

# *Double Copy – a review*

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## **Some relevant refs:**

**Bern, Carrasco, Chiodaroli, HJ, Roiban (reviews) [1909.01358, 2203.13013];**

**Snowmass White Papers: [2203.09099, 2204.06547];**

**Brandhuber, Chen, HJ, Travaglini, Wen [2111.15649];**

**Ben-Shahar, HJ [2112.11452];**

**Chiodaroli, HJ, Pichini [2107.14779];**

**Edison, He, HJ, Schlotterer, Teng, Zhang [2211.00638]**

# Textbook perturbative gravity is complicated!

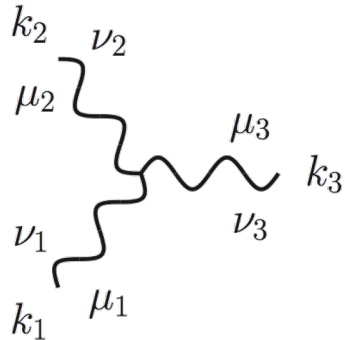
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{2}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{g} R, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \kappa h_{\mu\nu}$$

DeWitt ('67)



$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \eta_{\mu_1\nu_1} \eta_{\mu_2\nu_2} + \eta_{\mu_1\nu_2} \eta_{\nu_1\mu_2} - \frac{2}{D-2} \eta_{\mu_1\mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1\nu_2} \right] \frac{i}{p^2 + i\epsilon}$$

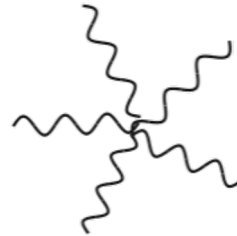
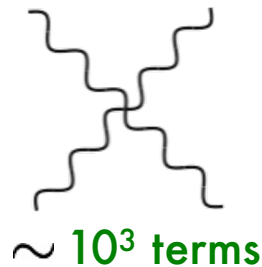
de Donder gauge



$$= \text{sym} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu_1\nu_1} \eta_{\mu_2\nu_2} \eta_{\mu_3\nu_3}) - \frac{1}{2} P_6(k_{1\mu_1} k_{1\nu_2} \eta_{\mu_1\nu_1} \eta_{\mu_3\nu_3}) + \frac{1}{2} P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu_1\mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1\nu_2} \eta_{\mu_3\nu_3}) \right. \\ \left. + P_6(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\mu_1\nu_1} \eta_{\mu_2\mu_3} \eta_{\nu_2\nu_3}) + 2P_3(k_{1\mu_2} k_{1\nu_3} \eta_{\mu_1\nu_1} \eta_{\nu_2\mu_3}) - P_3(k_{1\nu_2} k_{2\mu_1} \eta_{\nu_1\mu_1} \eta_{\mu_3\nu_3}) \right. \\ \left. + P_3(k_{1\mu_3} k_{2\nu_3} \eta_{\mu_1\mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1\nu_2}) + P_6(k_{1\mu_3} k_{1\nu_3} \eta_{\mu_1\mu_2} \eta_{\nu_1\nu_2}) + 2P_6(k_{1\mu_2} k_{2\nu_3} \eta_{\nu_2\mu_1} \eta_{\nu_1\mu_3}) \right. \\ \left. + 2P_3(k_{1\mu_2} k_{2\mu_1} \eta_{\nu_2\mu_3} \eta_{\nu_3\nu_1}) - 2P_3(k_1 \cdot k_2 \eta_{\nu_1\mu_2} \eta_{\nu_2\mu_3} \eta_{\nu_3\mu_1}) \right]$$

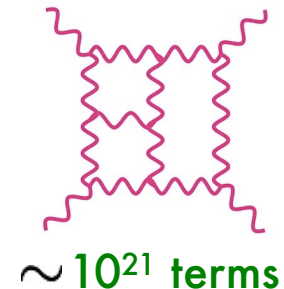
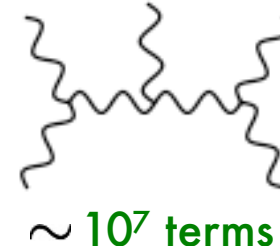
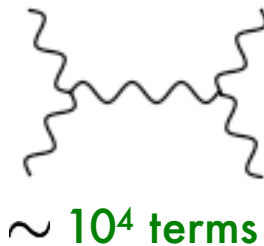
After symmetrization  
~ 100 terms!

higher order vertices...



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complicated diagrams:



# On-shell simplifications



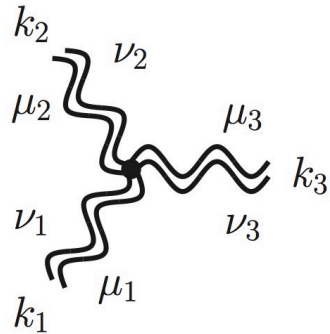
Graviton plane wave:

$$\varepsilon^\mu(p)\varepsilon^\nu(p)e^{ip\cdot x}$$

$$|\text{spin } 2\rangle \sim |\text{spin } 1\rangle \otimes |\text{spin } 1\rangle$$

Yang-Mills polarization

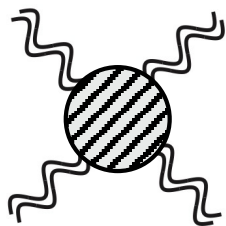
On-shell 3-graviton vertex:



$$= \left( \eta_{\mu_1\mu_2}(k_1 - k_2)_{\mu_3} + \text{cyclic} \right) \left( \eta_{\nu_1\nu_2}(k_1 - k_2)_{\nu_3} + \text{cyclic} \right)$$

Yang-Mills vertex

Gravity scattering amplitude:



Yang-Mills amplitude

$$M_{\text{tree}}^{\text{GR}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = \frac{st}{u} \left[ A_{\text{tree}}^{\text{YM}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \right]^2$$

Gravity processes = “squares” of gauge theory ones: KLT, BCJ, CHY

# Kawai-Lewellen-Tye Relations ('86)

String theory  
tree-level identity:

closed string  $\sim$  (left open string)  $\times$  (right open string)



$$A_n \sim \int \frac{dx_1 \cdots dx_n}{\mathcal{V}_{abc}} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |x_i - x_j|^{k_i \cdot k_j} \exp \left[ \sum_{i < j} \left( \frac{\epsilon_i \cdot \epsilon_j}{(x_i - x_j)^2} + \frac{k_i \cdot \epsilon_j - k_j \cdot \epsilon_i}{(x_i - x_j)} \right) \right] \Big|_{\text{multi-linear}}$$

KLT relations emerge after nontrivial world-sheet integral identities

Field theory limit  $\Rightarrow$  gravity theory  $\sim$  (YM theory)  $\times$  (YM theory)

$$M_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) = -i s_{12} A_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \tilde{A}_4^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3)$$

$$M_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = i s_{12} s_{34} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \tilde{A}_5^{\text{tree}}(2, 1, 4, 3, 5) \\ + i s_{13} s_{24} A_5^{\text{tree}}(1, 3, 2, 4, 5) \tilde{A}_5^{\text{tree}}(3, 1, 4, 2, 5)$$

gravity states are  
products of YM states:

