \langle 1345 \rangle}{\langle p_5 1 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle}} [13456] + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_5 \xi_5 \rangle \langle 1235 \rangle}{\langle p_5 1 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle}} [12356] + [12345],$$

$$\hat{A}_{5,6} [\mathcal{P}_6^4] = \frac{A_{3,4+1}^*}{A_{2,4+1}^*} (\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_4, g_5^*),$$

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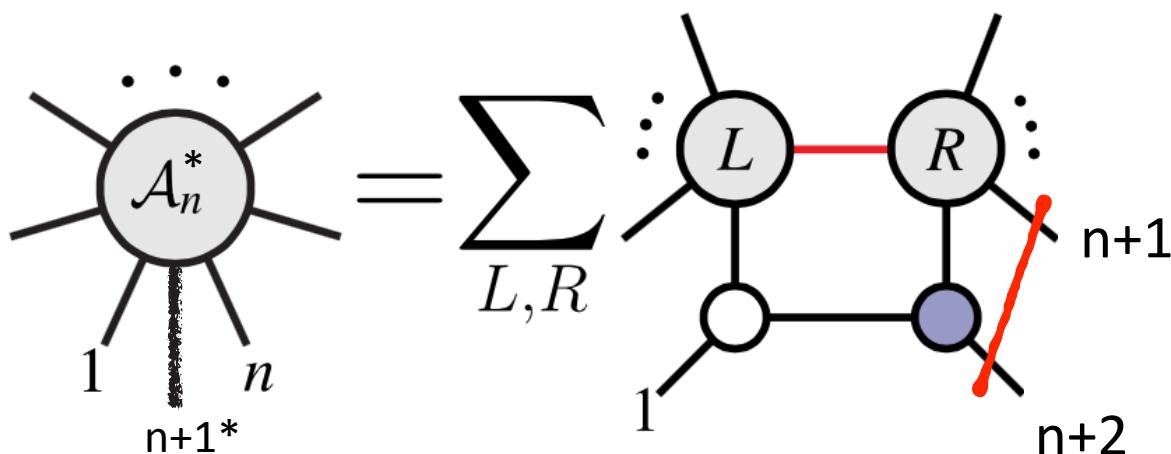
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with

$$c_{35} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle \langle 1235 \rangle}{\langle p_3 p_4 \rangle \langle 1234 \rangle}}, \quad c_{36} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_4 \xi_4 \rangle \langle 1235 \rangle}{\langle p_4 1 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle}}, \quad c_{46} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_3 \xi_3 \rangle \langle 1356 \rangle}{\langle p_3 p_4 \rangle \langle 1346 \rangle}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\langle p_4 \xi_4 \rangle \langle 1345 \rangle}{\langle p_4 1 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle}}.$$

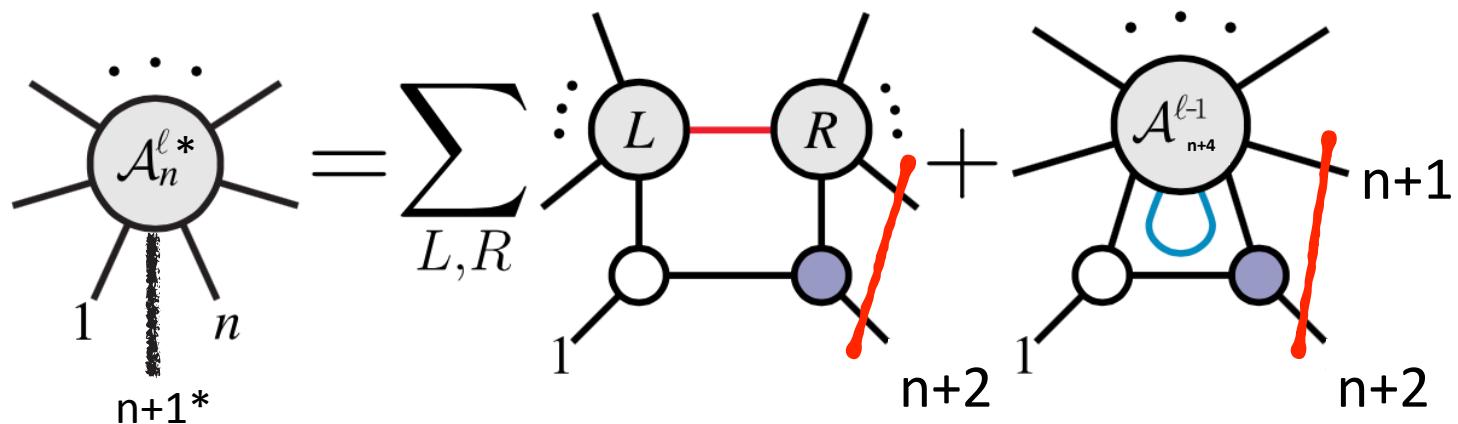
Gluing operator and BCFW for on-shell amplitudes

