

# PROGRESS IN LANDAU ANALYSIS

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# Amplitudes 2024

## Conference

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# Loop the Loop

## Feynman calculus and its applications to Gravity and Particle Physics

12 - 14th November 2024, online workshop

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Feynman Calculus 12/11

Gravity 13/11

Particle Physics 14/11

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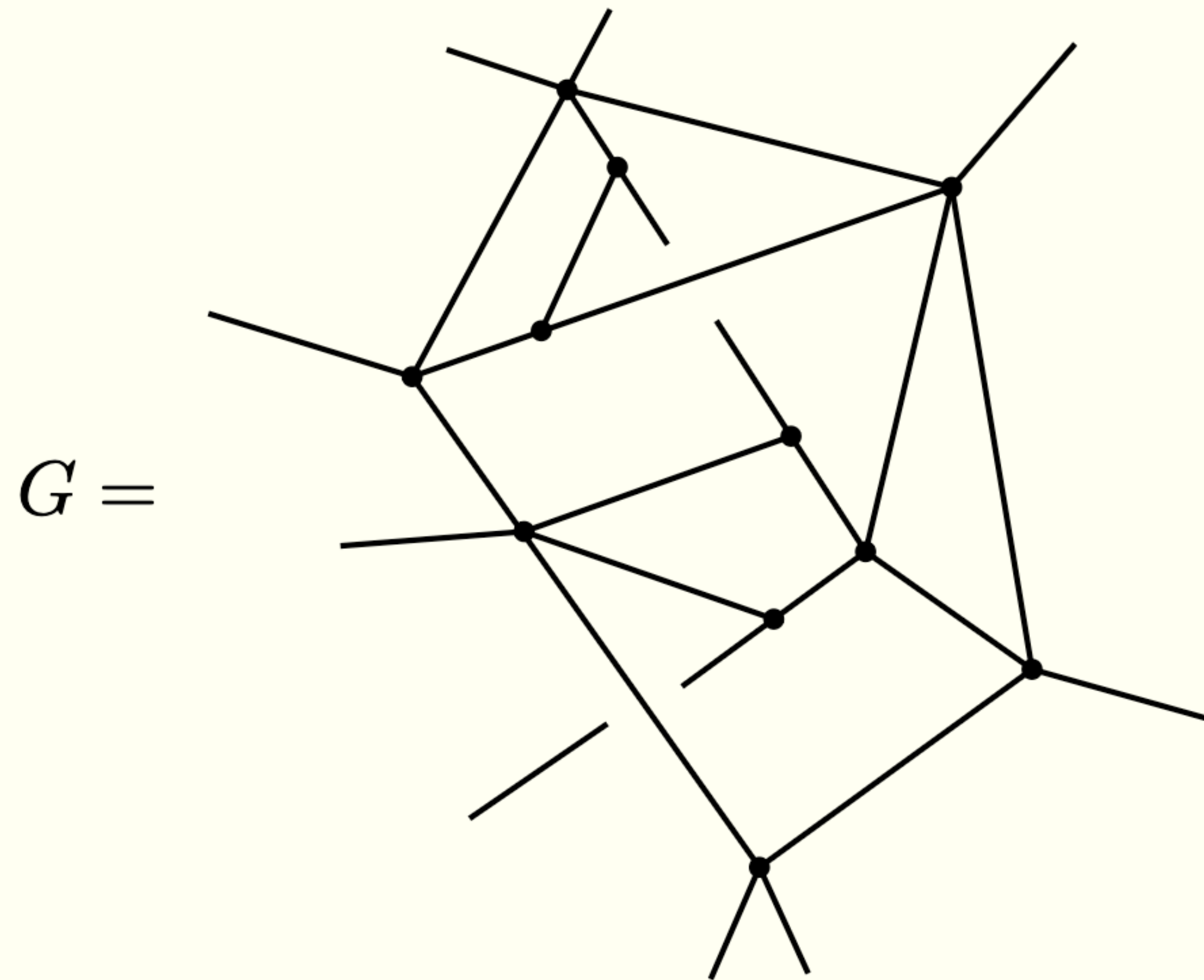
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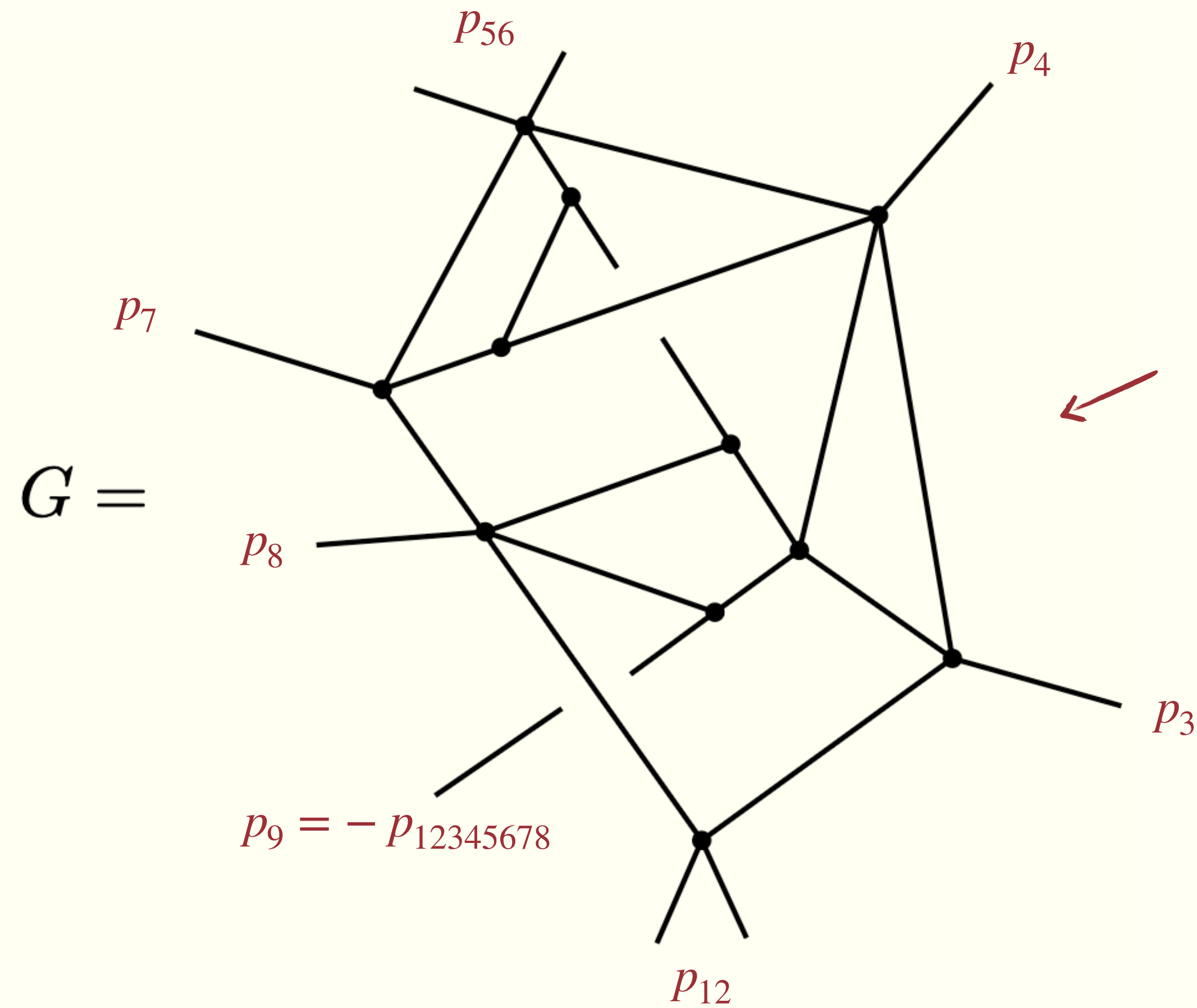




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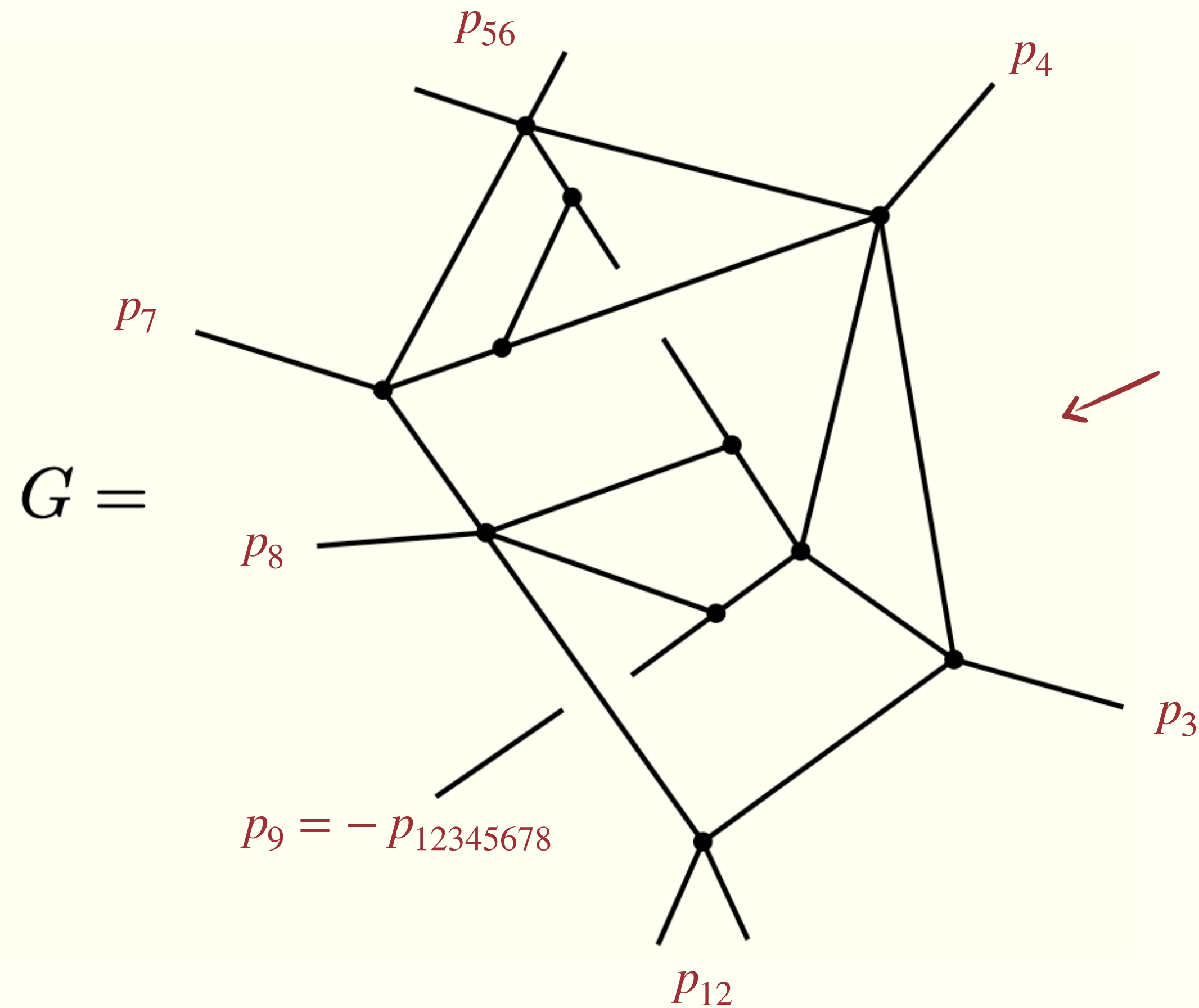
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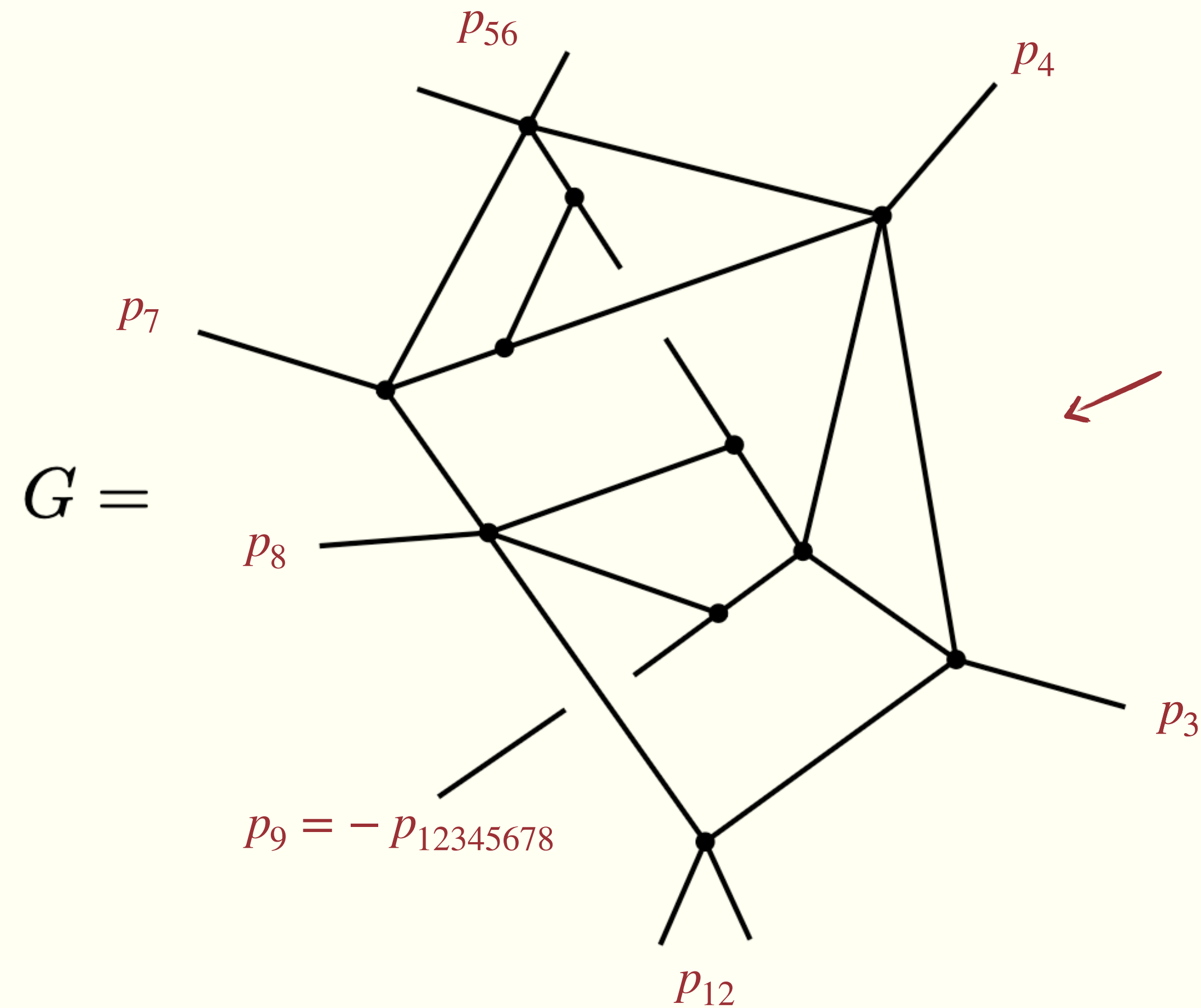
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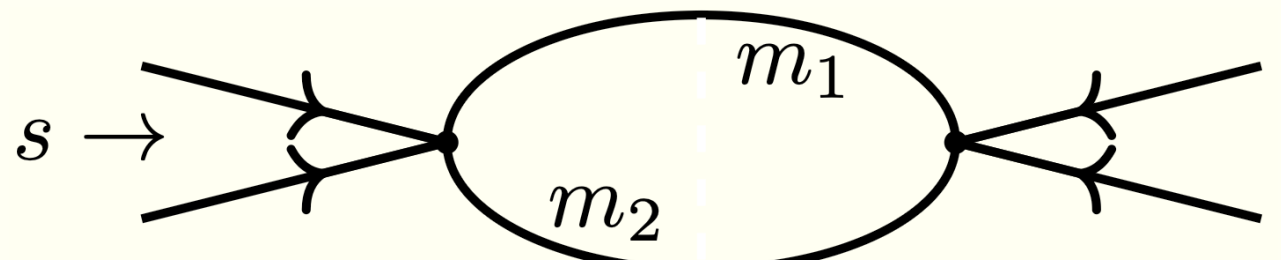
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In other words, where are its *kinematic* singularities ?

