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Abstract:

# ***From Trees to Loops and Back***

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Witten 2003

weak/weak

Perturbative N=4 SYM = Topological String on Twistor Space

## Why is that interesting ?

- Explains unexpected simplicity of scattering amplitudes in Yang Mills & gravity
  - ➔ Simple Geometric Structure in Twistor Space
  - ➔ New Differential Equations for Amplitudes
- New tools to calculate amplitudes
  - ➔ MHV Diagrams for trees and loops
  - Generalized Unitarity
  - New Recursion Relations

# Motivation

- LHC is coming
  - Precision pert. QCD calculations
  - Long wishlist of processes to be computed
- New techniques are needed
  - Textbook methods hide simplicity of amplitudes
  - Intermediate expressions are large
  - Factorial growth of nr. of diagrams, e.g. gluon scattering

$g g \Rightarrow m g$	$m=5$	$m=6$	$m=8$
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# Motivation cont'd

- Luckily we do not have to use textbook techniques
  - color decomposition
  - spinor helicity
  - unitarity
  - supersymmetry
  - string theory
  - .....
- and since 2004
  - twistor string (inspired) techniques

# Color Decomposition

$$\mathcal{A}_n(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_n / \mathbb{Z}_n} \text{Tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) A_n(\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(n))$$

- at **tree** level Yang-Mills is **planar**
- only diagrams with fixed cyclic ordering contribute to the **"color stripped amplitudes"**  $A_n$ 
  - **analytic structure simpler**
- At **loop** level, also **multi-traces**; subleading in  $1/N$ 
  - At **one-loop** simple relation between planar & non-planar terms

# Spinor helicity formalism

- Responsible for the existence of compact formulas of tree and loop amplitudes in massless theories
- The 4D Lorentz Group (complexified)  $SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

$$p_\mu \iff p_{a\dot{a}} = p_\mu \sigma_{a\dot{a}}^\mu; \quad a, \dot{a} = 1, 2$$

massless  
on-shell

$$p_\mu p^\mu = \det p_{a\dot{a}} = 0 \implies p_{a\dot{a}} = \lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}$$

Note: In real Mink  
 $\tilde{\lambda} = \bar{\lambda}$

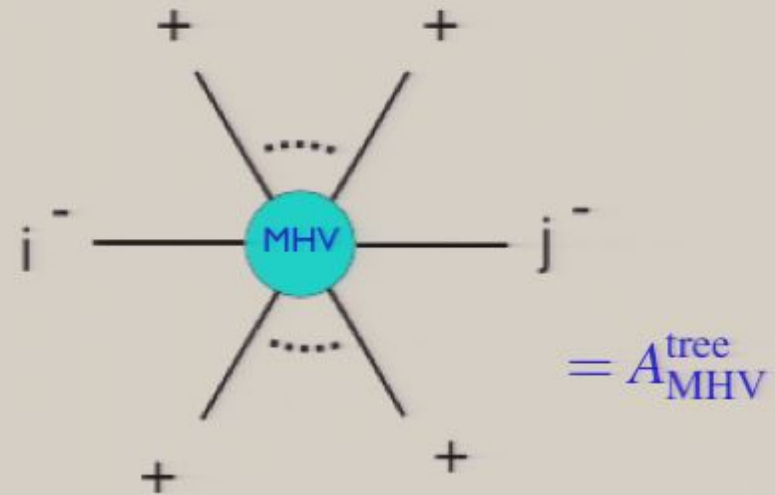
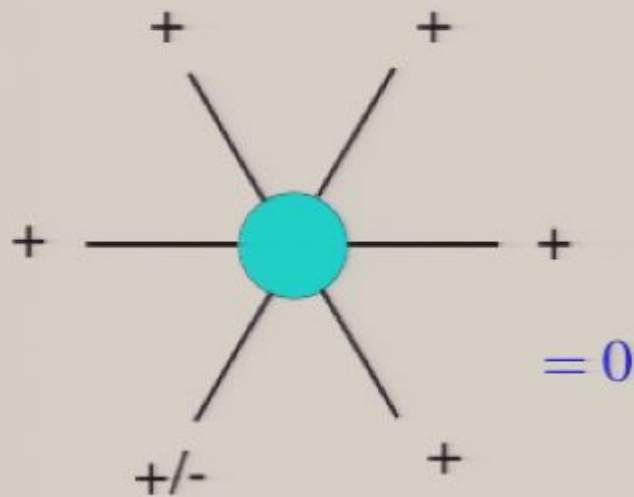
- Spinor Products

$$\langle ij \rangle \equiv \lambda_a^i \lambda_b^j \epsilon^{ab}, \quad [ij] \equiv \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}^i \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{b}}^j \epsilon^{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \quad \implies 2p_i \cdot p_j = \langle ij \rangle [ji]$$

- $\{p_i^\mu, \epsilon_i^\mu\}$  are redundant; the spinor variables  $\{\lambda_i^a, \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{a}}\}$  contain just the right d.o.f. to describe momentum & wavefnct./polarization of massless particles of arbitrary helicity  $h$



# n-Gluon Tree MHV-Amplitudes



$$A_{\text{MHV}}^{\text{tree}} = ig^{n-2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)} \left( \sum p_i \right) \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

**MHV Amplitude**  
Parke-Taylor;  
Berends-Giele

- Very **Simple!**
- **Holomorphic**, depends only on  $\lambda_i$ , not on  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$
- Correct for **Super Yang-Mills, pure glue & QCD**
- In N=4 SYM similar formulas for amplitudes with two gluons replaced by fermions/scalars

# Twistor Space

... is a “1/2 Fourier transform” of spinor space:

$$(\lambda_a, \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\lambda_a, \mu_{\dot{a}})$$

- Twistor Space is complex 4 dim'l  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu^1, \mu^2)$
- Amplitudes are homogeneous functions on twistor space



Projective Twistor Space  $\mathbb{CP}^3$

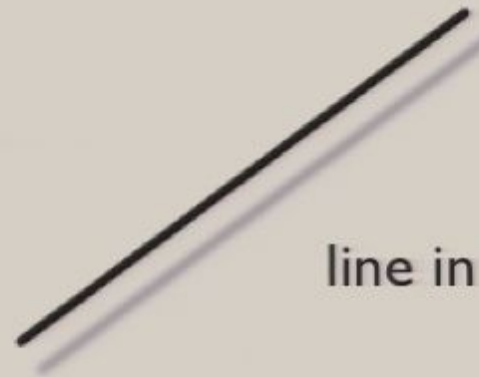
$$(\lambda, \mu) \sim (t\lambda, t\mu)$$

# Twistor Space cont'd

- Relations between Minkowski space and projective T. S.

Incidence Relation:  $\mu^{\dot{a}} + x^{a\dot{a}}\lambda_a = 0$

point in Mink



line in proj. T.S.

nullplane in Mink



point in proj. T.S.