BCFW recursion for W.L. form factors in terms of on-shell diagrams at tree level:



Gluing operator at loop level

$$I_{k,(n-2)+1}^{*(L)} = \hat{A}_{n-1n}[I_{k,n}^{(L)}]$$



Gluing operator at loop level

$$I_{k,(n-2)+1}^{*(L)} = \hat{A}_{n-1n}[I_{k,n}^{(L)}]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& I_{k,(n-2)+1}^{*(L)} = I_{k,n-1}^{(L)}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{n-1}) \\
& + \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} [j-1, j, n-1, n^*, 1] I_{k_1, n+2-j}^{(L_1)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_j, \mathcal{Z}_{j+1}, \dots, \hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_j}^*) I_{k_2, j}^{(L_2)}(\mathcal{Z}_{I_j}, \mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \dots, \mathcal{Z}_{j-1}) \\
& + \int \frac{d^{4|4}\mathcal{Z}_A d^{4|4}\mathcal{Z}_B}{\text{Vol}[GL(2)]} \int_{GL(2)} [A, B, n-1, n^*, 1] I_{k+1, n+2}^{(L-1)}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \dots, \hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_{AB}}^*, \mathcal{Z}_A, \mathcal{Z}_B), \quad (5.119)
\end{aligned}$$

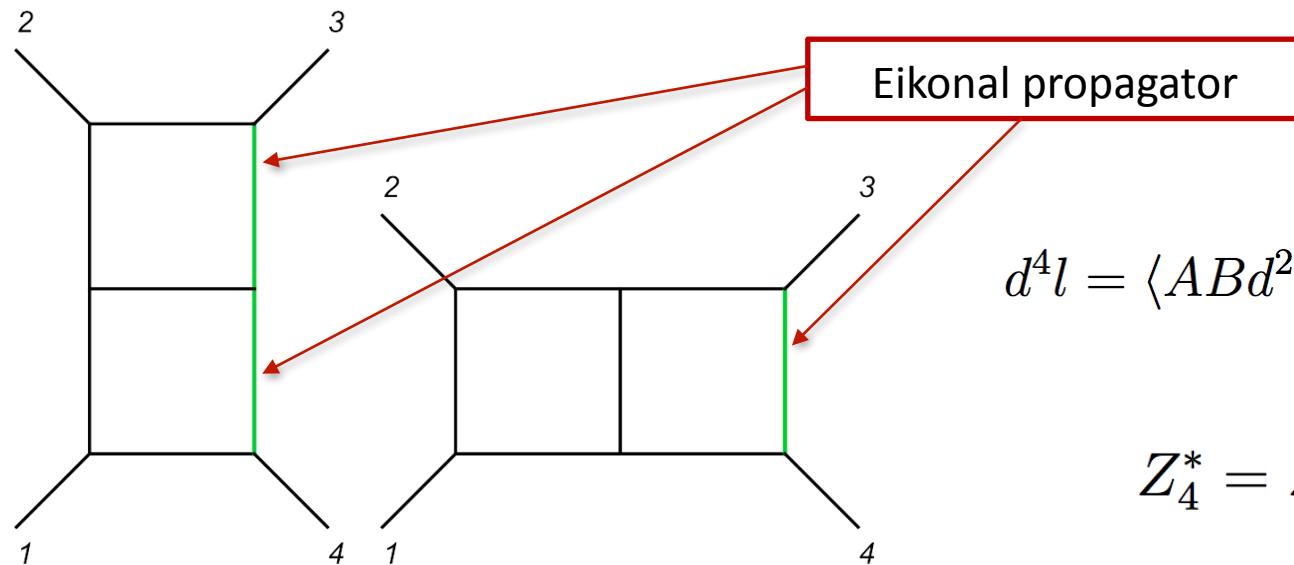
where $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_j} = (n-1, n^*) \cap (1, j-1, j)$, $\mathcal{Z}_{I_j} = (j-1, j) \cap (1, n-1, n)$, $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{n_{AB}} = (n-1, n^*) \cap (A, B, 1)$ and $k_1 + k_2 + 1 = k$. \mathcal{Z}_n^* is given by