Let us make sure we are on the same page

Normal threshold  
( $\pm$  branches)  
↙



$D=3$   
=

$$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{s}} \log \left[ \frac{m_1 + m_2 + \sqrt{s}}{m_1 + m_2 - \sqrt{s}} \right]$$

↖ Second type  
singularity

Well understood at one-loop; can be much *harder* beyond!

Having good control over this question would be enormously useful for

*Differential equations and numerical integration of Feynman integrals*  
(boundary conditions, analytic continuation and contour deformations)

[See Simone's talks]

*Symbol calculus and bootstrap of Feynman integrals*  
(singularities constrain the letters)

[See Maria's talks]



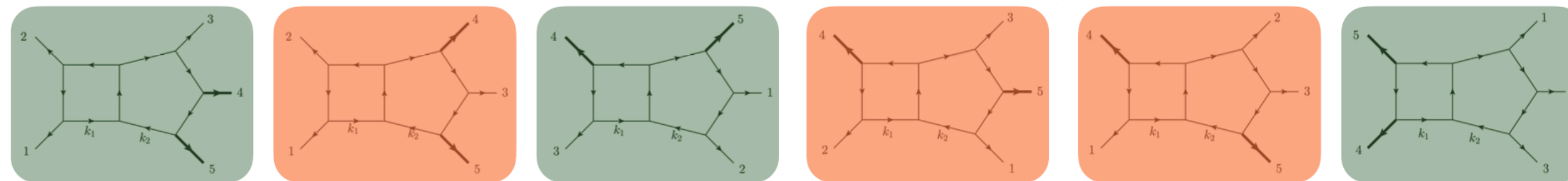
Knowing singularities *beforehand* has proven central for state-of-the-art phenomenological applications — e.g.,

## Computing Feynman Integrals: Alphabets and Letters

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$$d\vec{\mathcal{F}}(x, \epsilon) = \epsilon \left( \sum_i A_i d \log W_i(x) \right) \vec{\mathcal{F}}(x, \epsilon)$$

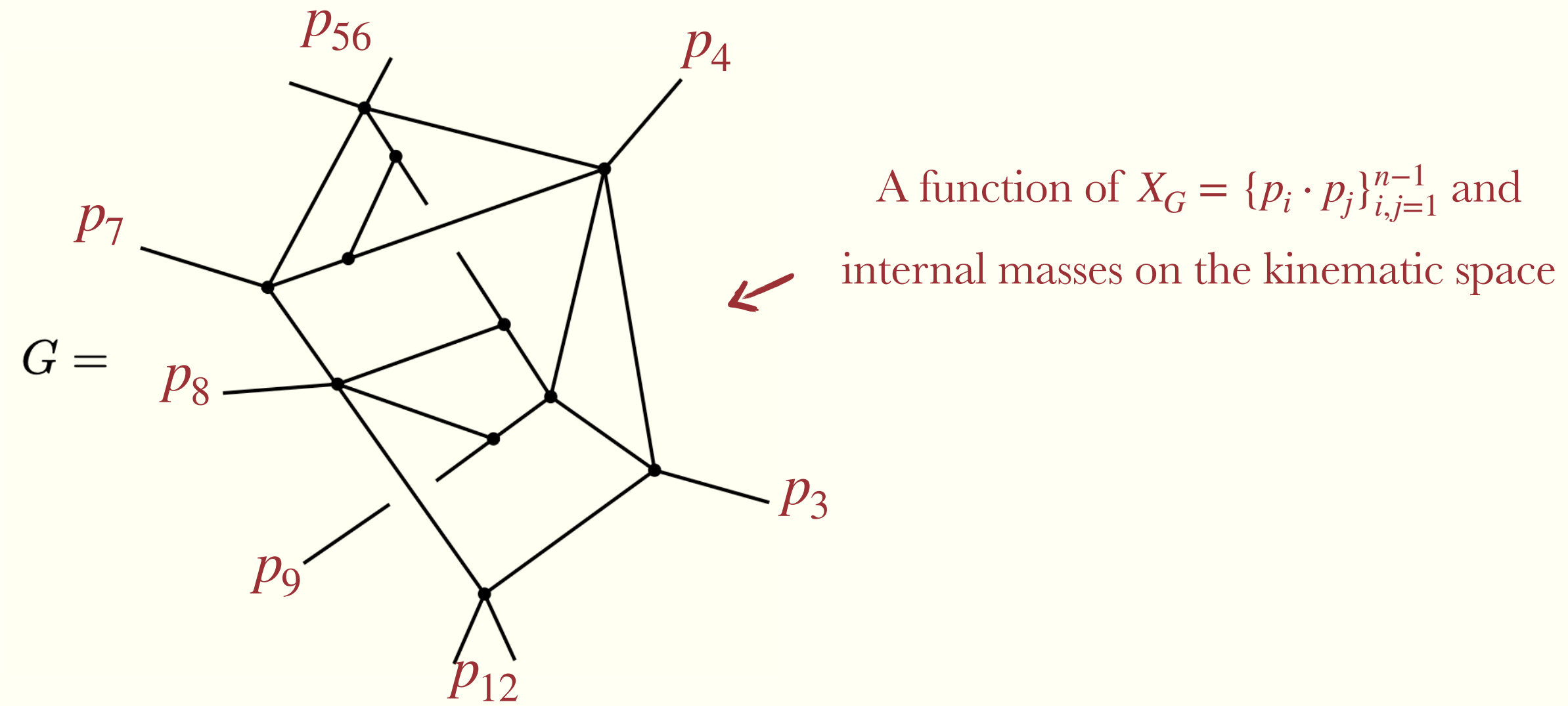
- ♦ Getting diff. eq. relies on IBPs: **difficult to do analytically...**
- ♦ If the  $W_i$  are known, **determine the  $A_i$  from numerical IBPs!**
  - ✓ **removes the IBP bottleneck, allows to attack multi-scale problems**
- ♦ The  $W_i$  give singularities of Feynman integrals  $\Rightarrow$  **Landau conditions**
  - ✓ **Factorisation of work:** determine  $W_i$  without computing the differential equation!
  - ✓ **Active area of research** in Amplitudes area: coactions, solving Landau conditions, principal A-determinants, Gram determinants, Schubert problem, ...
  - ✓ **Two highlights:** [2311.14669, Fevola, Mizera, Telen], [2401.07632, Jiang, Liu, Xu, Yang, 24]
- ♦ Baikovletter [2401.07632] misses one of the new five-point roots
  - ✓ **Not really an issue, we know it's there**



[Samuel Abreu's slide]

+ related work by [Abreu, Caron-Huot, Chicherin, Dixon, Gehrmann, Henn, Ita, McLeod, Mitev, Moriello, Page, Presti, Sotnikov, Tschernow, von Hippel, Wasser, Wilhelm, Zhang, Zoia, ...]

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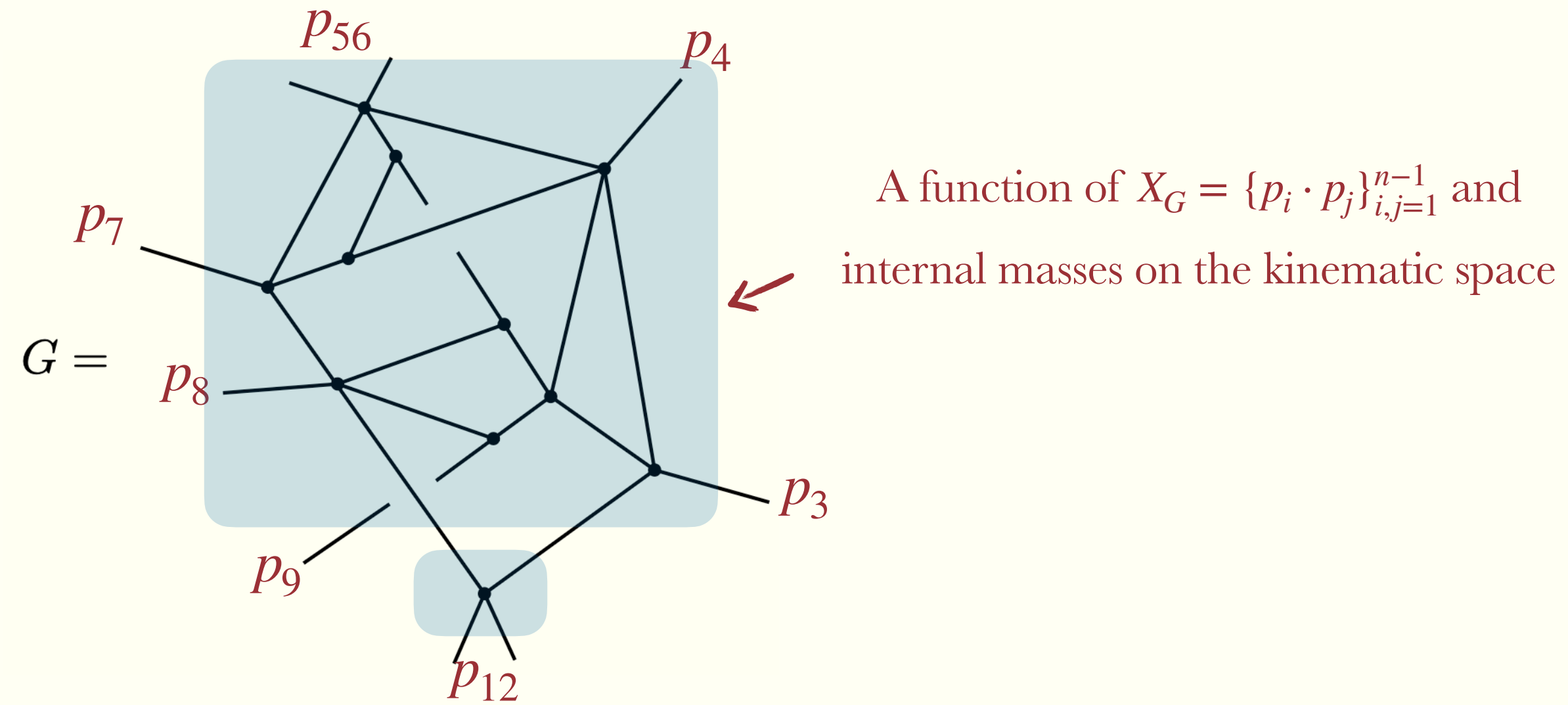
Singularities are written as a list  $\mathcal{L}(G)$  of polynomials in  $X_G$

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The product over  $i$  is called the *Landau discriminant*

[Fevola, Mizera, Telen (2023)]

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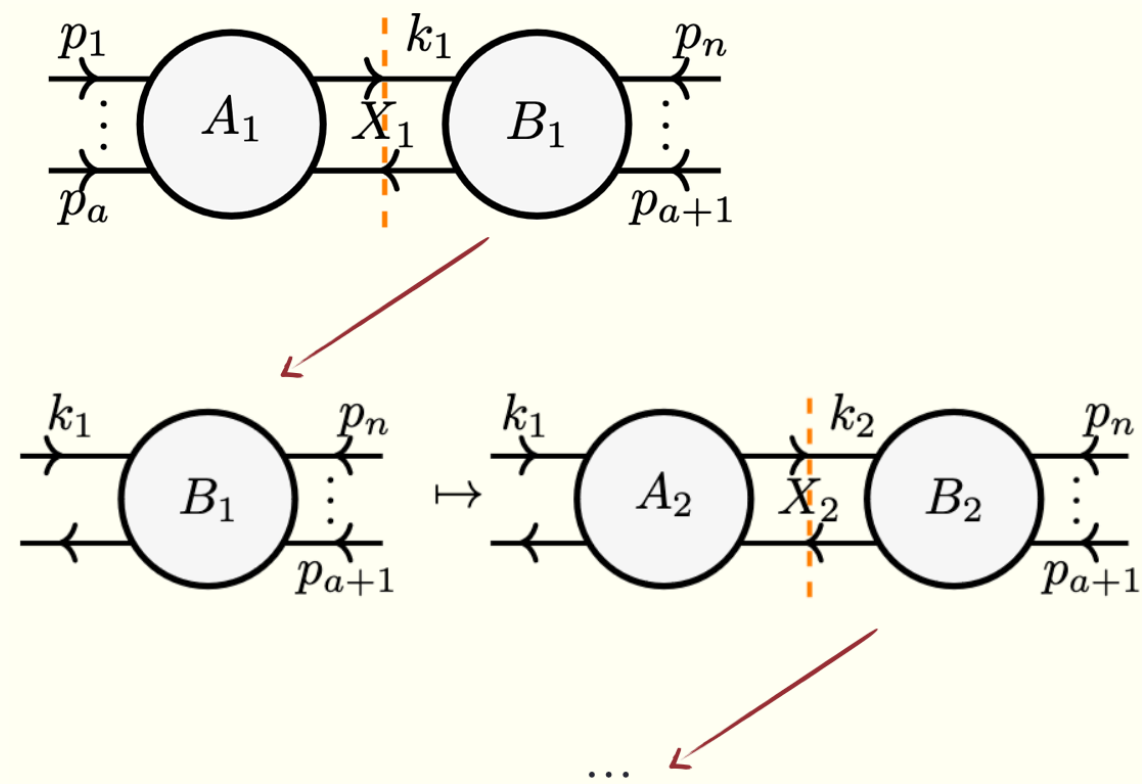
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The goal of this talk is to learn how to compute these polynomials *recursively* in terms of those of *subgraphs* (we'll see that this is *surprisingly* efficient!)

