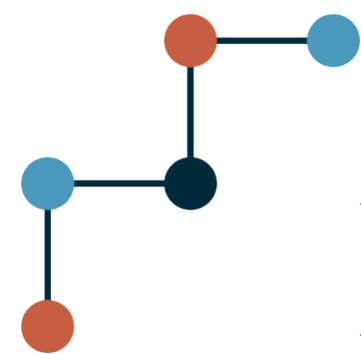


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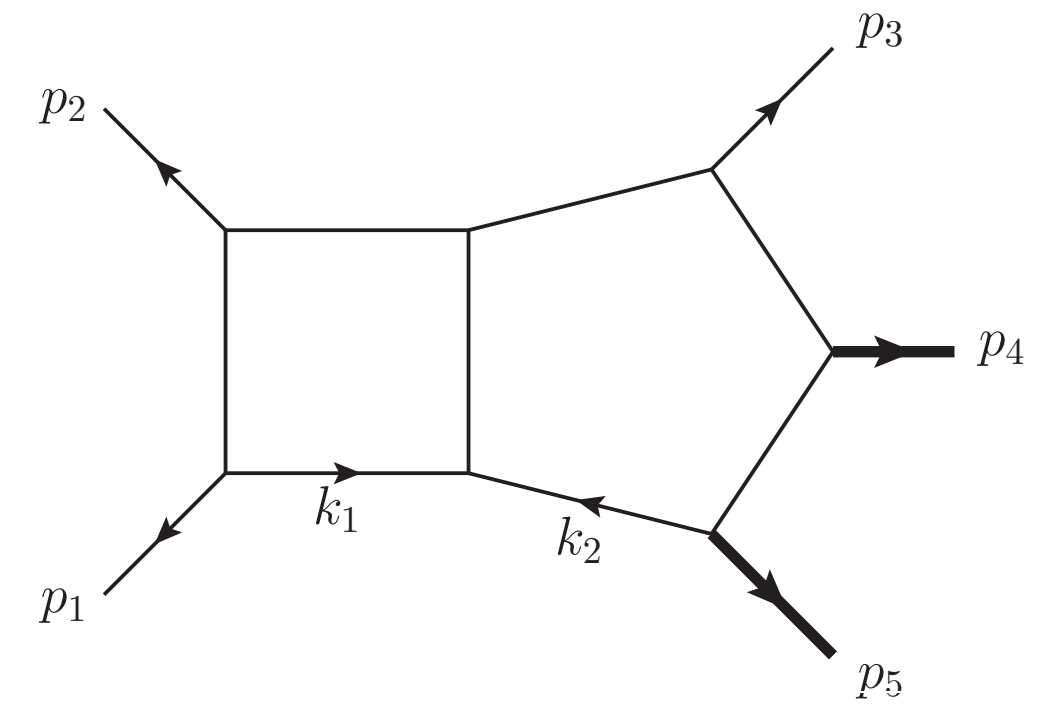
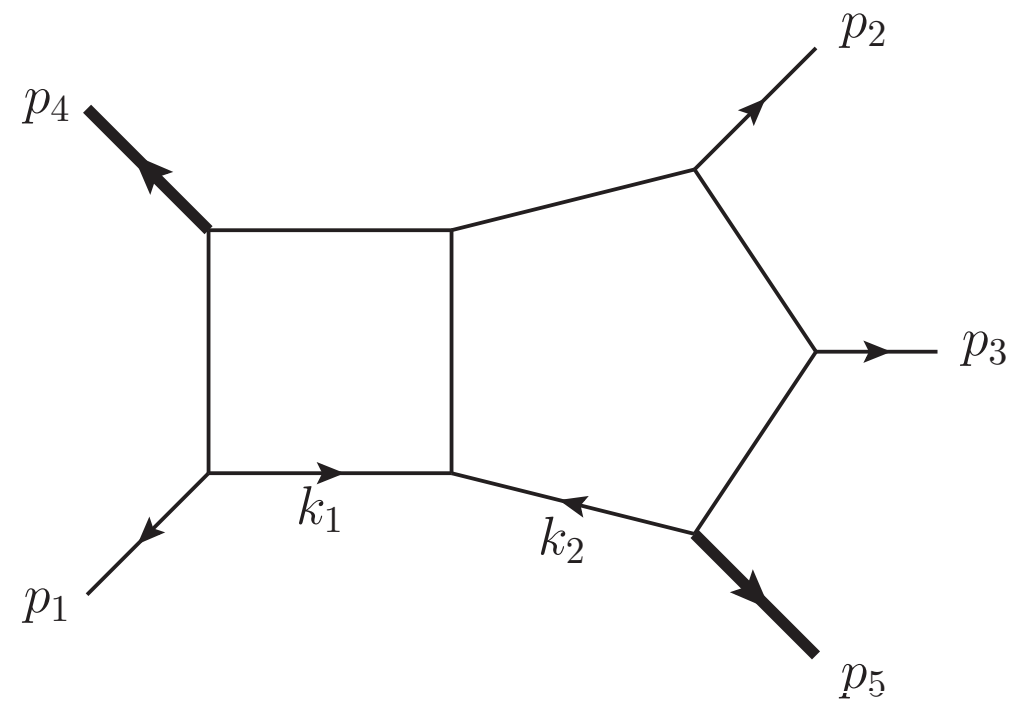
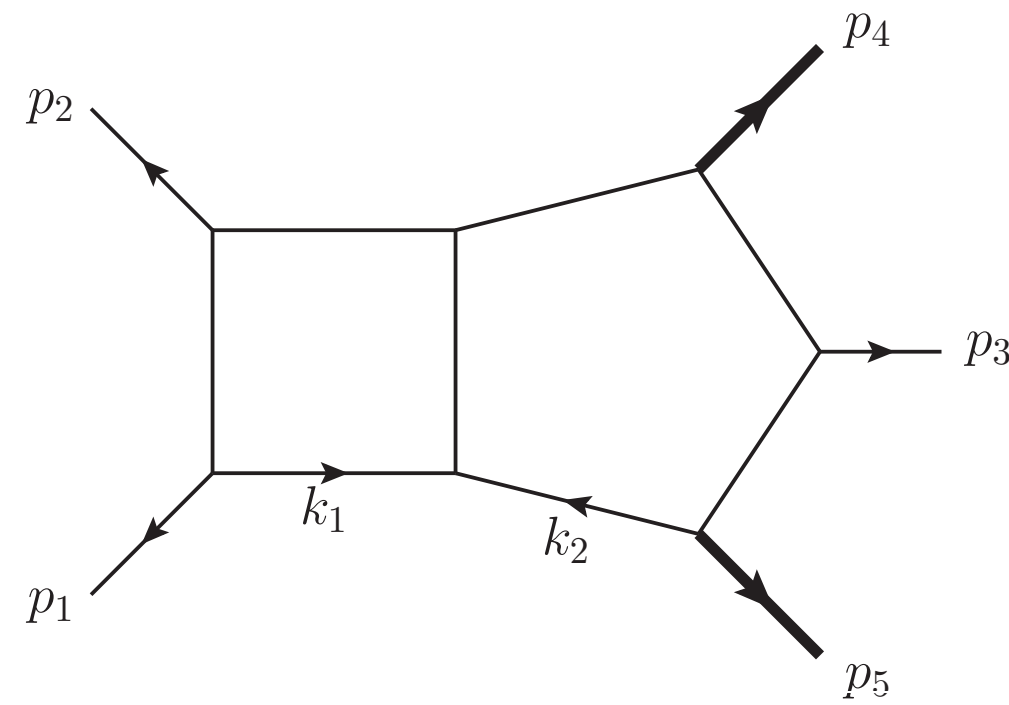
Loop-the-Loop, 12th Nov 2024



