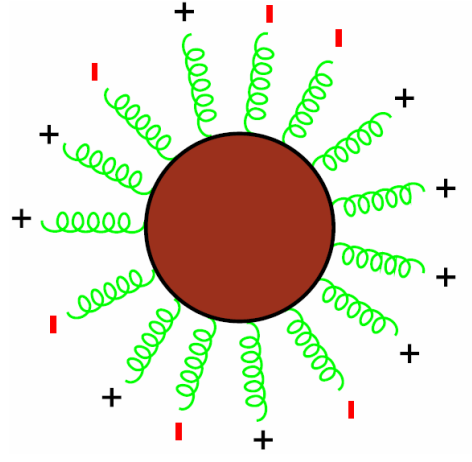


# Recent Developments in Perturbative QCD



Lance Dixon, SLAC

DIS 2005

Madison, April 27, 2005

# Not a recent development, but ...

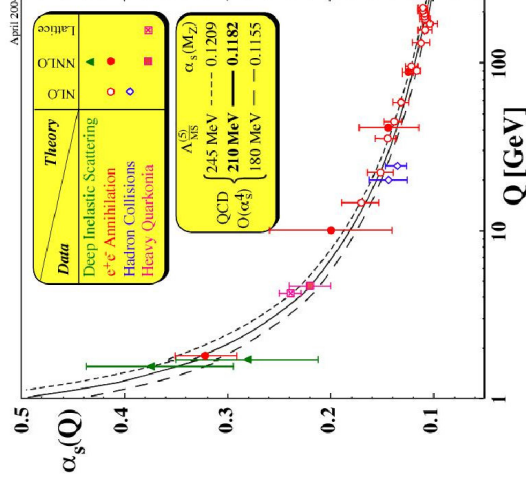
## 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics

D. Gross, H. D. Politzer, F. Wilczek

"for the discovery of asymptotic freedom  
in the theory of the strong interaction"



... without it there would be  
no perturbative QCD



# Two Topics

- Progress in NNLO computations
- Twistor spinoffs to perturbative QCD

A method is more important than a discovery,  
since the right method will lead to new and  
even more important discoveries.

- *Landau*

# NNLO Progress

NNLO QCD predictions **required** for **precise** extraction from collider data of:

- $\alpha_s$
- parton distributions
- electroweak parameters
- LHC (partonic) luminosity
- Higgs couplings

- NNLO progress in terms of number of scales:  
0, 1, 2,  $\infty$
- More scales **tougher**, but more **flexible** applications

# No-scale, inclusive problems

$$R(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) \ \& \ R(\tau \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})$$

Gorishnii, Kataev, Larin; Surguladze, Samuel (1990)

$$\text{DIS sum rules: } \int_0^1 dx F_n(x)$$

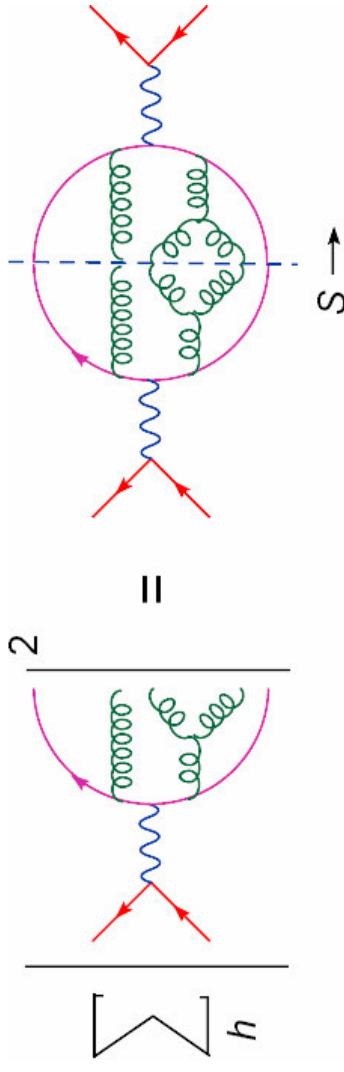
Bjorken ( $\bar{\nu}p - \nu p$ )

Larin, Tkachov, Vermaseren (1990)

Bjorken ( $\vec{e}p$ ) & Gross-Llewellyn-Smith ( $\nu p + \bar{\nu}p$ )

Larin, Vermaseren (1991)

Unitarity  $\Rightarrow$   
 propagator-type  
 loop integrals;  
 $s$  (or  $Q^2$ ) factors out



# No-scale problems (cont.)

- Multi-loop integral technology: **Integration by parts (IBP)**

Chetyrkin, Tkachov (1981)

$$0 = \int d^D p d^D q \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial q^\mu} \frac{k^\mu}{p^2 q^2 (p+q)^2} \dots$$

- Reduces problem to system of linear equations, solved recursively by **MINCER**, Gorishnii, Larin, Surguladze, Tkachov (1989) in terms of few “master integrals”

No-scale  $\Rightarrow$   
analytic simplicity  
-- pure numbers

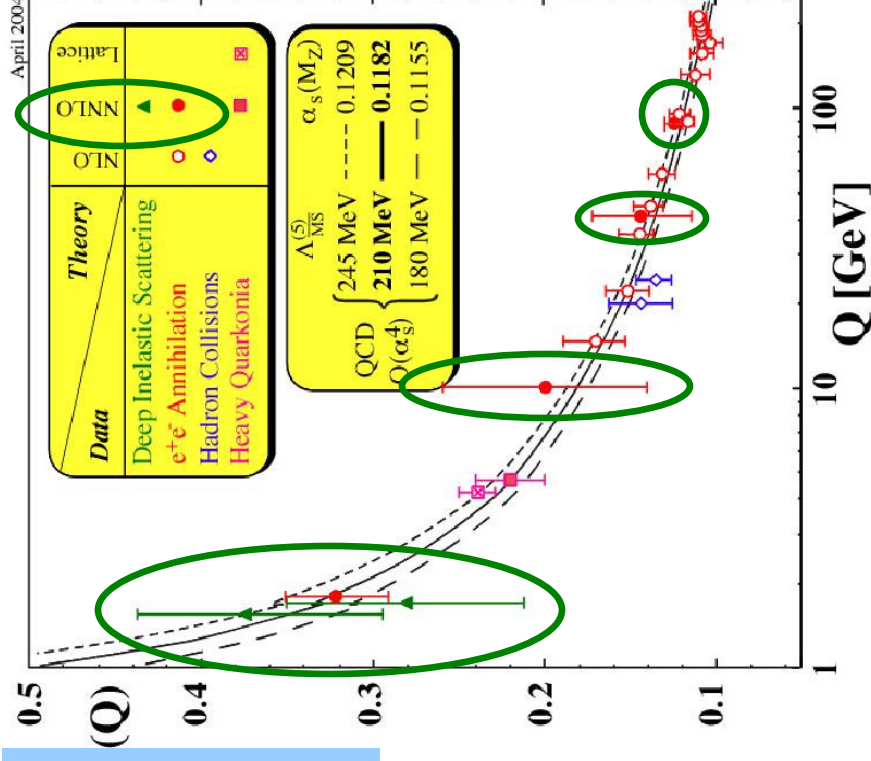
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R_{e^+e^-}}{R^{(0)}} = & 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \left[ -11\zeta(3) + \frac{365}{24} + n_f \left( \frac{2}{3}\zeta(3) - \frac{11}{12} \right) \right] \\ & + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^3 \left[ \frac{275}{6}\zeta(5) - \frac{1103}{4}\zeta(3) - \frac{121}{8}\zeta(2) + \frac{87029}{288} \right. \\ & \left. + n_f \left( -\frac{25}{9}\zeta(5) + \frac{262}{9}\zeta(3) + \frac{11}{6}\zeta(2) - \frac{7847}{216} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + n_f^2 \left( -\frac{19}{27}\zeta(3) - \frac{1}{18}\zeta(2) + \frac{151}{162} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

# No-scale applications

- Have led to  $\alpha_s$  determinations with **least theoretical uncertainty** (if  $Q^2$  large enough)

- Experimental precision **stressed** by leading “1”:

$$R \propto 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + \dots$$



# 1-scale, inclusive problems

Drell-Yan,  $W, Z$  total cross section

$\sigma^{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow V + X)$  Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura (1990)