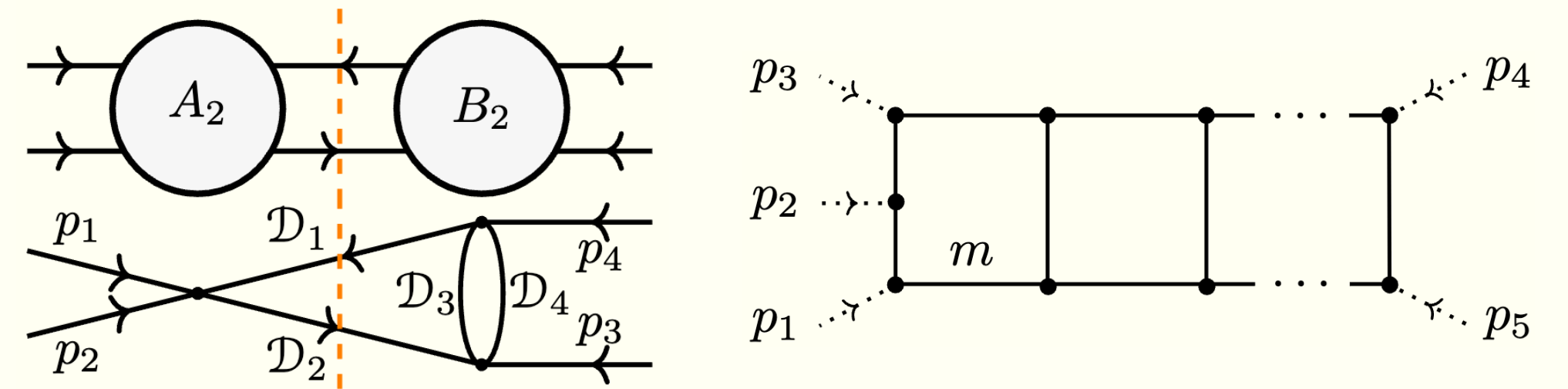
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*Recursion via unitarity*



*Proof of principle examples:*

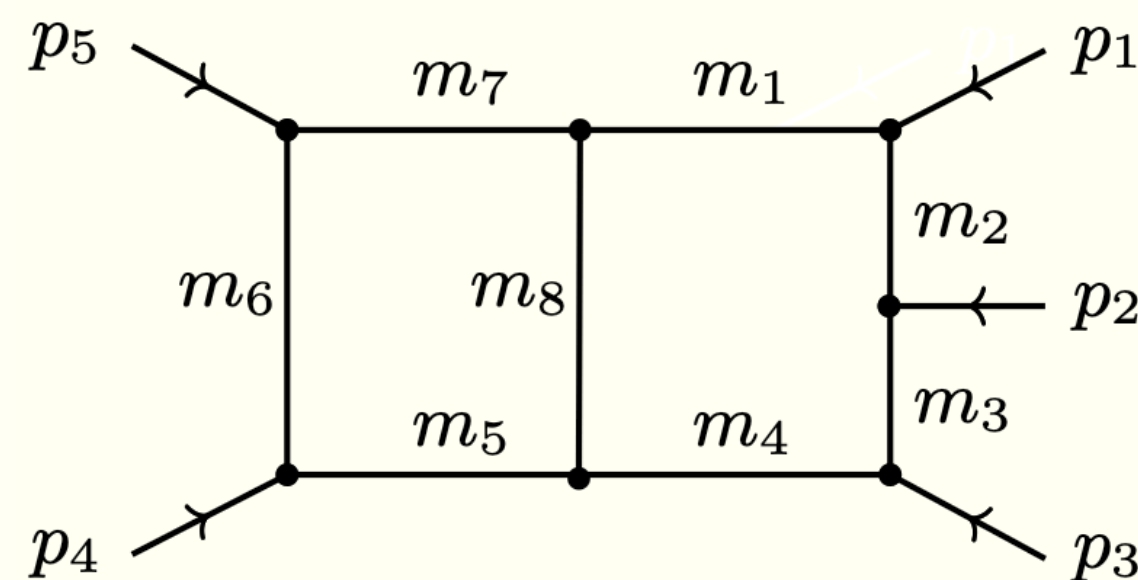
Recursively finding singularities



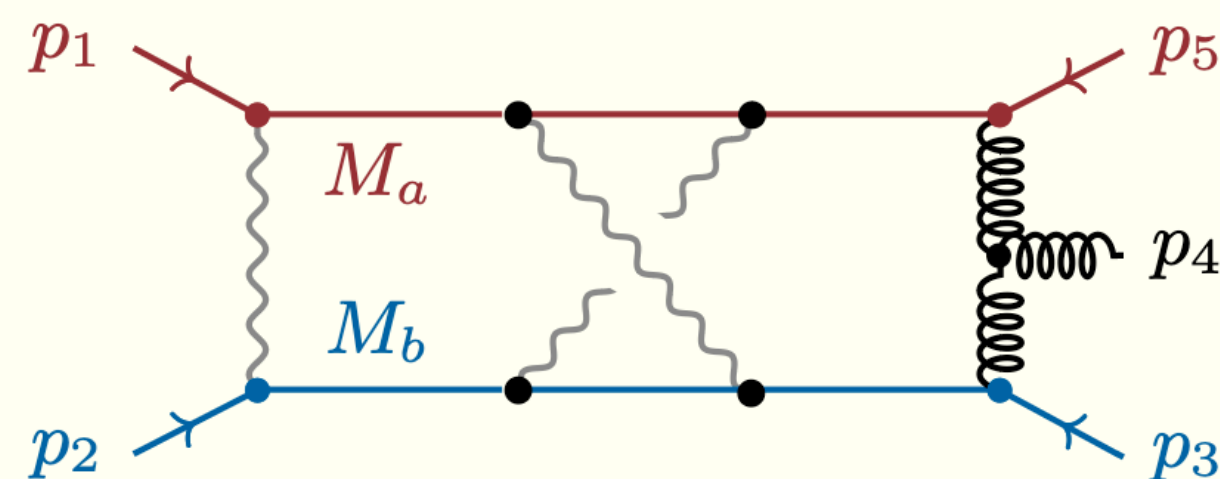
*Checks and new analytic predictions:*

Leading singularities

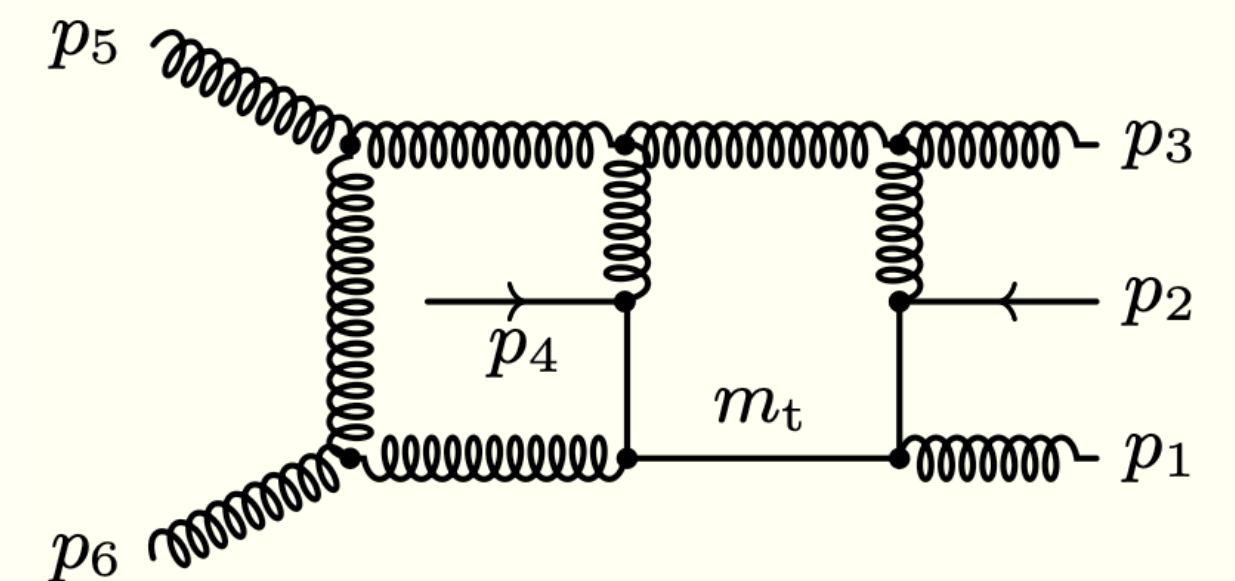
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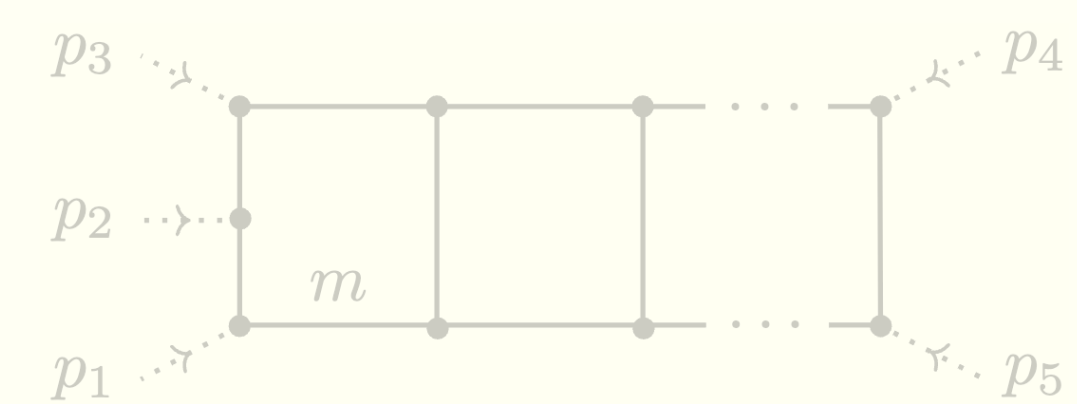
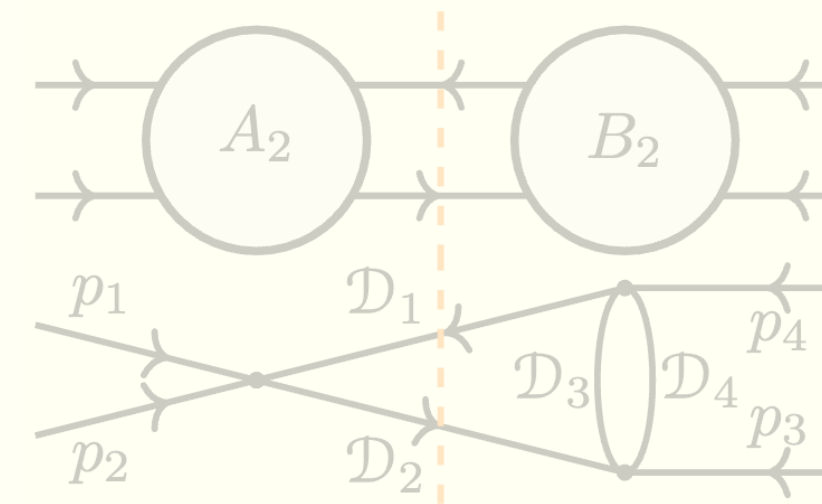
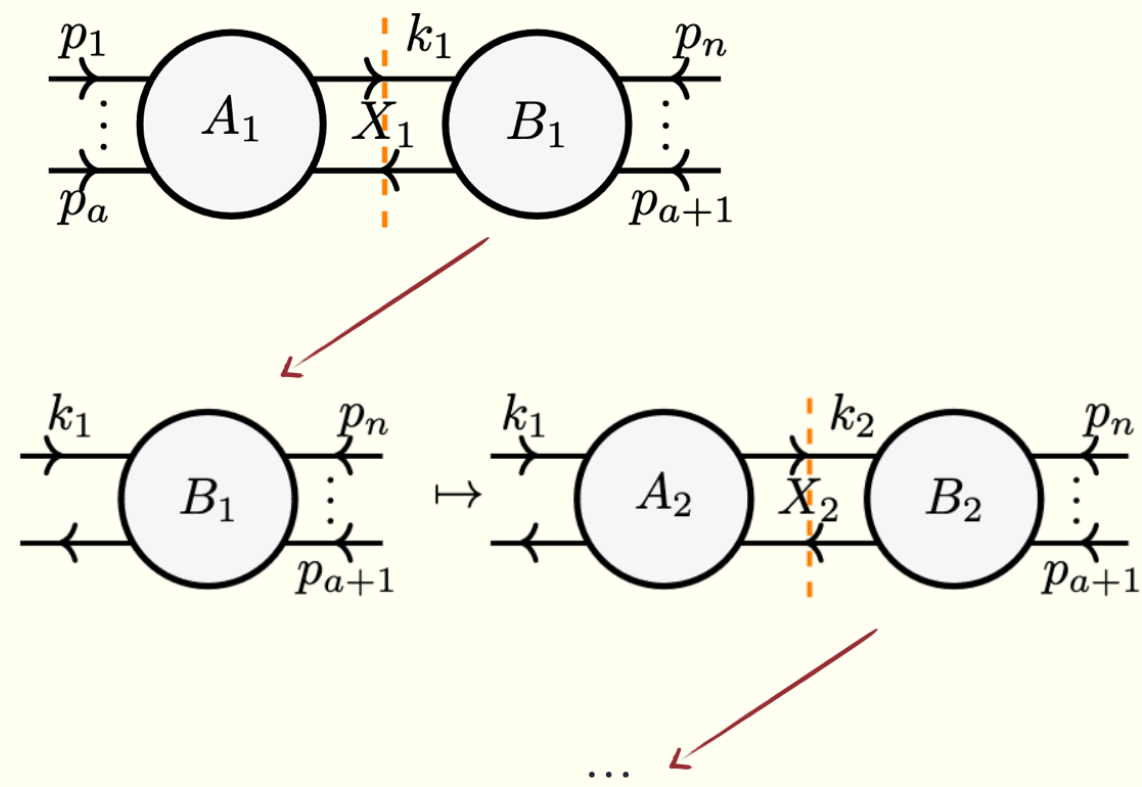


