

# Form Factors in $N=4$ SYM & Higgs+Gluon Amplitudes

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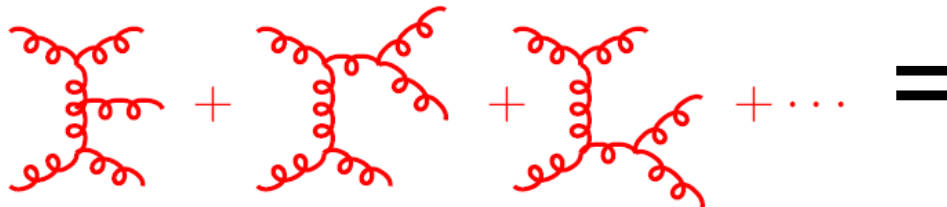
# Why calculate amplitudes & form factors?

- Strong Physics motivations
  - LHC physics
  - precision perturbative QCD
- Mathematical physics motivations
  - AdS/CFT
  - New dualities
  - Hidden symmetries
  - Links to integrability

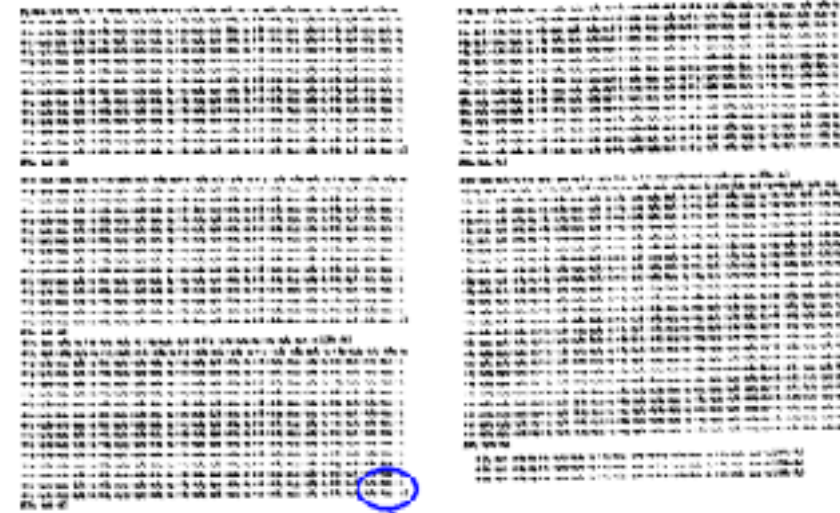
# Hard calculations lead to...

- Calculations with standard Feynman rules are cumbersome
  - Gauge dependence, off-shell
  - Many diagrams
  - Huge cancellations

- E.g.: for 5 gluons



Result of a brute force calculation:



- 2 gluons  $\rightarrow$  n gluons at tree-level

$$k_1 = k_2, e_2 \quad k_3 = e_1 = e_3, e_4 = e_5$$

gg $\Rightarrow$ n g	n=7	n=8	n=9
Diagrams	559405	10525900	224449225

# ...surprising simplicity

- All-plus/single-minus helicity tree amplitudes

$$A(1^\pm, 2^+, 3^+, \dots, n^+) = 0$$

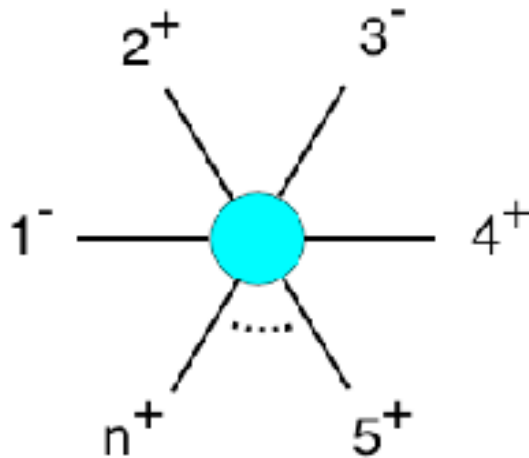
- Maximally Helicity Violating (MHV) tree amplitudes with 2 negative helicity and  $n-2$  positive helicity gluons

$$A_{\text{MHV}}(1^+, 2^+, \dots, i^-, \dots, j^-, \dots, n^+) = \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

Parke-Taylor/Mangano-Parke

$$\langle ij \rangle \sim \sqrt{s_{ij}} e^{i\phi_{ij}}$$

$$s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$$

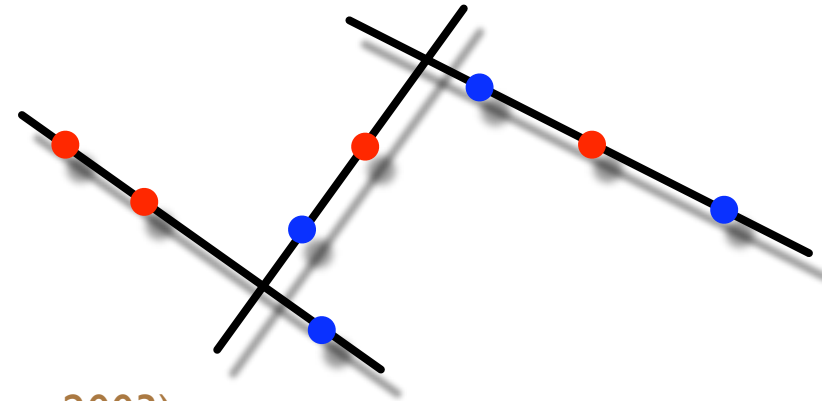


$$i=1, j=3$$

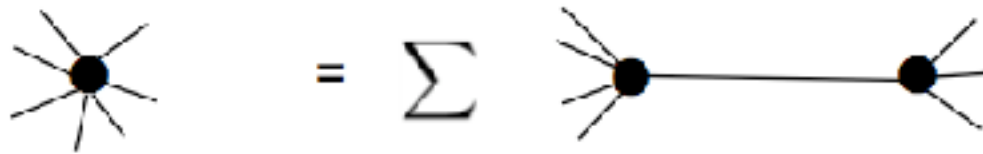
Traditional methods  
obscure simplicities  
and hidden symmetries