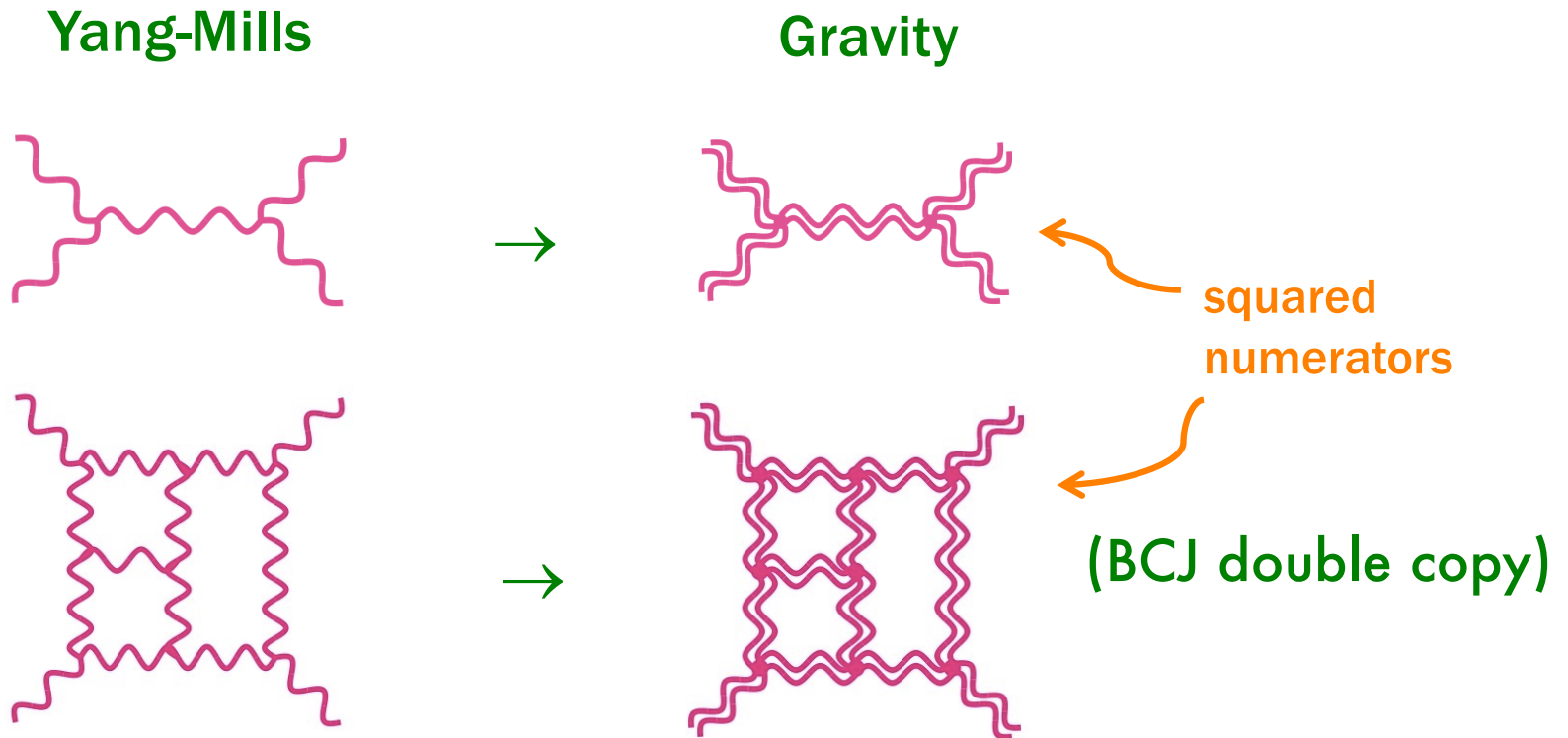
$$|2\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$$

$$|3/2\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |1/2\rangle$$

etc...

# Squaring of YM theory – the double copy

Gravity processes = squares of gauge theory ones - entire S-matrix



E.g. pure Yang-Mills → Einstein gravity + dilaton + axion

4D YM + massless quarks → Pure 4D Einstein gravity

# Example: axion-dilaton gravity

Consider double copy of  $D$ -dimensional pure YM:

$$\text{States: } \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (\varepsilon^h)_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \varepsilon_{\mu}^{((i} \varepsilon_{\nu}^{j)} & \text{(graviton)} \\ (\varepsilon^B)_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = \varepsilon_{\mu}^{[i} \varepsilon_{\nu}^{j]} & \text{(B-field)} \\ (\varepsilon^{\phi})_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\varepsilon_{\mu}^i \varepsilon_{\nu}^j \delta_{ij}}{D-2} & \text{(dilaton)} \end{array} \right.$$

Amplitudes consistent with the theory:

$$S = \int d^D x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} R + \frac{1}{2(D-2)} \partial^{\mu} \phi \partial_{\mu} \phi + \frac{1}{6} e^{-4\phi/(D-2)} H^{\lambda\mu\nu} H_{\lambda\mu\nu} \right]$$

In 4D this is axion-dilaton gravity:

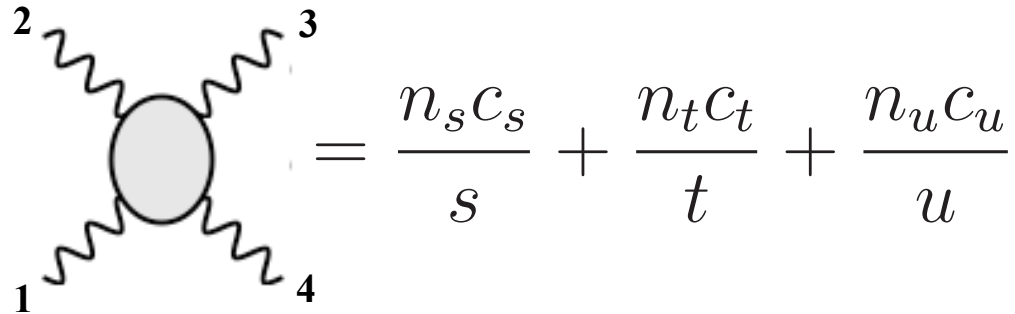
$$S = \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} R + \frac{1}{4} \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial^{\mu} \phi + \frac{1}{4} e^{-2\phi} \partial_{\mu} \chi \partial^{\mu} \chi \right]$$

Symmetry  $\chi \rightarrow -\chi$  allows for consistent truncation of scalars  
 $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$

# The (Square-)Root of Gravity

# Color-kinematics duality

Consider Yang-Mills 4p tree amplitude:



$$= \frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u}$$

**color factors:**  $c_s = f^{a_1 a_2 b} f^{b a_3 a_4}$

**kinematic numerators:**

$$n_s = \left[ (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) p_1^\mu + 2(\varepsilon_1 \cdot p_2) \varepsilon_2^\mu - (1 \leftrightarrow 2) \right] \left[ (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4) p_{3\mu} + 2(\varepsilon_3 \cdot p_4) \varepsilon_{4\mu} - (3 \leftrightarrow 4) \right] + s \left[ (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_3)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot \varepsilon_4) - (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_4)(\varepsilon_2 \cdot \varepsilon_3) \right],$$

**consider linearized gauge transformation**  $\delta A_\mu = \partial_\mu \xi$

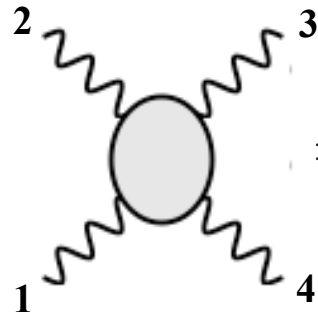
$$n_s \Big|_{\varepsilon_4 \rightarrow p_4} = s \left[ (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) \left( (\varepsilon_3 \cdot p_2) - (\varepsilon_3 \cdot p_1) \right) + \text{cyclic}(1, 2, 3) \right] \equiv s \alpha(\varepsilon, p)$$

**(individual diagrams not gauge inv.)**



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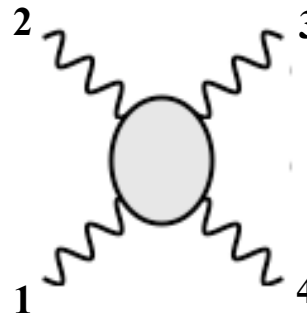
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$$\left. \frac{n_s c_s}{s} + \frac{n_t c_t}{t} + \frac{n_u c_u}{u} \right|_{\varepsilon_4 \rightarrow p_4} = \underbrace{(c_s + c_t + c_u)}_{= 0 \text{ Jacobi identity}} \alpha(\varepsilon, p)$$