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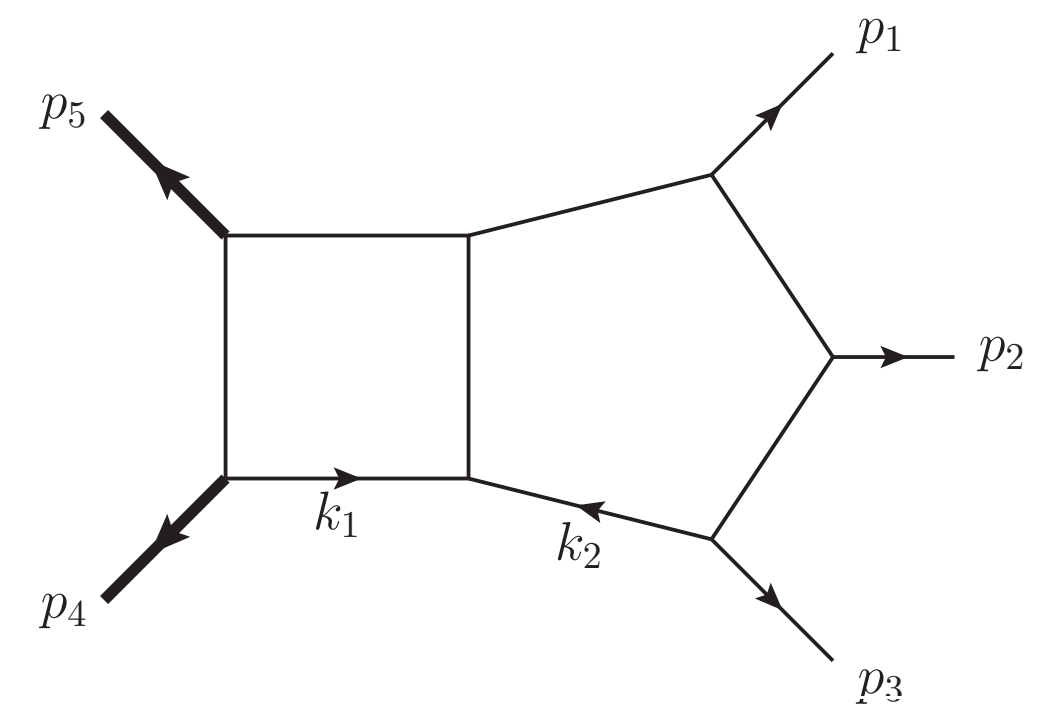
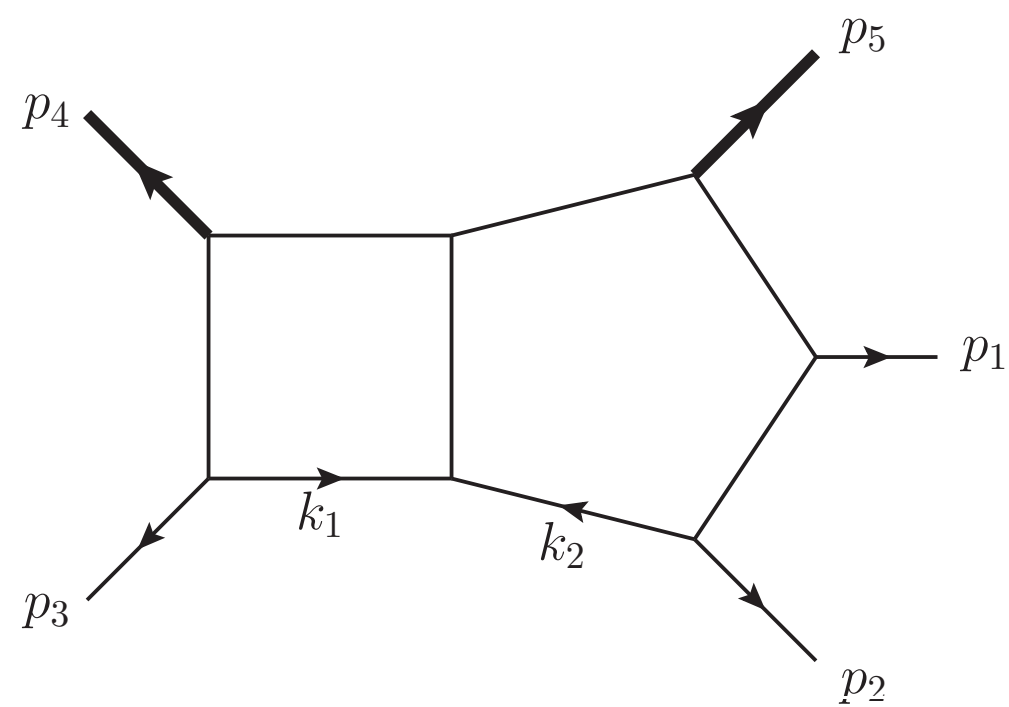
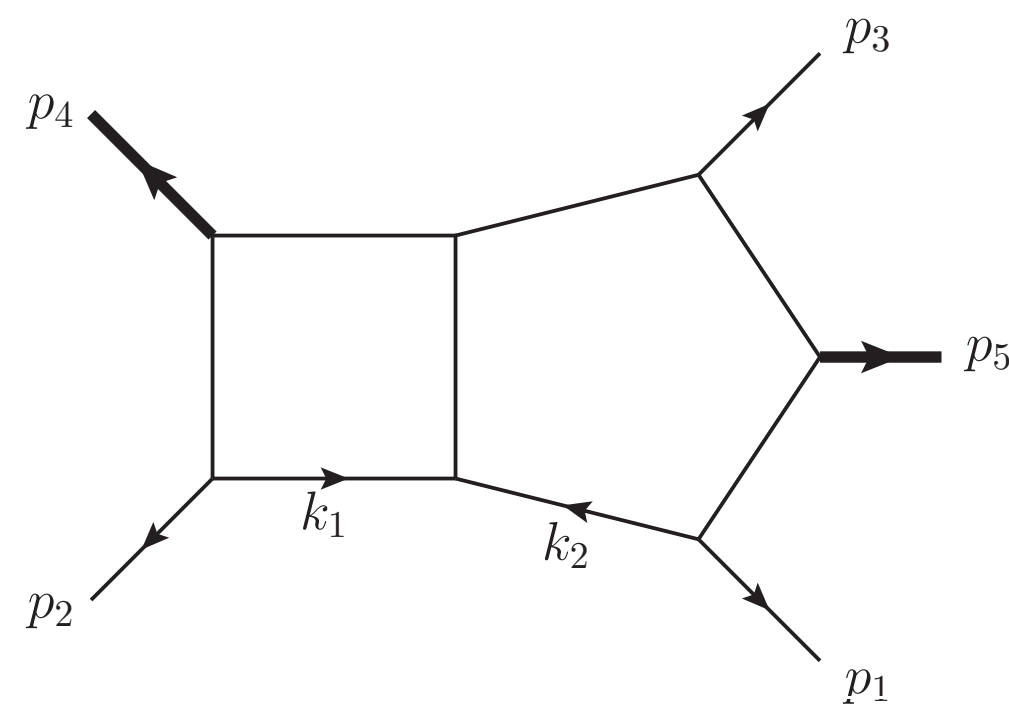


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Based on arXiv:2408.05201, *JHEP* 10 (2024) 167

with **Samuel Abreu, Dmitry Chicherin & Vasily Sotnikov**



Jiang, Liu, Xu, Yang 2024

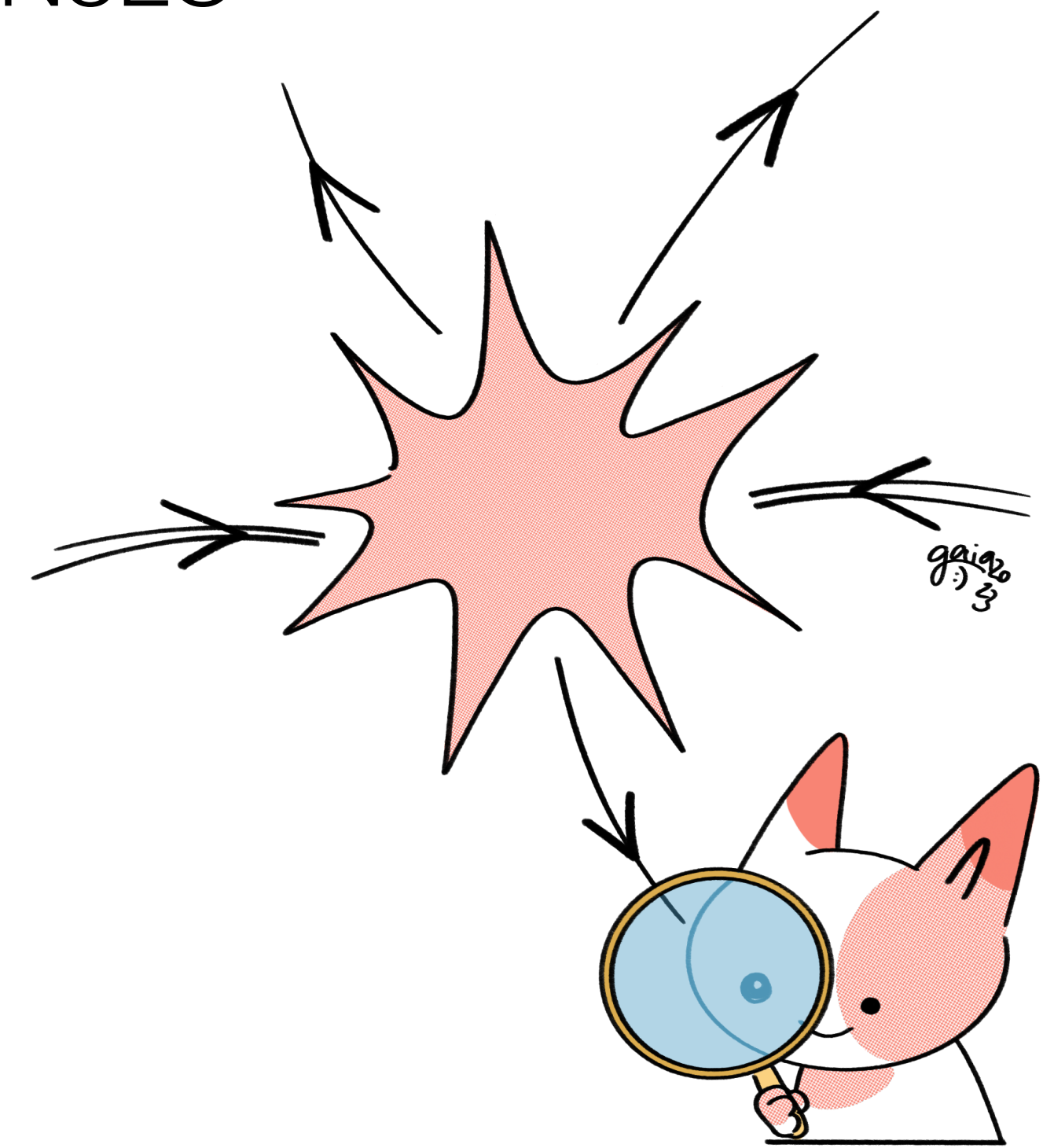
Urgent demand for NNLO QCD for LHC physics

D. Canko

Current frontier: $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes @ NNLO, $2 \rightarrow 2$ @ N3LO

Bottleneck: 2-loop 5-particle scattering amplitudes

Hot topic! See talks by C. Brancaccio, M. Vicini



Analytical data to search for new properties

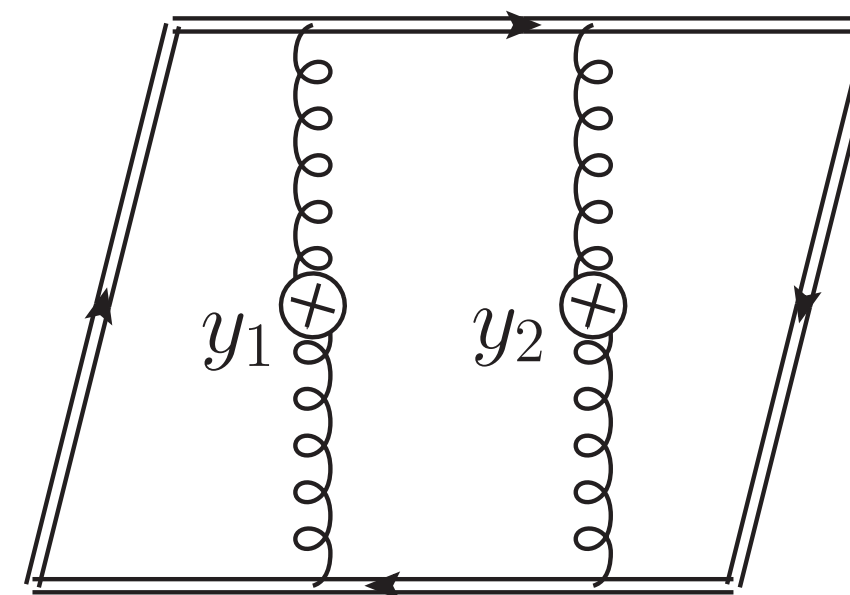
Special functions, (dual) conformal symmetry, positivity, cluster algebras, intersection theory...