Higgs total cross section ( $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ )

$\sigma^{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow H + X)$  Harlander, Kilgore; Anastasiou, Melnikov (2002);

$\hat{\sigma}$  depends on  $\mathbf{z} = M_{V,H}^2/\hat{s}$  Ravindran, Smith, van Neerven (2003)

DIS coefficient functions  $C_i(\mathbf{z})$  Van Neerven, Zijlstra (1991)

$F_L$  -- Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004)

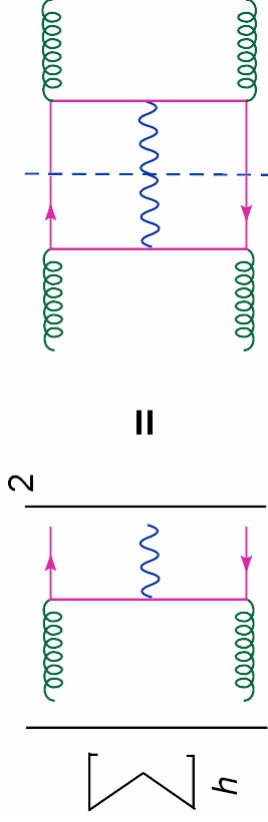
Leading-twist anomalous dimensions

DGLAP kernels  $P_{ij}(\mathbf{x})$  Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004)



# 1-scale problems (cont.)

- Can apply unitarity and multi-loop integral technology to DY/Higgs production too: **forward scattering** instead of **propagator** Anastasiou, Melnikov (2002)



DIS very similar.  
 Fixed moment  $N \Rightarrow$  MINCER  
 Variable  $N \Rightarrow$  new algorithms

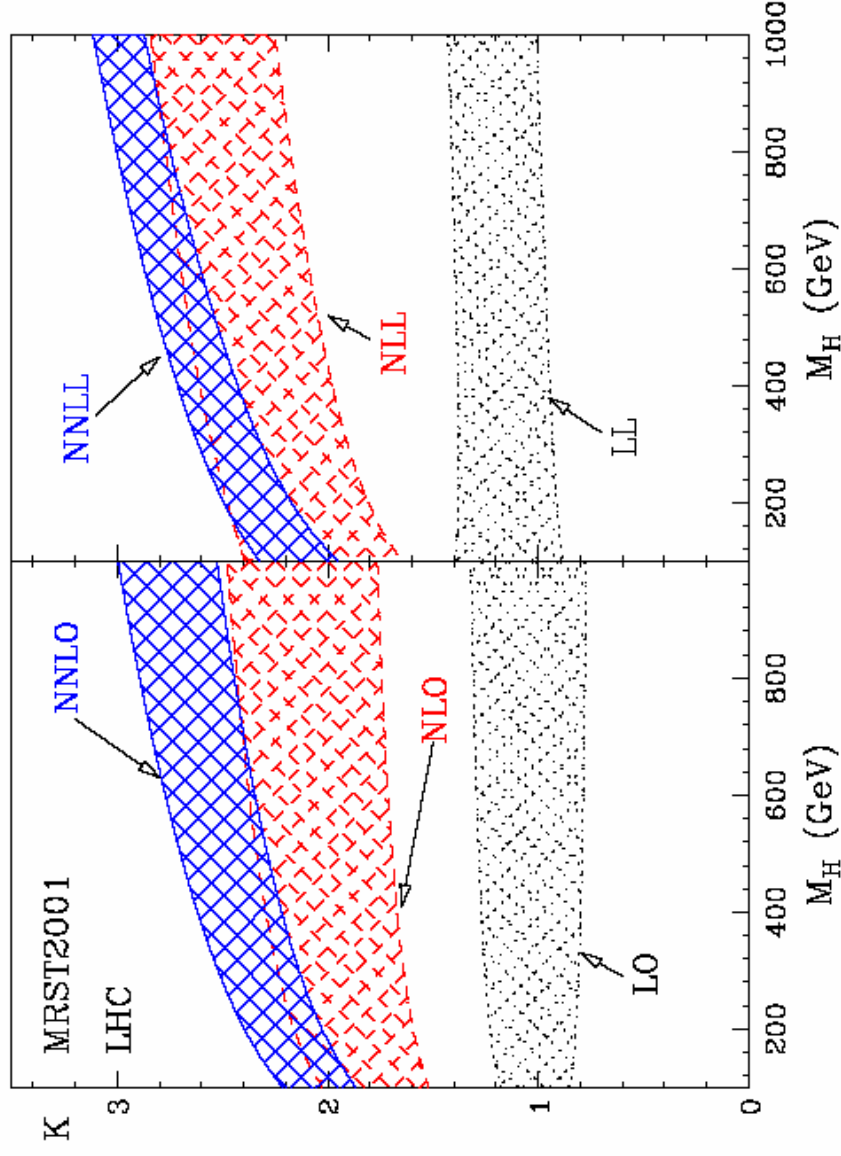
- 1-scale analytic structure: (harmonic) polylogarithms  $Li_n(z)$

- Or, use Mellin transform  $\int_0^1 dz z^{N-1} f(z)$  to convert to harmonic sums  $S_k(N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{i^k}$  commonly used in DIS

Blumlein,  
 Ravindran  
 (2005)

# 1-scale applications

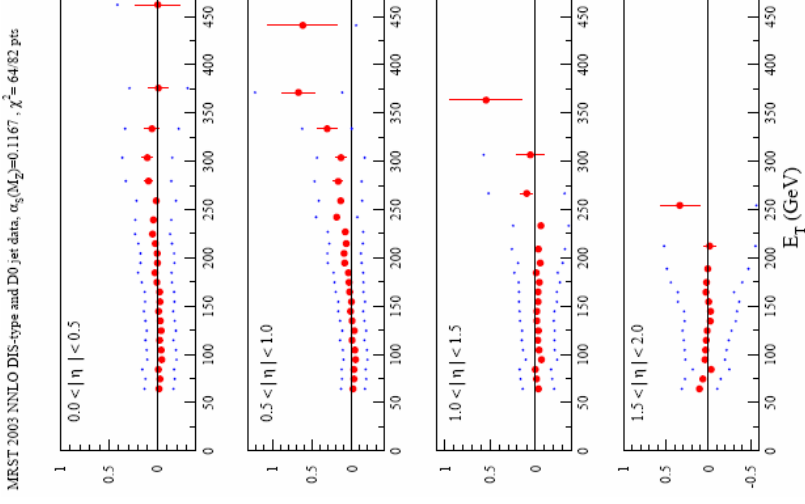
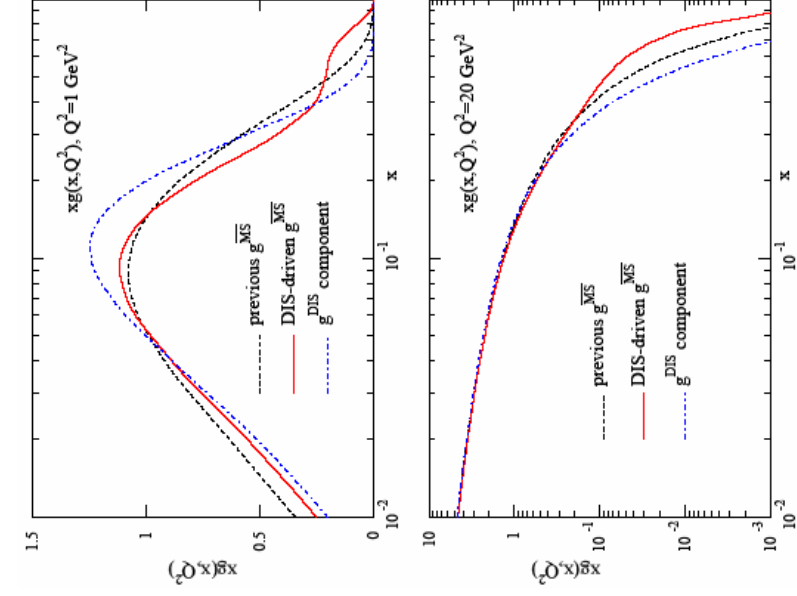
- Reduction of uncertainty on Higgs total cross section at LHC