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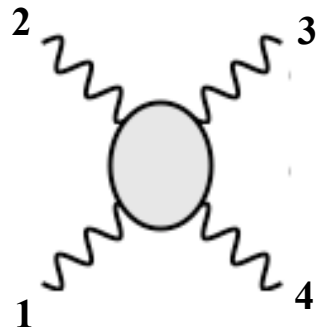
$$n_s + n_t + n_u = 0 \quad \text{kinematic Jacobi Id. (diffeomorphism inv.)}$$

# Double copy

Color and kinematics are dual...

$$c_s + c_t + c_u = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad n_s + n_t + n_u = 0$$

...replace color by kinematics  $c_i \rightarrow n_i$  **BCJ double copy**



$$= \frac{n_s^2}{s} + \frac{n_t^2}{t} + \frac{n_u^2}{u} \quad \leftarrow \text{gravity ampl.}$$

Properties of ampl:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{spin-2 scattering} \\ \text{2-derivative interactions} \\ \text{diffeomorphism inv.} \end{array} \right.$

$$\varepsilon_{\mu\nu} = \varepsilon_\mu \varepsilon_\nu$$

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu \partial_\nu$$

$$\delta h_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \xi_\nu + \partial_\nu \xi_\mu$$

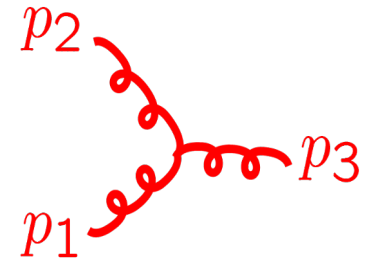
$$\frac{n_s^2}{s} + \frac{n_t^2}{t} + \frac{n_u^2}{u} \Big|_{\varepsilon_4^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow p_4^\mu \varepsilon_4^\nu + p_4^\nu \varepsilon_4^\mu} = 2(n_s + n_t + n_u) \alpha(\varepsilon, p) = 0$$

# What is the Kinematic Algebra ?

- YM numerators obey Jacobi Id. → a kinematic algebra should exist!
- Algebra may dramatically simplify GR calculations!

What is known?

Self dual YM in light-cone gauge: Monteiro, O'Connell ('11)

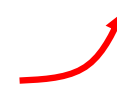


Generators of area-preserving diffeomorphisms:

$$L_k = e^{-ik \cdot x} (-k_w \partial_u + k_u \partial_w)$$

Lie Algebra:  $[L_{p_1}, L_{p_2}] = iX(p_1, p_2)L_{p_1+p_2} = iF_{p_1 p_2}^k L_k$

YM vertex



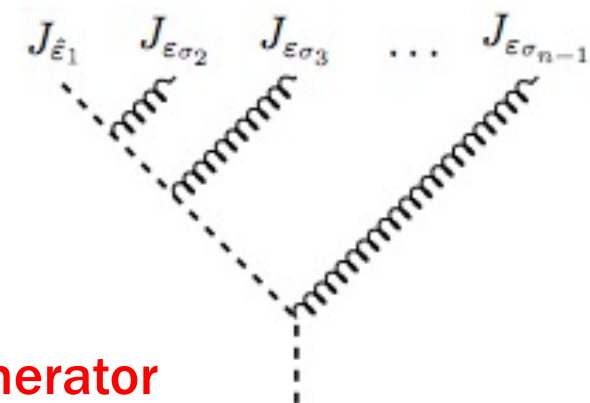
Beyond the simplest helicity sectors (NMHV)

Chen, HJ, Teng, Wang [1906.10683, 2104.12726]

$$J_{\hat{\epsilon}_1}(p) \star J_{\epsilon_i}(p_i) = \epsilon_i \cdot p J_{\hat{\epsilon}_1}(p + p_i) - \frac{1}{2} J_{\hat{\epsilon}_1 \otimes \epsilon_i \otimes (p+p_i)}(p + p_i)$$

vector generator

tensor generator



# Cheung-Shen Lagrangian

Cubic Lagrangian that manifests color-kinematics duality, gives:

→ NLSM pions at tree level

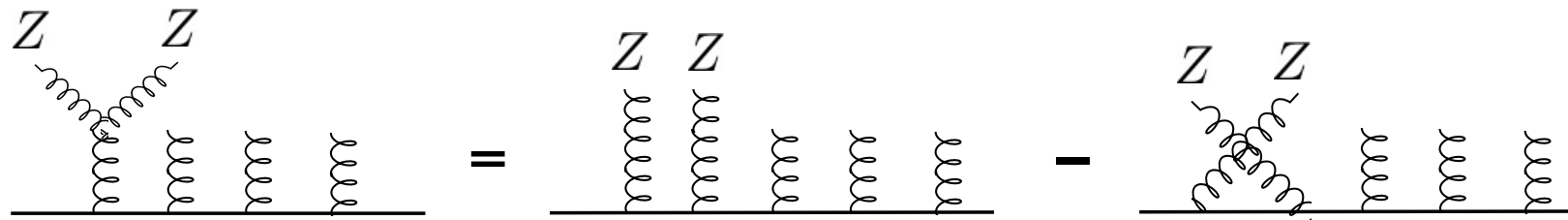
→ YM trees for MHV sector

Cheung, Shen ('16)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CS}} = Z^{a\mu} \square X_{\mu}^a + \frac{1}{2} Y^a \square Y^a - g f^{abc} Z^{a\mu} (Z^{b\nu} X_{\mu\nu}^c + Y^b \partial_{\mu} Y^c)$$

Jacobi Id. manifest:

$$X_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_{\mu} X_{\nu}^a - \partial_{\nu} X_{\mu}^a;$$



NLSM pions: external states  $Y^a$  or  $\partial_{\mu} Z^{a\mu}$

Gives all YM numerator terms of type:  $n^{\text{YM}} \sim (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_n) \prod_{i,j} (\varepsilon_i \cdot p_j)$

sufficient for MHV amplitude: Chen, HJ, Teng, Wang

# Hopf algebra structure and heavy mass EFT

Gauge invariant BCJ numerators from heavy-quark limit

Brandhuber, Chen, HJ,  
Travaglini, Wen '21

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{N}(1, v) &= v \cdot \varepsilon_1, & \text{Diagram: } & \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ v \end{array} \\
 \mathcal{N}(12, v) &= -\frac{v \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot v}{2v \cdot p_1}, & \text{Diagram: } & \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 2 \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ v \end{array} \\
 \mathcal{N}(123, v) &= \frac{v \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot F_3 \cdot v}{3v \cdot p_1} - \frac{v \cdot F_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot V_{12} \cdot F_3 \cdot v}{3v \cdot p_1 v \cdot p_{12}} \\
 &\quad - \frac{v \cdot F_1 \cdot F_3 \cdot V_1 \cdot F_2 \cdot v}{3v \cdot p_1 v \cdot p_{13}} & \text{Diagram: } & \begin{array}{c} 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ v \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_i^{\mu\nu} &:= p_i^\mu \varepsilon_i^\nu - \varepsilon_i^\mu p_i^\nu \\
 V_\tau^{\mu\nu} &:= v^\mu \sum_{j \in \tau} p_j^\nu
 \end{aligned}$$

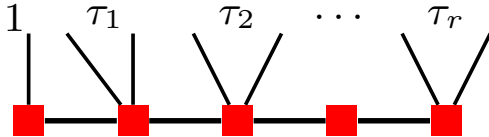
Brandhuber,  
Brown, Chen,  
Gowdy,  
Travaglini '22

See talks → Chen,  
Brown

YM numerators at any multiplicity given by an associative Hopf algebra

$$\mathcal{N}(12 \dots n-2, v) := \langle T_{(1)} \star T_{(2)} \star \dots \star T_{(n-2)} \rangle$$