# Hidden Simplicities in Amplitudes...

- Why are amplitudes so simple?  
Can we make use of this fact?



- Geometry in twistor space (Witten 2003)
- Iterative structures of S-matrix of gauge theory & gravity



- Avoid problems of standard Feynman rules
- gauge dependence, ghosts
- off-shell
- large number of diagrams

Only 3-point  
Amplitudes  
needed as  
Input!!

# ... Inspire New Methods

- Novel Methods

- **MHV Diagrams** (Cachazo-Svrcek-Witten; AB, Spence Travaglini)
- **Generalised Unitarity** algebraic; no phase space/dispersion integrals!  
(Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower,... Britto, Cachazo, Feng,...)

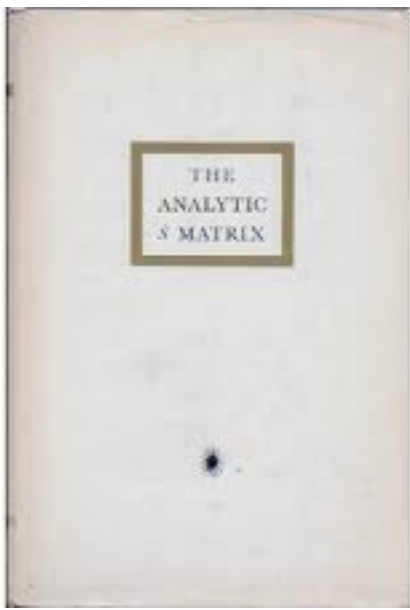
$$\sum a \text{ (square diagram)} + \sum b \text{ (triangle diagram)} + \sum c \text{ (fish diagram)}$$

- **On-shell Recursion Relations** (Britto-Cachazo-Feng-Witten)

- Important common feature

- **Only on-shell** quantities needed  
e.g. MHV rules need only

$$\mathcal{A}_{n,\text{MHV}} = \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$



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# The Analytic S-Matrix

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## Return of the...

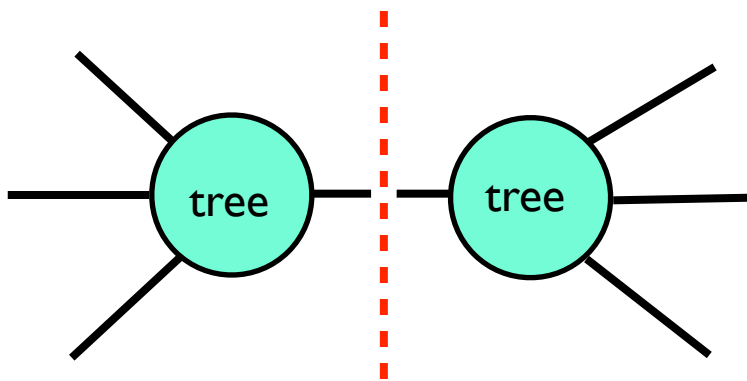
- Key ideas go back to pre-history old S-matrix approach of 60's !
  - **On-shell** ...fields themselves are of little interest. Deal with physical, on-shell S-matrix elements directly...
  - **Unitarity** ...use the analytic structure of the scattering amplitudes (poles, branch cuts, factorisation), whether or not some underlying Lagrangian theory exists...
  - **Complexify** ...One of the most remarkable discoveries in elementary particle physics has been that of the complex plane

- The S-Matrix is unitary

$$S = 1 + iT \quad \rightarrow \quad -i(T - T^\dagger) = T^\dagger T$$

BCFW recursion relations

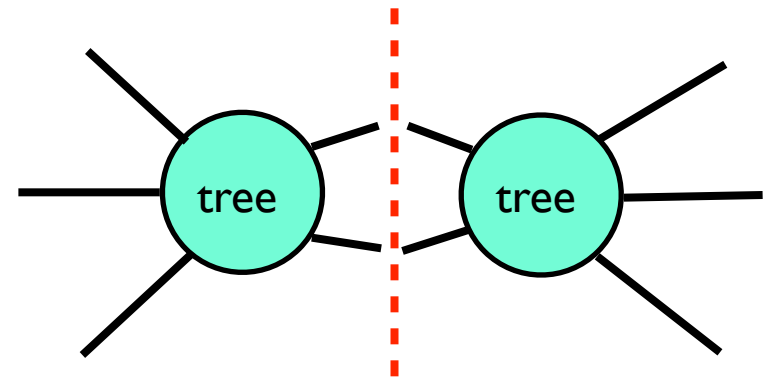
Trees from Trees



$$\frac{1}{l_i^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow -i\pi\delta(l_i^2)$$

Generalised Unitarity Method

Loops from Trees



$$\frac{1}{l_i^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow -i\pi\delta(l_i^2)$$