Harlander, Kilgore;  
Anastasiou, Melnikov;  
Ravindran, Smith,  
van Neerven;  
Catani, De Florian,  
Grazzini, Nason;  
Grazzini, hep-ph/0209032

# 1-scale applications (cont.)

- NNLO fits to pdfs, for example: “DIS-driven” MRST vs. D0 jet data:



Martin, Roberts,  
Stirling, Thorne,  
hep-ph/0410230

**Caveat:**  
jet partonic  
cross section  
still at NLO

# 2-scale, semi-inclusive problem

Drell-Yan,  $W$ ,  $Z$  rapidity distribution

$$\frac{d\sigma(pp \rightarrow V+X)}{dY_V}$$

Anastasiou, LD, Melnikov, Petriello (2003)

$\hat{\sigma}$  depends on  $z = M_{V,H}^2 / \hat{s}$  and  $Y_V$

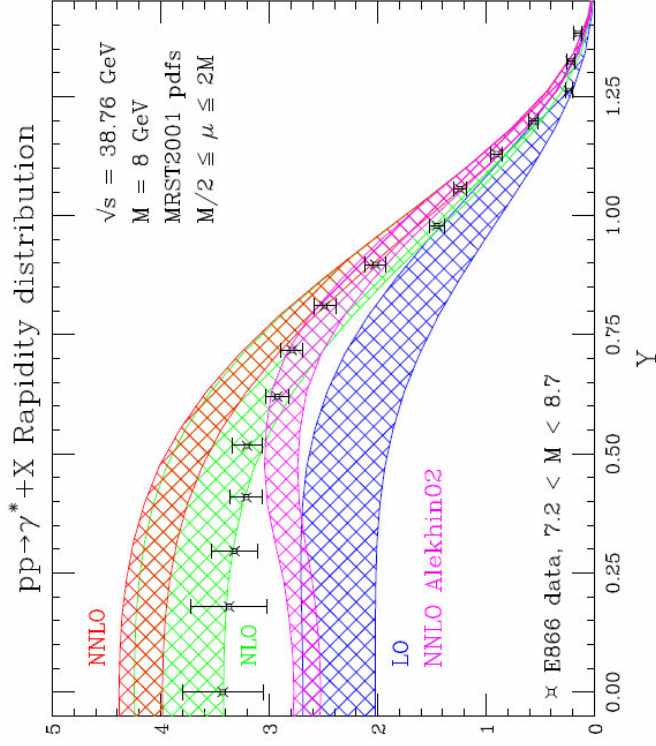
- Unitarity + multi-loop IBP still works, with one more “propagator” to implement rapidity  $\delta$  function

$$\sum_h \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram} \\ \delta(Y - Y_V) = \\ \text{diagram} \end{array} \right|^2$$

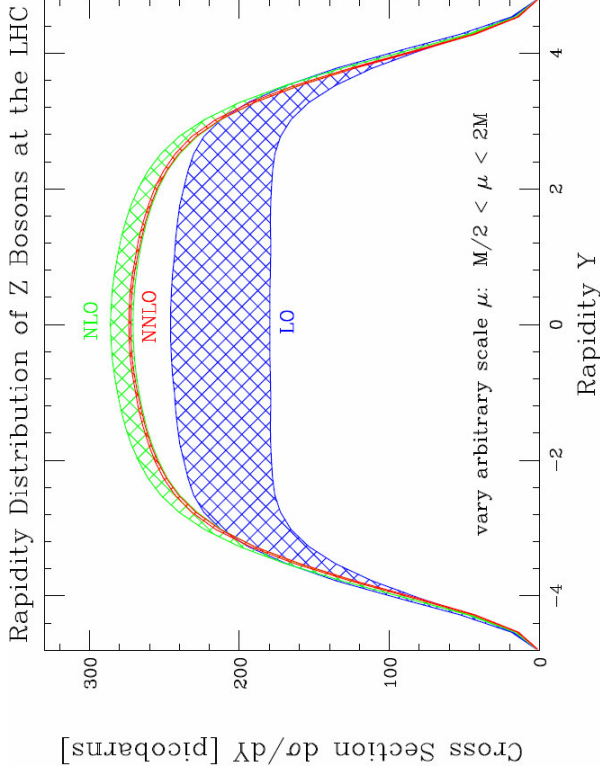
- Complicated analytic structure:  $\text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{u-1-i\sqrt{(4u^2-z(1+u)^2)/z}}{2u} \right)$   
 $u \equiv \frac{x_1}{x_2} \exp(-2Y_V)$

# 2-scale applications

- Fixed target DY for  $\bar{q}(x)$



- Collider W/Z for “partonic luminosity monitor”  
 Dittmar, Pauss, Zurcher (1997)



At LO,  $x_1 = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} \exp(Y)$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} \exp(-Y)$

Anastasiou, LD, Melnikov, Petriello (2003)

# $\infty$ -scale problem

- “Holy grail”: Flexible method for arbitrary (infrared-safe) observable at NNLO.

## Partial wish list:

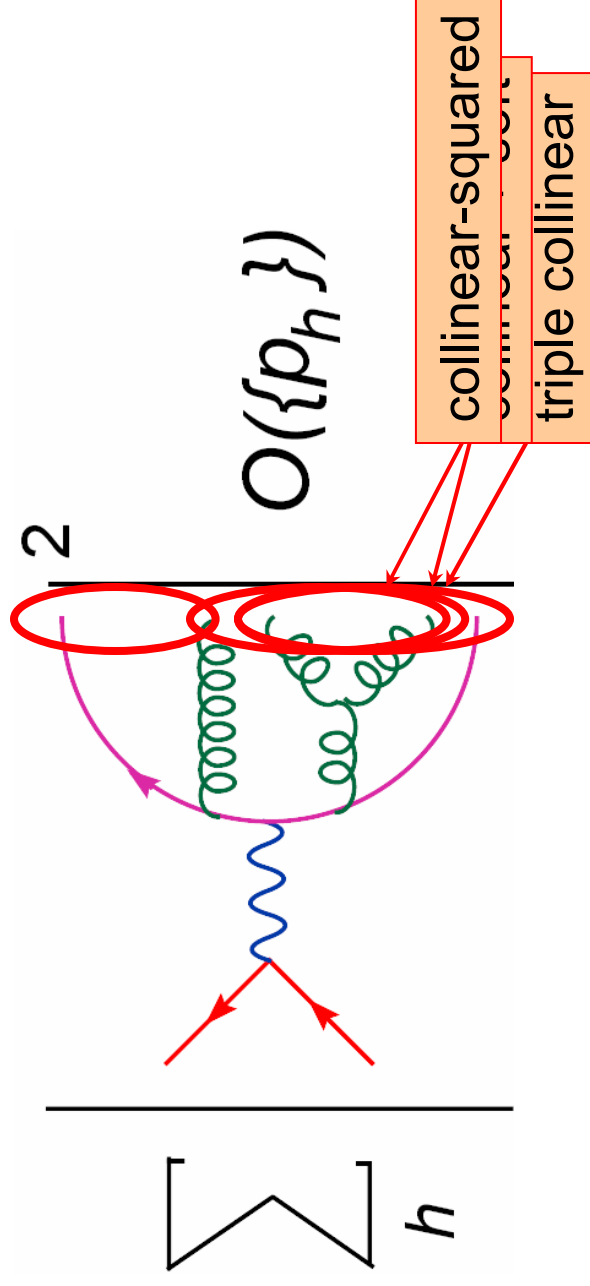
- $e^+e^-$  event-shape observables
- $pp$  or  $ep \rightarrow$  inclusive jets, dijets, multijets
- $pp \rightarrow (W, Z, H) + X$  with parton-level cuts
- $pp \rightarrow (W, Z) + \text{jets}$

- Analytic structure too complicated; go numerical

# Numerical phase-space integration

- Integration has to be done in  $D=4-2\epsilon$  due to severe infrared divergences ( $1/\epsilon^4$ )

Example:  $e^+e^-$  event-shapes



# Phase-space integration (cont.)

Two basic approaches at present:

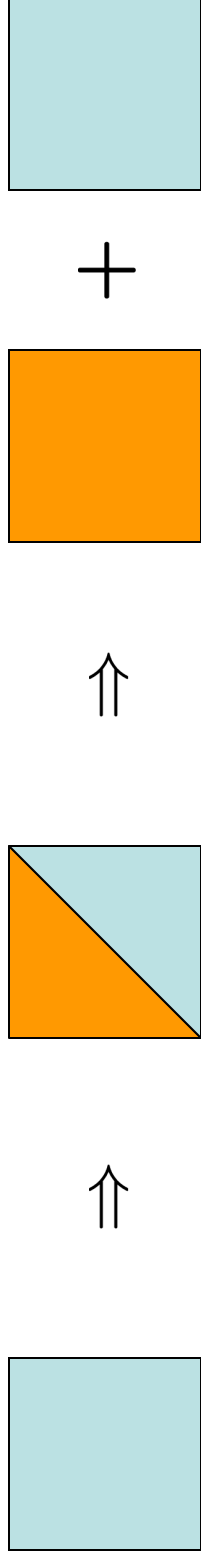
## Method 1. Iterated sector decomposition

Partition integration region and **remap** to make divergences “1-dimensional”, let computer find subtraction terms

Binoth, Heinrich;  
Anastasiou, Melnikov,  
Petriello (2003,2004)

Simple example:

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dx dy \frac{x^\epsilon y^\epsilon}{(x+y)^2}$$





# Phase-space integration (cont.)

**Method 2. Use known factorization properties of amplitudes to build subtraction terms for general processes, and integrate them**

Many authors (~1997-2003)

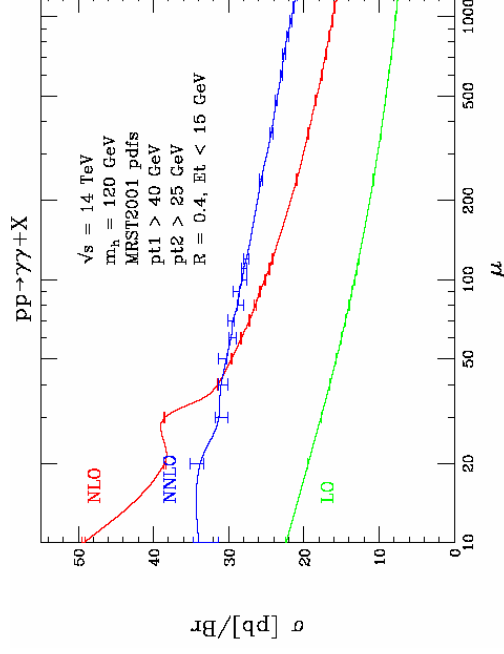
Kosower; Weinzierl; Gehrmann, Gehrman-de Ridder, Heinrich (2003)  
 Frixione, Grazzini (2004); Gehrmann, Gehrman-de Ridder, Glover (2004,2005);  
 Del Duca, Somogyi, Trocsanyi (2005)

construct the 2-unresolved-parton counterterm using the IR currents

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_2 |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}|^2 &= \sum_r \sum_{s \neq r} \left\{ \sum_{i \neq r,s} \left[ \frac{1}{6} C_{irs} + \sum_{j \neq i,r,s} \left( \frac{1}{8} C_{ir;js} + \frac{1}{2} S_{rs} \right) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left( \mathcal{C}_{ir;s} - C_{irs} \mathcal{C}_{ir;s} - \sum_{j \neq i,r,s} C_{ir;j s} \mathcal{C}_{ir;s} \right) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{i \neq r,s} \left[ \mathcal{C}_{ir;s} S_{rs} + C_{irs} \left( \frac{1}{2} S_{rs} - \mathcal{C}_{ir;s} S_{rs} \right) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{j \neq i,r,s} C_{ir;j s} \left( \frac{1}{2} S_{rs} - \mathcal{C}_{ir;s} S_{rs} \right) \right\} |\mathcal{M}_{m+2}^{(0)}|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

# $\infty$ -scale applications

- $pp \rightarrow H + X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma + X$  with parton-level cuts



Anastasiou, Melnikov,  
Petriello (2004,2005)

- $e^+e^-$  event-shapes:

Abelian ( $C_F^2$ ) part of  $\langle 1 - T \rangle$ :  $-20.4 \pm 4$

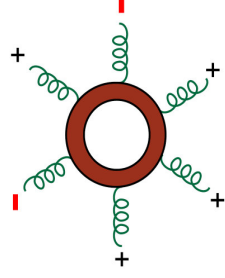
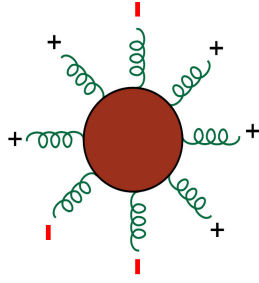
Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Glover (2004)

Tip of the iceberg!

And now for something completely different ...

## Twistor spinoffs to perturbative QCD

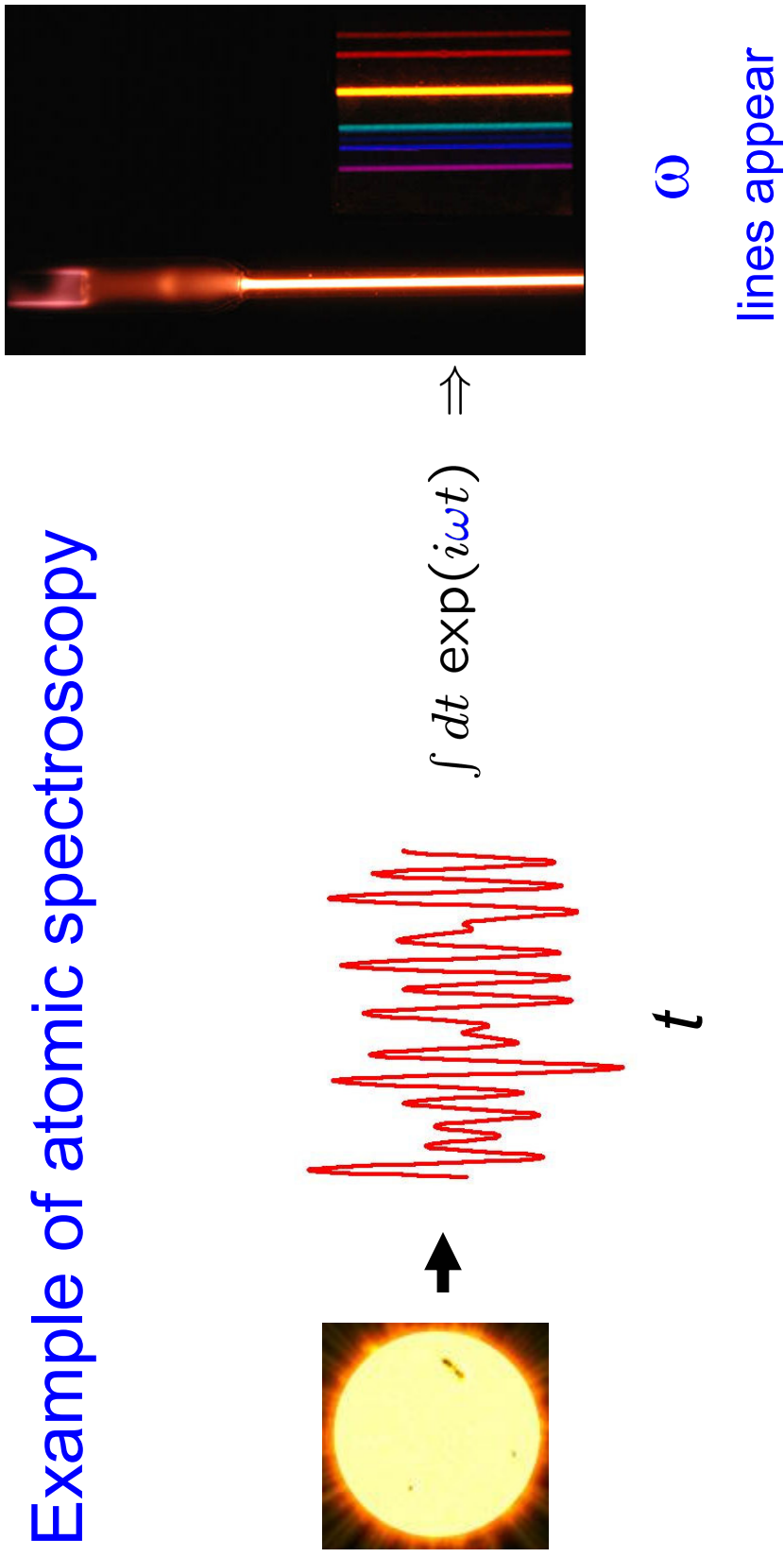
**Motivation:** Make computations of QCD trees and loops more efficient



by understanding analytic structure (sometimes hidden)