$$\mathcal{Z}_i^* = \mathcal{Z}_i - \frac{\langle i-1 | i \rangle}{\langle i-1 | i+1 \rangle} \mathcal{Z}_{i+1}$$

Gluing operator at loop level. Examples

$$A_{2,2+1}^{*(2)}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2, g_3^*)$$

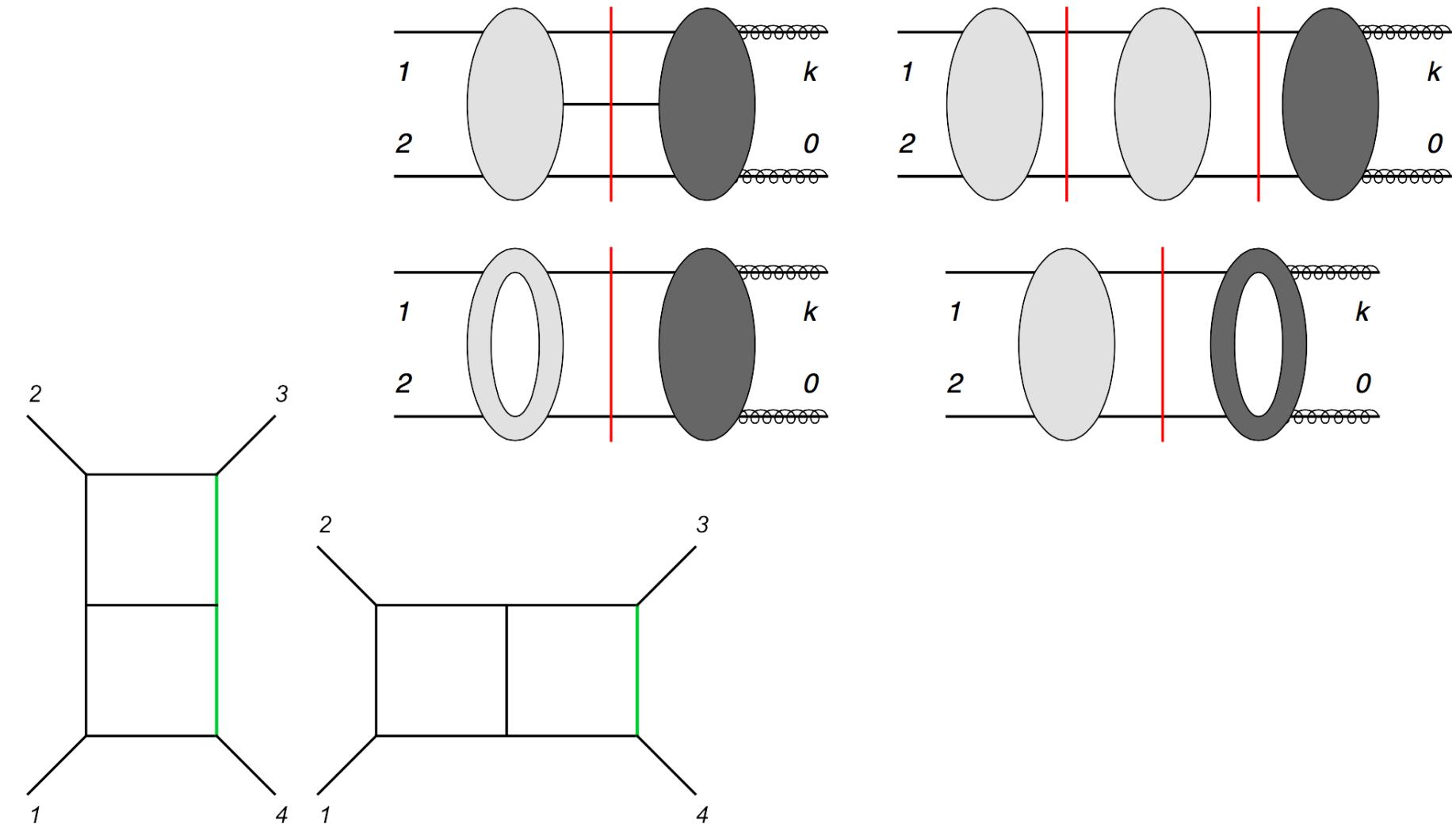
$$\begin{aligned} I_{2,2+1}^{*(2)} = & \frac{\langle 2341 \rangle \langle 3412 \rangle \langle 4123 \rangle}{\langle AB41 \rangle \langle AB12 \rangle \langle AB23 \rangle \langle CD23 \rangle \langle CD34^* \rangle \langle CD41 \rangle \langle ABCD \rangle} \\ + & \frac{\langle 3412 \rangle \langle 4123 \rangle \langle 1234 \rangle}{\langle AB12 \rangle \langle AB23 \rangle \langle AB34^* \rangle \langle CD34^* \rangle \langle CD41 \rangle \langle CD12 \rangle \langle ABCD \rangle} \end{aligned}$$