*(Non-planar massive hexabox)*

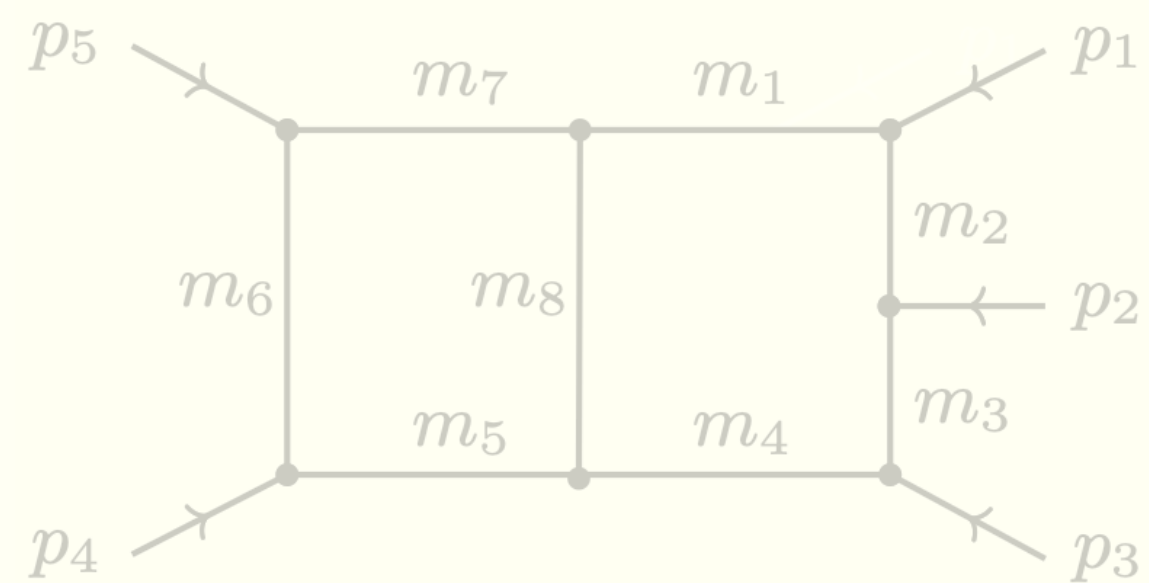


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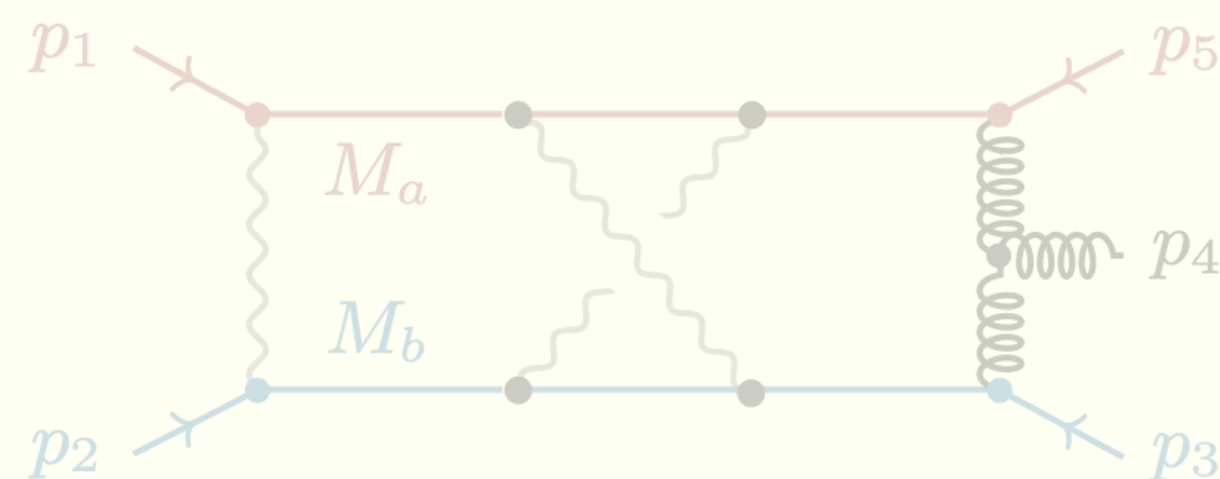
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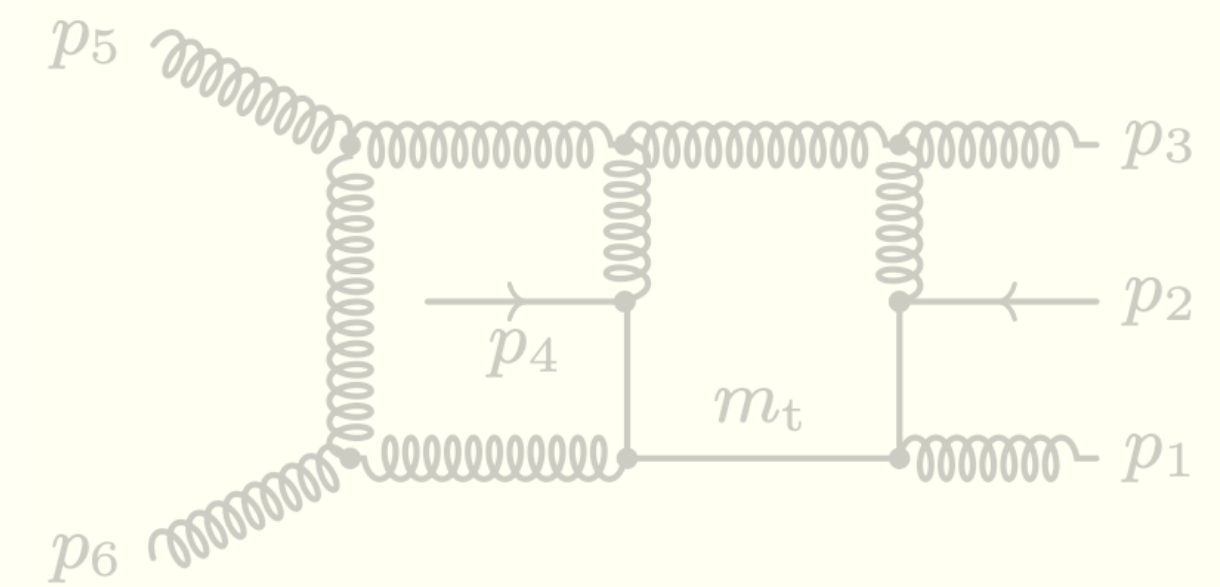
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Separation between free and interacting parts

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*For the experts:*

Assuming (for now) reality of  
momenta and Feynman's  $i\epsilon$

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Positivity manifests, but singularities are not  
[Hannesdóttir, Mizera (2022)]



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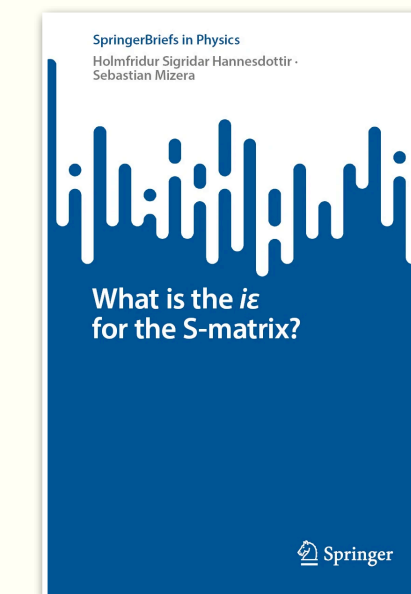
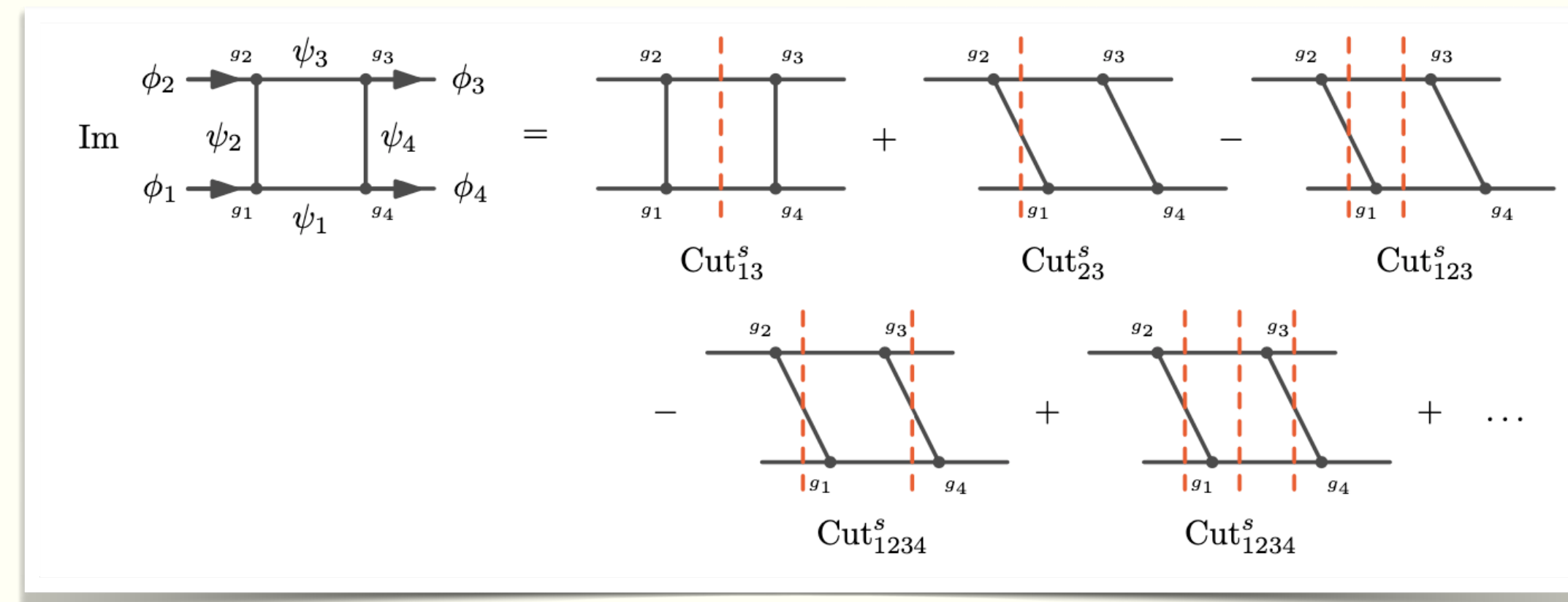
Insert a complete basis of  
(on-shell) states

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$$\text{Im } \mathcal{M}_{n_A \rightarrow n_B} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_X \mathcal{M}_{n_A \rightarrow X} \mathcal{M}_{X \rightarrow n_B}^*$$

In perturbation theory, this gives the *Cutkosky equation*



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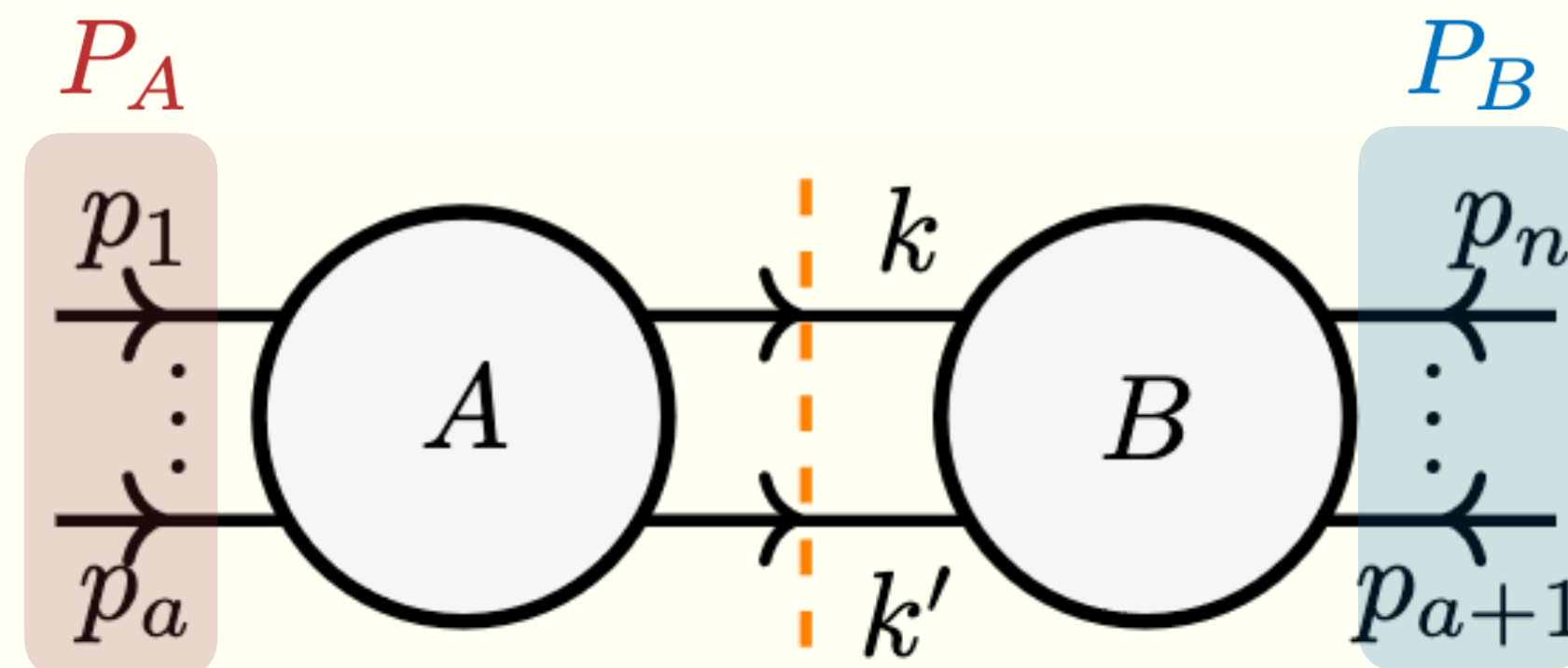
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The invariants on each side are  
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$$(\xi = A, B)$$