# Simplicity in Fourier space

## Example of atomic spectroscopy



# Twistor space

Penrose (1967);  
Witten (2003)

Describe momentum space using spinors, not Lorentz vectors  $k_i^\mu$

right-handed:  $(\lambda_i)_\alpha = u_+(k_i)$  left-handed:  $(\tilde{\lambda}_i)_{\dot{\alpha}} = u_-(k_i)$

$$k_i^\mu (\gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = (k_i)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = u_+(k_i)u_-(k_i) = (\lambda_i)_\alpha (\tilde{\lambda}_i)_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

Fourier transform  $\tilde{\lambda}_i$ , but not  $\lambda_i$ , for each leg  $i$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}} = i \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^{\dot{a}}} \quad \mu^{\dot{a}} = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_{\dot{a}}}$$

Twistor space homogeneous coordinates:  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu^1, \mu^2)$   
for each  $i$

$$\text{Amplitudes } A(k_i) \Rightarrow A(\lambda_i, \tilde{\lambda}_i) \Rightarrow A(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$$

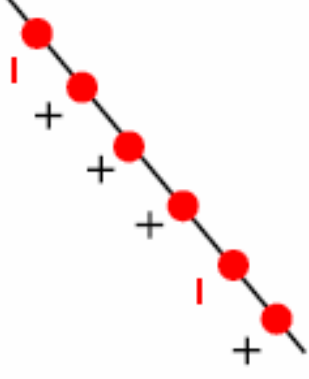
# Twistor transform in QCD

Witten (2003)

Parke-Taylor formula (1986):

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram: A central black circle with six wavy green lines extending outwards. The top-left line is labeled 'i', the top-right 'j', and the bottom-right '1'. Each line has a '+' sign at its end. The bottom-left line has a '-' sign at its end. The lines are arranged in a circular pattern around the central circle.} \\
 & = \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle} \delta(\sum_i k_i) = \int d^4x A(\lambda_i) \exp(ix \lambda_i \tilde{\lambda}_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int d\tilde{\lambda}_i \exp(i\mu_i \tilde{\lambda}_i) \Rightarrow$$

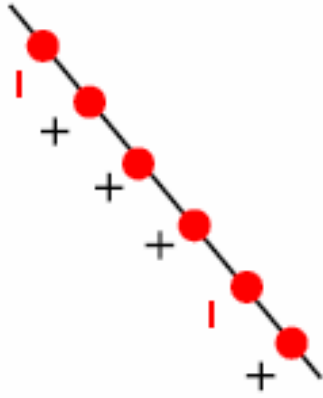


lines appear

# Twistor structure of trees

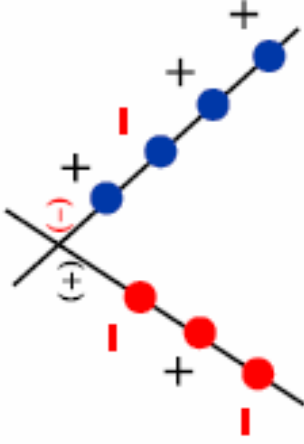
In general:

$n_- = 2$  (MHV)

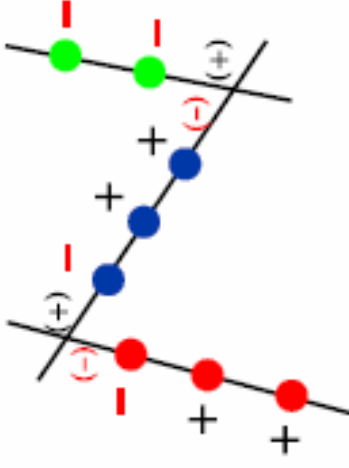


more lines appear!

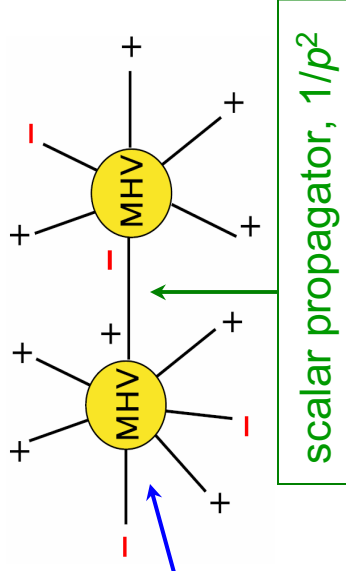
$n_- = 3$  (NMHV)



$n_- = 4$  (NNMHV)



Led to MHV rules:



Cachazo, Svrcek,  
Witten (2004)

# MHV rules for trees

Rules are quite efficient, can be extended to:

massless fermions

Georgiou, Khoze, hep-th/0404072;  
Wu, Zhu, hep-th/0406146;  
Georgiou, Glover, Khoze, hep-th/0407027

Higgs bosons (via  $Hgg$  effective vertex)

LD, Glover, Khoze, hep-th/0411092;  
Badger, Glover, Khoze, hep-th/0412275

vector bosons ( $W, Z, \gamma^*$ ),  
including DIS multi-jet production

Bern, Forde, Kosower,  
Mastrolia, hep-th/0412167

Still, each extension requires a little thought;  
initial “proofs” of correctness partly based on empirical agreement.

Recent approach to massive quarks a bit different

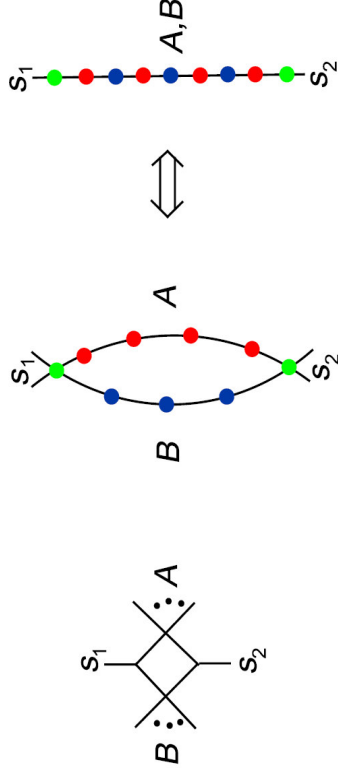
Schwinn, Weinzierl, hep-th/0503015



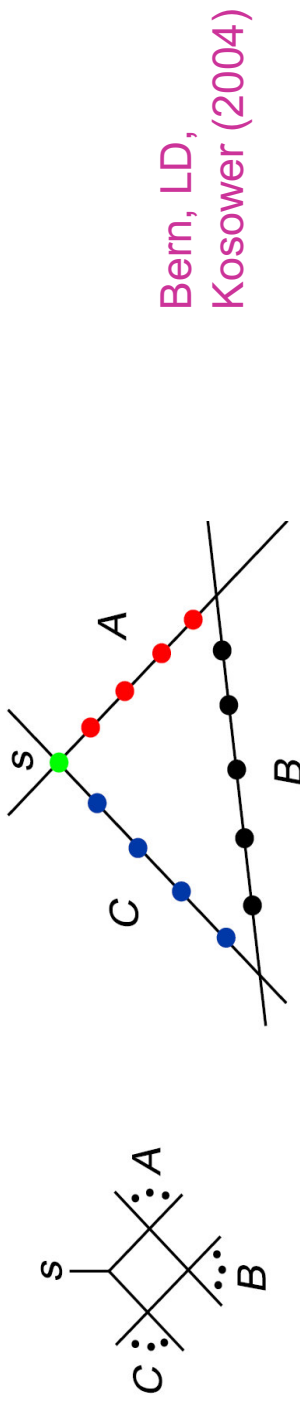
# Twistor structure of loops

Simplest for coefficients of box integrals in N=4 super-Yang-Mills:

$n_- = 2$  (MHV)