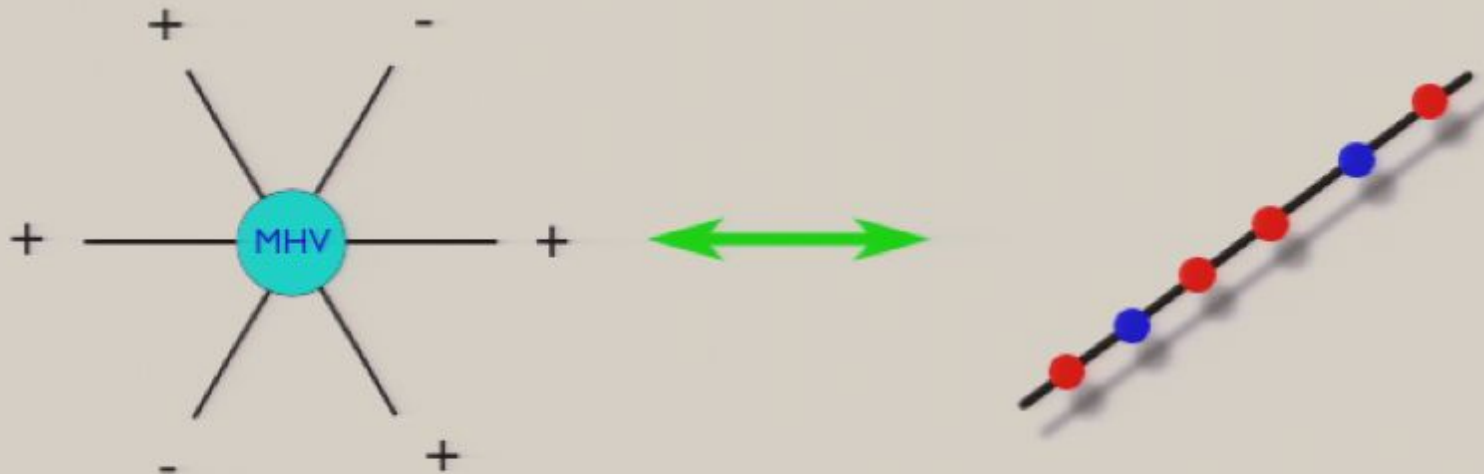


# Amplitudes in Twistor Space

- MHV amplitudes are **holomorphic** (except for momentum conservation); perform **1/2 Fourier transform**

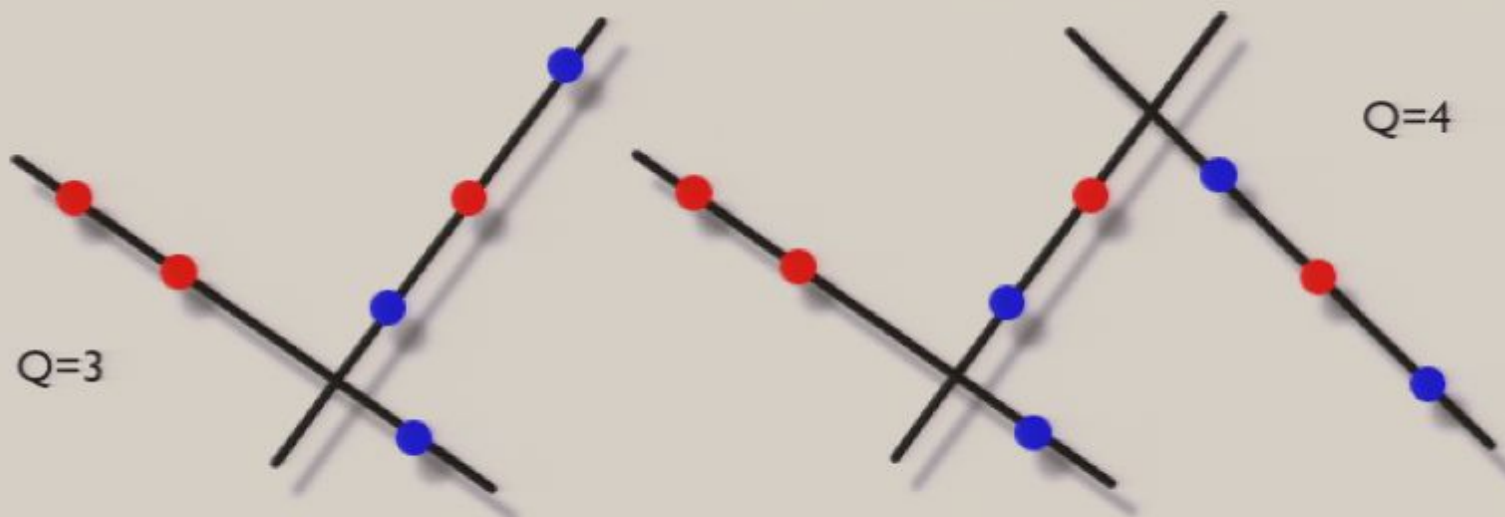
$$\Rightarrow A_{\text{MHV}} \int dx \int \prod_i d\tilde{\lambda}_i e^{i\mu_i \tilde{\lambda}_i} e^{ix\lambda_i \tilde{\lambda}_i} \sim \prod_i \delta^{(2)}(\mu_i + x\lambda_i)$$

Hence: For MHV amplitudes all points (=ext. gluons) lie on a **line in projective Twistor Space**



# Amplitudes in Twistor Space cont'd

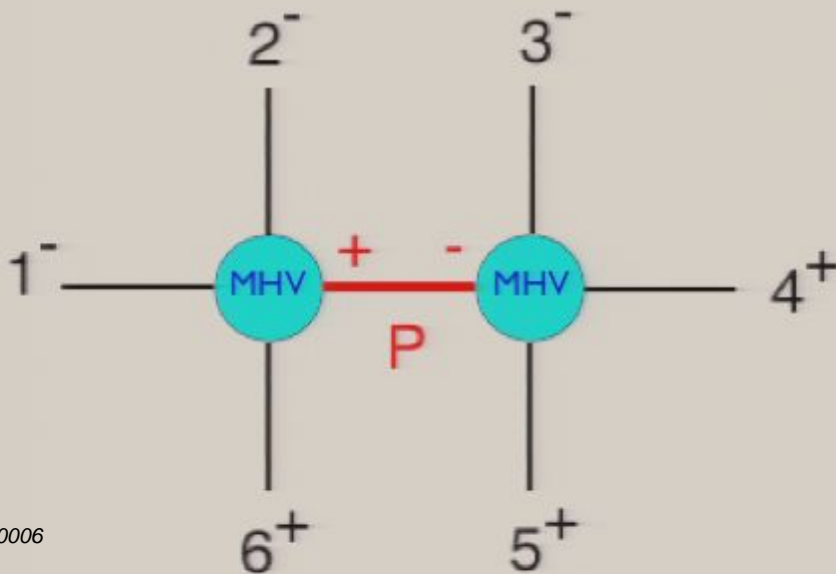
- Witten's conjecture (2003):  $L$ -loop amplitudes with  $Q$  negative helicity gluons localise on curves of  $\text{degree} = Q - l + L$  and  $\text{genus} \leq L$
- Localisation properties of amplitudes in  $\text{proj. T.S.}$  translate into differential operators obeyed by the amplitudes in momentum space:  $\mu \rightarrow i\partial/\partial\tilde{\lambda}$
- For non-MHV tree amplitudes “experiments” with diff. operators reveal (curves are actually degenerate):



# MHV Diagrams

- **MHV amplitude** = **Line in T.S.** = **local interaction** in Mink
- **CSW Rules** (Cachazo-Svrcek-Witten)
  - **MHV amplitudes** continued **off-shell** as **local vertices**
  - **Connect MHV** vertices with **scalar propagators**:  $\frac{1}{p^2}$
  - **Sum diagrams** with **fixed cyclic ordering** of ext. lines