**Quasi-shuffle product:**  $T_{(12)} \star T_{(3)} = -T_{(123)} + T_{(12),(3)} + T_{(13),(2)}$

$$\langle T_{(1\tau_1),(\tau_2),\dots,(\tau_r)} \rangle := \frac{v \cdot F_{1\tau_1} \cdot V_{\Theta(\tau_2)} \cdot F_{\tau_2} \cdots V_{\Theta(\tau_r)} \cdot F_{\tau_r} \cdot v}{(n-2)v \cdot p_1 v \cdot p_{1\tau_1} \cdots v \cdot p_{1\tau_1\tau_2 \cdots \tau_{r-1}}}$$


# First complete Kinematic Algebra ?

Pure Chern-Simons: complete kinematic algebra at tree/loop level

Ben-Shahar, HJ

**Generators**  $L^\mu(p) = e^{ip \cdot x} \Delta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu$

**3D transversality "projector"**  $\Delta^{\mu\nu}(p) = i\epsilon^{\rho\mu\nu} p_\rho$

**Infinite-dimensional kinematic Lie algebra**

$$[L^\mu(p_1), L^\nu(p_2)] = F^{\mu\nu}_\rho L^\rho(p_1 + p_2)$$

**Kinematic structure constants**

$$F^{\mu_1\mu_2}_\nu(p_1, p_2) = \Delta^{\rho\mu_1}(p_1) \epsilon_{\rho\nu\sigma} \Delta^{\sigma\mu_2}(p_2)$$

**BCJ numerators**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram: } 1 \text{ --- } \begin{array}{c} | \\ 2 \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} | \\ 3 \\ | \\ | \\ 5 \end{array} \begin{array}{c} | \\ 4 \\ | \\ | \\ 5 \end{array} \\
 & = \text{tr} \left( \left[ \left[ \left[ L^{\mu_1}(p_1), L^{\mu_2}(p_2) \right], L^{\mu_3}(p_3) \right], L^{\mu_4}(p_4) \right], L^{\mu_5}_{\text{amp}}(p_5) \right) \\
 & = F^{\mu_1\mu_2}_\nu F^{\nu\mu_3}_\rho F^{\rho\mu_4\mu_5} \delta^3(p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4 + p_5) ,
 \end{aligned}$$

**Lie algebra of 3D volume-preserving diffeomorphisms!**

See talk → Ben-Shahar

# Double Copy Theories



# Example: pure GR

Pure 4D Einstein gravity:  $\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} R$

HJ, Ochirov

Does not match  $YM^2$  spectrum:  $YM \otimes YM = GR + \phi + a$

Deform YM theories with massless fundamental quarks

$$\begin{aligned} & (YM + \text{quark}) \otimes (YM + n_f \text{ quarks}) \\ &= GR + 2(n_f + 1) \text{ scalars} \end{aligned}$$

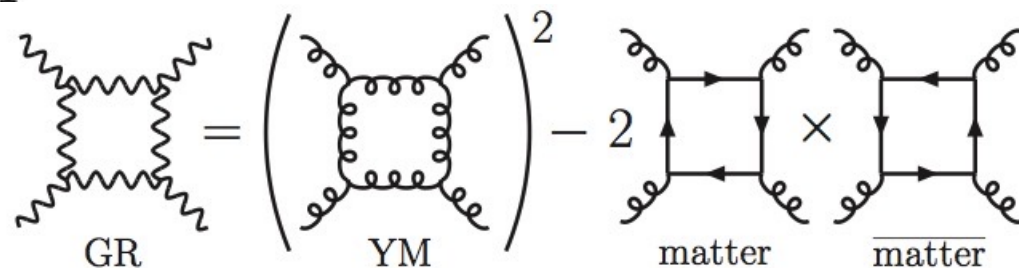
Anti-align the spins of the quarks  $\rightarrow$  gives scalars in GR

e.g.  $\phi = q \otimes \bar{q} + \bar{q} \otimes q$

become ghosts if

$$a = q \otimes \bar{q} - \bar{q} \otimes q$$

$$n_f = -1$$



# Example: YM-Einstein theory

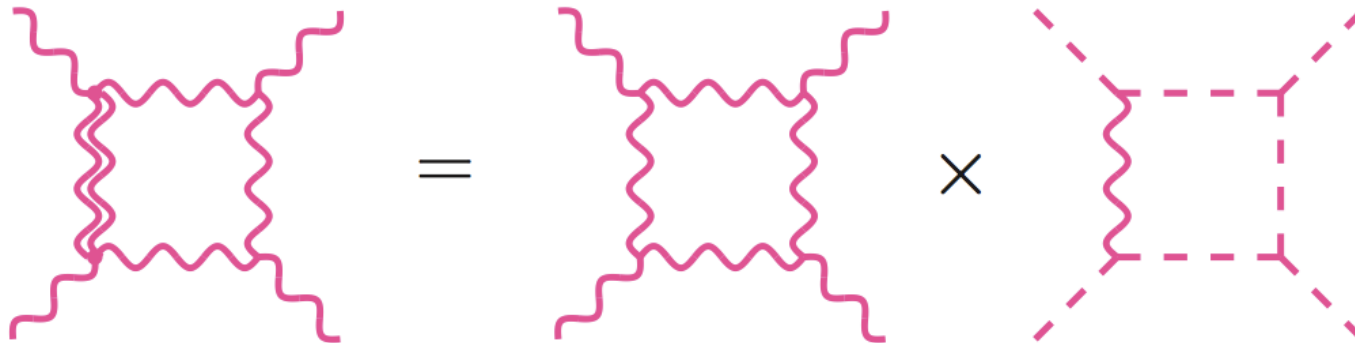
GR+YM amplitudes are “heterotic” double copies