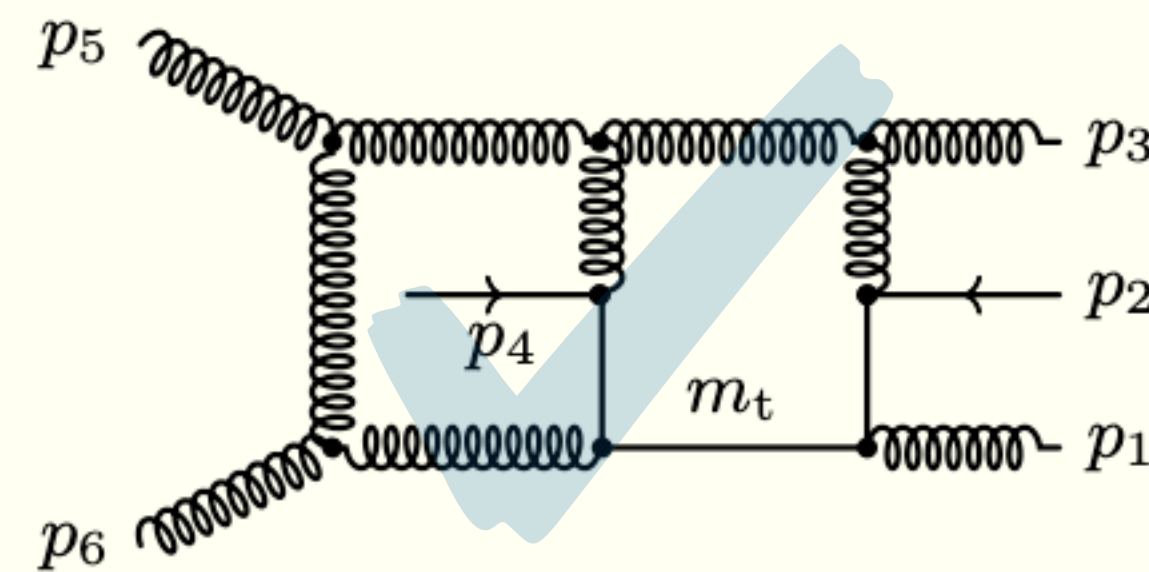
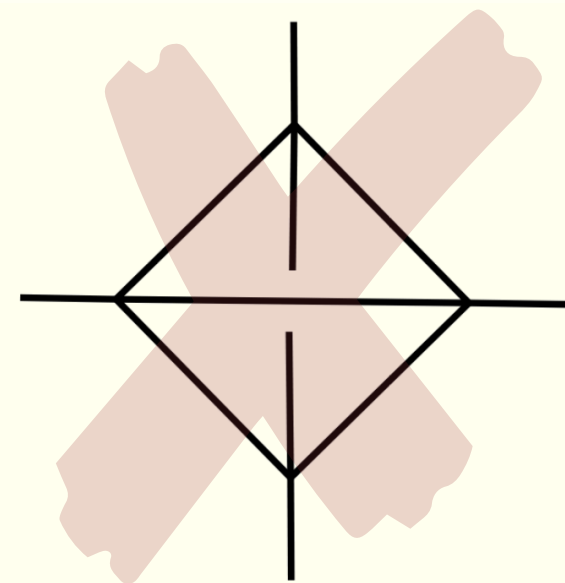
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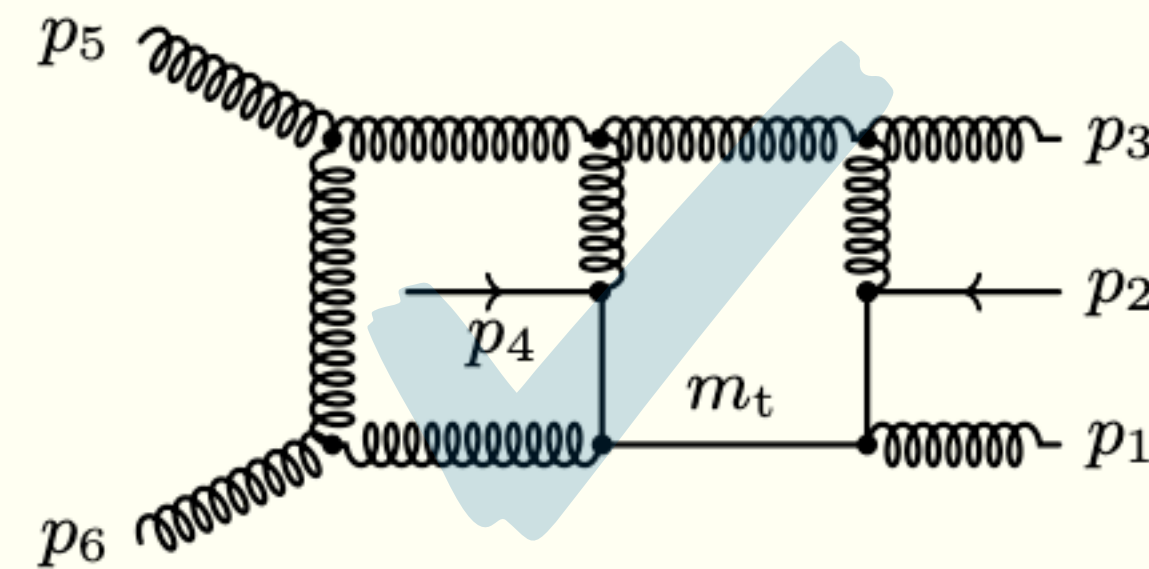
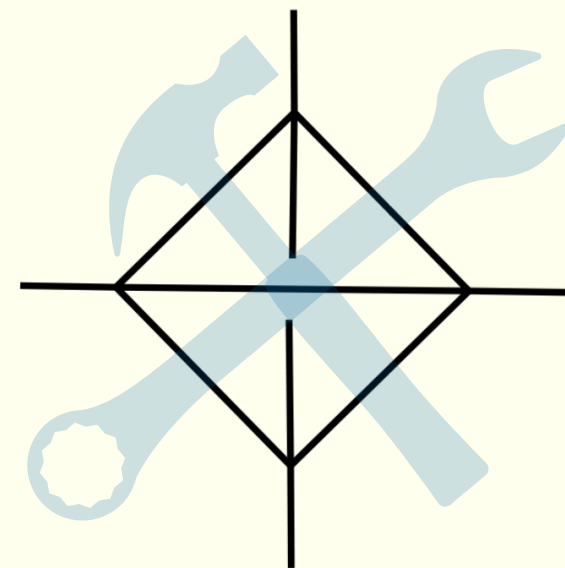
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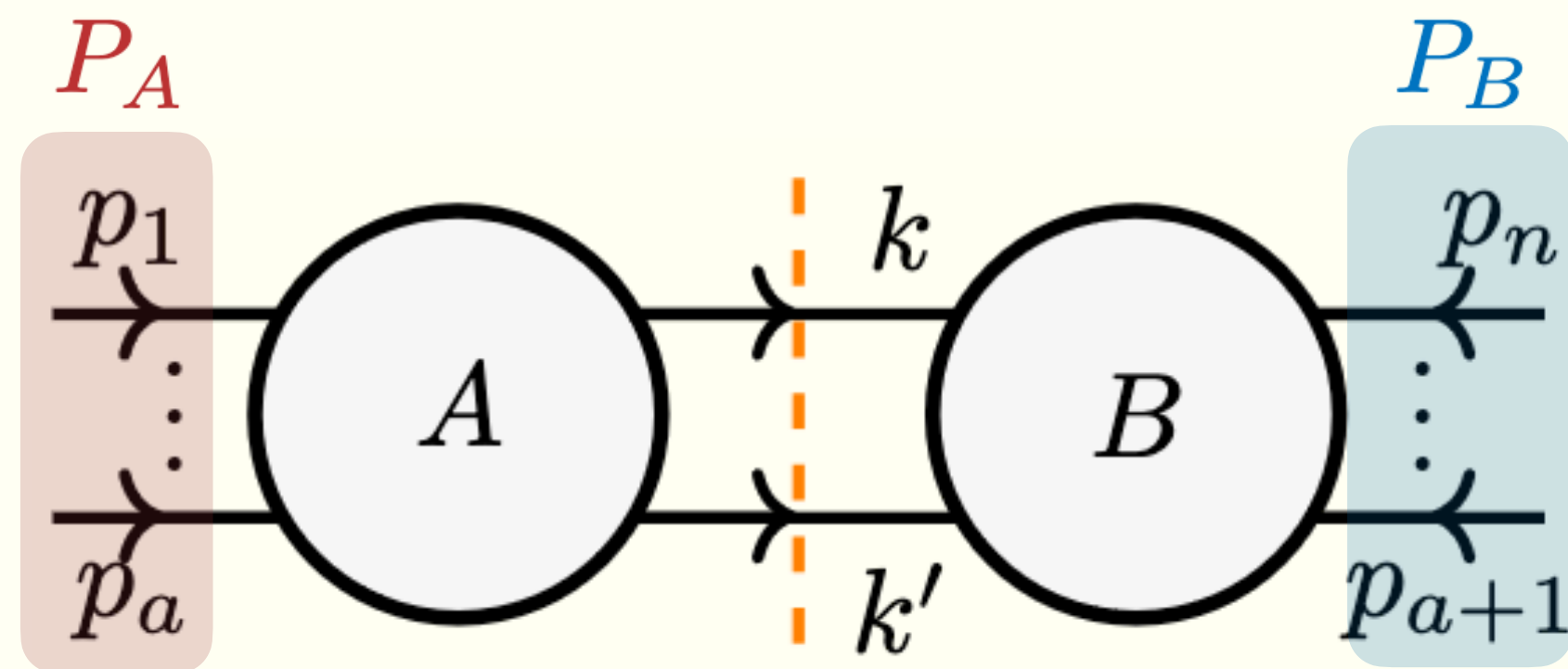
Generalizations  
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Ask me later to fill the details!

$$= C \int_{\Gamma} d\mu \frac{A(X_A) B(X_B)}{\det G(Q)^{\frac{n+1-D}{2}}}$$

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(The details I am skipping over)

Integration measure

$$d\mu = \prod_{Q_i \in Q} d(k \cdot Q_i) \delta[k^2 - m^2] \delta[(k + p_{1\dots a})^2 - m^2]$$

Set of Baikov variables for the  $B$ -blob  
 $k^2, k \cdot P_B, P_B^2$

Normalization

$$C = \frac{\det G(P_A \cup P_B \setminus \{p_n\})^{\frac{n-D}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

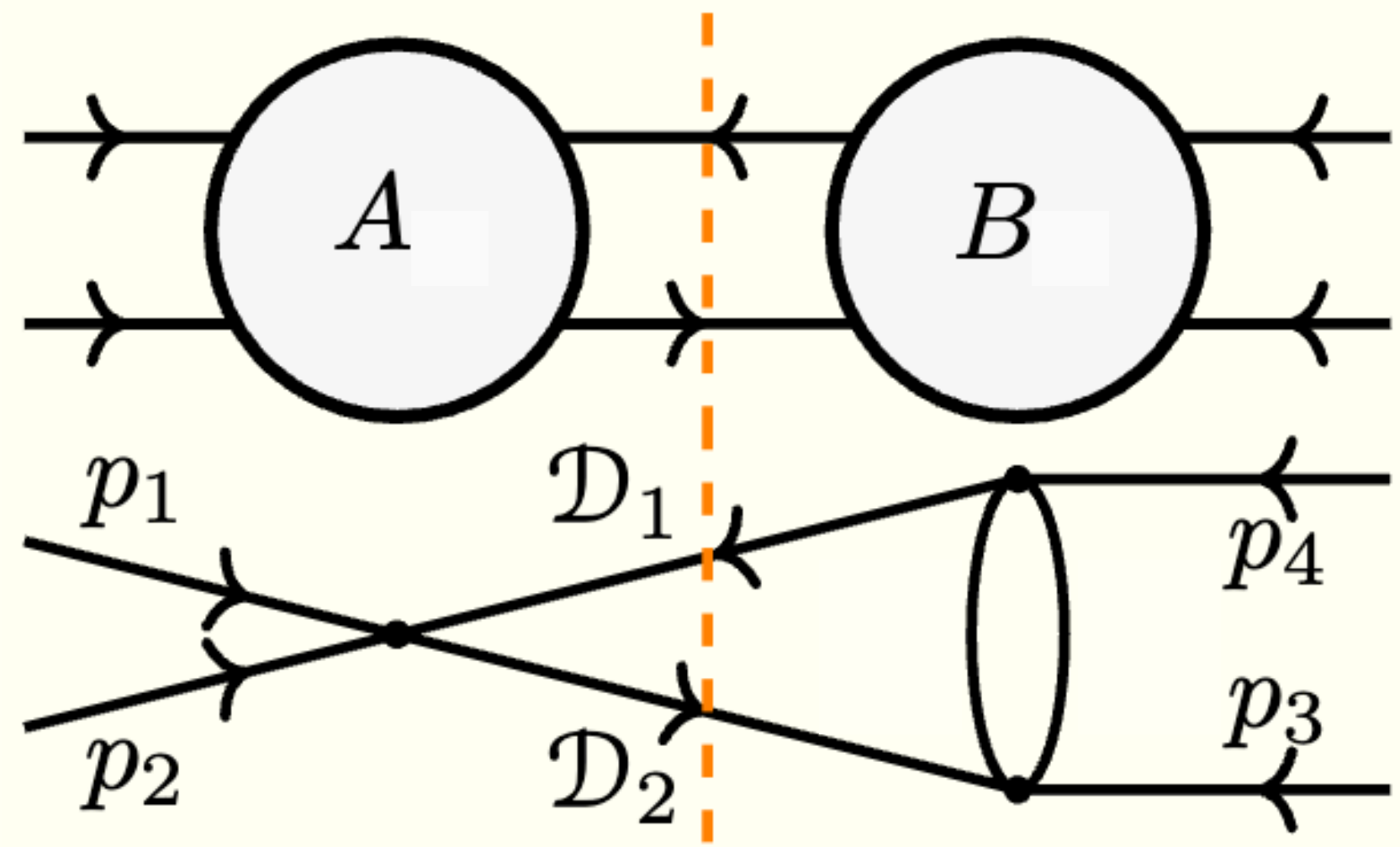
Integration contour

$$\Gamma = \left\{ k \cdot Q_i \mid \frac{\det G(Q)}{\det G(P_A \cup P_B \setminus \{p_n\})} > 0, Q_i \in Q \right\}$$