# N=4 Super Yang-Mills

- Gluons, 4 Weyl fermions, 3 complex scalars X, Y, Z all in adjoint representation
- Simplest interacting gauge theory in 4D: superconformal, beta function = 0
- New symmetries of amplitudes: Dual Conformal Symmetry => Yangian Symmetry => Integrability
- Playground to test and refine new methods: generalised unitarity, BCFW recursion relations, symbol of functions
- Clearly very different from QCD: BUT
  - Gluon tree amplitudes in QCD same as N=4 SYM
  - N=4 often captures large chunks of full QCD computations

# Beyond amplitudes

- Long-term goal: extend success of on-shell methods to “partially or fully off-shell” quantities
  - Partially off-shell: form factors (main focus today)
    - MHV diagrams, BCFW, generalised unitarity, remainder functions, symbols, scattering equations (CHY)... (AB, Hughes, Panerai, Penante, Spence, Travaglini, Wen, Yang, Young; Bork, Kazakov, Vartanov; Loebbert, Nandan, Sieg, Wilhelm, Yang; Gehrmann, Henn...)
    - Remarkable simplicities/regularities but no dual conformal symmetry
  - Fully off-shell: correlation functions (Engelund-Roiban; AB, Penante, Travaglini, Young)

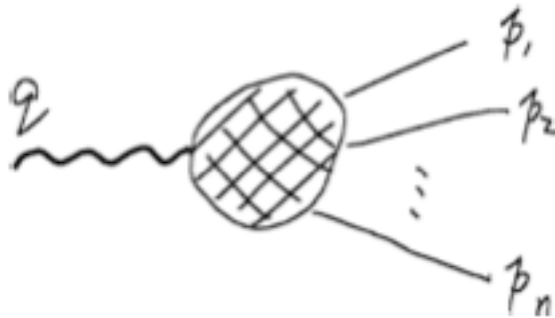
$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(x_1) \bar{\mathcal{O}}(x_2) | 0 \rangle \sim \frac{1}{((x_1 - x_2)^2)^{\Delta_0 + \gamma}}$$

- Anomalous dimensions  $\gamma =$  eigenvalues of hamiltonian  $H^A_B$  (dilatation operator) of an integrable spin-chain in N=4!

# Form Factors: “going partially off-shell”

- More general objects than correlation functions, Wilson loops, amplitudes: e.g. Wilson loops with operator insertions, correlators of Wilson loops ...
- Form Factors: interpolate between correlators and amplitudes, partially off-shell

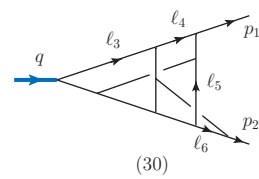
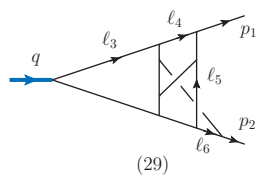
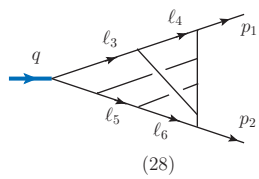
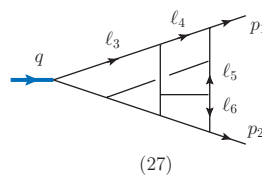
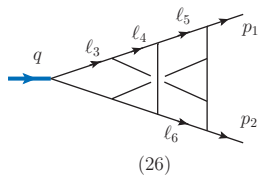
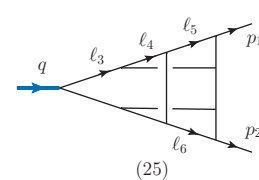
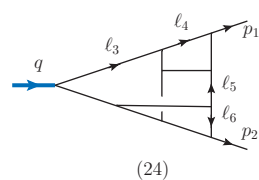
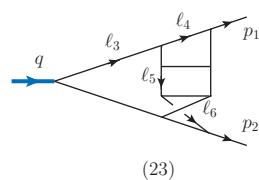
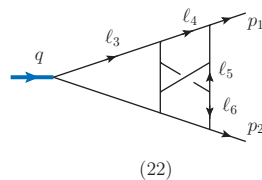
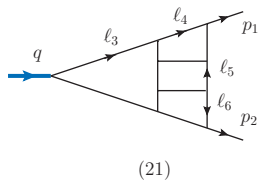
$$\int d^4x e^{-iqx} \langle 1 \cdots n | \mathcal{O}(x) | 0 \rangle = \delta^{(4)}(q - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i) \langle 1 \cdots n | \mathcal{O}(0) | 0 \rangle$$



$$q = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$$

$q^2 \neq 0$  , off – shell!