**Ex:**  $\langle 1^- 2^- 3^- 4^+ 5^+ 6^+ \rangle$



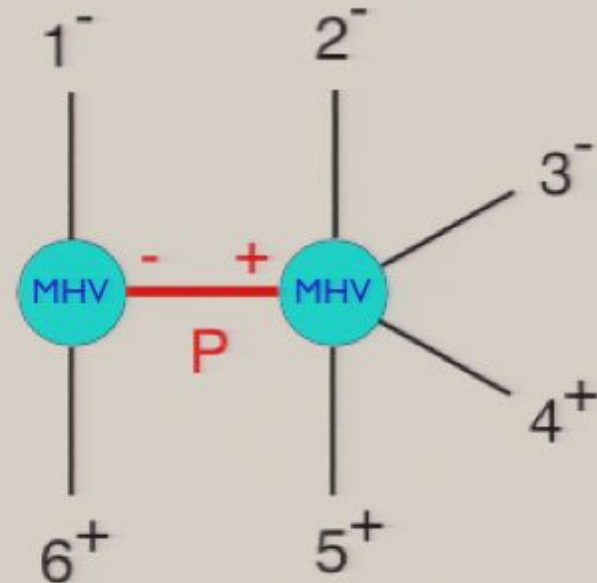
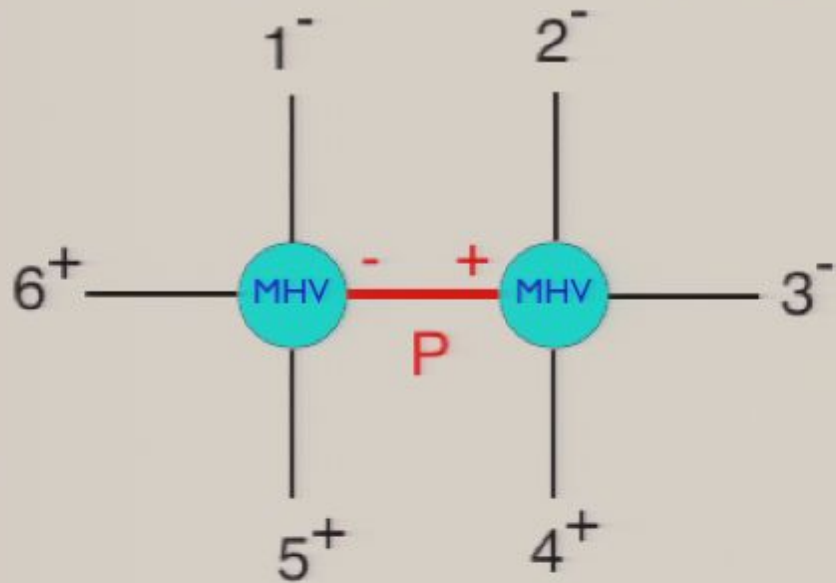
Off-shell continuation of spinor:

$$\lambda_{Pa} = P_{a\dot{a}} \eta^{\dot{a}}$$

$\eta^{\dot{a}}$  ... reference spinor

# MHV diagrams cont'd

some of the 5 missing diagrams of  $\langle 1^- 2^- 3^- 4^+ 5^+ 6^+ \rangle$



- Reproduce **known** and obtain **new** scattering amplitudes in any massless gauge theory  $\rightarrow$  **dramatic simplifications**
- Correct factorisation:  
multiparticle poles & collinear/soft limits
- $\eta$  dependence disappears in sum over diagrams

# MHV diagrams - applications

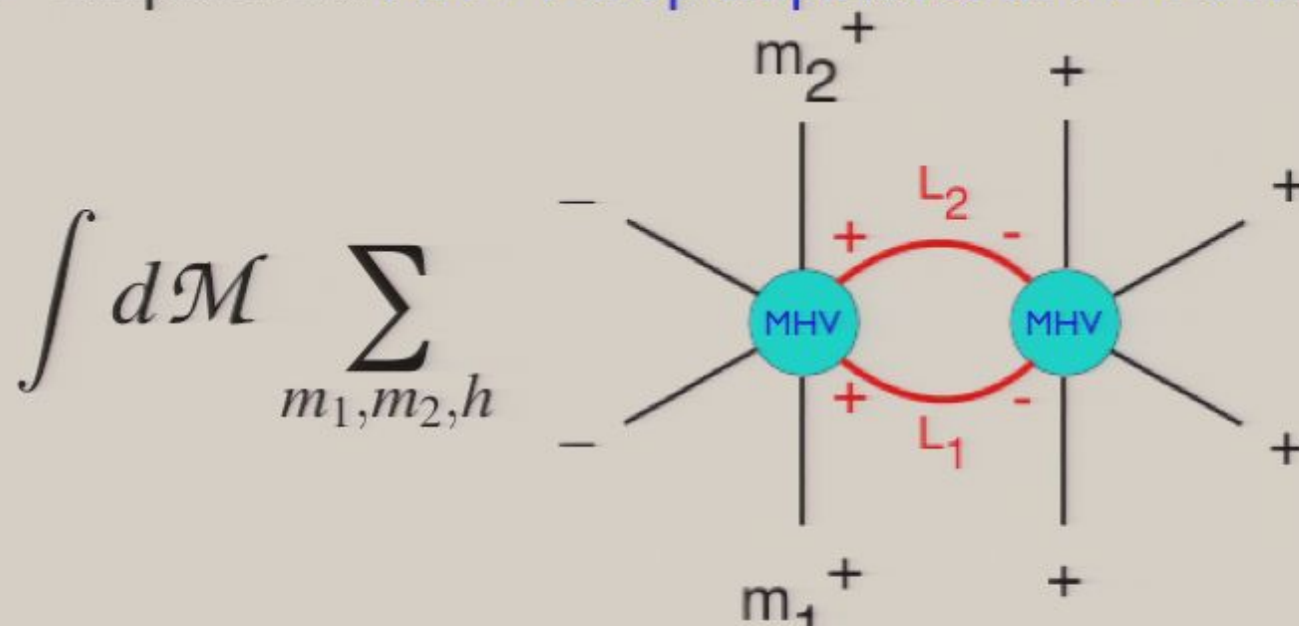
- Amplitudes of gluons with fermions/scalars Georgiou-Khoze, Wu-Zhu
- Amplitudes with quarks Georgiou-Khoze, Su-Wu
- Higgs plus partons Dixon-Glover-Khoze, Badger-Glover-Khoze
- Electroweak vector boson currents Bern-Forde-Kosower-Mastrolia
- **Lagrangian Derivation?** Initial Steps have been made using light cone formalism (Mansfield hep-th/0511264, Gorsky-Rosly hep-th/0510111)



# From Trees to Loops

(AB-Spence-Travaglini)

- Original prognosis from twistor string theory was negative (Berkovits-Witten), "pollution" with Conformal SUGRA modes
- Try anyway:
  - Connect  $V=Q-I+L$  MHV vertices, using the same off-shell continuation as for trees
  - Chose measure, perform loop integration (Dim. Reg.)
- Simplest Ex.: MHV 1-loop amplitudes in N=4 SYM