$$\text{GR} + \text{YM} = \text{YM} \otimes (\text{YM} + \phi^3)$$

Chiodaroli, Gunaydin,  
HJ, Roiban

$$h^{\mu\nu} \sim A^\mu \otimes A^\nu$$

$$A^{\mu a} \sim A^\mu \otimes \phi^a$$



$\mathcal{N} = 0, 1, 2, 4$  YM-E  
supergravity

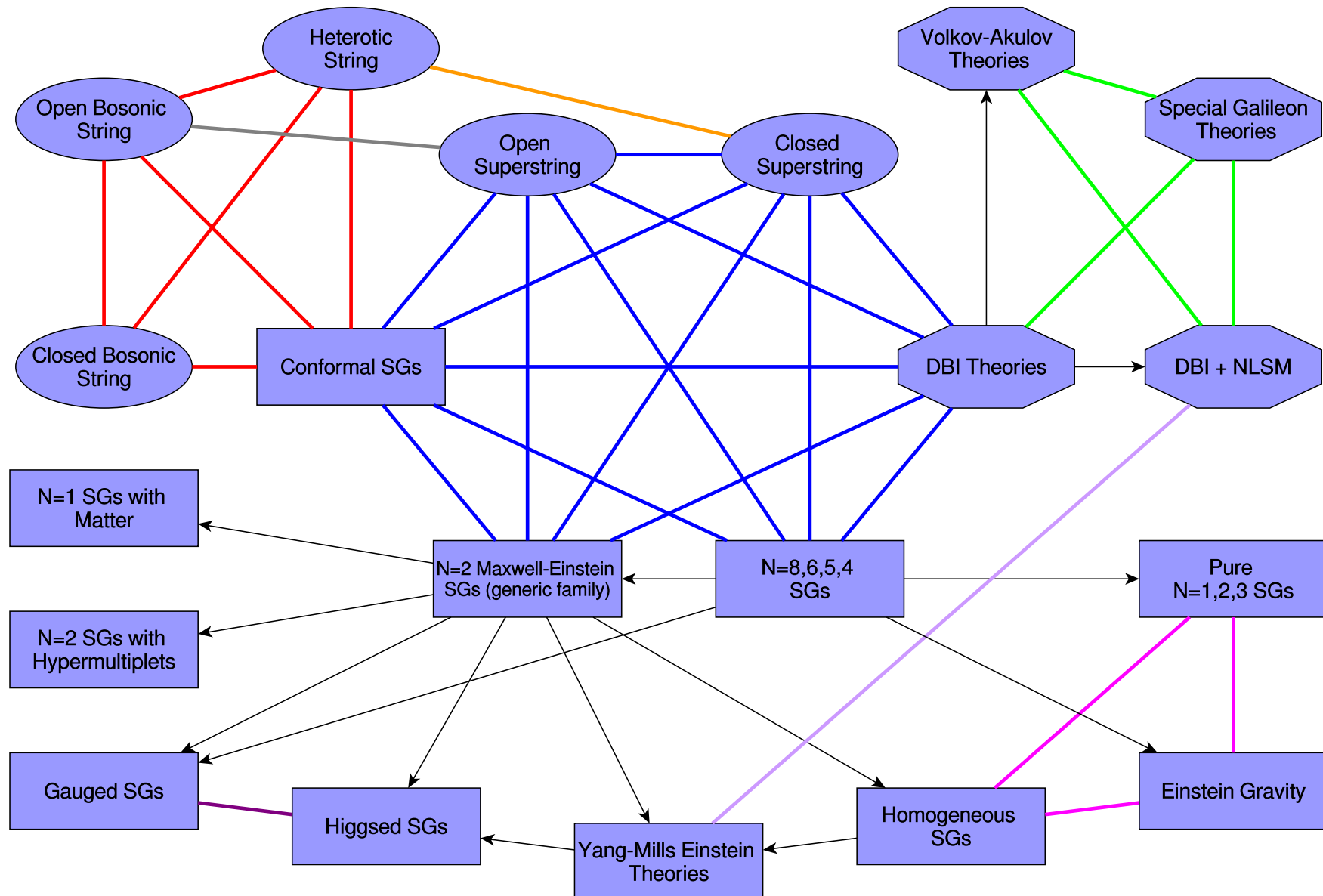
$\mathcal{N} = 0, 1, 2, 4$  SYM

YM +  $\phi^3$

-  $\mathcal{N} = 0, 1, 2$  YM-E all have axion-dilaton states  $\rightarrow g, \theta$  parameters

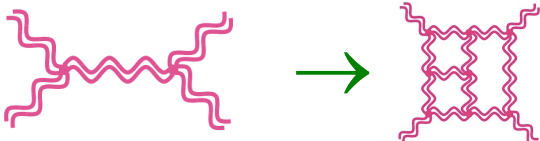
- Construction extends to SSB (Coulomb branch) Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban ('15)

# Web of double-copy constructible theories



See reviews [1909.01358], [2203.13013] – Bern, Carrasco, Chiodaroli, HJ, Roiban

# Generalizations of C/K & double copy

Trees  $\rightarrow$  loops:  Bern, Carrasco, HJ ('10)

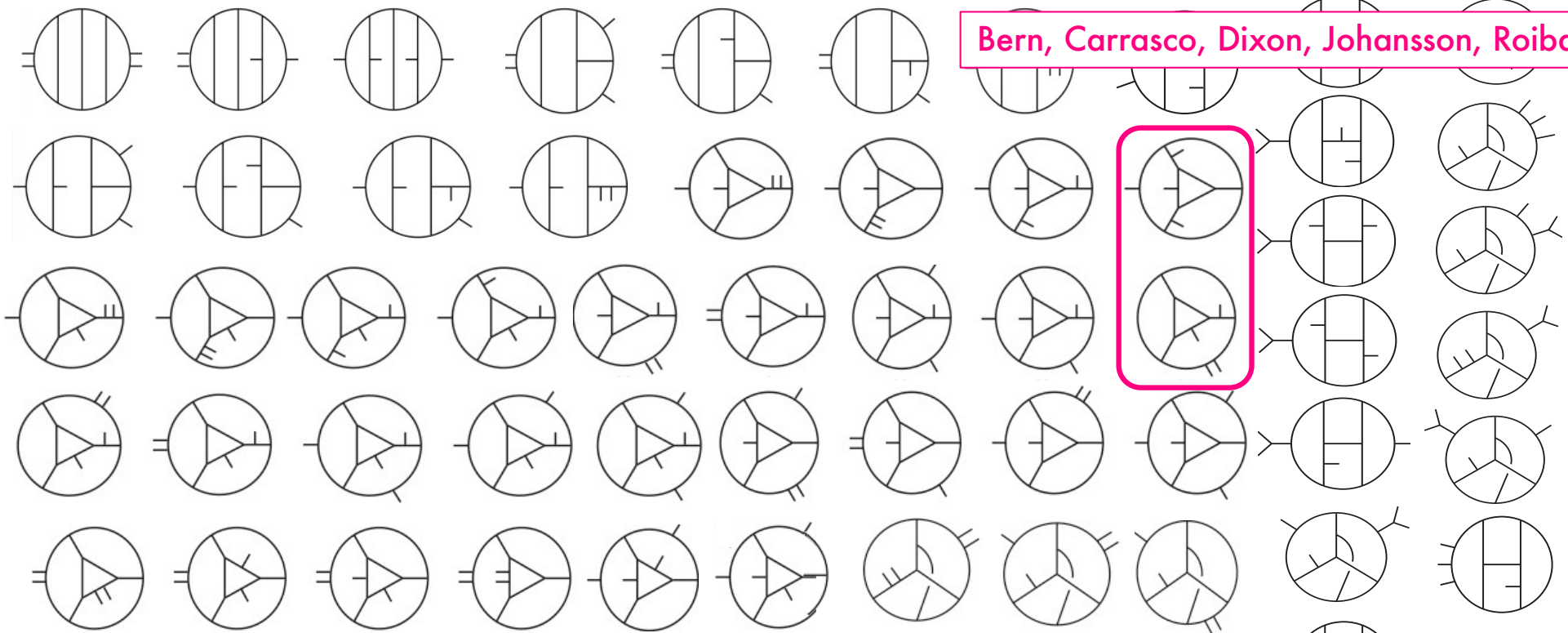
- $\rightarrow$  Theories that are not truncations of  $N=8$  SG HJ, Ochirov; Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, Roiban,...
- $\rightarrow$  Theories with fundamental matter HJ, Ochirov; Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, Roiban,...
- $\rightarrow$  Spontaneously broken theories (gauge/susy) Chiodaroli, Gunaydin, HJ, Roiban
- $\rightarrow$  Form factors Boels, Kniehl, Tarasov, Yang & CFT correlators Farrow, Lipstein, McFadden
- $\rightarrow$  Gravity off-shell symmetries from YM Anastasiou, Borsten, Duff, Hughes, Nagy,...
- $\rightarrow$  Classical (black hole) solutions Luna, Monteiro, O'Connell, White; Ridgway, Wise; Goldberger,...
- $\rightarrow$  Gravitational radiation/potential Luna, Monteiro, Nicholson, O'Connell, White; Goldberger,..  
Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Solon; Bjerrum-Bohr et al. ...
- $\rightarrow$  Amplitudes in curved background Adamo, Casali, Mason, Nekovar; Herderschee, Roiban, Teng
- $\rightarrow$  CHY scattering eqs, twistor strings Cachazo, He, Yuan, Skinner, Mason, Geyer, Adamo, Monteiro,...
- $\rightarrow$  Scalar EFTs: NLSM, DBI, Galileon Cachazo, He, Yuan; Du, Chen; Cheung, Shen; Elvang et al.
- $\rightarrow$  New double copies for string theory Mafra, Schlotterer, Stieberger, Taylor, Broedel, Carrasco...  
... Azevedo, Marco Chiodaroli, HJ, Schlotterer
- $\rightarrow$  Conformal gravity HJ, Nohle; Mogull, Teng; Menezes
- $\rightarrow$  Celestial amplitudes Casali, Puhm; Sharma; Monteiro; Brown, Gowdy, Stieberger, Taylor
- $\rightarrow$  Non-perturbative DC Cheung, Mangan, Parra-Martinez, Shah; Armstrong-Williams, White, Wikeley, Stark-Muchão, ...
- $\rightarrow$  New massive DCs: Momeni, Rumbutis, Tolley; Engelbrecht, Jones, Paranjape; Carrillo González;  
Burger, Emond, Moynihan; Lust, Markou, Mazloumi, Stieberger ...