P. Mastrolia

Why two external massive legs?

- 0-mass and 1-mass already done... natural next step
- Two heavy vector bosons + jet/photon at hadron colliders @ NNLO QCD
- Two heavy vector bosons at hadron colliders @ N3LO QCD
- Double Lagrangian insertion in four-cusp Wilson loop in planar $N=4$ sYM theory

Single Lagrangian insertion revealed intriguing hidden properties (positivity, conformal symmetry...) *Chicherin, Henn 2022*



Bonus result of our paper 📦

Good news: we're getting better at this

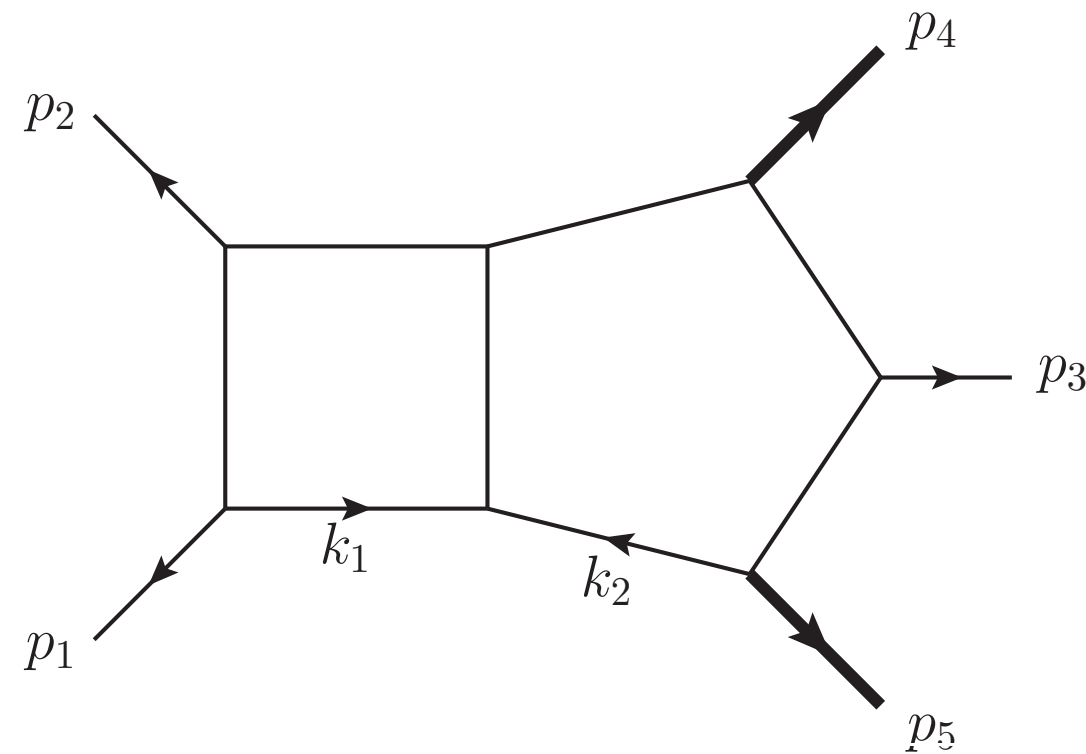
Multi-scale integrals → **method of differential equations**

Going from 1-mass to 2-mass was much easier than from 0 to 1

- We have **better tools**. In this work we used:
 - NeatIBP *Wu, Boehm, Ma, Xu, Zhang '23*
 - AMFlow *Liu, Ma, Wang '18; Liu, Ma '22*
 - Baikovletter *Jiang, Liu, Xu, Yang '24*
 - FiniteFlow *Peraro '19*
- **Finite-field arithmetic** to overcome the algebraic complexity
von Manteuffel, Schabinger '15; Peraro '16
- We see **patterns** emerging

Integral families

Scalar Feynman integrals with the same propagator structure = **integral family**



$$I_{\vec{a}}(X; \epsilon) = \int \frac{d^D k}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\rho_9^{-a_9} \rho_{10}^{-a_{10}} \rho_{11}^{-a_{11}}}{\rho_1^{a_1} \dots \rho_8^{a_8}}$$

$$\{I_{\vec{a}}(X; \epsilon) \mid \forall \vec{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^{11}\}$$

$$\rho_1 = k_1^2$$

$$\rho_2 = (k_1 + p_1)^2$$

$$\rho_3 = (k_1 + p_1 + p_2)^2$$

...

Dimensional regularisation: $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$