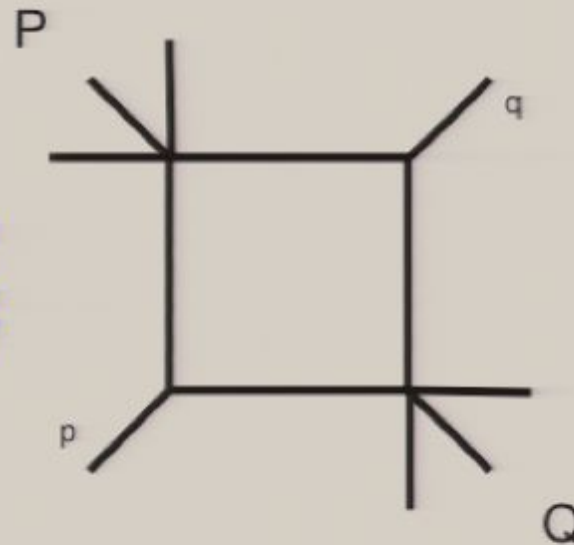


# MHV one-loop amplitudes in N=4 SYM

- Computed by Bern-Dixon-Dunbar-Kosower (1994) using four-dim'l cut-constructibility (works for SUSY, massless theories) = **Unitarity**
- Result is expressed in terms of “2-mass easy box functions”

$$I^{2me}(s, t, P^2, Q^2) = \int d^{4-2\epsilon} L \frac{1}{L^2(L-p)^2(L-P-p)^2(L+Q)^2}$$

$$A_{\text{MHV}}^{1\text{-loop}} = A_{\text{MHV}}^{\text{tree}} \times \sum_{p,q}$$



# MHV vertices at one-loop

Loop integration (schematically):

$$A_{\text{MHV}}^{1\text{-loop}} = \sum_{m_1, m_2, h} \int d\mathcal{M} A_L^{\text{tree}}(-L_1, m_1, \dots, m_2, L_2) \times A_R^{\text{tree}}(-L_2, m_2 + 1, \dots, m_1 - 1, L_1)$$

Loop measure:

$$d\mathcal{M} = \frac{d^4 L_1}{L_1^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{d^4 L_2}{L_2^2 + i\epsilon} \delta^{(4)}(L_2 - L_1 + P_L)$$

Off-shell continuation (as before)

$$L_\mu = l_\mu + z\eta_\mu$$

reference null-vector

Hence

$$\frac{d^4 L}{L^2 + i\epsilon} = \frac{dz}{z} \times d^4 l \delta^{(+)}(l^2)$$

dispersive measure                      phase space measure

## N=4 SYM one-loop cont'd


Putting everything together and integrating over  $z' = z_1 + z_2$  we find, using  $z = z_1 - z_2$

$$d\mathcal{M} = \frac{dz}{z} \times dLIPS(l_2, -l_1; P_{L;z})$$

$$P_{L;z} = P_L - z\eta$$

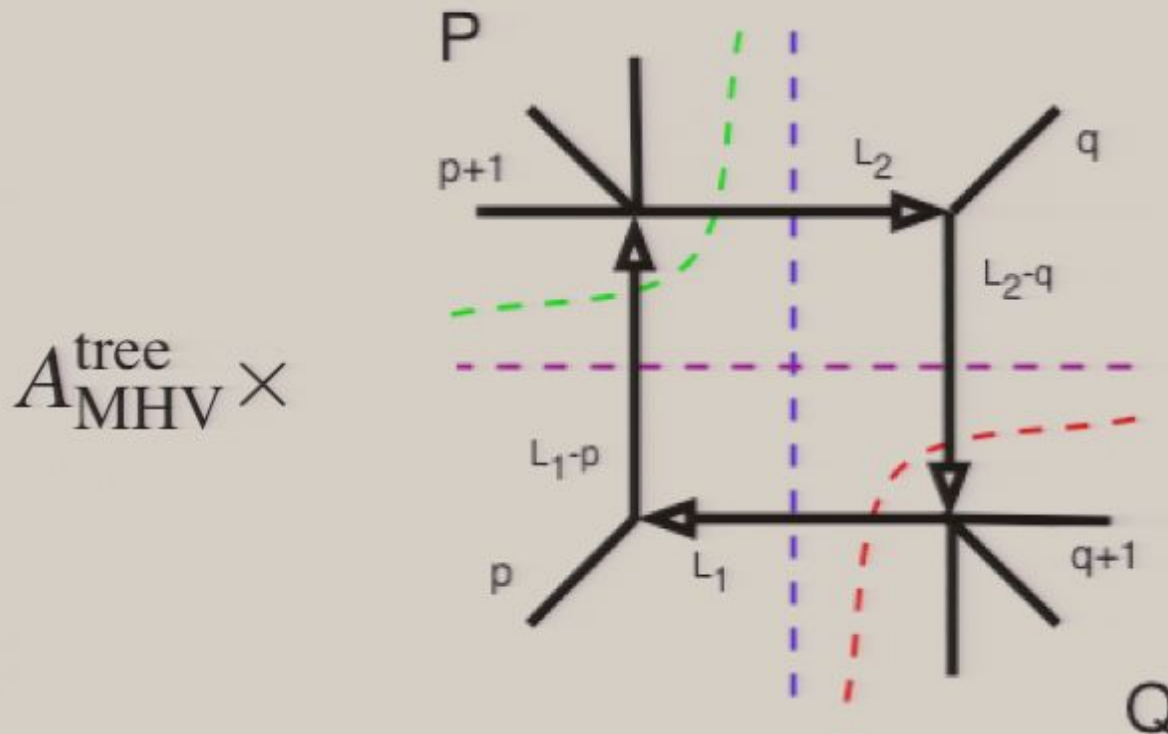
$dLIPS$  is the 2-particle Lorentz inv. phase space measure and the corresponding integral calculates the branchcut or discontinuity of the amplitude! Note however the shift in  $P_{L;z} = P_L - z\eta$

The remaining integration over  $z$  is a dispersion (type) integral, which reproduces the full amplitude!

 The Return of the Analytic S-Matrix

# N=4 SYM one-loop cont'd

After some manipulations we find the result to be the sum over contributions from all possible cuts of all possible 2-mass easy box functions (to all orders in DR parameter  $\epsilon$ )



**Note:** only after summing over the four cuts dependence on  $\eta$  disappears!

# Summary of N=4 SYM at 1-loop

- Agrees with result of (Bern-Dixon-Dunbar-Kosower)
- Incorporates large numbers of conventional Feynman diags
- Naturally leads to “dispersion integrals”
- Non-trivial check of MHV diagrammatic method
  - covariance (no dependence on  $\eta$  )
  - non-MHV amplitudes (later in the talk)
- Simpler form of “2-mass easy box function”

$$I^{2me}(s, t, P^2, Q^2) = -\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left[ (-s)^{-\epsilon} + (-t)^{-\epsilon} - (-P^2)^{-\epsilon} - (-Q^2)^{-\epsilon} \right] \\ + \text{Li}_2(1 - aP^2) + \text{Li}_2(1 - aQ^2) - \text{Li}_2(1 - as) - \text{Li}_2(1 - at), \\ a = \frac{P^2 + Q^2 - s - t}{P^2 Q^2 - st} = \frac{u}{P^2 Q^2 - st}$$

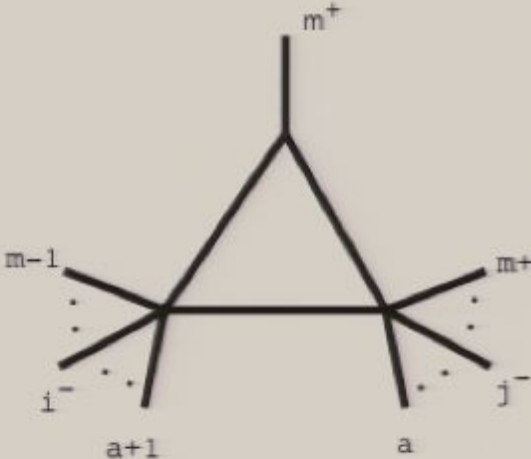
# Generalisations

- In principle our approach can readily be applied to **non-MHV amplitudes** and theories with **less supersymmetry**
- **MHV, one-loop amplitudes in N=1 SYM** (Bedford-AB-Spence-Travaglini)
  - Contribution of a **chiral multiplet** (susy decomposition)  
$$A^{\mathcal{N}=1, \text{vector}} = A^{\mathcal{N}=4} - 3A^{\mathcal{N}=1, \text{chiral}}$$
  - Result involves **scalar box & triangle** functions
  - MHV diagram method **agrees** with **BDDK**
  - Works despite the absence of Twistor String Dual of N=1 SYM