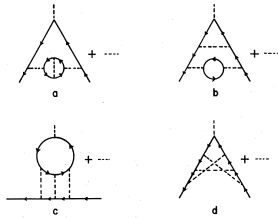
- Simplest case (QCD) **Sudakov FF (n=2): IR divergences**
- **In N=4 2-Loop Sudakov FF first studied by Van Neerven**
- **3 Loops:** (Gehrmann, Henn, Huber)
- **4 & 5 Loops** (Boels, Huber, Yang):
  - **Color-Kinematics duality** (Bern-Carrasco-Johansson)
  - **Cusp anomalous dim, Casimir scaling violated at four loops**



# FFs appear in many physics contexts

- Three-loop correction to electron  $g-2$

72 diagrams  
like



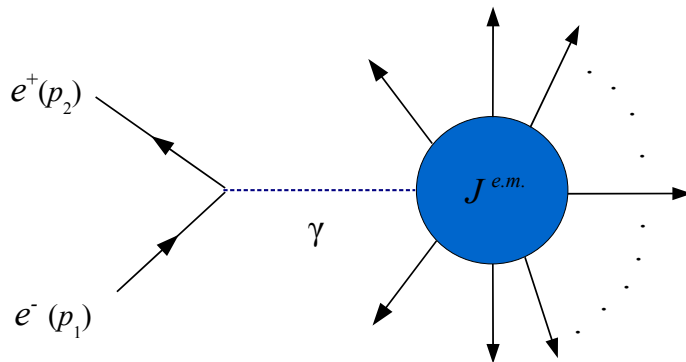
$$= (1.181241456\dots) (\alpha_{\text{e.m.}}/\pi)^3$$

(Cvitanovic & Kinoshita '74)

(Laporta & Remiddi '96)

- wild oscillations between individual diagram
- result is  $O(1)$   $\Rightarrow$  mysterious cancellations

- $e^+ e^- \rightarrow$  hadrons (LEP):



$X$

$$e \bar{v}(p_2) \gamma_\mu u(p_1) \frac{\eta^{\mu\nu}}{(p_1 + p_2)^2} (-e) \langle X | J_\nu^{e.m.}(0) | 0 \rangle$$

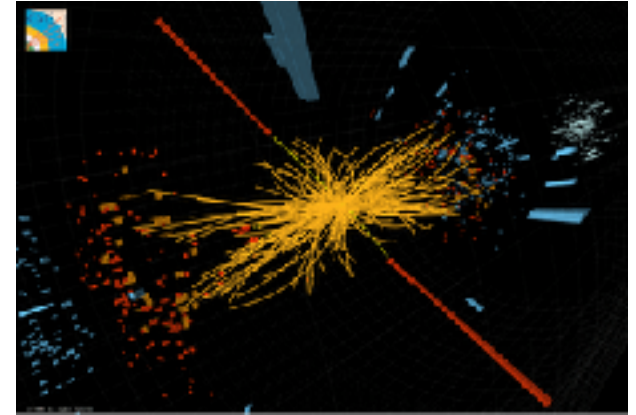
$e^+ e^- \rightarrow$  hadrons ( $X$ )

hadronic electromagnetic current

all orders in  $\alpha_{\text{strong}}$ , first order in  $\alpha_{\text{e.m.}}$

# Effective Lagrangians

- Higgs + multi-gluon amplitudes
  - at low  $M_H$ , dominant Higgs production at the LHC through gluon fusion
  - coupling to gluons through a quark loop
  - for  $M_H < 2m_t$  integrate out top quark



- Effective Lagrangian description: leading

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \sim H \text{Tr} F^2 \quad \text{Tr} F^2 = \text{Tr} F_{\text{SD}}^2 + \text{Tr} F_{\text{ASD}}^2$$

- coupling  $\frac{\alpha_S}{12\pi v}$ ,  $v = 246 \text{ GeV}$  independent of  $m_t$
- subleading: 
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{sub}} \sim \frac{C_1}{vm_t^2} H \text{tr} F^3 + \frac{C_2}{vm_t^2} H \text{tr} DFDF + \dots$$

# FFs = amplitudes in effective theories

- Higgs amplitudes are form factors of  $\text{Tr } F^2$ 
  - bring down one interaction, and Wick-contract the Higgs field

$$F_{F_{\text{ASD}}^2} = \int d^4x e^{-iqx} \langle \text{state} | \text{Tr } F_{\text{ASD}}^2(x) | 0 \rangle \quad \text{with} \quad q^2 = M_{\text{H}}^2$$

- Can we look at the same quantity, but in N=4 SYM?
  - Highly symmetric theory, easier to identify any structure
  - Find an appropriate **translation** of the matrix element to N=4 SYM
  - What **operator**? What **state**? Key question: can we use supersymmetry to simplify/organise the calculation?

# Higgs + gluon amplitudes

- **Leading order**  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \sim H \text{Tr} F^2$
- Early application of **on-shell techniques** to tree- and one-loop amplitudes (Badger, Dixon, Glover, Khoze; Badger, Glover, Risager, Mastrolia, Williams)

$$F_{\text{tr}F^2}^{\text{tree}}(1^-, 2^-, 3^+) = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^3}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle}, \quad F_{\text{tr}F^2}^{\text{tree}}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+) = \frac{q^4}{[12][23][31]}, \quad q^2 = m_H^2$$

- **This has been pushed in QCD to 2 & 3-loop order for 2 gluons** (Anastasiou, Melnikov; Harlander, Kilgore; Anastasiou, Duhr, Buehler, Herzog, Dulat, Furlan, Mistlberger),  
**and to 2 loops for 3 partons** (Glover, Gehrmann, Jaquier & Koukoutsakis)
- **Subleading**, finite top-mass corrections have been studied as well (e.g. Neill; Dawson, Lewis, Zeng...)



# Higgs + gluon amplitudes: from QCD to N=4

- In N=4 SYM operators are organised in multiplets and are related by SUSY transformations

- A) Protected operators (BPS): eg. stress tensor multiplet

$$\text{tr}(X^2) = \text{tr}(\phi_{12}^2) \xrightarrow{Q^4} \mathcal{L}_{\text{on-shell}} \sim \text{tr}(F_{SD}^2) + \dots$$

- B) Non-protected:  $\text{tr}(F^3)$  ,  $\text{tr}(DFDF)$  , ...