7 kinematic variables: $X = (s_{12}, s_{23}, s_{34}, s_{45}, s_{15}, s_4, s_5)$

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

$$s_i = p_i^2$$

Integral bases

Identities among the $I_{\vec{a}}$'s

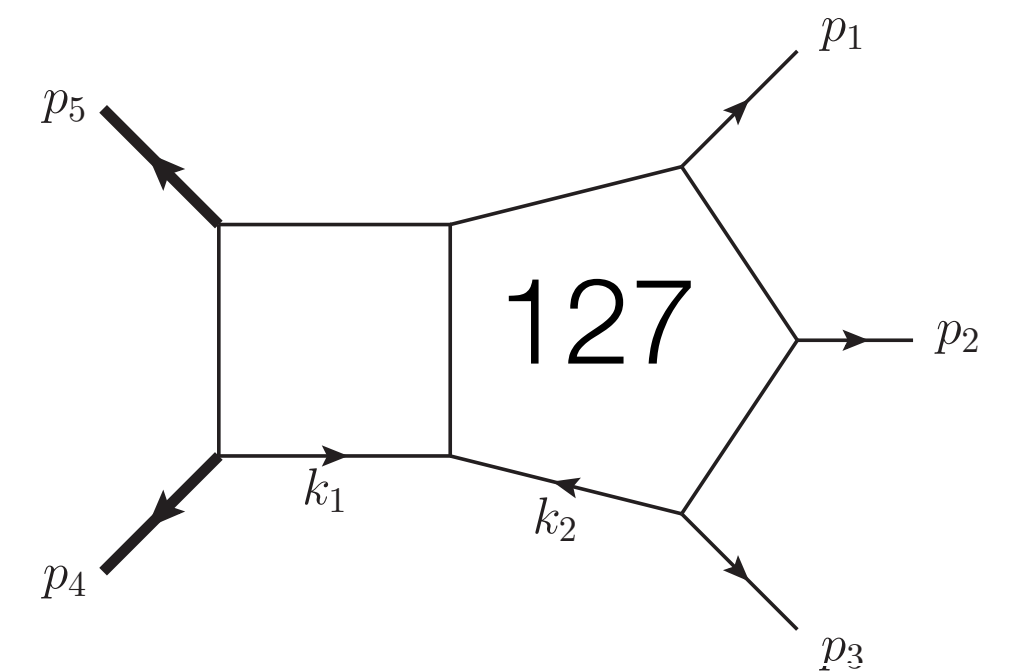
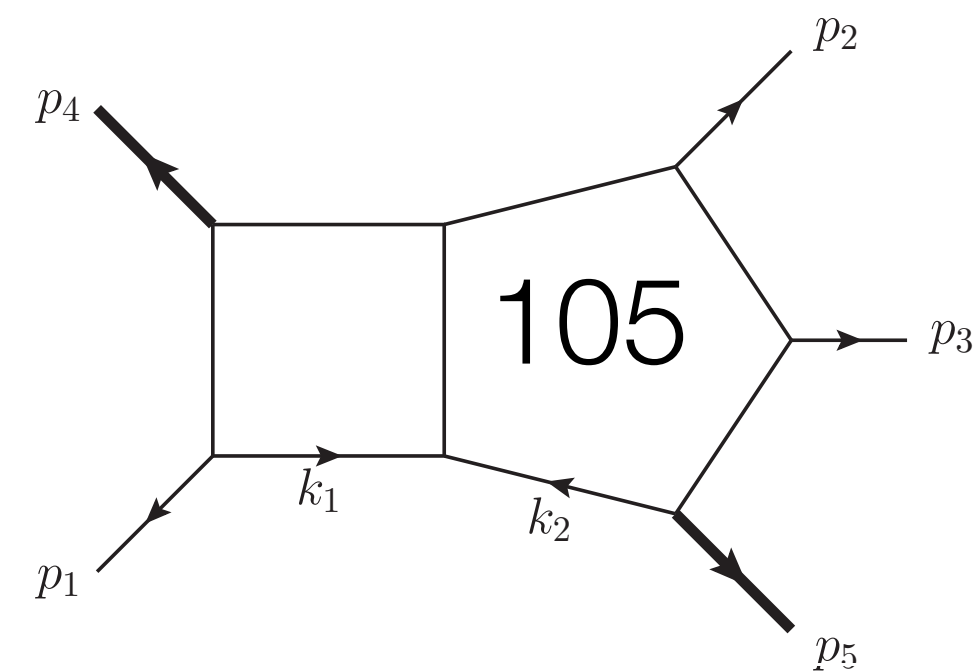
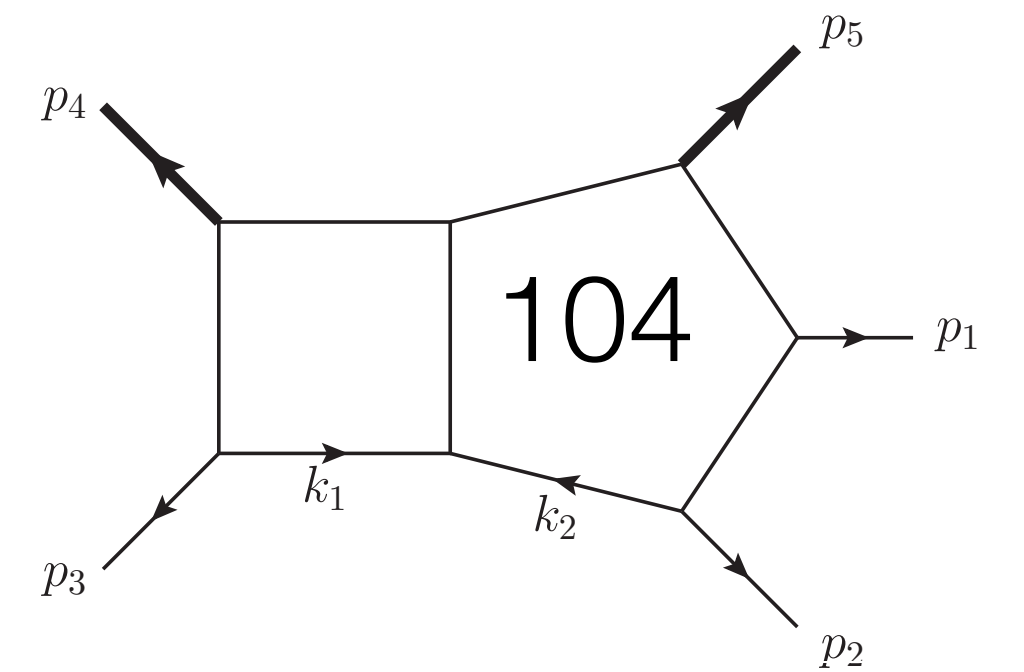
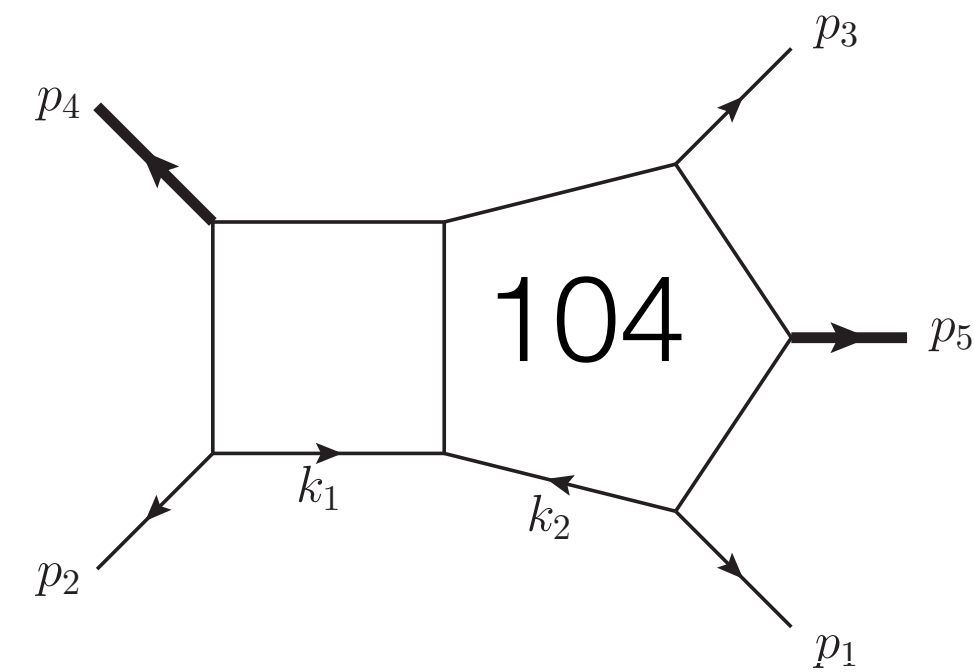
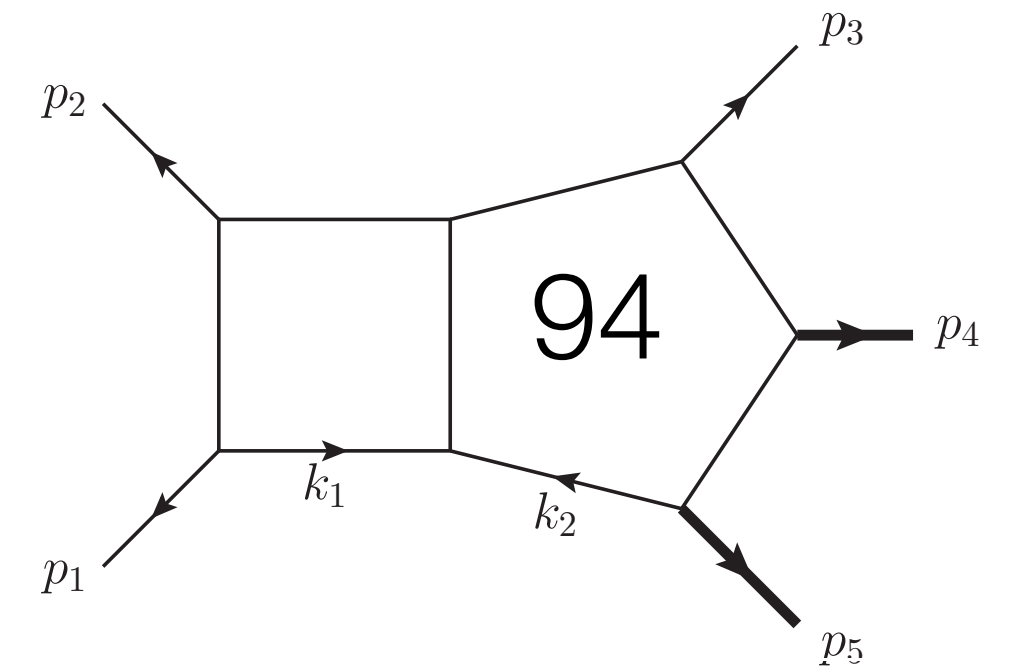
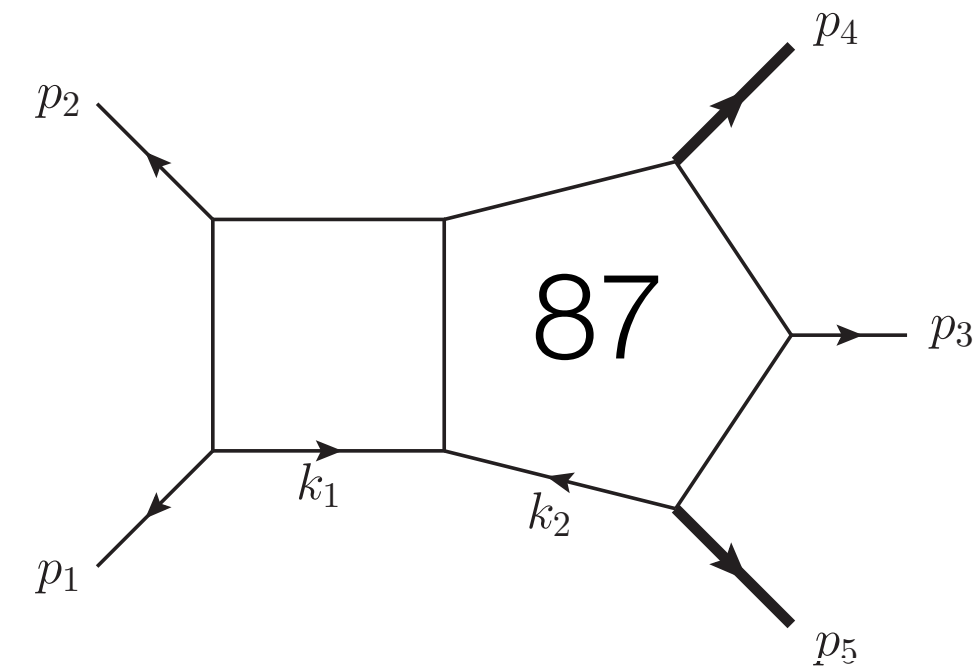
$$p \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} = \frac{3-D}{p^2} \times \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---}$$

e.g. Integration-By-Parts relations

Chetyrkin, Tkachov '81; Laporta 2000



Finite-dimensional basis:
master integrals $\vec{F}(X; \epsilon)$



Integrating by differentiating

Barucchi, Ponzano '73; Kotikov '91; Bern, Dixon, Kosower '94; Gehrmann, Remiddi 2000

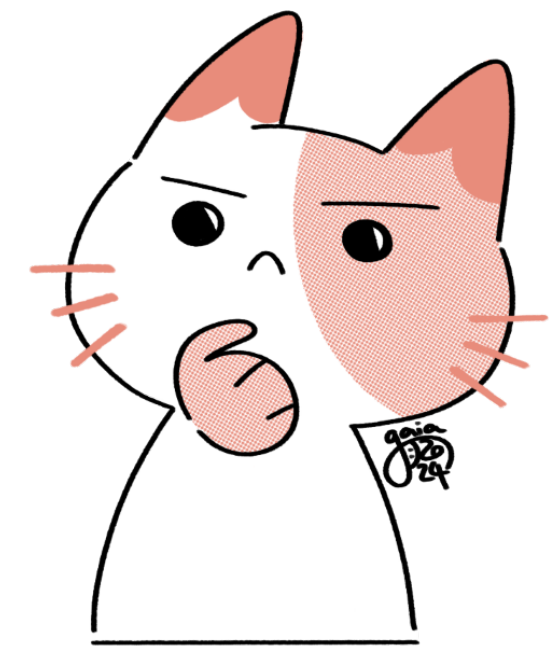
Integral families by construction closed under differentiation

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial s_{12}} \vec{F}(X; \epsilon) &= \sum_{\vec{a}} c_{\vec{a}}(X; \epsilon) I_{\vec{a}}(X; \epsilon) \\ &= A_{s_{12}}(X; \epsilon) \cdot \vec{F}(X; \epsilon)\end{aligned}$$

IBP reduction

System of 1st order linear PDEs for the MIs \vec{F}

How do we solve it? Is there a “natural” basis?