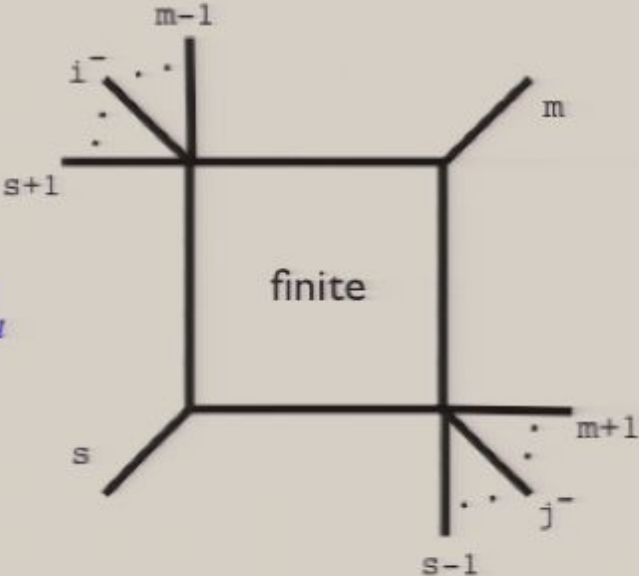
# MHV, one-loop in N=1 SYM

$$A_{chiral}^{1-loop, MHV} = A^{tree, MHV} \times I$$

$$I = \sum_{m,s} b_{m,s}^{i,j}$$



$$+ \sum_{m,a} c_{m,a}^{i,j}$$





# MHV, 1-loop amplitudes in Yang-Mills

- non-supersymmetric theories are not “4D cut-constructible”
- Amplitudes contain rational terms that are not linked to terms containing cuts (can be obtained from new on-shell recursion relations (Bern, Forde, Dixon, Kosower) )
- From MHV vertices we obtain cut-containing terms
- SUSY decomposition

$$A^g = (A^g + 4A^f + 3A^s) - 4(A^f + A^s) + A^s$$

To be computed

# Yang-Mills, 1-loop cont'd

- Result is expressed in terms of
  - finite box functions:  $I_{finite}^{2me} = B(s, t, P^2, Q^2)$
  - triangle functions:  $T^{(r)}(p, P, Q) = \frac{\log(Q^2/P^2)}{(Q^2 - P^2)^r}$
  - Coefficient of  $B$  is:  $(b_{m_1 m_2}^{ij})^2$
- Agrees with 5-point result and the case of adjacent negative helicity gluons of (BDDK)
- New Result for negative helicity gluons in arbitrary position
  - First new result for QCD from MHV diagrams !

# Evidence for MHV diagrams so far

- Tree Level Amplitudes  $\Rightarrow$  several proofs (CSW, Britto-Cachazo-Feng-Witten, Risager)
- One-Loop Amplitudes in (S)YM
  - MHV 1-loop Amplitudes in N=4 SYM (AB-Spence-Travaglini)
  - MHV 1-loop amplitudes in N=1 SYM (Bedford-AB-Spence-Travaglini, Quigley-Rozali)
  - Cut-Constructible Parts of MHV 1-loop Amplitudes in pure Yang-Mills (Bedford-AB-Spence-Travaglini)

**Q: Do MHV Diagrams provide a new, complete, perturbative expansion of SUSY Yang-Mills ?**

# From Loops Back to Trees

via the Feynman Tree Theorem (FTT)

- We want to show that **MHV diagrams** are **equivalent** to **Feynman diagrams** for generic one-loop amplitudes in SYM
  - **Step 1: Proof of Covariance**
  - **Step 2: Discontinuities**
  - **Step 3: Kinematic Limits**
- **Step 1: proof of covariance** using **FTT**
- **FTT** is based on the decomposition of the usual **Feynman propagator**:

$$\Delta_F(P) = \Delta_R(P) + 2\pi\delta^{(-)}(P^2 - m^2)$$

$$\delta^{(-)}(P^2 - m^2) \equiv \delta(P^2 - m^2)\theta(-P_0)$$

## FTT cont'd

- Assume we use Feynman rules with  $\Delta_R(P)$  instead of  $\Delta_F(P)$
- Since  $\Delta_R(P)$  is a causal propagator (contrary to  $\Delta_F(P)$ ) any loop integral with local vertices has support for:

$$t_1 > t_2 > \cdots > t_n > t_1$$

Since there are no closed time-like curves in Minkowski space this integral vanishes!

$$I_R = \int \prod_i d^4x_i \Delta_R(x_1 - x_2) V(x_2) \Delta_R(x_2 - x_3) V(x_3) \cdots \Delta_R(x_n - x_1) V(x_1) = 0$$

## FTT cont'd

- Now use the decomposition of  $\Delta_R(P)$  into  $\Delta_F(P)$  and an on-shell delta-function

$$I_R := \int \frac{d^4L}{(2\pi)^4} f(L, \{K_i\}) \prod_i \left[ \Delta_F(L + K_i) - 2\pi\delta^{(-)}((L + K_i)^2) \right] = 0$$

to find the **FTT**

$$I_F = - \int \frac{d^4L}{(2\pi)^4} f(L, \{K_i\}) \prod_i' \left[ \Delta_F(L + K_i) - 2\pi\delta^{(-)}((L + K_i)^2) \right]$$

In a nutshell: the **FTT** reduces **Loops to Trees!** Or more precisely to the **sum of all possible cuts.**

$$I_F = I_{1-cut} + I_{2-cut} + I_{3-cut} + I_{4-cut}$$

# FTT and MHV Diagrams

- Because of the **local character** in Minkowski space of **MHV vertices** we can apply the **FTT** directly to **MHV diagrams**.
- This will allow us to find a simple proof of **covariance** for the sum of MHV diagrams contributing to **generic (one-)loop amplitudes**
- The amplitude is given by a sum of terms in which at least one loop leg is cut

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{1-cut} + \mathcal{A}_{2-cut} + \mathcal{A}_{3-cut} + \mathcal{A}_{4-cut}$$

The key point is that each set of **p-particle cut diagrams** sums to a covariant expression!