- In N=4 related to Konishi operator,  $K \sim \text{tr}(\bar{X}X + \bar{Y}Y + \bar{Z}Z)$
- Question: are there any similarities between QCD & N=4?

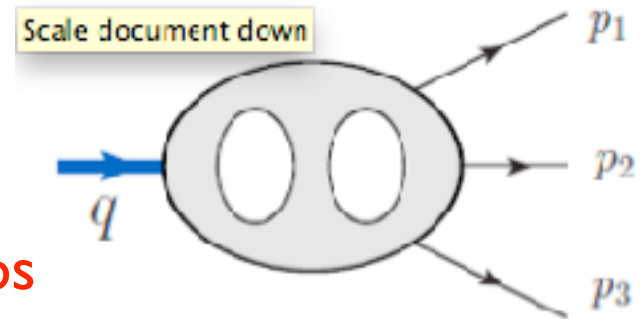
# Higgs + gluons amplitude translated to N=4

- Need precise translation of operator  $\text{Tr} (F_{\text{ASD}})^2$  in QCD to N=4 SYM:

$\text{Tr} (F_{\text{ASD}})^2$  is contained in the on-shell Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{on-shell}}$

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{on-shell}}$  belongs to a special half-BPS supermultiplet of operators:
- The stress-tensor multiplet:
  - Not renormalised
  - zero anomalous dimension
  - no operator mixing
- correspondingly, there is a supersymmetric form factor of the chiral part of the stress tensor multiplet (AB, Gurdogan, Mooney, Travaglini, Yang)
- use equivalently the operator  $\text{Tr} X^2$ , with  $X$  = one of the complex scalars (simpler!)

# 3-point 2-loop MHV FF in N=4



- Start with **3-point FF at 2-loops**

$$F_3(1, 2, 3) = \langle X(p_1) X(p_2) g^+(p_3) | \text{Tr} X^2 | 0 \rangle$$

- This is how we mimic  $\langle g^\pm(p_1) g^\pm(p_2) g^+(p_3) | \text{Tr} F_{\text{ASD}}^2 | 0 \rangle$  in QCD (**Higgs into 3 gluons**)

- At **loop level** tree FF (and color factor) can be stripped off

$$F_3^{(L)} = F_3^{\text{tree}} \mathcal{G}_3^{(L)}(1, 2, 3)$$

- $\mathcal{G}_3^{(2)}$  is **helicity-blind, scalar function, permutation symmetric**
  - **UV finite in N=4**
  - **IR divergences exponentiate**


# Finite remainders

(Catani; Anastasiou, Bern, Dixon, Kosower; Bern, Dixon, Smirnov)

- Subtract off **universal IR divergences** from the (renormalised)  $L$ -loop answer

- All loops:  $\mathcal{A}_{n,\text{MHV}} = \mathcal{A}_{n,\text{MHV}}^{\text{tree}} \mathcal{M}_n$

$$\mathcal{M}_n := 1 + \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} a^L \mathcal{M}_n^{(L)} \sim \exp [\text{BDS} + \mathcal{R}] \quad a \sim g^2 N / (8\pi^2)$$

- $\text{BDS} \sim \text{div} + \gamma_K \text{Finite}^{(1)}(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  BDS Ansatz, completely known
  - **div** = universal infrared-divergent part, exponentiation is expected
  -  –  $\text{Finite}^{(1)}(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  = finite part of **one-loop amplitude**
  - $\gamma_K$  = cusp anomalous dimension  $\rightarrow$  **integrability**
  - **R** is the so-called **remainder function** the most interesting part!

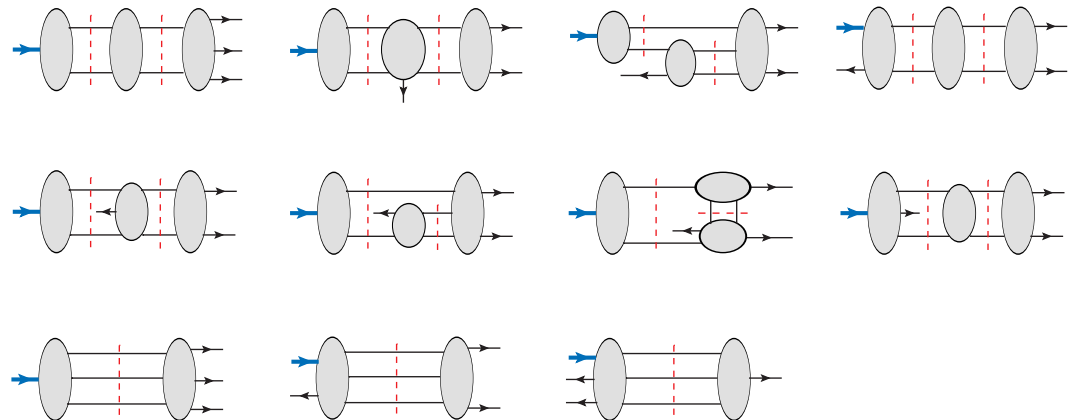
- Exponentiation of finite parts for one-loop amplitude due to **dual conformal symmetry** (Drummond, Henn, Korchemsky, Sokatchev)
  - Four- and five-point amplitudes:  $R = 0$
  - **Non-trivial remainder appears from six points on** (Drummond, Henn, Korchemsky, Sokatchev; Bern, Dixon, Kosower, Roiban, Spradlin, Vergu, Volovich)