Gram determinant over  
 $Q = \{k\} \cup P_A \cup P_B \setminus \{p_n\}$

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The diagram shows two particles, A and B, represented as circles. Particle A is on the left and particle B is on the right. They are connected by two internal lines. External momenta are labeled as  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  on the left, and  $p_3$  and  $p_4$  on the right. Two cuts,  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$ , are indicated by dashed orange lines. A loop is shown as an ellipse between the two internal lines.

$$d\mu = d(k_1 \cdot p_{12}) \wedge d(k_1 \cdot p_3) \wedge d(k_1^2) \delta(\mathcal{D}_1) \delta(\mathcal{D}_2)$$

$$\propto \int_{\Gamma} \frac{d\mu \ A \ B}{(\det G)^\gamma}$$

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} p_{12}^2 & p_{12} \cdot k_1 & p_{12} \cdot p_3 \\ p_{12} \cdot k_1 & k_1^2 & k_1 \cdot p_3 \\ p_{12} \cdot p_3 & k_1 \cdot p_3 & p_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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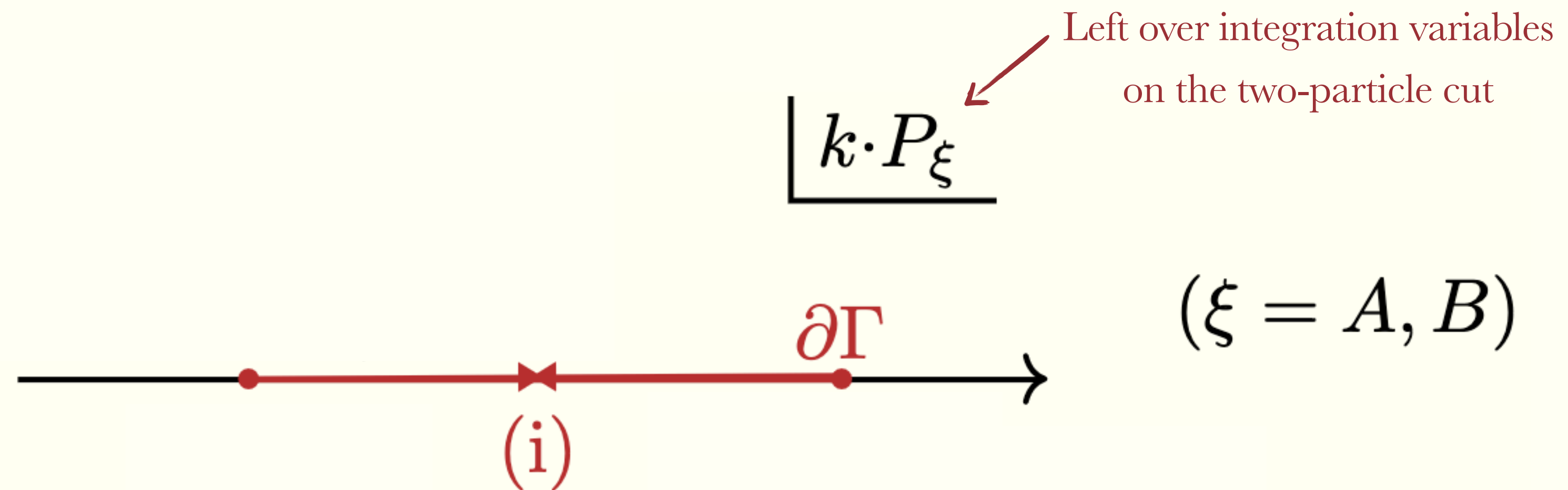
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(i) At thresholds, the phase space  $\Gamma$  *closes down* to a single isolated point (only classical scattering is possible)



Boundary  $\partial\Gamma = \{\det G = 0\}$  collapses to a point  
(i.e., from all directions)

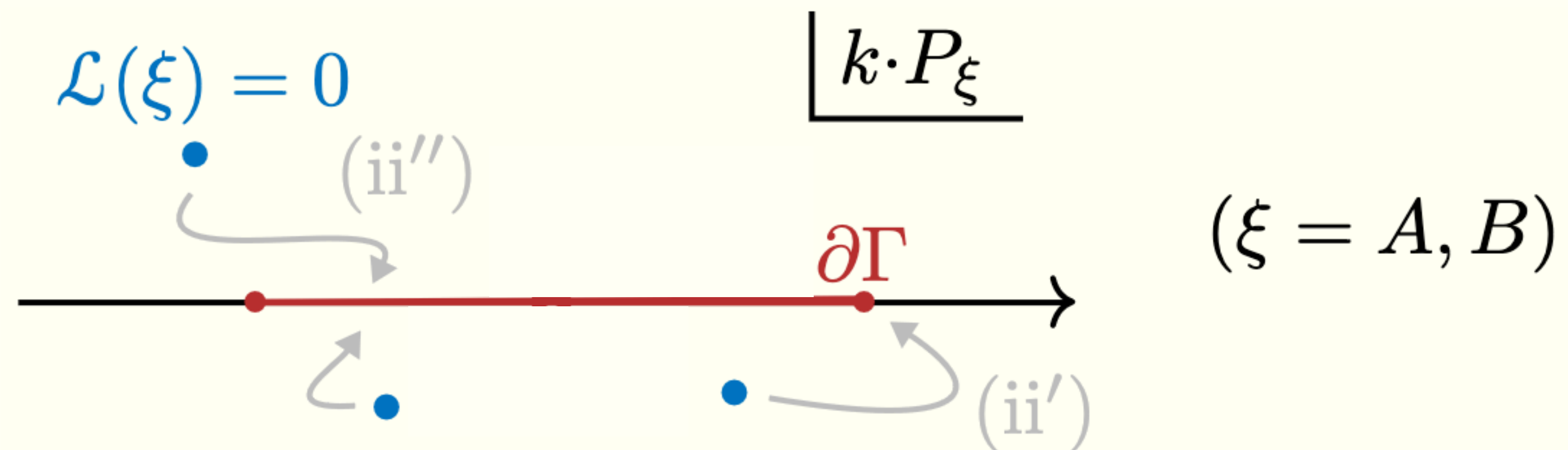
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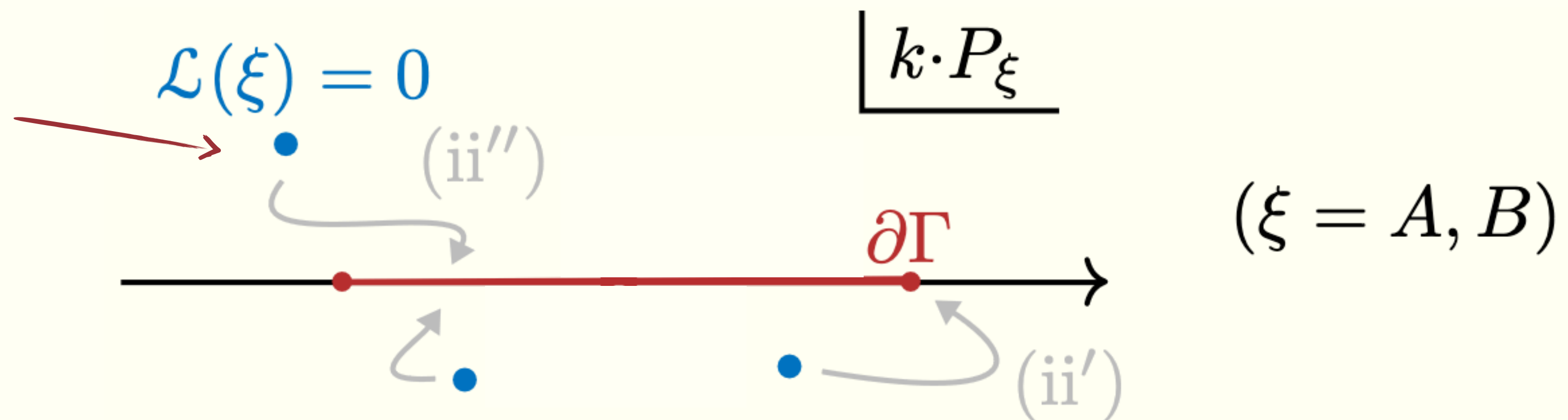
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Never expected to happen in momentum space without  $\det G = 0$   
(*Landau*: on a singularity  $k$  is a linear combination of external momenta)





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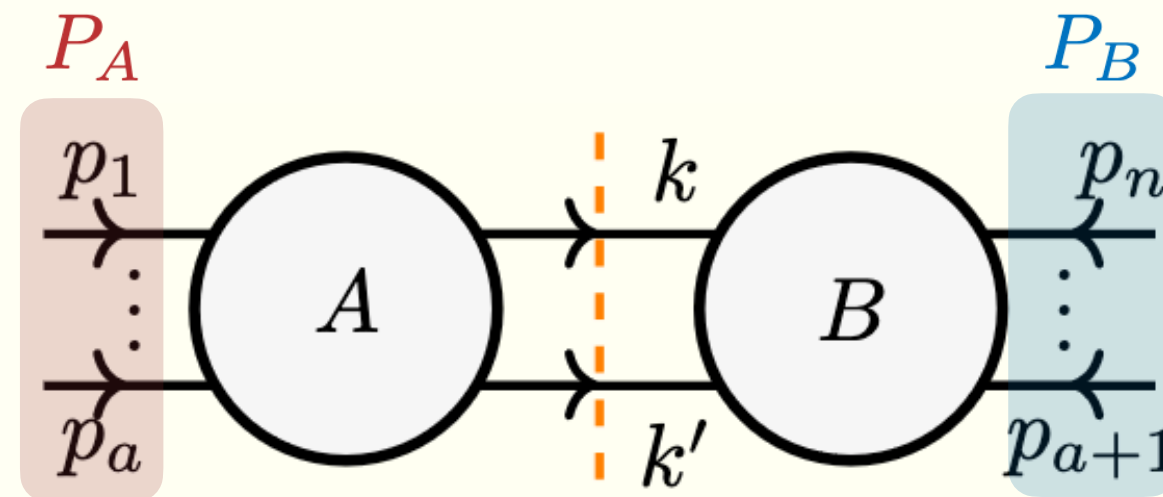
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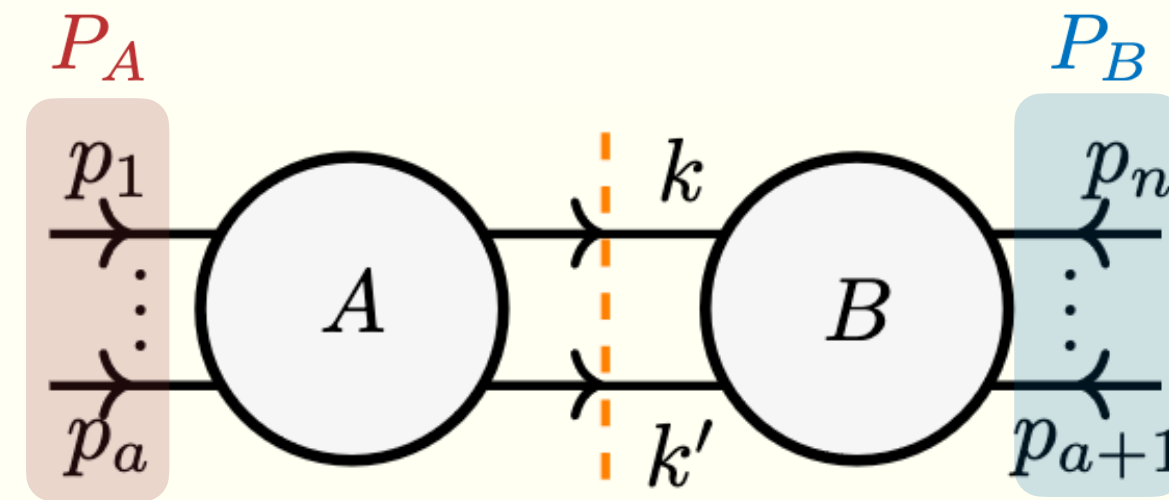
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- 3) This leaves a set  $X_{\mathcal{S}}$  of independent variables in terms of which  $\partial\Gamma$  is

$$0 = \det \tilde{G}(X_{\mathcal{S}}) \equiv \det G|_{\{\mathcal{S}_i=0\}}$$

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To ensure that there are no direction along which we could deform the contour to avoid the singularity, we have

$$\mathcal{L}(AB)_S : \begin{cases} \det \tilde{G} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \det \tilde{G}}{\partial (k \cdot p_i)} = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{for } k \cdot p_i \in X_S$$