# FTT and MHV Diagrams cont'd

- MHV one-loop amplitudes



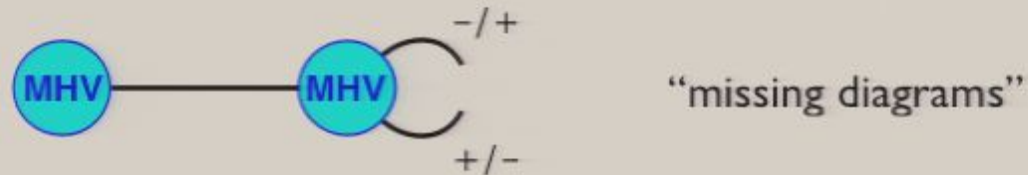
The MHV diagrams have the following 1-particle and 2-particle cuts



The 2-particle cuts give a phase space integral of a product of on-shell tree amplitudes and hence are covariant



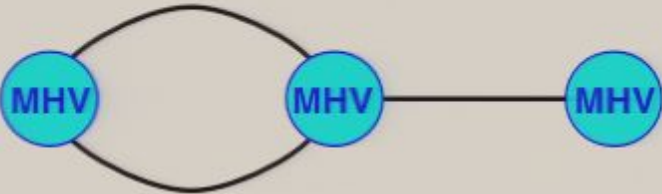
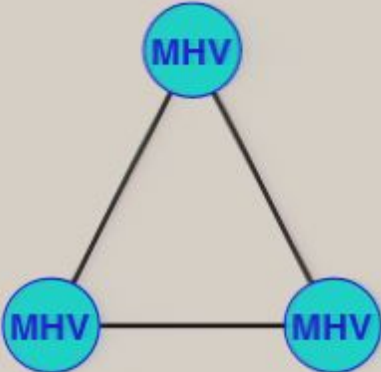
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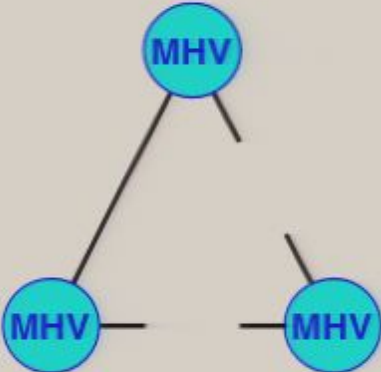
- More care needed for 1-particle cuts: sum only over diagrams with cut legs on different MHV vertices.
- Two alternative justifications to exclude these diagrams
  1. In supersymmetric theories the missing diagrams give a vanishing integrand, after summing over internal particle species.
  2. cut legs are (anti-)collinear  $\rightarrow$   
“missing diagram” = (splitting function)  $\times$  (tree diagram)  
These tree diagrams sum to an amplitude.

# FTT and MHV Diagrams cont'd

- more complicated examples can be treated in complete analogy
- NMHV Amplitudes

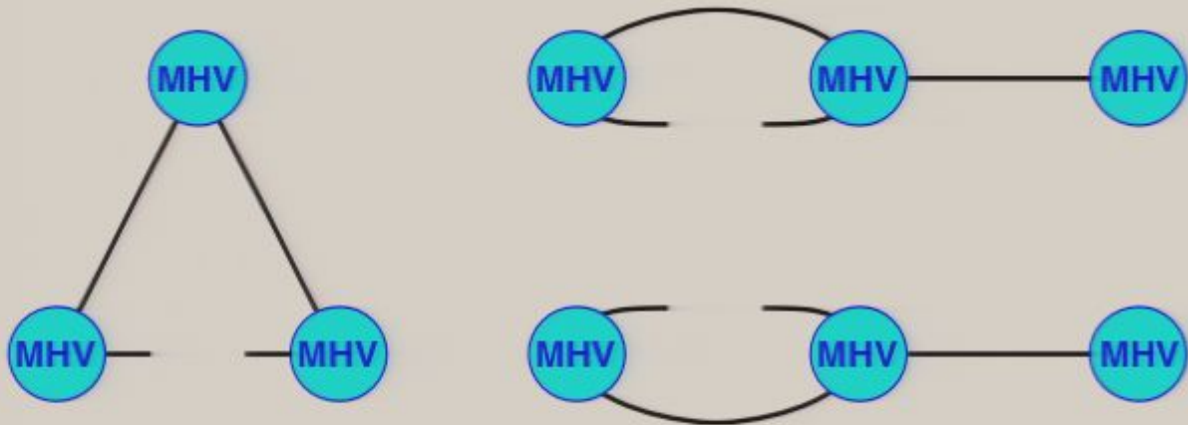


MHV diagrams

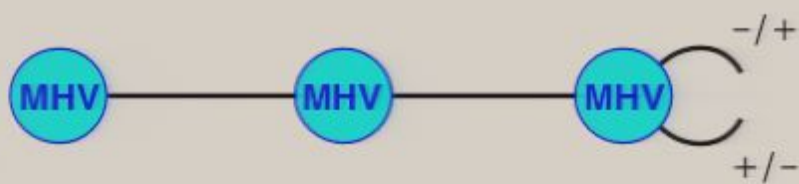


2-particle cut diagrams

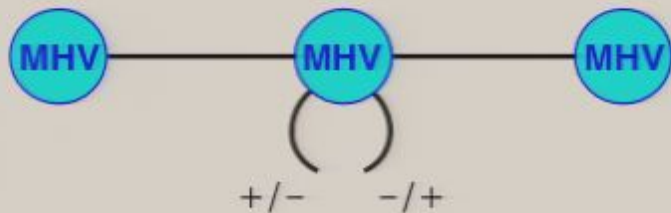
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one-particle cut diagrams



“missing” diagrams

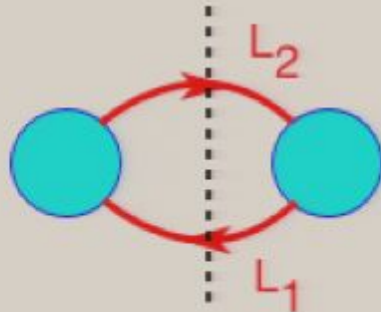


# Discontinuities

- One-loop MHV diagrams give covariant expressions
- **Step 2:** check that these expressions have the **correct discontinuities** or **unitarity cuts in all channels**.
- Straightforward; the **diagrammatics** is the same for **Feynman 2-particle cuts** in the **FTT** and a **unitarity 2-particle cuts**.
- In a **particular channel** one fixes two propagators and replaces them by **two on-shell delta functions**. Summing all MHV diagrams sharing the same 2-particle cut, one obtains the **full tree amplitudes** on both sides of the cut. **LIPS integration** produces then the **expected discontinuity**.

## Discontinuities cont'd

- This argument applies also to generalised unitarity cuts.
- **Note:** although the diagrammatics look the same, a Feynman 2-particle cut is different from a unitarity 2-particle cut. In particular a Feynman/Unitarity 2-particle cut vanishes above/below the 2-particle threshold!



In a Feynman cut:

$$L_{10} < 0 \text{ and } L_{20} < 0$$

In a Unitarity cut:

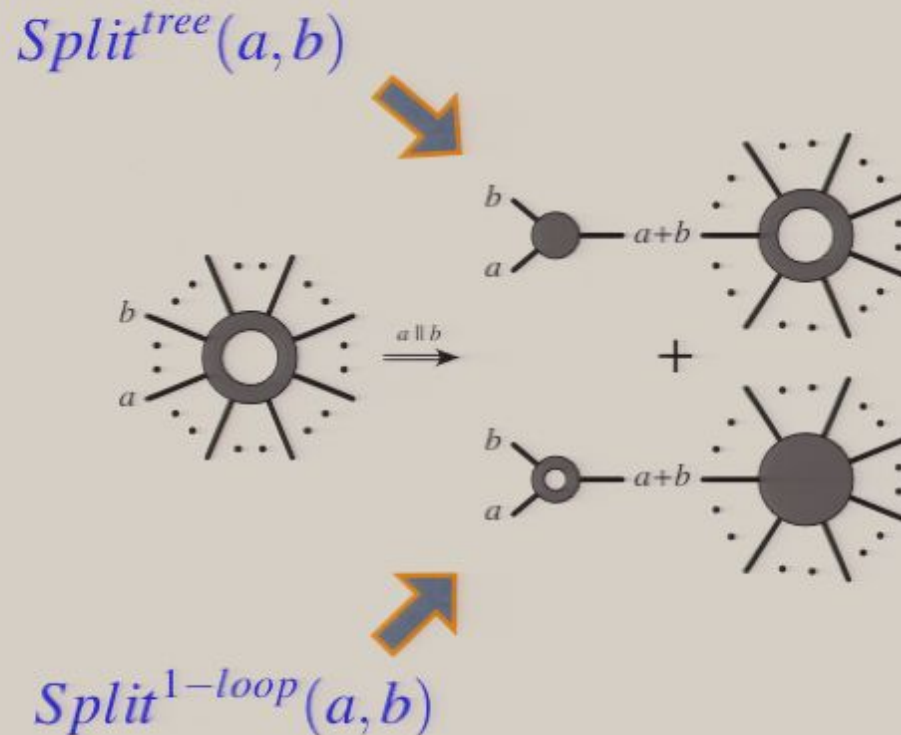
$$L_{10} < 0 \text{ and } L_{20} > 0$$

# Factorisation

- MHV one-loop diagrams give covariant formulas with all the correct (generalised) cuts
- Step 3: Check that all physical poles in possible kinematic limits are correct. In particular we will check the universal collinear and some of the soft limits.
- Unphysical,  $\eta$ -dependent singularities (and cuts) can be excluded by our proof of covariance
- The remaining ambiguity must be a polynomial term, which can be ruled out on dimensional grounds (as in BCFW)