Canonical form

Henn 2013

$$d\vec{F}(X; \epsilon) = \epsilon d\tilde{A}(X) \cdot \vec{F}(X; \epsilon)$$

$$d\vec{F} = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial s_{12}} ds_{12} + \dots + \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial s_5} ds_5$$

- Factorisation of ϵ makes ϵ -expansion of the solution easy
- In the best understood cases, the connection matrix $\tilde{A}(X)$ takes the form

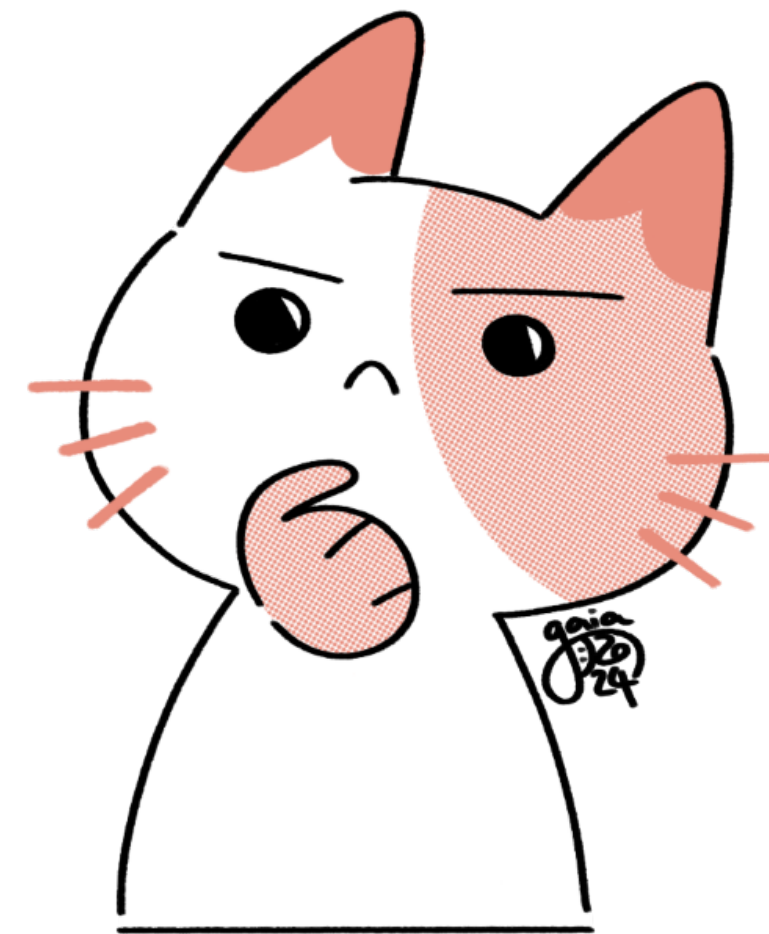
$$\tilde{A}(X) = \sum_i A_i \log W_i(X)$$

$W_i(X) = \mathbf{letters} = \text{singularities of the solution}$

We know how to proceed from here!

How do we construct a canonical basis?

Is the IBP reduction a problem?



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A lot of progress, but still no general algorithm

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$$\begin{array}{c}
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 \\
 \rightarrow \quad p^2 \sqrt{1 - 4x} \times \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowleft \\ \text{2D} \end{array} \quad \checkmark \quad \quad \quad x = \frac{m^2}{p^2}
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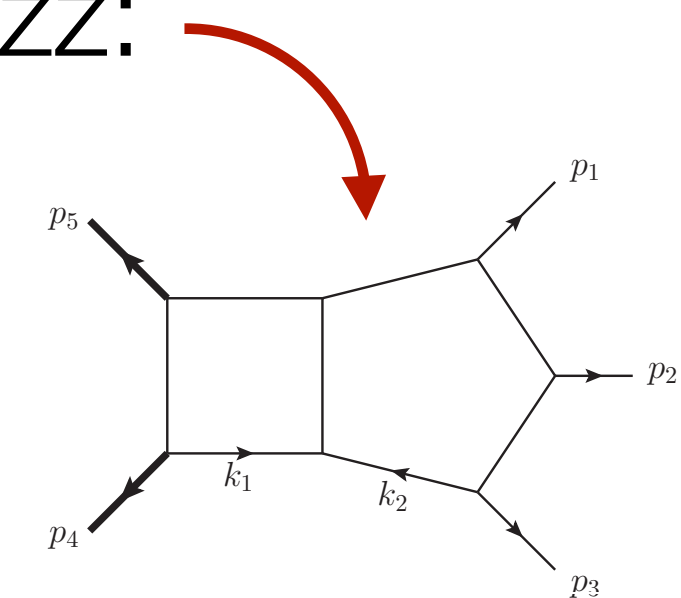
This is how square roots enter the game!



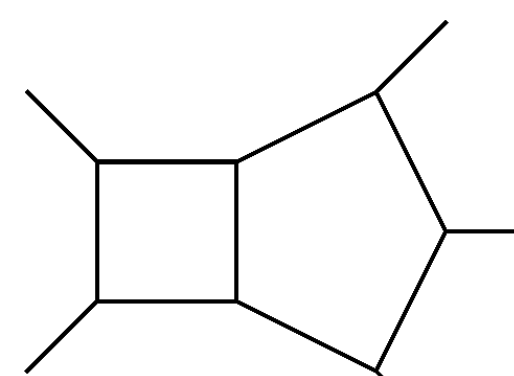
Study emerging patterns

Top sector has 3 MIs for all but PBzzz:

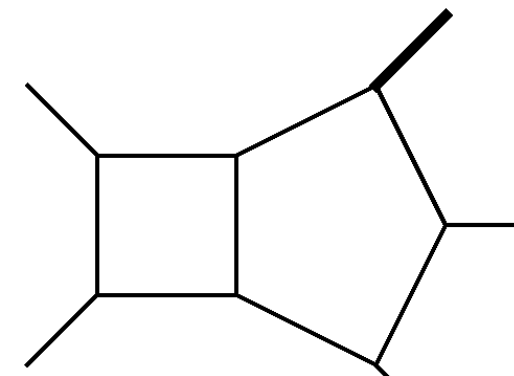
1. $\sqrt{\Delta_5} (p_i + p_j)^2 \mu_{12}$
2. $\sqrt{\Delta_5} (p_i + p_j)^2 \mu_{22}$
3. $C_1 (k_2 - p_i)^2 + C_2 k_2^2$



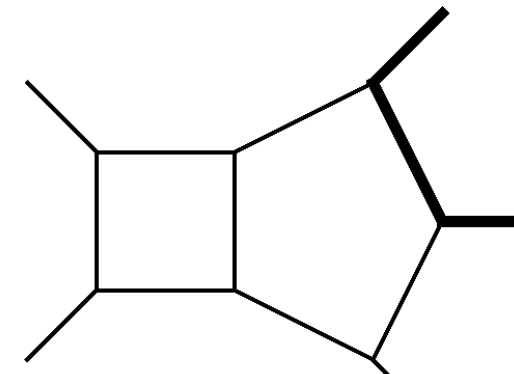
Also in Jiang, Liu, Xu, Yang 2024



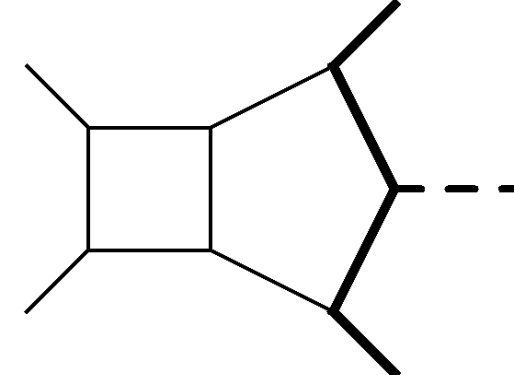
Gehrman, Henn, Lo Presti '15; Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever '15



Abreu, Ita, Moriello, Page, Tschernow, Zeng '20



Badger, Becchetti, Chaubey, Marzucca '23; Badger, Becchetti, Giraud, SZ '24



Febres Cordero, Figueiredo, Kraus, Page, Reina '24

4th MI for PBzzz:

$$4. s_{45} \sqrt{\Delta_5} \sqrt{\lambda(s_4, s_5, s_{45})} \left(\dots \mu_{12} \dots + \mu_{22} + \dots \right)$$

$$\mu_{ij} = k_i^{[-2\epsilon]} \cdot k_j^{[-2\epsilon]} \propto G(\{k_i, p_1, \dots, p_4\}, \{k_j, p_1, \dots, p_4\})$$

Complicated if not recognised!