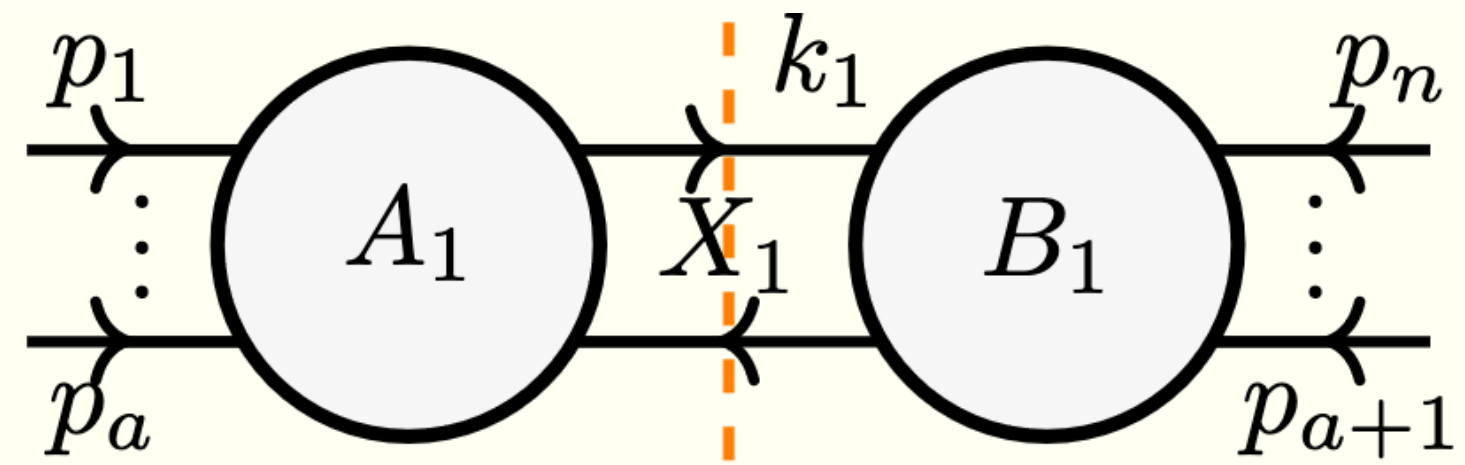
There is always one more equation than unknowns and so this system yields an algebraic constraint *on kinematic space*

$$\mathcal{L}(AB)_S = 0$$

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To find *all* (leading) singularities of  $AB$  that contains a two-particle cut, it suffices to consider all sets  $\mathcal{S}$  of (leading) singularities of the subamplitudes on that cut

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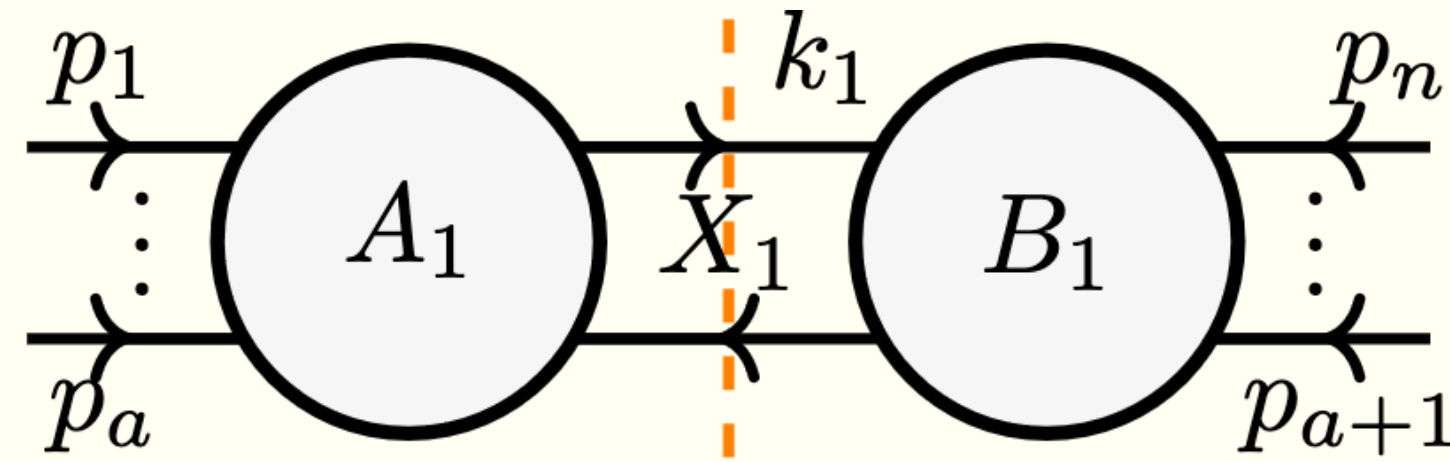


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If either is two-particle-reducible, yes  
(just repeat the same argument over the blobs!)

# RECURSION VIA UNITARITY

$$= C_1 \int_{\Gamma_1} \frac{d\mu_1 A_1 B_1}{(\det G_1)^{\frac{n+1-D}{2}}}$$

If  $B_1$  is two-particle-reducible,  
just repeat the same argument

$$= C_2 \int_{\Gamma_2} \frac{d\mu_2 A_2 B_2}{(\det G_2) \cdots}$$

Means we take another  
two-particle cut



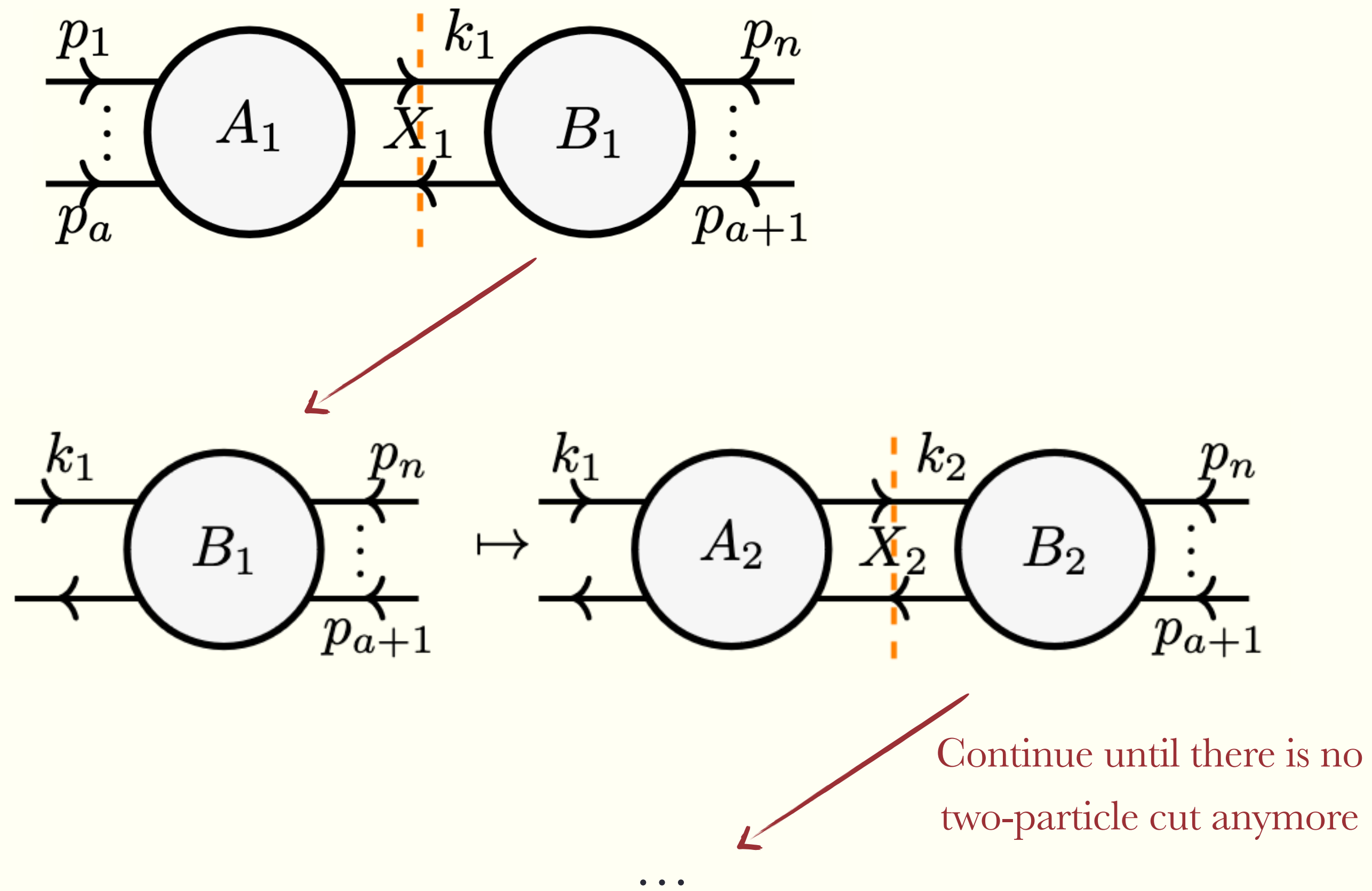
# RECURSION VIA UNITARITY

$$\begin{aligned}
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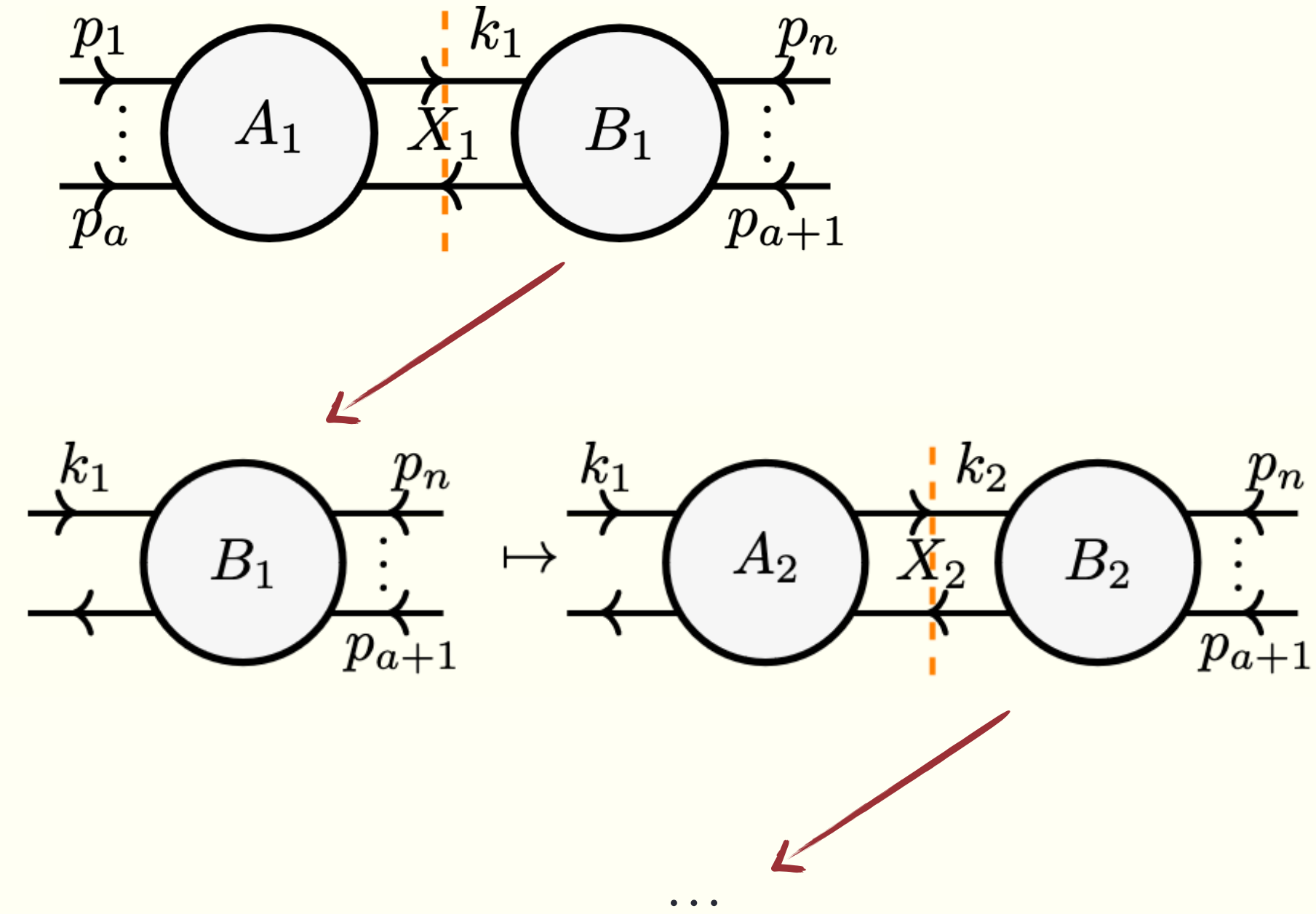
Singular locus of  $B_1$  is given by solving

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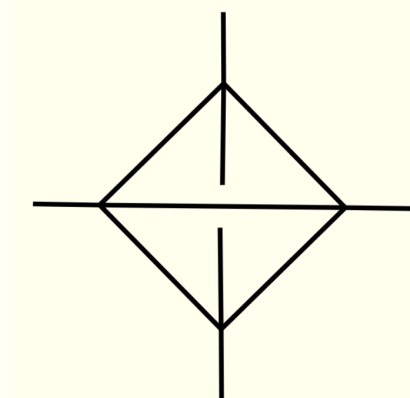
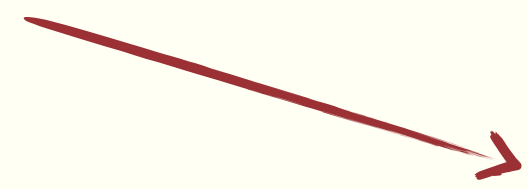
# RECURSION VIA UNITARITY



At the *end* of the recursion, we are left with either:

- (1) A collection of tree-level subgraphs [easy/systematic]
- (2) A collection of subgraphs contains loop(s) [harder]  
(may need external inputs for non-2PR subgraphs)