# Universal collinear factorisation

- Consider a **one-loop** amplitude  $\mathcal{A}_n^{1-loop}$  in the limit when momenta **a** and **b** become collinear (parallel)



# Universal Collinear Factorisation

Involves **tree** and **one-loop** splitting functions:

$$Split_{-}^{tree}(a^{+}, b^{+}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z(1-z)}} \frac{1}{\langle ab \rangle}, \quad Split_{+}^{tree}(a^{-}, b^{-}) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{z(1-z)}} \frac{1}{[ab]}$$

With  $k_a := zk_P$ ,  $k_b := (1-z)k_P$ ,  $k_P^2 \rightarrow 0$

The **one-loop** splitting function is

$$Split^{1-loop}(a, b) = Split^{tree}(a, b) \times r(z)$$

- All order in  $\epsilon$  expression for  $r(z)$  was calculated by  
(Kosower-Uwer, Bern-Del Duca-Kilgore-Schmidt)

$$r(z) := \frac{c\Gamma}{\epsilon^2} \left( \frac{-s_{ab}}{\mu^2} \right)^{-\epsilon} \left[ 1 - {}_2F_1 \left( 1, -\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon, \frac{z-1}{z} \right) - {}_2F_1 \left( 1, -\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon, \frac{z}{z-1} \right) \right]$$

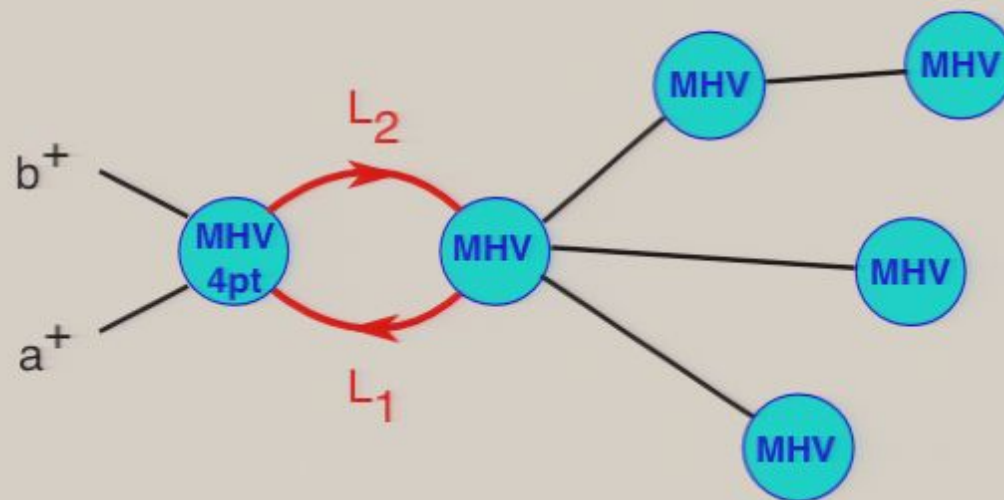


# Collinear Limits from MHV Diagrams

- At tree level, collinear limits come out as expected (CSW) as well as soft limits
- Two types of collinear limits in MHV diagram method
  - A-type:  $++ \Rightarrow +$  and  $+- \Rightarrow -$
  - B-type:  $+- \Rightarrow +$  and  $-- \Rightarrow -$
- Both legs belong to the same MHV vertex, for B-type this must be a 3-point vertex

# Collinear Limits from MHV Diagrams

- Also at 1-loop level we have to distinguish A/B-type
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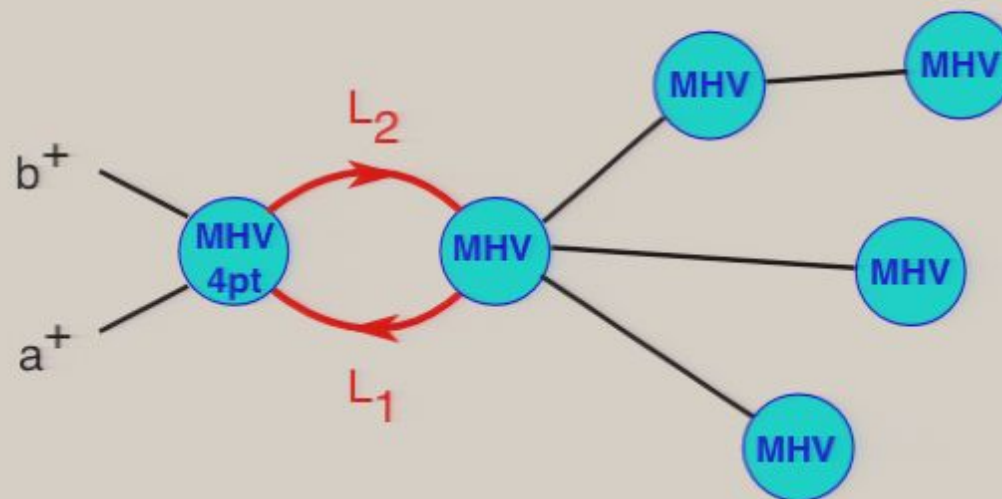


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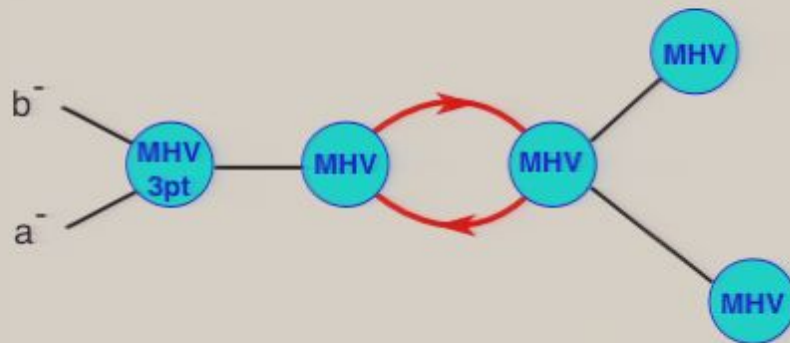
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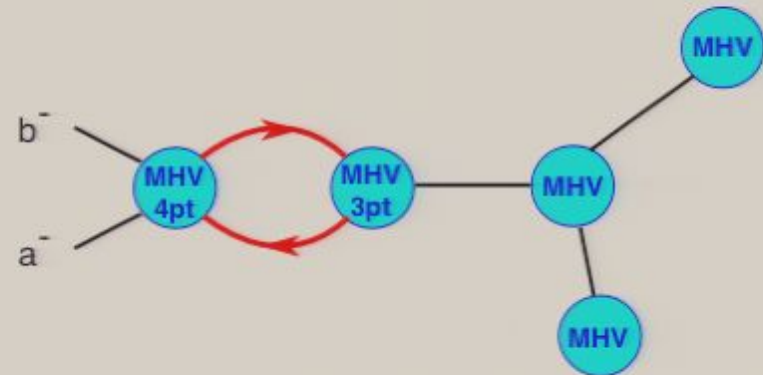
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- B-type collinear limits need special attention
- all order one-loop splitting function from “singular channel” diagram
- agrees with known results