- **No dual conformal symmetry for form factors**

- Still, exponentiating finite parts leads to a very simple remainder

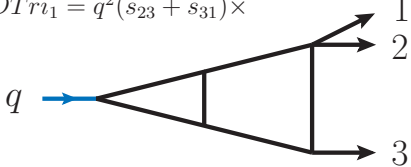
- **Compute using modern unitarity methods** (Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower; BDK; Britto, Cachazo, Feng)

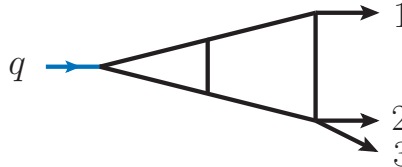
- Construct amplitude with two- and multi-particle cuts




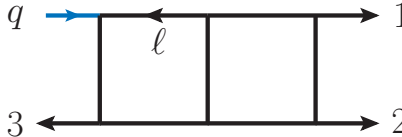
- Result of 2-loop calculation: (AB, Travaglini, Yang)

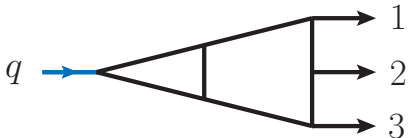
$$\frac{F_3^{(2)}}{F_3^{\text{tree}}} = \sum_{i=1}^2 (D\text{Tri}_i + D\text{Box}_i) + \text{TriPent} + N\text{Box} + N\text{Tri} + \text{cyclic}$$

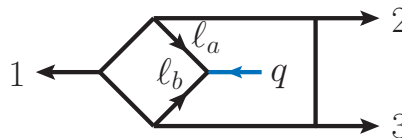
$$D\text{Tri}_1 = q^2(s_{23} + s_{31}) \times$$


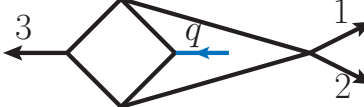
$$D\text{Tri}_2 = q^2(s_{12} + s_{31}) \times$$


$$D\text{Box}_1 = s_{23}(s_{31}\ell \cdot p_3 - s_{12}\ell \cdot p_2) \times$$


$$D\text{Box}_2 = s_{12}(s_{31}\ell \cdot p_1 - s_{23}\ell \cdot p_2) \times$$


$$\text{TriPent} = q^2 s_{12} s_{23} \times$$


$$N\text{Box} = s_{23} \left( \frac{1}{2} s_{12} s_{31} - s_{12} \ell_a \cdot p_2 - s_{31} \ell_b \cdot p_3 \right) \times$$


$$N\text{Tri} = \frac{1}{2} q^2 (s_{23} + s_{31}) \times$$


result expressed as rational coefficients  $\times$  two-loop planar and non-planar integrals

- Main feature of two-loop remainder:
  - sum of functions has homogeneous degree of transcendentality = 4

- Transcendentality

- “constants” have transcendentality 0
- $\pi, \log$  transcendentality 1
- $\pi^2 ; \log^2, \text{Li}_2$  transcendentality 2
- ...  $\zeta_n, \text{Li}_n, \log \times \text{Li}_{n-1}$  ... transcendentality  $n$
- at  $L$  loops: expect transcendentality equal to  $2L$
- Goncharov polylogarithms:  
degree- $k$  Goncharov polylog =  $k$ -fold iterated integral:

$$G(a_k, a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1; z) = \int_0^z G(a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1; t) \frac{dt}{t - a_k}, \quad G(z) = 1$$

- **Final answer (with the help of the symbol)**

(AB, Travaglini, Yang)

$$\mathcal{R}_3^{(2)} = -2 \left[ J_4 \left( -\frac{uv}{w} \right) + J_4 \left( -\frac{vw}{u} \right) + J_4 \left( -\frac{wu}{v} \right) \right] - 8 \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[ \text{Li}_4(1 - u_i^{-1}) + \frac{\log^4 u_i}{4!} \right] \\ - 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \text{Li}_2(1 - u_i^{-1}) \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^3 \log^2 u_i \right]^2 - \frac{\log^4(uvw)}{4!} - \frac{23}{2} \zeta_4$$

- $u_1 = u = s_{12} / q^2$ ,  $u_2 = v = s_{23} / q^2$ ,  $u_3 = w = s_{31} / q^2$  kinematic invariants

- $J_4(z) := \text{Li}_4(z) - \log(-z)\text{Li}_3(z) + \frac{\log^2(-z)}{2!}\text{Li}_2(z) - \frac{\log^3(-z)}{3!}\text{Li}_1(z) - \frac{\log^4(-z)}{4!}$ .

- Bloch-Wigner-Ramakrishnan(-Zagier) polylogarithmic function

- **Result:**

- only classical polylogarithms - Goncharov polylogarithms “cancel”
- condenses several pages of more complicated functions!