A LOT of trial and error

Often need to try many candidates → cheap tests are crucial



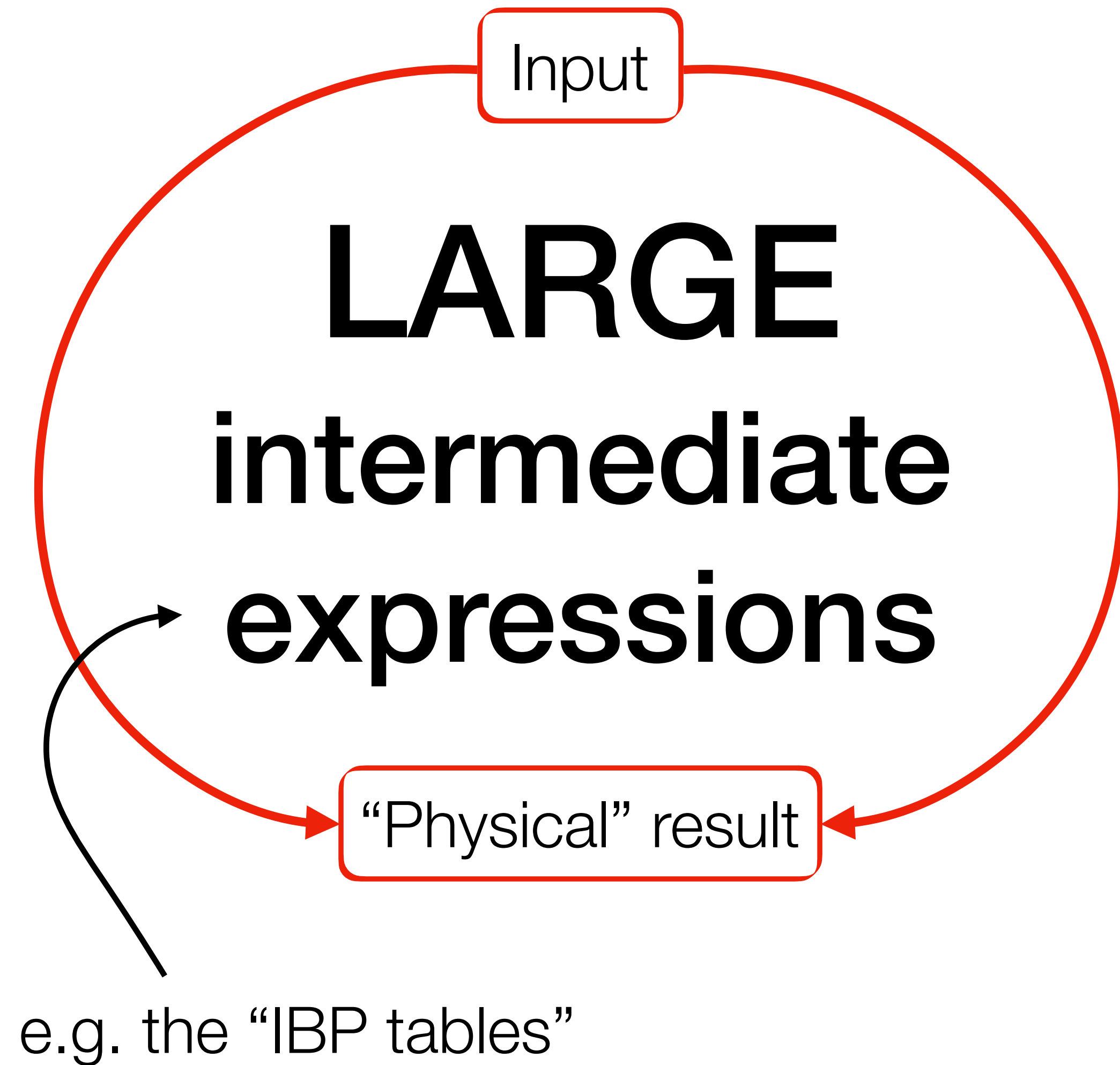
- Start from the **maximal cuts**, sector by sector
- Work on **univariate slices**

$$d\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & d & e \\ 0 & 0 & f \end{pmatrix} \cdot \vec{F}$$

- Vary only ϵ and fix kinematics
→ check ϵ -degrees + spurious singularities mixing ϵ and kinematics
- Vary kinematic variables w.r.t. single parameter: $X = A + tB$
→ Polynomial degrees of entries, singularities, simple poles...

Go fully analytic only when the basis is already “good”

IBP reduction hindered by algebraic complexity



Laporta algorithm: *Laporta 2000*

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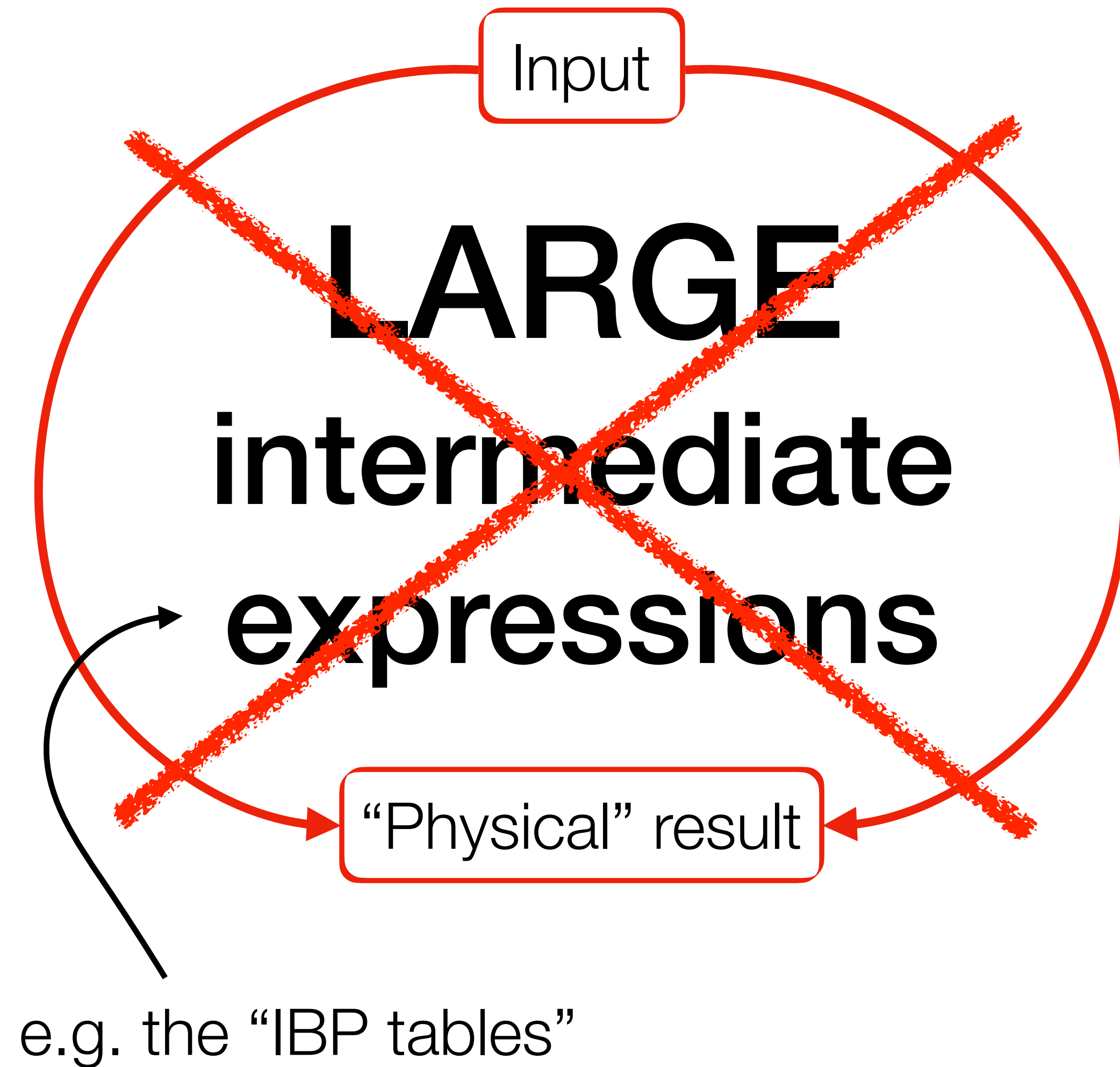
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Expression swell bypassed through finite fields