$n_- = 3$  (NMHV) — nondegenerate

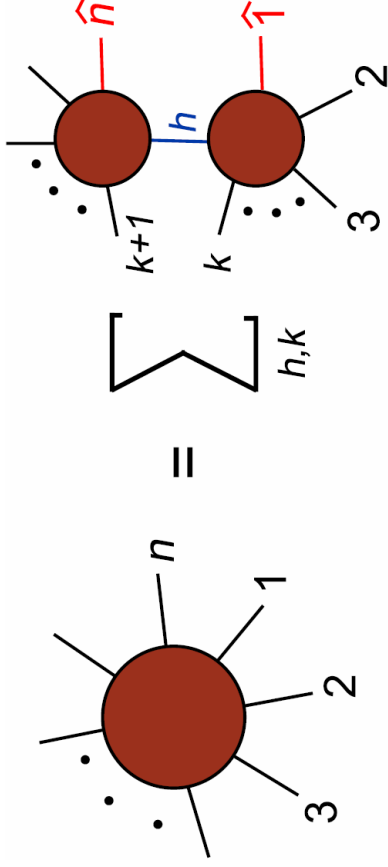


# An on-shell recursion relation for trees

Britto, Cachazo, Feng, hep-th/0412308;

Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten hep-th/0501052

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n(1, 2, \dots, n) &= \sum_{h=\pm} \sum_{k=2}^{n-2} A_{k+1}(\hat{1}, 2, \dots, k, -\hat{K}_{1,k}^{-h}) \\
 &\quad \times \frac{i}{K_{1,k}^2} A_{n-k+1}(\hat{K}_{1,k}^h, k+1, \dots, n-1, \hat{n})
 \end{aligned}$$



$A_{k+1}$  and  $A_{n-k+1}$  are on-shell tree amplitudes with fewer legs, evaluated with momenta **shifted** by a complex amount

# Momentum shift

Complex shift best described using spinors, not Lorentz vectors  $k^\mu$

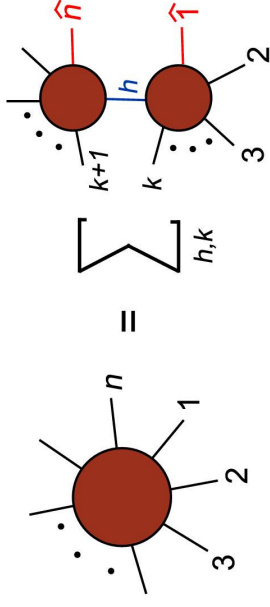
$$k_i^\mu (\gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = (k_i)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = u_+(k_i)u_-(k_i) = (\lambda_i)_\alpha (\tilde{\lambda}_i)_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

**Complex null momenta** also products of (different) spinors

(degenerate 2 x 2 matrix):  $0 = p^2 = \det(\not{p}) \Rightarrow (\not{p})_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \lambda_\alpha \tilde{\lambda}'_{\dot{\alpha}}$

The shift:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\lambda}_1 &= \lambda_1 - \frac{K_{1,k}^2}{\langle n^- | K_{1,k} | 1^- \rangle} \lambda_n & \hat{\tilde{\lambda}}_1 &= \tilde{\lambda}_1 \\ \hat{\lambda}_n &= \lambda_n & \tilde{\hat{\lambda}}_n &= \tilde{\lambda}_n + \frac{K_{1,k}^2}{\langle n^- | K_{1,k} | 1^- \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_1 \end{aligned}$$

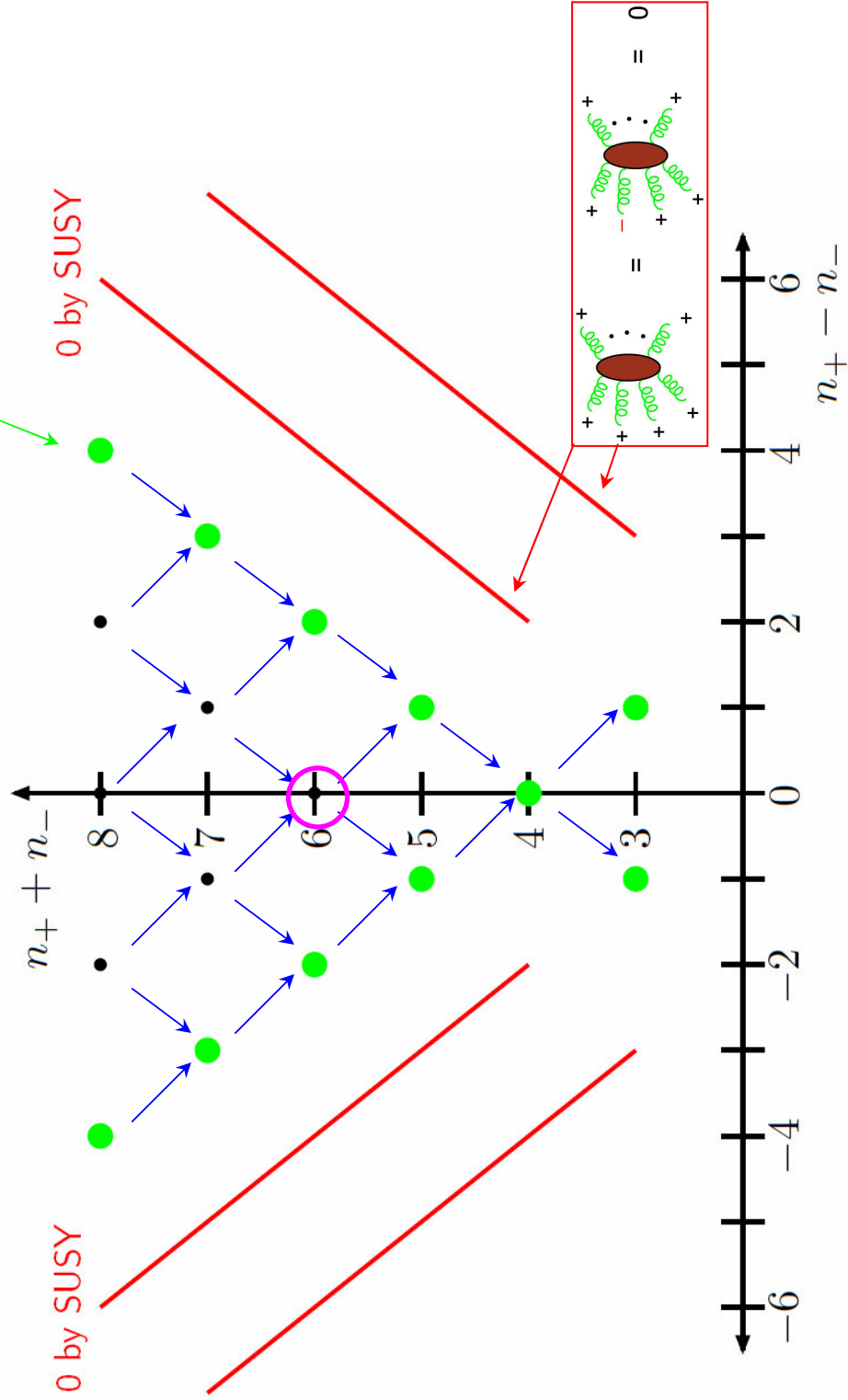


$K_{1,k}$  also shifted by  $\propto \lambda_n \tilde{\lambda}_1$  to preserve momentum conservation

Proof by Cauchy's thm. -- poles of  $A(z)$ :  $\hat{\lambda}_1 = \lambda_1 + z\lambda_n \quad \tilde{\hat{\lambda}}_n = \tilde{\lambda}_n - z\tilde{\lambda}_1$

# Initial data

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{[Feynman diagram: a circle with 4 external lines, each with a '+' sign]} \\
 & = \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle} \\
 & \text{Parke-Taylor formula}
 \end{aligned}$$