See talks  $\rightarrow$  Mangan, Wikeley, Markou, Moynihan, Engelbrecht; Monteiro; Brown, Gowdy

## **Loop calculations – CK duality & double copy**

# N=4 SYM @ 4-loops: 85 diagrams, 2 masters

Bern, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban



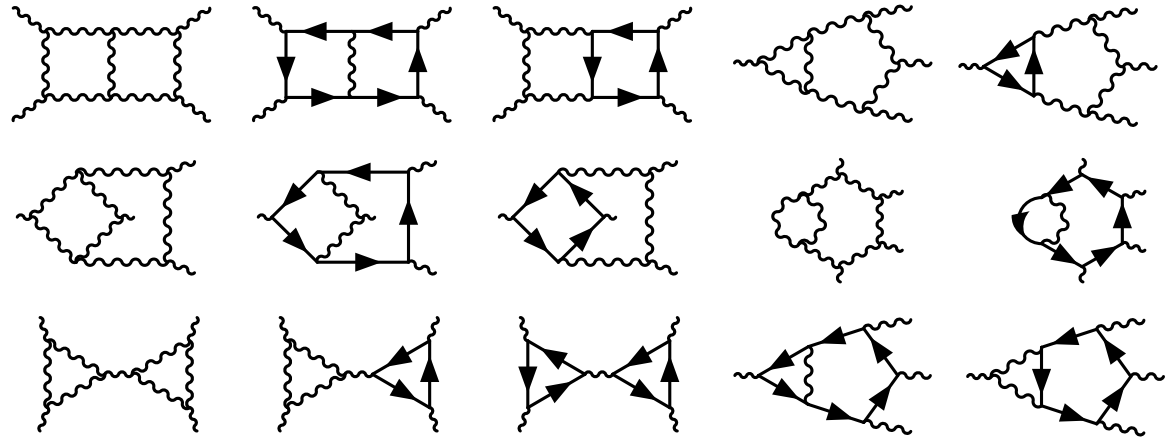
$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{18} &= \frac{1}{4}(6u^2\tau_{25} + u(2s(5\tau_{25} + 2\tau_{26}) - \tau_{15}(7\tau_{16} + 6t)) \\
 &\quad + t(\tau_{15}\tau_{26} - \tau_{25}(\tau_{16} + 7\tau_{26})) + s(4\tau_{15}(t - \tau_{26}) + 6\tau_{36}(\tau_{35} - \tau_{45}) \\
 &\quad - \tau_{16}(4t + 5\tau_{25}) - \tau_{46}(5\tau_{35} + \tau_{45})) + 2s^2(t + \tau_{26} - \tau_{35} + \tau_{36} + \tau_{56}), \\
 N_{28} &= \frac{1}{4}(s(2\tau_{15}t + \tau_{16}(2t - 5\tau_{25} + \tau_{35}) + 5\tau_{35}(\tau_{26} + \tau_{36}) + 2t(2\tau_{46} - \tau_{56}) - 10u\tau_{25} \\
 &\quad - 4s^2\tau_{25} - 6u(\tau_{46}(t - \tau_{25} + \tau_{45}) + \tau_{25}\tau_{26}) - t(\tau_{15}(4\tau_{36} + 5\tau_{46}) + 5\tau_{25}\tau_{36})).
 \end{aligned}$$

# Complete $N=2$ SQCD 2-loop calculation

Integrand computed using color-kinematics duality  
and supersymmetric decomposition

HJ, Kälin, Mogull ('17)

- two-loop SQCD amplitude
- color-kinematics manifest
- planar + non-planar
- $N_f$  massless quarks
- integrand valid in  $D \leq 6$



e.g. simple SQCD  
numerators

$$n \left( \begin{array}{c} 4^+ \\ \ell_2 \downarrow \\ 3^+ \end{array} \left[ \text{diagram} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \ell_1 \\ 2^- \\ 1^- \end{array} \right) = -\kappa_{12} \mu_{12},$$

$$n \left( \begin{array}{c} 4^+ \\ \ell_2 \downarrow \\ 3^- \end{array} \left[ \text{diagram} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \ell_1 \\ 2^+ \\ 1^- \end{array} \right) = \frac{\kappa_{13}}{u^2} \text{tr}_-(1\ell_1 24\ell_2 3)$$

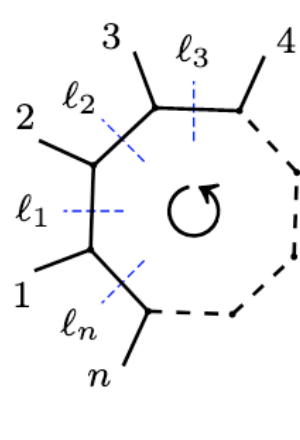
$$n \left( \begin{array}{c} 4^- \\ \ell_2 \downarrow \\ 3^+ \end{array} \left[ \text{diagram} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \ell_1 \\ 2^+ \\ 1^- \end{array} \right) = \frac{\kappa_{14}}{t^2} \text{tr}_-(1\ell_1 23\ell_2 4)$$

trace-rep. from  
**1811.09604**  
Kälin, Mogull,  
Ochirov

# Perfecting one-loop BCJ numerators ?

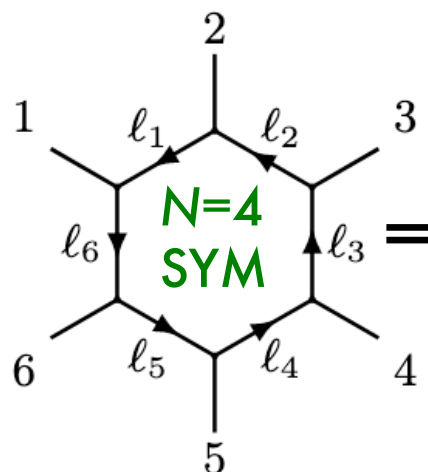
Edison, He, HJ, Schlotterer, Teng, Zhang

All-multiplicity numerators modulo contact terms:



$$= \left[ \begin{aligned} & n_v \text{tr} \prod_{i=1}^n \left( (\epsilon_i \cdot l_i) \mathbf{1}_{\text{Vec}} - f_i \right) + (n_s - 2n_v) \prod_{i=1}^n (\epsilon_i \cdot l_i) \\ & - \frac{n_l + n_r}{4} \text{tr} \prod_{i=1}^n \left( (\epsilon_i \cdot l_i) \mathbf{1}_{\text{Dirac}} - \not{f}_i \right) \\ & + \frac{n_l - n_r}{4} \text{tr} \left[ \Gamma \not{\epsilon}_1 \not{l}_1 \prod_{i=2}^n \left( (\epsilon_i \cdot l_i) \mathbf{1}_{\text{Dirac}} - \not{f}_i \right) \right], \end{aligned} \right]$$