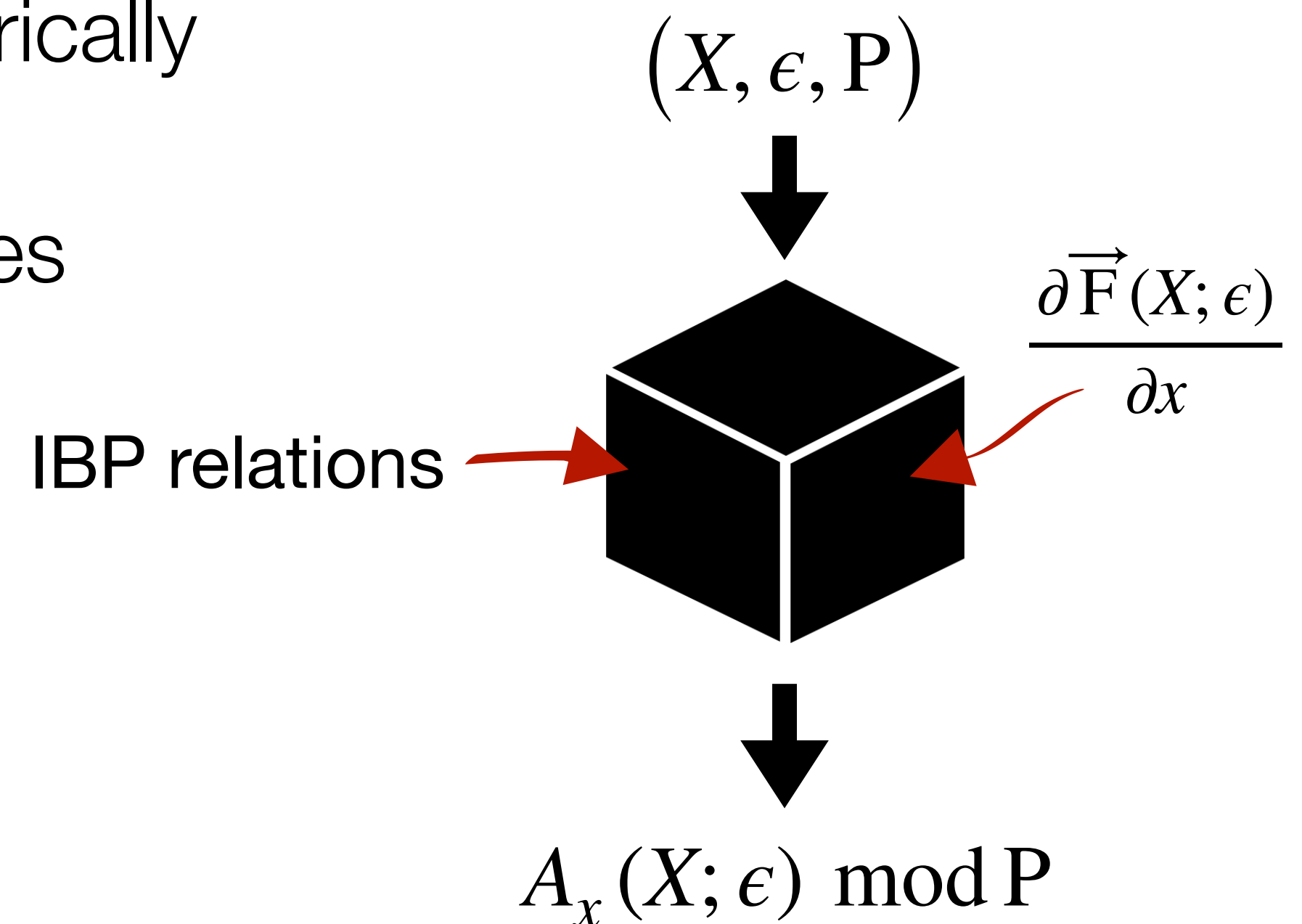
von Manteuffel, Schabinger 2015; Peraro 2016

- Evaluate rational functions at numerical points (X, ϵ) modulo prime \rightarrow finite field
- Perform all intermediate rational operations numerically
- Reconstruct the final result from numerical samples

Public implementations for IBP reduction:

- FIRE *Smirnov, Chukharev 2019*
- Kira *Klappert, Lange, Maierhöfer, Usovitsch 2020*

Mathematica/C++ framework **FiniteFlow** *Peraro 2019*



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Alphabet can be determined without knowing the DEs

- Leading singularities
- Package Baikovletter *Jiang, Liu, Xu, Yang 2024*
- Landau equations (*Fevola, Mizera, Telen 2024; Caron-Huot, Correia, Giroux 2024*), coactions, cluster algebras, intersection theory, Schubert problem...

talk by M. Giroux



If all else fails... Rational letters = denominators of the DEs: $d \log W(x) = \frac{dW(x)}{W(x)}$

letters = # linearly independent entries of $\sum_x A_x(X) dx \rightarrow$ computable numerically!

Systematic construction of algebraic letters

Algebraic letters inherit notion of “**charge**” from the master integrals

$$\vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\Delta} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} g_1 \Big|_{\sqrt{\Delta} \rightarrow -\sqrt{\Delta}} = -g_1 \rightarrow \text{odd} \\ g_2 \Big|_{\sqrt{\Delta} \rightarrow -\sqrt{\Delta}} = g_2 \rightarrow \text{even} \end{array} \quad d\vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{even} & \text{odd} \\ \text{odd} & \text{even} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \vec{g}$$

Letters with different charges do not talk to each other \rightarrow split the problem!

Algebraic letters are singular where (some of) the rational letters vanish

$$d \log \left(\frac{P + \sqrt{\Delta}}{P - \sqrt{\Delta}} \right) = \frac{\dots}{\sqrt{\Delta} (P^2 - \Delta)} \quad \rightarrow \quad P^2 - \Delta \propto \prod_{\text{rational}} W_i^{k_i}$$

Manifestly odd
Ansatz
Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger 2019; SZ 2020

Planar 2-loop 5-point 2-mass alphabet

(Covering all permutations of external legs)

570 independent letters,
215 rational letters,
44 square roots
236 letters odd w.r.t. 1 square root
119 letters odd w.r.t. 2 square roots

Planar 2-loop 5-pt. alphabets:


0-mass: **31** letters, **1** square root

Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti '15;
Chicherin, Henn, Mitev '17

1-mass: **156** letters, **4** square roots

Abreu, Ita, Moriello, Page, Tschernow, Zeng '20;
Chicherin, Sotnikov, SZ '21

Most of the letters obtained
with **Baikovletter**


$$\frac{P + Q\sqrt{\Delta_1}\sqrt{\Delta_2}}{P - Q\sqrt{\Delta_1}\sqrt{\Delta_2}}$$

Numerical evaluation through series expansions

Numerical evaluation in Euclidean and physical region with **AMFlow** *Liu, Ma, Wang '18;*
Liu, Ma '22 + FiniteFlow *Peraro '19* & LiteRed *Lee '12* for the IBPs → boundary values ✓

Evolve solution to other phase-space points with **DiffExp** *Hidding 2020*

Generalised power-series solutions with finite convergence radius

$$\sum_{j_1 \geq 0} \sum_{j_2=0}^{N_i} c_i^{j_1, j_2} (t - t_i)^{\frac{j_1}{2}} \log^{j_2}(t - t_i)$$

Moriello '19; Hidding '20;
Armadillo et al. '22; Liu, Ma '22

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Solution with method of **pentagon functions** underway

Abreu, Chicherin, Sotnikov, SZ
work in progress...