# A 6-gluon example

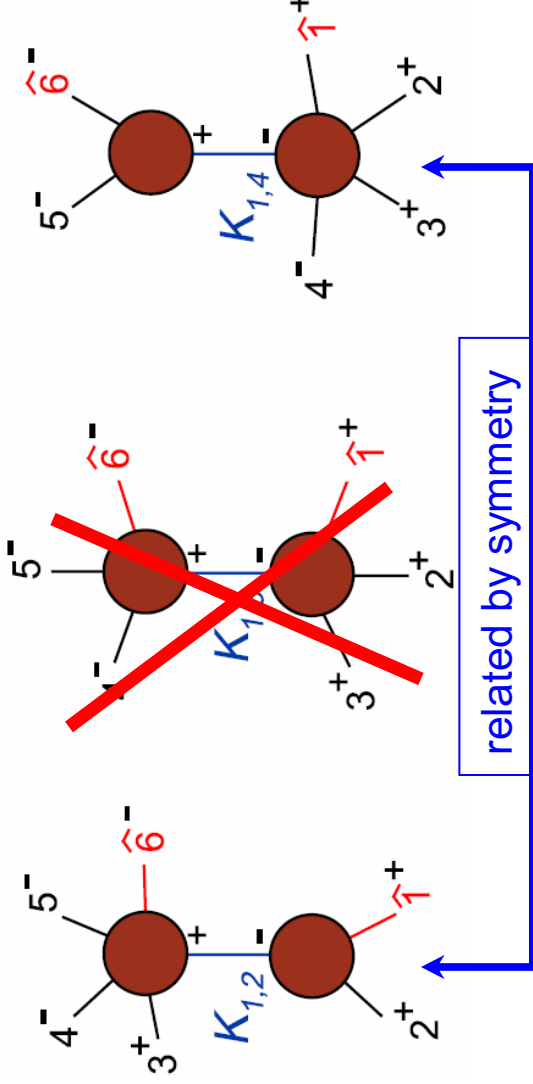
220 Feynman diagrams for *gggggg*

Helicity + color + MHV results + symmetries

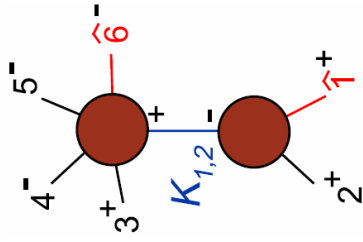
⇒ only  $A_6(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-)$ ,  $A_6(1^+, 2^+, 3^-, 4^+, 5^-, 6^-)$

3 BCF diagrams

→ 2 → 1



# The one $A_6(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-)$ diagram



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{i}{s_{12}} \frac{[\hat{1}2]^3}{[2\hat{K}][\hat{K}\hat{1}]} \frac{[\hat{K}3]^3}{[34][45][5\hat{6}][\hat{6}\hat{K}]} \\
 &= -\frac{i}{s_{12}} \frac{[12]^3}{([2\hat{K}]\langle\hat{K}6\rangle)(\langle\hat{6}\hat{K}\rangle[\hat{K}1])} \frac{(\langle\hat{6}\hat{K}\rangle[\hat{K}3])^3}{[34][45][5\hat{6}](\langle\hat{6}\hat{K}\rangle[\hat{K}6])} \\
 &= i \frac{\langle 6^-|(1+2)|3^- \rangle^3}{\langle 61\rangle\langle 12\rangle[34][45]s_{612}\langle 2^-|(6+1)|5^- \rangle}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \hat{6}\hat{K}\rangle[\hat{K}a] &= \langle 61\rangle[1a] + \langle 62\rangle[2a] \\
 &= \langle 6^-|(1+2)|a^- \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$[5\hat{6}] = [56] + \frac{s_{12}[51]}{\langle 62\rangle[21]} = \frac{\langle 5^+|(6+1)|2^+ \rangle}{\langle 62 \rangle}$$

$$[\hat{6}\hat{K}]\langle\hat{K}6\rangle = \langle 6^+|(1+2)|6^+ \rangle + s_{12} = s_{612}$$

# Simple final form

$$\begin{aligned}
 -iA_6(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-) = & \frac{\langle 6^- | (1 + 2) | 3^- \rangle^3}{\langle 61 \rangle \langle 12 \rangle [34] [45] s_{612} \langle 2^- | (6 + 1) | 5^- \rangle} \\
 & + \frac{\langle 4^- | (5 + 6) | 1^- \rangle^3}{\langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle [56] [61] s_{561} \langle 2^- | (6 + 1) | 5^- \rangle}
 \end{aligned}$$

Simpler than form found in 1980s Mangano, Parke, Xu (1988)

$$\begin{aligned}
 -iA_6(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, 4^-, 5^-, 6^-) = & \frac{([12] \langle 45 \rangle \langle 6^- | (1 + 2) | 3^- \rangle)^2}{s_{61} s_{12} s_{34} s_{45} s_{612}} \\
 & + \frac{([23] \langle 56 \rangle \langle 4^- | (2 + 3) | 1^- \rangle)^2}{s_{23} s_{34} s_{56} s_{61} s_{561}} \\
 & + \frac{s_{123} [12] [23] \langle 45 \rangle \langle 6^- | (1 + 2) | 3^- \rangle \langle 4^- | (2 + 3) | 1^- \rangle}{s_{12} s_{23} s_{34} s_{45} s_{56} s_{61}}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Conclusions

- NNLO progress needed for precision QCD
- Relies on computational advances; simple, few-scale processes first attacked analytically
- Flexible numerical approaches now approaching fruition
- Variety of results should be available in next few years
- More efficient calculation of QCD trees & loops in last year, related to twistor space perspective
- Practical spinoffs so far mostly for trees, and loops in supersymmetric theories
- Loop-level versions of on-shell recursion relations promising
- Expect much future progress along these lines

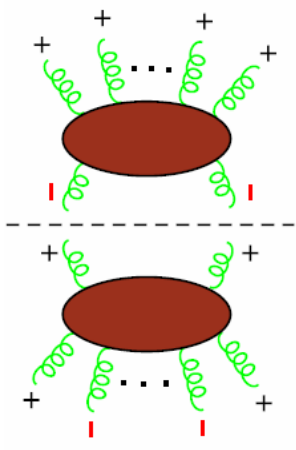


# Extra slides

# Motivation

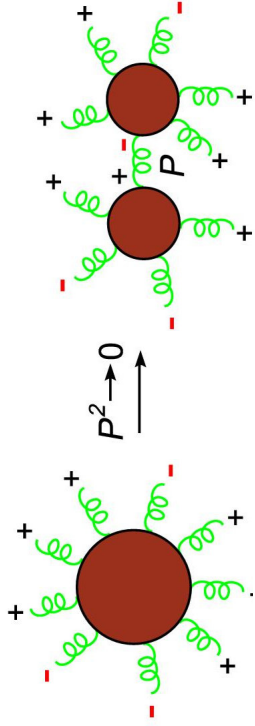
• What are the basic analytic properties of scattering amplitudes?

• Branch cuts

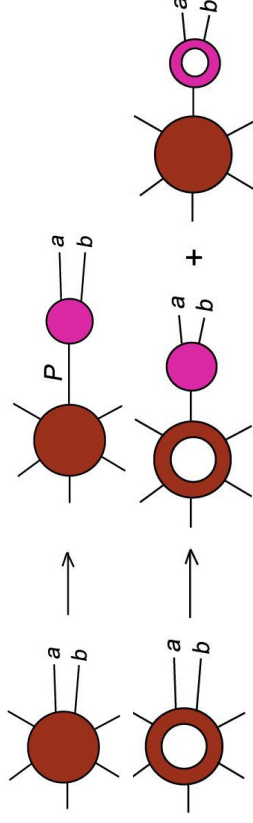


• Poles

- multi-particle



- collinear



Can we reconstruct scattering amplitudes directly from this information?