Explicit numerators for 6-7pt  $N = 4$  SYM and 5pt  $N = 2$  SYM in d-dim

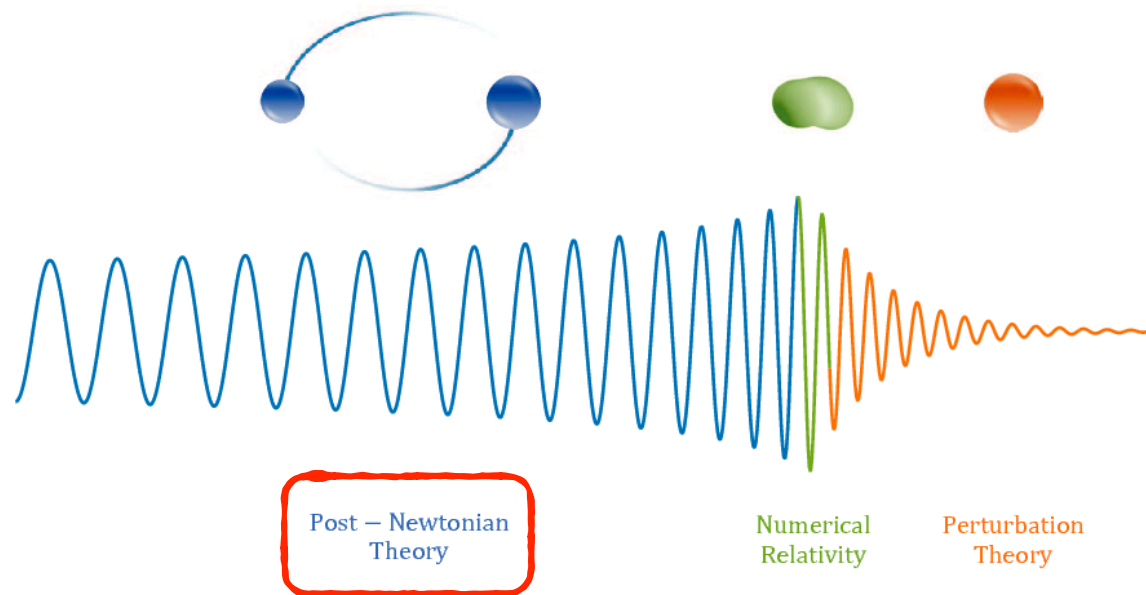


$$= \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left[ \epsilon_1 \cdot l_1 \epsilon_2 \cdot l_2 \text{tr}_{(\text{max})}(f_3 f_4 f_5 f_6) + (1, 2 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) \right] \\ & - \left[ \epsilon_1 \cdot l_1 \text{tr}_{(\text{max})}(f_2 f_3 f_4 f_5 f_6) + \text{cyclic}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) \right] + \text{tr}_{(\text{max})}(f_1 f_2 f_3 f_4 f_5 f_6) \\ & + \frac{1}{40} \left[ \epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2 (3l_2^2 - 10l_1^2 + 3l_6^2) \text{tr}_{(\text{max})}(f_3 f_4 f_5 f_6) \right. \\ & \quad + \epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_3 (l_3^2 - 3l_2^2 - 3l_1^2 + l_6^2) \text{tr}_{(\text{max})}(f_2 f_4 f_5 f_6) \\ & \quad \left. - \epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_4 (l_1^2 + l_6^2) \text{tr}_{(\text{max})}(f_2 f_3 f_5 f_6) + \text{cyclic}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) \right]. \end{aligned} \right]$$



# **Double copy and black hole amplitudes**

# Double copy and gravitational waves



## Explicit PM calculations done using double copy:

Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Festuccia, Planté, Vanhove ('18)

Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng ('19)+ Ruf, Parra-Martinez ('21)

Brandhuber, Chen, Travaglini, Wen (21)

## Some methods developed for PM calc. using double copy:

Bjerrum-Bohr, Cristofoli, Damgaard, Gomez+Brown;

Cristofoli, Gonzo, Kosower, O'Connell;

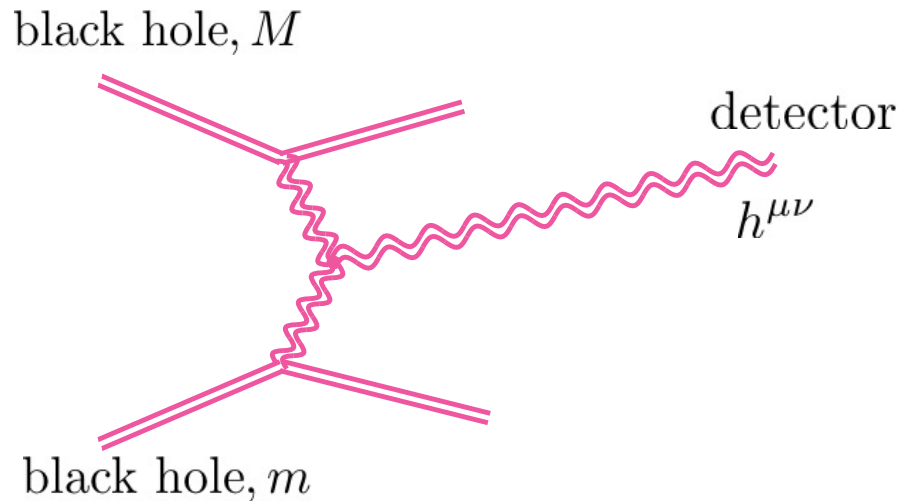
Maybee, O'Connell, Vines; Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White; ...

See talks → Roiban, Alessio, Aoude, Pichini, Ochirov

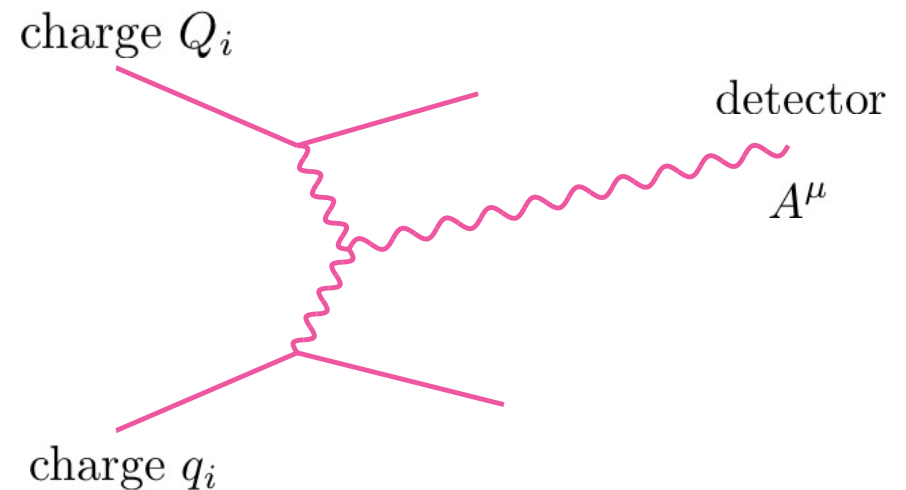
# Gravitational radiation

LIGO/VIRGO observations → motivates high-order PN, PM calcs.

BH gravitational scattering



analog non-abelian gauge-theory process



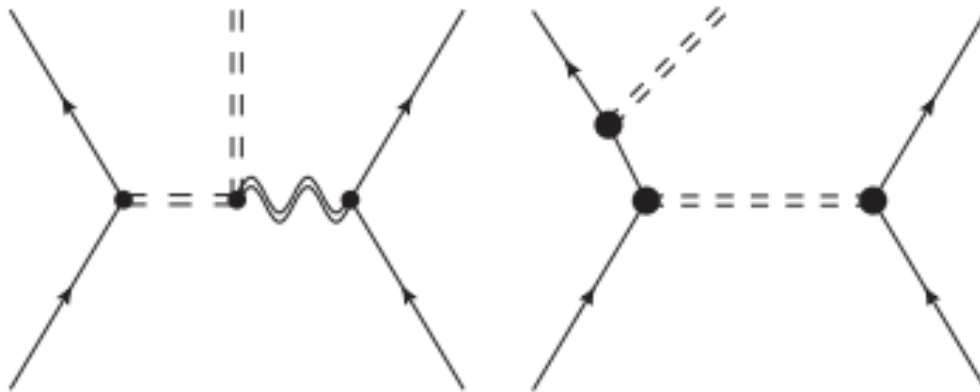
Using double copy  
for GW, potentials,  
observables :

Goldberger, Ridgway; Prabhu, Thompson; Li,  
Luna, Monteiro, Nicholson, O'Connell, White; Shen;  
Plefka, Steinhoff, Wormsbecher; Plefka, Shi, Steinhoff, Wang;  
Maybee, O'Connell, Vines;  
Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng;  
Bern, Kosmopoulos, Luna, Roiban, Teng;  
Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen; [...]