“non-singular channel”  
MHV diagram, contributes to  
tree level splitting function



“singular channel” MHV diagram

# Soft Limits

- Behaviour of **one-loop amplitudes** when one leg  $s$  becomes **soft** is given by:

$$\mathcal{A}_n^{1-loop}(1, \dots, a, s, b, \dots, n) \xrightarrow{k_s \rightarrow 0}$$

$$Soft^{tree}(a, s, b) \mathcal{A}_{n-1}^{1-loop}(1, \dots, a, b, \dots, n)$$

$$+ Soft^{1-loop}(a, s, b) \mathcal{A}_{n-1}^{tree}(1, \dots, a, b, \dots, n)$$

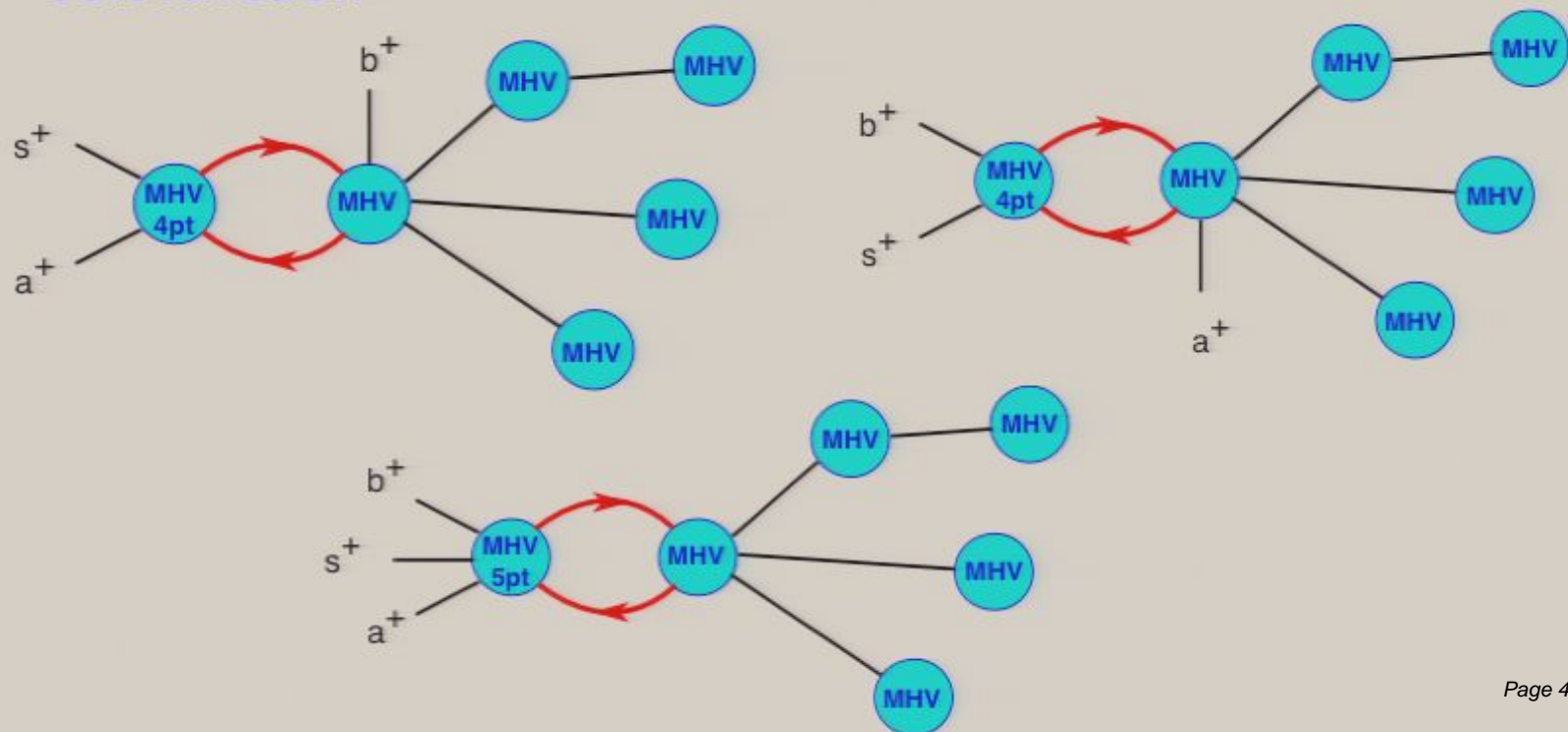
with

$$Soft^{tree}(a, s^+, b) = \frac{\langle ab \rangle}{\langle as \rangle \langle sb \rangle}$$

$$Soft^{1-loop}(a, s, b) = Soft^{tree}(a, s, b) \left( -\frac{c_\Gamma}{\varepsilon^2} \frac{\pi \varepsilon}{\sin(\pi \varepsilon)} \right) \left( -\frac{s_{ab}}{s_{as} s_{sb}} \mu^2 \right)^\varepsilon$$

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- For concreteness we discuss the soft limit:  $a^+ s^+ b^+ \longrightarrow a^+ b^+$
- Three MHV diagrams contribute in this case, the first two being familiar from the collinear limits
- Again the **MHV diagrams** reproduce the **all order, one-loop soft function**





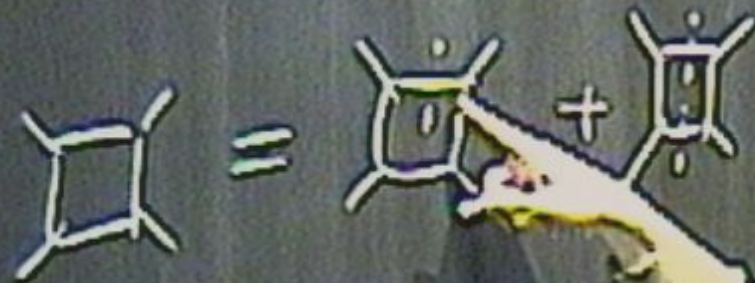
# Summary

- MHV diagrams are an efficient tool to calculate tree and 1-loop amplitudes in (S)YM
- In SYM at 1-loop we have shown
  - covariance (from FTT)
  - correct cuts (by construction)
  - correct soft and collinear limits, (to all orders in  $\epsilon$ )
    - Multiparticle Poles?
- Further applications of FTT
  - rederivation of MHV 1-loop measure
  - FTT applies also to massive/non-susy theories

# Outlook

- MHV diagrams work better than expected
  - all order in  $\epsilon$  one-loop splitting and soft functions and 4-point one-loop amplitude in N=4 SYM
- Should work for higher loops (work in progress)
- Connections with integrability (Minahan-Zarembo ...) and higher loop recursion relations (Anastasiou-Bern-Dixon-Kosower, Bern-Dixon-Smirnov, Cachazo-Spradlin-Volovich, Bern-Czakon-Kosower-Roiban-Smirnov) ?





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