$$d^4 l = \langle AB d^2 A \rangle \langle AB d^2 B \rangle = \frac{d^4 Z_A d^4 Z_B}{\text{Vol}[GL(2)]}$$

$$Z_4^* = Z_4 - \frac{\langle p\xi \rangle}{\langle p1 \rangle} Z_1$$

Gluing operator at loop level. Examples



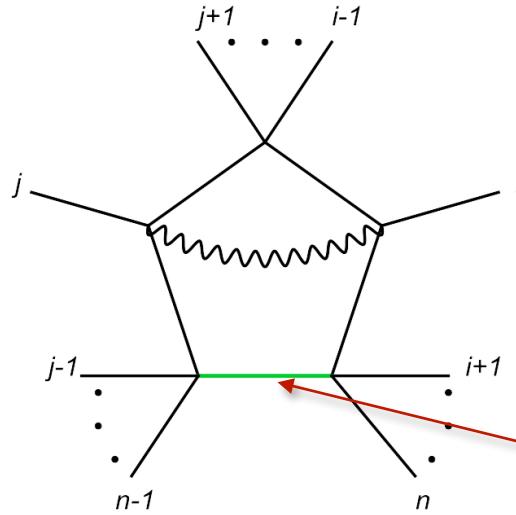
Gluing operator at loop level. Examples

$$A_{2,(n-2)+1}^{*(1)}(\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_{n-2}, g_{n-1}^*)$$

$$I_{2,(n-2)+1}^{*(1)} = \sum_{i < j} \frac{\langle AB(i-1\ i\ i+1) \cap (j-1\ j\ j+1) \rangle \langle n-1\ n^*ij \rangle}{\langle AB\ n-1\ n^* \rangle \langle AB\ i-1\ i \rangle \langle AB\ i\ i+1 \rangle \langle AB\ j-1\ j \rangle \langle AB\ j\ j+1 \rangle}$$

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NMHV, NNMHV, et.c. form factors with arbitrary number of states can be considered among the same lines (1802.03986).

Eikonal propagator $\langle p | l | p \rangle$

Conclusions

- The set of variables and methods which initially was associated with on-shell scattering amplitudes can be successfully applied to all type of gauge invariant objects in N=4 SYM at tree and loop level
- Similar construction also holds for other type of operators ?
- Proper description in terms of integrable system.
- Chern-Simons theory generalisation.
- ...