Next: QCD



# Higgs + parton amplitudes in QCD

- **Higgs + 3 partons** (Koukoutsakis 2003; Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier & Koukoutsakis 2011)

- $H g^+ g^- g^-$  MHV  $F^{\text{tree}}(H, g_1^-, g_2^-, g_3^+) = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^2}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 31 \rangle}$
- $H g^+ g^+ g^+$  maximally non-MHV  $F^{\text{tree}}(H, g_1^+, g_2^+, g_3^+) = \frac{q^4}{[12][23][31]}$
- $H q \bar{q} g$  fundamental quarks  $q^2 = M_H^2$

- **In N=4 SYM:**

- $(H g^+ g^- g^-)$  and  $(H g^+ g^+ g^+)$  both derived from super form factor
- from supersymmetric Ward identities:

$$\frac{F^{(L)}(g_1^-, g_2^-, g_3^+)}{F^{\text{tree}}(g_1^-, g_2^-, g_3^+)} = \frac{F^{(L)}(g_1^+, g_2^+, g_3^+)}{F^{\text{tree}}(g_1^+, g_2^+, g_3^+)} = \mathcal{G}^{(L)}(u, v, w) \quad \leftarrow \text{what we computed}$$

- QCD answer from Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier & Koukoutsakis
  - very different looking than N=4 SYM result!
  - transcendentality 4,3,2,1 and 0 (rational). In N=4, only degree 4
  - expressed in terms of several pages of Goncharov polylogarithms
  - expected because of expansion as  $\sum$  (coefficient x integral) !
    - each integral is separately quite complicated
- Comparing the two quantities...

## ...we find a surprising relation

$$\mathcal{R}_{H g^- g^- g^+}^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{MAX TRANS}} = \mathcal{R}_{H g^+ g^+ g^+}^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{MAX TRANS}} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{N}=4 \text{ SYM}}^{(2)}$$

- N=4 SYM answer is the maximally transcendental part of the QCD amplitudes, and is helicity-independent
- not a “perturbative” expansion
- different calculations !
  - different operators ( $\text{Tr}(F_{\text{ASD}})^2$  vs  $L_{\text{on-shell}}$ )
  - different theories (N=4 SYM vs QCD)
- Goncharov polylogarithms in QCD results eliminated in favour of classical polylogarithms (Duhr)
- Nothing similar holds for the  $(H, q, \bar{q}, g)$  form factor

- Principle of maximal transcendentality:
  - results in N=4 SYM obtained from results in QCD by deleting all terms with less-than-maximal transcendentality
    - an experimental rule, valid only in some cases
    - discovered by Kotikov, Lipatov, Onischchenko and Velizhanin in the context of anomalous dimensions of twist-2 operators
    - so far seen only in kinematic-independent quantities
    - several counter-examples in amplitudes, e.g. broken for one-loop amplitudes in pure Yang-Mills for  $n > 4$
- Supersymmetry as an organisational principle...
  - ...even if supersymmetry is not realised in nature
- Next testing ground: form factors of higher-dimensional operators describing Higgs + multigluon scattering

# From N=4 to QCD

(AB, Kostacińska, Penante, Travaglini, Young '16; AB, Kostacińska, Penante, Travaglini '17 +in progress)

- **Effective field theory description for finite  $m_{\text{top}}$  corrections**

- Beyond leading-order term  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(0)} \sim H \text{Tr} F^2$  (infinite  $m_{\text{top}}$ )

- Next corrections: 4 dimension-7 operators in QCD

- Two particular operators also present in N=4 SYM:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(1)} \sim H \text{Tr} F^3$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} \sim H \text{Tr}(D_\mu F_{\rho\sigma})(D^\mu F^{\rho\sigma})$$

- **Goal:** compute in N=4 SYM and compare to QCD (result not yet available in literature)
- previous work at one loop: Dawson, Lewis & Zeng; Neill; Harlander & Neumann...
- higher-dimensional operators also studied as corrections to the Standard Model (Buchmuller & Wyler '85 and MANY more!)

# Questions & Conjectures

- Does the maximal-transcendentality connection still hold?
- Do protected and non-protected operators in N=4 SYM play a special role for Higgs+gluon amplitudes?
- Can we identify universal building blocks in the results?
- Connections to the dilatation operator of N=4 SYM?
- Answer is YES for all questions!

# Two-loop results

- Compare remainders for the two form factors:

$$\langle g^+ g^+ g^+ | \text{Tr} F_{\text{ASD}}^3 | 0 \rangle \quad \text{in any theory (even without supersymmetry)}$$

$$\langle XXX | \text{Tr} X^3 | 0 \rangle \quad \text{in N=4 SYM}$$

- $\text{Tr} (X^3)$  is protected “half-BPS”,  $X$  = one of the three complex N=4 scalars
- $\text{Tr} (F_{\text{ASD}})^3$  is NOT protected — definitely not part of the same multiplet
- Maximally transcendental parts identical !!

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{F_{\text{ASD}}^3}^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{MAX TRANS}} &= \mathcal{R}_{\text{BPS}}^{(2)} = -\frac{3}{2} \text{Li}_4(u) + \frac{3}{4} \text{Li}_4\left(-\frac{uv}{w}\right) - \frac{3}{2} \log(w) \text{Li}_3\left(-\frac{u}{v}\right) + \frac{1}{16} \log^2(u) \log^2(v) \\ &\quad + \frac{\log^2(u)}{32} \left[ \log^2(u) - 4 \log(v) \log(w) \right] + \frac{\zeta_2}{8} \log(u) \left[ 5 \log(u) - 2 \log(v) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\zeta_3}{2} \log(u) + \frac{7}{16} \zeta_4 + \text{perms}(u, v, w). \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} u &:= \frac{s_{12}}{q^2} \\ v &:= \frac{s_{23}}{q^2} \\ w &:= \frac{s_{31}}{q^2} \end{aligned}$$

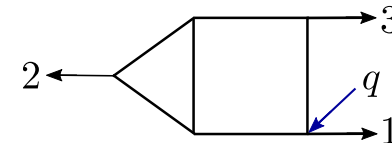
- Same as earlier conclusion for leading-order coupling
  - $\text{Tr}(X)^2$  also half-BPS, evaluated in N=4 SYM
  - $\text{Tr}(F_{\text{ASD}})^2$  form factor evaluated in N=0

BPS operators in N=4 SYM compute (parts of) phenomenologically relevant quantities in QCD!