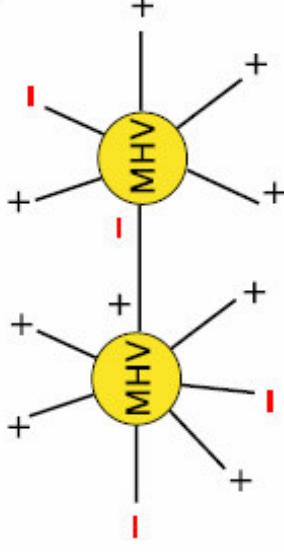
# MHV rules

Cachazo, Svrček, Witten (2004)

- Continue MHV amplitudes off-shell:

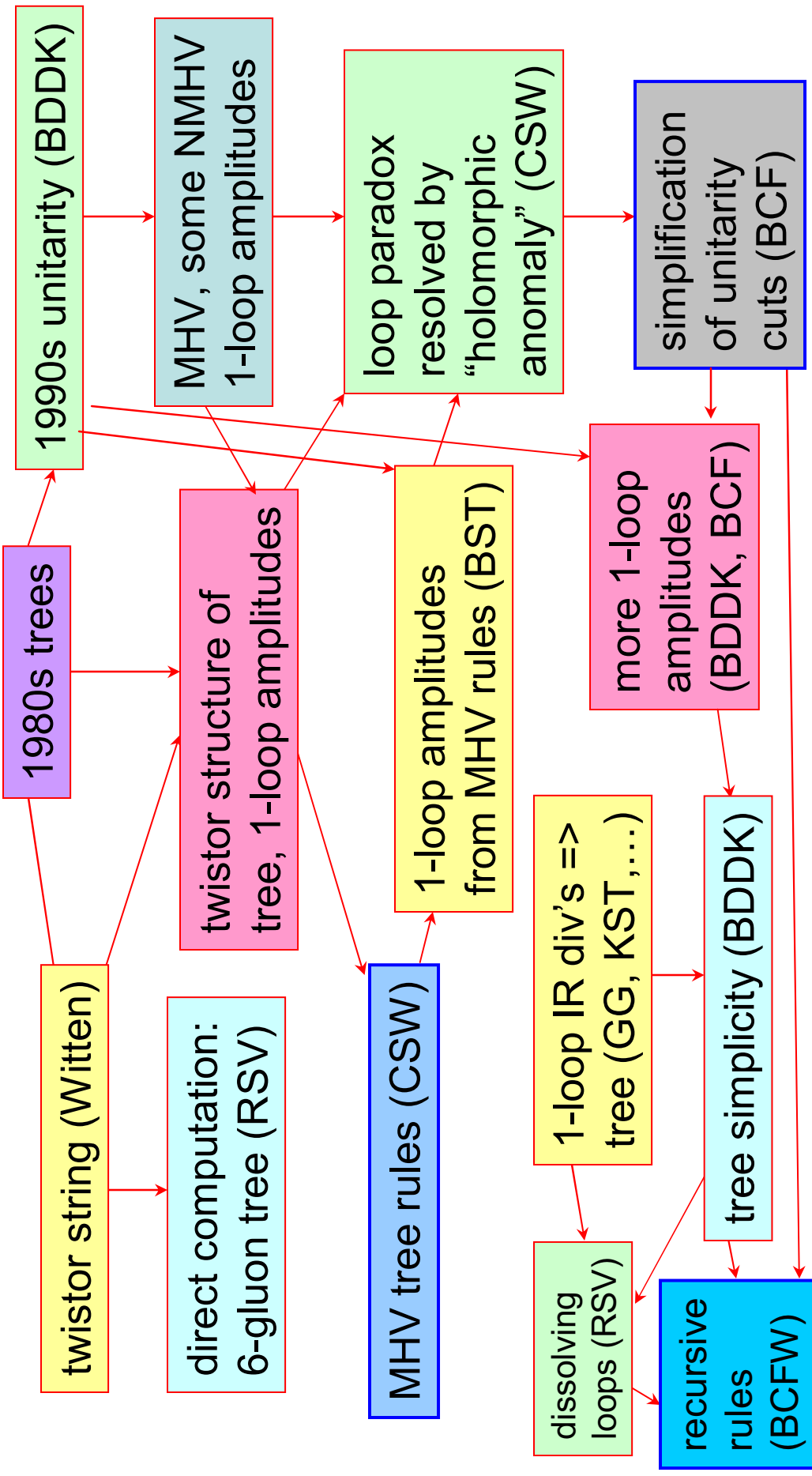
$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n^{\text{tree, MHV}, ij}(1^*) &= \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle 1^* 2 \rangle \dots \langle n 1^* \rangle} \\
 &= \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle \eta^+ | 1 | 2^+ \rangle \dots \langle n^- | 1 | \eta^- \rangle}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\eta$  is null,  $\eta^2 = 0$ . Sew vertices with “scalar” propagators.  $\frac{1}{p^2}$



- Results independent of  $\eta$ , agree (numerically) with Feynman.

# Where did recursive rules come from?



# Recursion at one loop

Bern, LD, Kosower, hep-th/0501240

For simplicity, we considered special one-loop amplitudes with **no cuts**, only **poles**:  $A_n^{1\text{-loop}}(1^\pm, 2^+, 3^+, \dots, n^+)$

Still not quite a trivial extension of BCF because of:

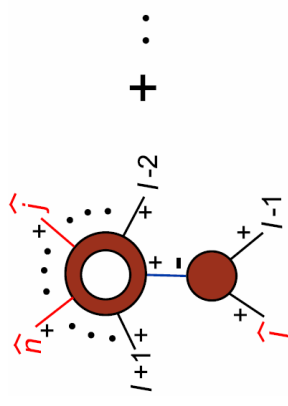
- difficulties with  $z \rightarrow \infty$  for  $A_n^{1\text{-loop}}(1^+, 2^+, 3^+, \dots, n^+)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  need **triple-shift**

$$\tilde{\lambda}_j = \tilde{\lambda}_j - z\tilde{\lambda}_l - z\frac{\langle nj \rangle}{\langle lj \rangle}\tilde{\lambda}_n$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_l = \lambda_l + z\lambda_j$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_n = \lambda_n + z\frac{\langle nj \rangle}{\langle lj \rangle}\lambda_j$$

$\Rightarrow$  4-term recursion relation  $\sim$



# Recursion at one loop (cont.)

- double pole for one  $z_k$  in  $A_n^{1\text{-loop}}(1^-, 2^+, 3^+, \dots, n^+)$
- ⇒ need **ansatz** for **single** pole underneath
- ⇒  $(n - 2)$ -term recursion relation

Agrees with (off-shell) recursive result  
but expressions much simpler

Mahlon, hep-ph/9312276

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A_{6;1}(1^-, 2^+, 3^+, 4^+, 5^+, 6^+) \\
 &= i \frac{N_p}{96\pi^2} \left[ \frac{\langle 1^- | (2+3) | 6^- \rangle^3}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle^2 s_{123} \langle 3^- | (1+2) | 6^- \rangle} + \frac{\langle 1^- | (3+4) | 2^- \rangle^3}{\langle 34 \rangle^2 \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle s_{234} \langle 5^- | (3+4) | 2^- \rangle} \right. \\
 &+ \frac{[26]^3}{[12][61] s_{345}} \left( \frac{[23][34]}{\langle 45 \rangle \langle 5^- | (3+4) | 2^- \rangle} - \frac{[45][56]}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 3^- | (1+2) | 6^- \rangle} + \frac{[35]}{\langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle} \right) \\
 &- \frac{\langle 13 \rangle^3 [23] \langle 24 \rangle}{\langle 23 \rangle^2 \langle 34 \rangle^2 \langle 45 \rangle \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle} + \frac{\langle 15 \rangle^3 \langle 46 \rangle [56]}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle^2 \langle 56 \rangle^2} \\
 &- \left. \frac{\langle 14 \rangle^3 \langle 35 \rangle \langle 1^- | (2+3) | 4^- \rangle}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle^2 \langle 45 \rangle^2 \langle 56 \rangle \langle 61 \rangle} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

# A few “twistor” references

- Topological string in twistor space    Witten, hep-th/0312171
- MHV (CSW) rules    Cachazo, Svrcek, Witten, hep-th/0403047
- All 7-point N=4 1-loop amplitudes  
    Bern, Del Duca, LD, Kosower hep-th/0410224
- Generalized unitarity & N=4 1-loop amplitudes  
    Britto, Cachazo, Feng, hep-th/0412103
- All n-point NMHV N=4 1-loop amplitudes    Bern, LD, Kosower hep-th/0412210
- Dissolving loops into trees    Roiban, Spradlin, Volovich, hep-th/0412265
- BCF rules    Britto, Cachazo, Feng, hep-th/0412308
- BCFW proof    Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten, hep-th/0501052
- Recursive rules at 1 loop    Bern, LD, Kosower hep-th/0501240