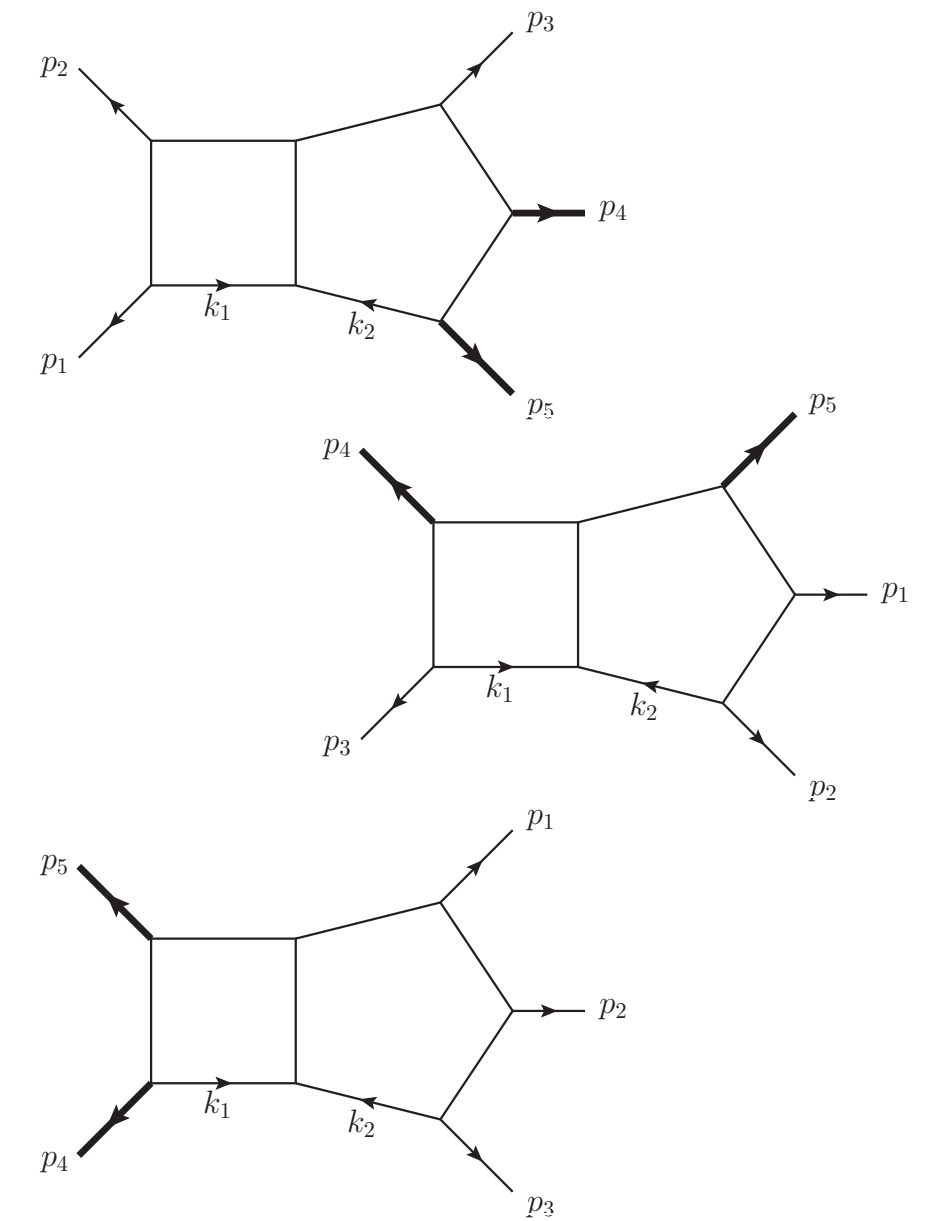
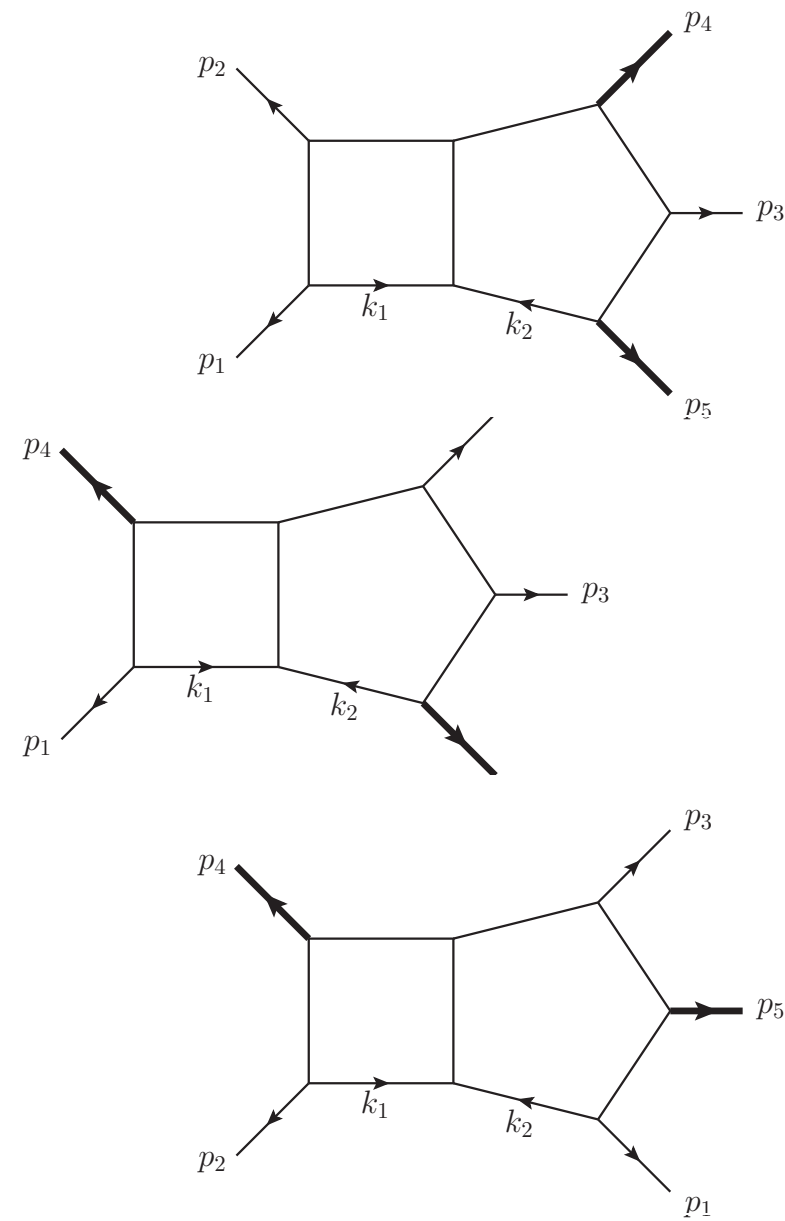
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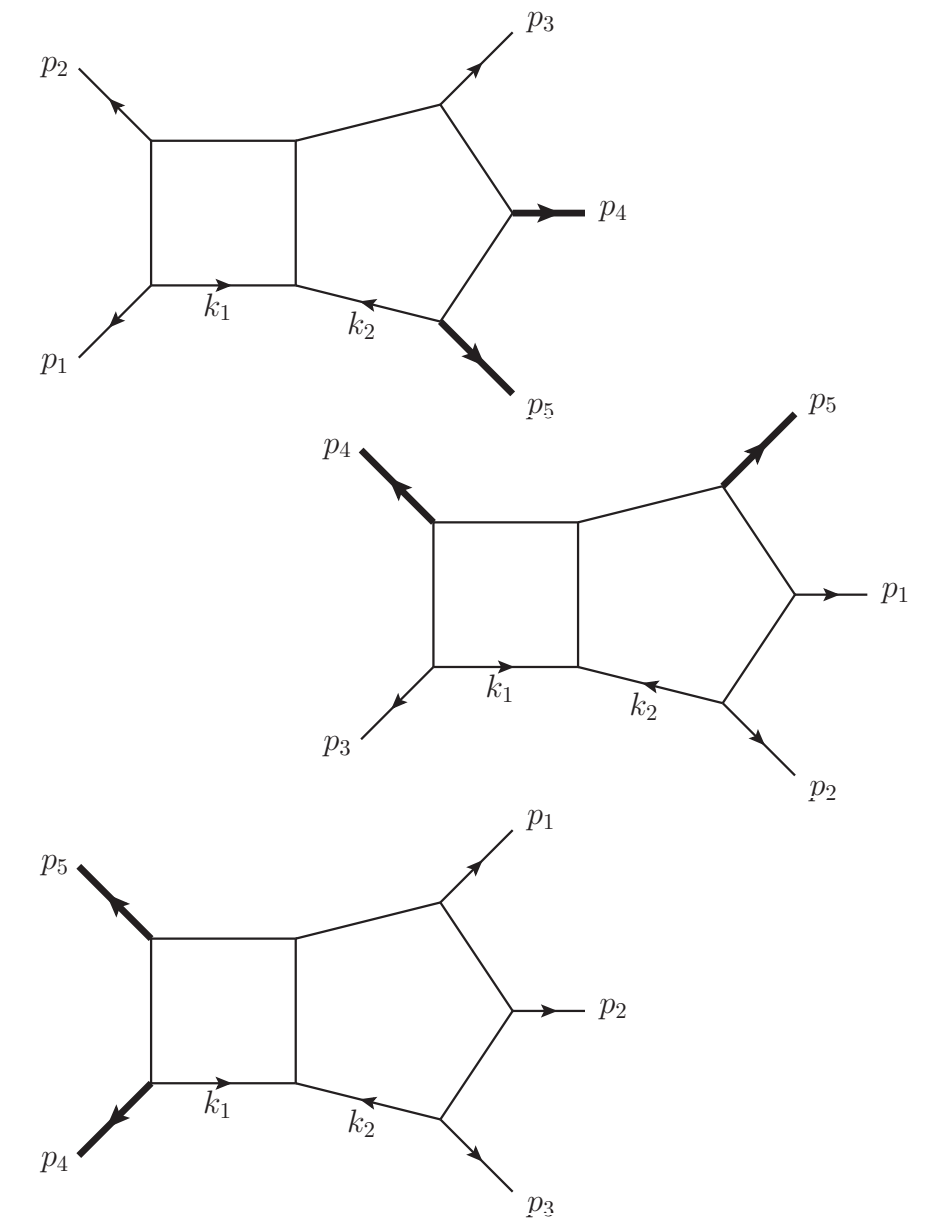
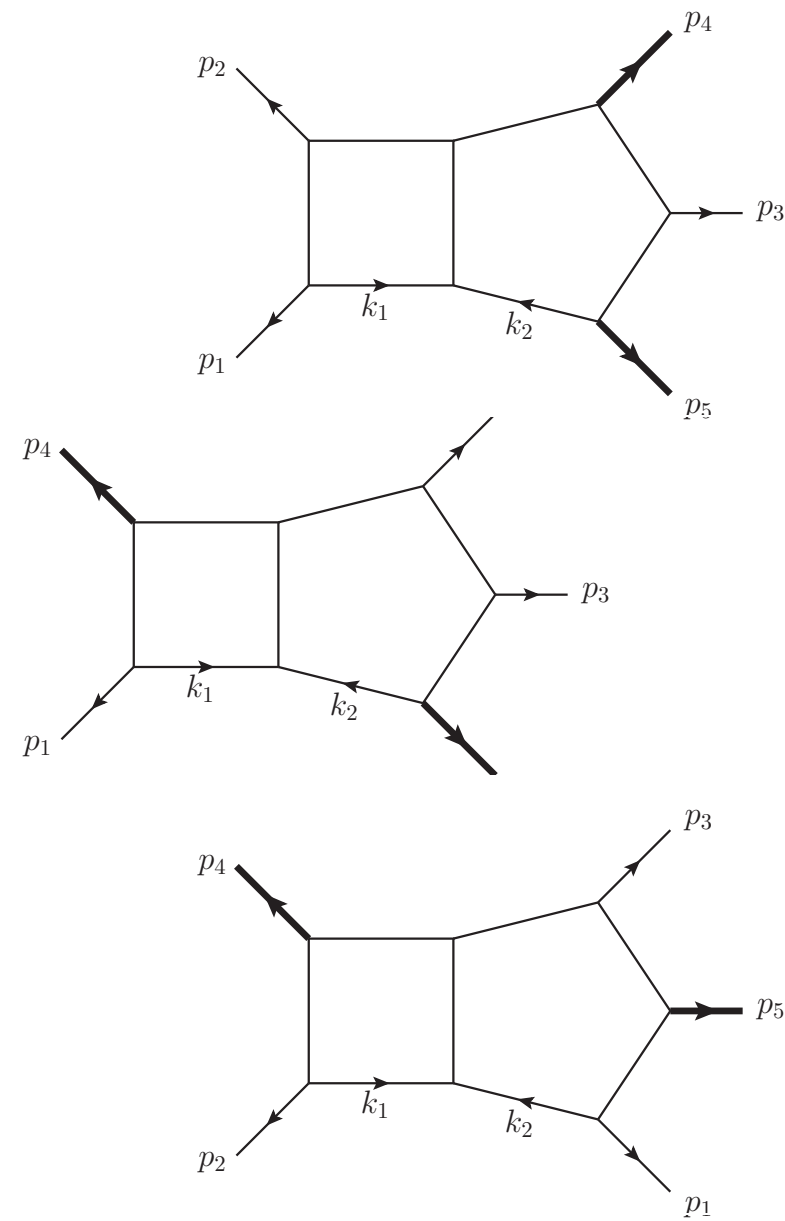
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