- Onto subleading in transcendentality terms
  - Need to identify the “appropriate translation”...
  - ...or we can just compute with the “component” operator  $\text{Tr}(F_{\text{ASD}})^3$



- Translating the operator  $\text{Tr} (F_{\text{ASD}})^3$  to N=4 language leads to the Konishi supermultiplet
  - simplest non-protected operator multiplet in the theory
  - tree-level super form factor in N=4 computed recently using LHC superspace ! (Chicherin & Sokatchev)
  - generalisation to N=2 and N=1 supersymmetry straightforward
- Remainder contains two types of terms:
  - purely transcendental: 4 (already discussed), 3, 2, 1 and 0
  - new: multiplied by a rational prefactor, e.g.  $u/v$ ,  $u/w$ ,  $v/w$
- Calculation in N=4 done, N=2, 1, 0 almost ready
  - maximally transcendental part is universal as new integrals have lower transcendentality



- complete  $N=4$  result extremely simple
  - intriguing relations to the finite remainders that have emerged in the calculation of the dilatation operator of the theory.
    - UV: Reproduce expected 2-loop anomalous dimension of Konishi operator
    - IR-divergences exponentiate as expected
- $N=2, 1, 0$ 
  - Calculation considerably more involved.  
Still: remainders  $R$  differ only slightly
  - Running coupling, need to renormalise form factors...
  - ... and compute Catani's remainder to remove UV and IR divergences
    - New predictions for anomalous dimensions in  $N=2, 1, 0$  (S)YM

- **Transcendentality 3, 2, 1, 0 parts of the N=4 SYM result for the Konishi supermultiplet:**

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{K};3}^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{pure}} = \text{Li}_3(u) + \text{Li}_3(1-u) - \frac{1}{4} \log^2(u) \log\left(\frac{vw}{(1-u)^2}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \log(u) \log(v) \log(w) \\ + \zeta_2 \log(u) - \frac{5}{3} \zeta_3 + \text{perms}(u, v, w)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{K};3}^{(2)} \Big|_{u/w} = \left[ -\text{Li}_3\left(-\frac{u}{w}\right) + \log(u) \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{v}{1-u}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \log(1-u) \log(u) \log\left(\frac{w^2}{1-u}\right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \text{Li}_3\left(-\frac{uv}{w}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log(u) \log(v) \log(w) + \frac{1}{12} \log^3(w) + (u \leftrightarrow v) \right] \\ + \text{Li}_3(1-v) - \text{Li}_3(u) + \frac{1}{2} \log^2(v) \log\left(\frac{1-v}{u}\right) - \zeta_2 \log\left(\frac{uv}{w}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{K};2}^{(2)} \Big|_{\text{pure}} = -\text{Li}_2(1-u) - \log^2(u) + \frac{1}{2} \log(u) \log(v) - \frac{13}{2} \zeta_2 + \text{perms}(u, v, w)$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{K};2}^{(2)} \Big|_{u^2/w^2} = \text{Li}_2(1-u) + \text{Li}_2(1-v) + \log(u) \log(v) - \zeta_2$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{K};1}^{(2)} = \left(-4 + \frac{v}{w} + \frac{u^2}{2vw}\right) \log(u) + \text{perms}(u, v, w), \quad \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{K};0}^{(2)} = 7 \left(12 + \frac{1}{uvw}\right)$$

# More surprises...

- result for Konishi almost identical to result for  $\text{Tr}(X[Y, Z])$
- Same building blocks have already appeared in the computation of the form factor/dilatation operator of the theory in the  $SU(2)$  sector (operators built out of  $X$  and  $Y$ )
  - ▶ surprising! [ technical comment:  $\text{Tr}(X[Y, Z])$  belongs to the  $SU(2|3)$  sector  $> SU(2)$ ]
  - ▶ results much more structured than expected. Connections to integrability?
- Hints at universal building blocks?
- Results for  $N < 4$ , and for pure Yang-Mills on the way. Stay tuned!

# Summary

- Form factors in N=4 SYM
  - share simplicity of amplitudes
  - compute Higgs amplitudes in QCD in an effective Lagrangian approach
  - remarkable simplicity of the remainders
  - N=4 SYM computes the most complicated part of the remainder
- Systematise (understand!) the connection between Higgs amplitudes in QCD and form factors in N=4 SYM

# Further open questions

- Reinforce links with **integrability**
  - **Dual conformal symmetry** of amplitudes implies **Yangian symmetry** of dilatation operator  $D$
  - **Can extract  $D$  from form factors**, e.g.  $SU(2|3)/SU(2)$  sector at 2 loops; **complete 2-loop dilatation operator?**
- Hidden symmetries responsible for simple results?  
How is **dual conformal symmetry** of amplitudes realised?
- Form factors link completely **on-shell** and **off-shell worlds**.
- More applications/connections/similarities to/with phenomenologically interesting theories to be explored