# Removing the dilaton ?

For massive processes the dilaton couples to mass

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{matter}} \sim \sqrt{-g}(\partial_\mu \bar{\varphi} \partial^\mu \varphi - m^2 e^{-\phi} \bar{\varphi} \varphi) + \dots$$



see e.g.

Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White;  
Plefka, Shi, Wang;  
HJ, Ochirov

Can be removed by compensating diagrams Luna, Nicholson, O'Connell, White  
or projectors applied to on-shell states Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng;  
Carrasco, Vazquez-Holm

However, methods not completely satisfactory:

- What is the most efficient approach?
- Is removal complete for all physical processes?
- General framework for different theories? (cf. HJ, Ochirov for pure GR)

# AHH amplitudes $\leftrightarrow$ Kerr BH?

Arkani-Hamed, Huang, Huang ('17) wrote down natural higher-spin amplitudes:

Kerr 3pt:

$$M(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3h^+) = im^2 x^2 \frac{\langle \mathbf{12} \rangle^{2s}}{m^{2s}}, \quad M(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3h^-) = i \frac{m^2}{x^2} \frac{[\mathbf{12}]^{2s}}{m^{2s}}$$

Root-Kerr 3pt:

$$A(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3A^+) = mx \frac{\langle \mathbf{12} \rangle^{2s}}{m^{2s}}, \quad A(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3A^-) = \frac{m}{x} \frac{[\mathbf{12}]^{2s}}{m^{2s}}$$

Shown to reproduce Kerr by: Guevara, Ochirov, Vines ('18); Vines ('17)

Gravity Compton amplitude  
via BCFW recursion ?

$$M(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3h^+, 4h^+) = i \frac{\langle \mathbf{12} \rangle^{2s} [34]^4}{m^{2s-4} s_{12} t_{13} t_{14}}$$

$$M(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3h^-, 4h^+) = i \frac{[4|p_1|3\rangle^{4-2s} ([41]\langle 32\rangle + [42]\langle 31\rangle)^{2s}}{s_{12} t_{13} t_{14}}$$

Problem: spurious pole for  $s > 2$

# EFTs for root-Kerr AHH amplitudes ?

Rewrite the 3pt AHH amplitudes on covariant form  $\rightarrow$  identify theory

1) introduce generating series, e.g.

Chiodaroli, HJ, Pichini;  
HJ, Ochirov

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} A(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3A^+) = \frac{mx}{1 - \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^2}{m^2}}$$

2) rewrite covariantly (both helicity sectors):

$$\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} A(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3A) = A_{\phi\phi A} + \frac{A_{WWA} - (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)^2 A_{\phi\phi A}}{(1 + \epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)^2 + \frac{2}{m^2} \epsilon_1 \cdot p_2 \epsilon_2 \cdot p_1}$$

$$A_{\phi\phi A} \equiv i\sqrt{2} \epsilon_3 \cdot p_1, \quad A_{WWA} \equiv i\sqrt{2} (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2 \epsilon_3 \cdot p_2 + \epsilon_2 \cdot \epsilon_3 \epsilon_1 \cdot p_3 + \epsilon_3 \cdot \epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 \cdot p_1)$$

$s = 0$  &  $s = 1/2$  minimally coupled scalar & fermion  
 $s = 1$  W-boson  $s = 3/2$  charged/massive gravitino

# EFTs for Kerr AHH amplitudes?

Related to the root-Kerr via double copy

$$M(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3h^\pm) = iA(1\phi^{s_L}, 2\bar{\phi}^{s_L}, 3A^\pm)A(1\phi^{s_R}, 2\bar{\phi}^{s_R}, 3A^\pm)$$

3pt works for any decomposition:  $s = s_L + s_R$

Preferred decomposition  $s = 1 + (s - 1)$  give fewest derivatives :

$$\sum_{2s=0}^{\infty} M(1\phi^s, 2\bar{\phi}^s, 3h) = M_{0\oplus 1/2} + A_{WWA} \left( A_{0\oplus 1/2} + \frac{A_{1\oplus 3/2} - (\epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)^2 A_{0\oplus 1/2}}{(1 + \epsilon_1 \cdot \epsilon_2)^2 + \frac{2}{m^2} \epsilon_1 \cdot p_2 \epsilon_2 \cdot p_1} \right)$$

From double-copy structure:

$$\begin{array}{ll} s = 0, s = 1/2, s = 1, s = 3/2 & \text{min-coupled matter} \\ & \text{(Proca, Rarita-Schwinger)} \\ s = 2 & \text{Kaluza-Klein graviton} \end{array}$$

Also works for Compton and beyond (Lagrangians known)

# Summary of EFTs

EFTs	$s = 1/2$	$s = 1$	$s = 3/2$	$s = 2$	$s = 5/2$	$s \geq 3$
Kerr	Major.	Proca	Rar.-Sch.	KK grav.	[26]	HS
$\sqrt{\text{Kerr}}$	Dirac	W-boson	gravitino	HS	-	HS

The  $s \leq 2$  Kerr ampl's for admit double copies to any multiplicity

$$(\text{YM} + \text{scalar}) \otimes (\text{YM} + \text{scalar}) = (\text{GR} + \text{scalar})$$

$$(\text{YM} + \text{scalar}) \otimes (\text{YM} + \text{fermion}) = (\text{GR} + \text{fermion})$$

$$(\text{YM} + \text{scalar}) \otimes (\text{YM} + \text{W-boson}) = (\text{GR} + \text{Proca})$$

$$(\text{YM} + \text{W-boson}) \otimes (\text{YM} + \text{fermion}) = (\text{GR} + \text{massive gravitino})$$

$$(\text{YM} + \text{W-boson}) \otimes (\text{YM} + \text{W-boson}) = (\text{GR} + \text{massive KK graviton})$$

Lagrangians unique: have no non-minimal terms beyond cubic order in fields

Can be used for  $(S^\mu)^{\leq 4}$  PM/PN calculations.

Compton  $(S^\mu)^4$  to be confirmed via other methods (BHPT, worldline).

See: Bautista, Guevara, Kavanagh, Vines; Aoude, Haddad, Helset;

Cangemi, Chiodaroli, HJ, Ochirov, Pichini, Skvortsov

→ Pichini



# Summary & Outlook

- Color-kinematics duality lies at the root of gravity:
  - makes perturbative GR more manageable!
  - allows for simpler classification of gravity theories
  - kinematic algebra is a well-hidden gem of YM (and GR)
  - useful for PM calculations
- Explored amplitudes for massive spinning matter → Kerr BH ?
  - Double copy works well up to spin-2 (KK graviton)
  - Paolo Pichini can give more details on higher-spin results
- **Not discussed: string theories exhibit novel double copy structures.**  
string tree ampl = String  $\otimes$  QFT Azevedo, Chiodaroli, HJ, Schlotterer ('18)
- **Not discussed: C/K duality in AdS space** (Herderschee, Roiban, Teng; [...])
- **Not discussed: classical double copies of BH solutions** (O'Connell et al. [...])
- **Not discussed: new massive DC, celestial DC, non-perturbative DC.....**

The topic of double copy & CK duality has grown significantly in the last few years, you will hear more about it at QCD Meets Gravity Zurich !



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