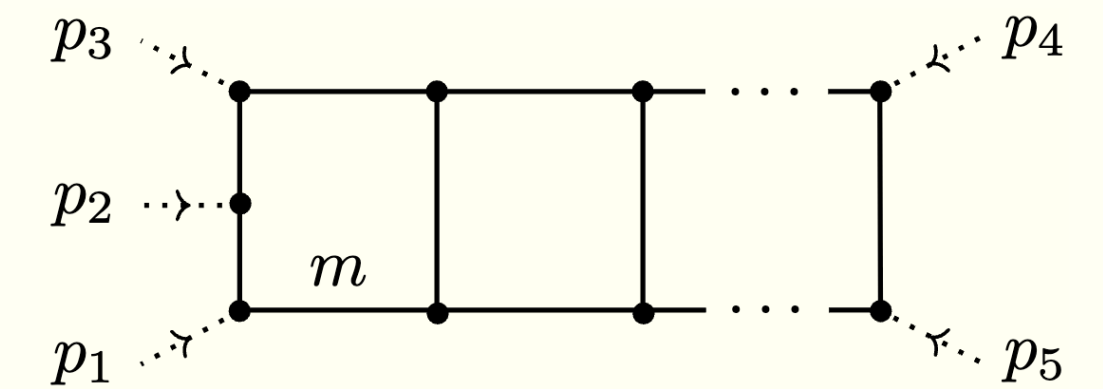
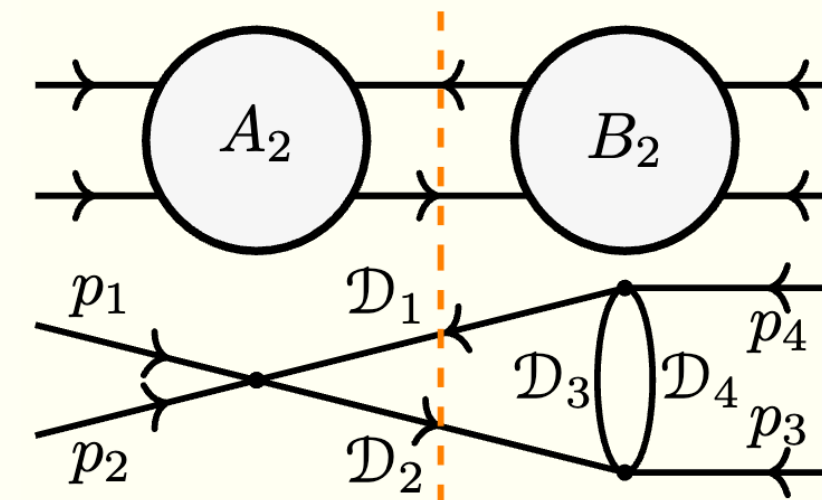
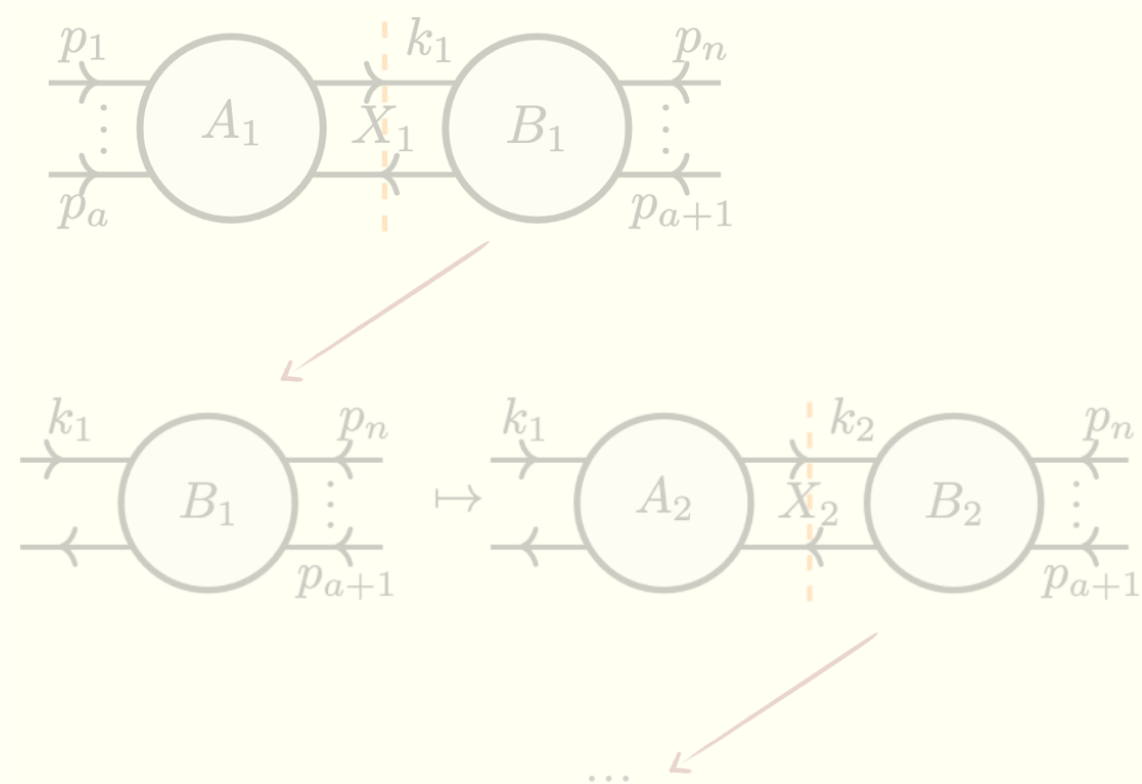
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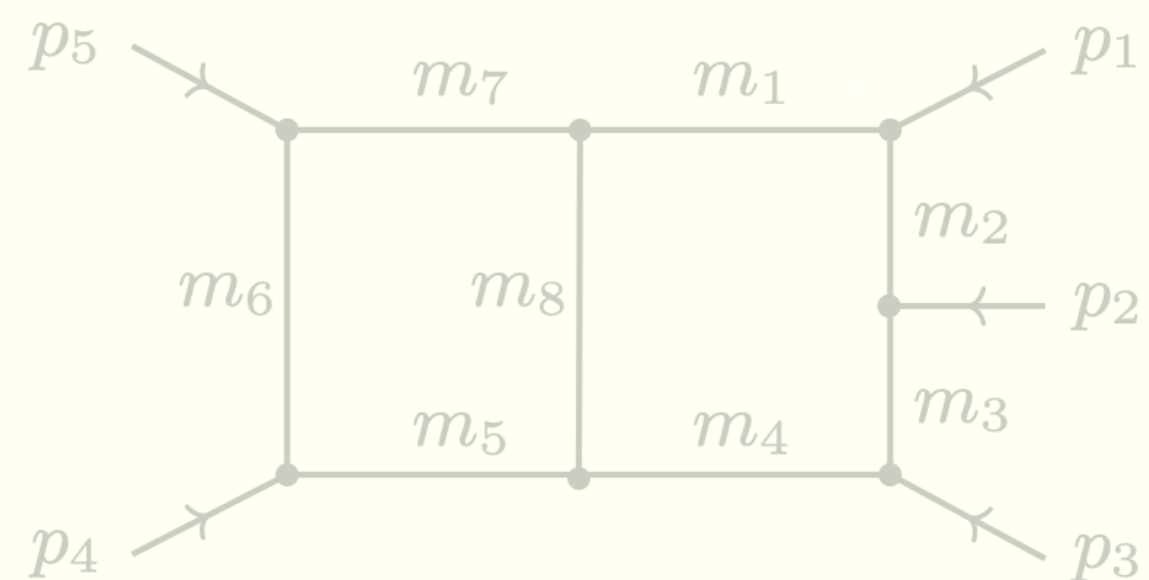
# OUTLINE

*Proof of principle examples:*

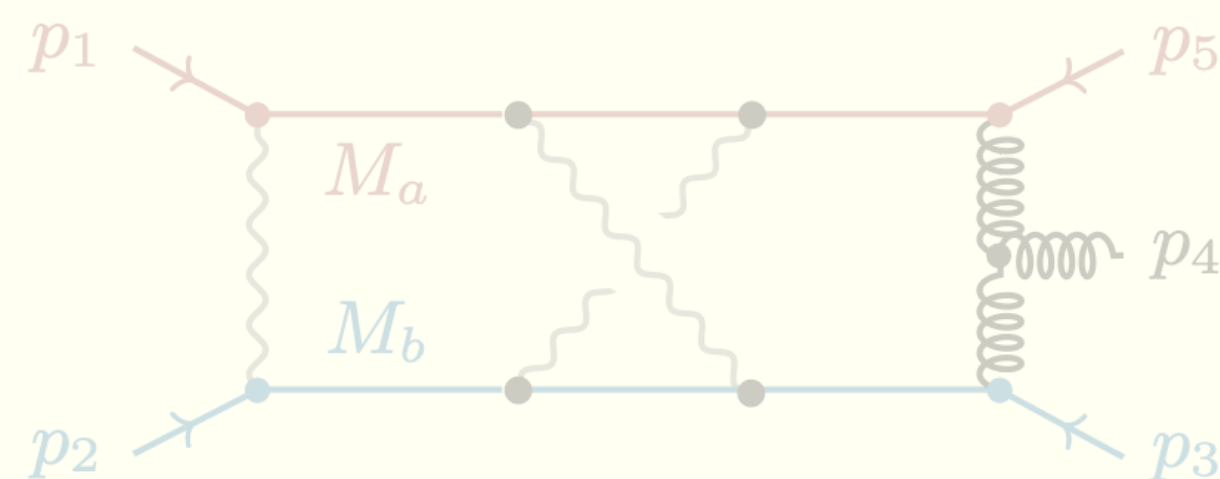
Recursively finding singularities



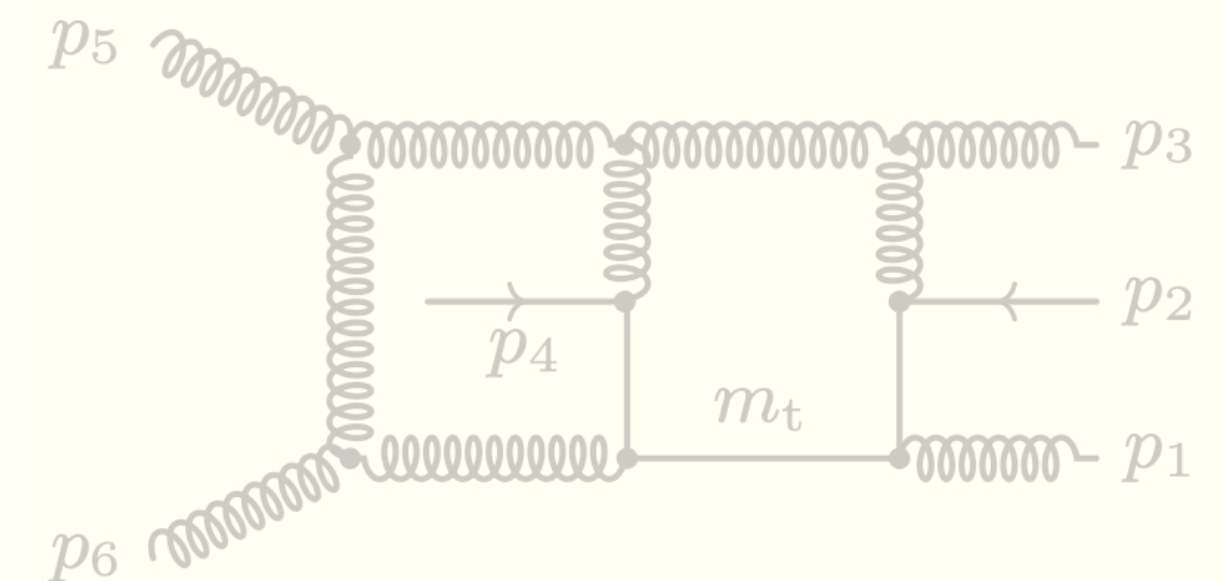
(Generic kinematic pentabox)



(Three-loop QED+QCD box)

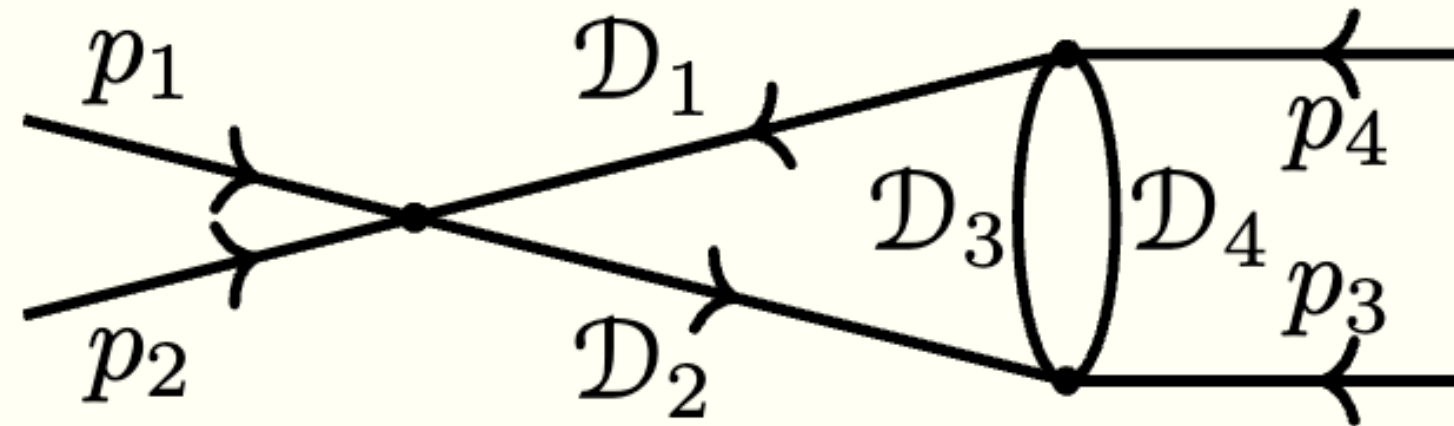


(Non-planar massive hexabox)



# RECURSIVELY FINDING SINGULARITIES

The generic kinematic parachute graph



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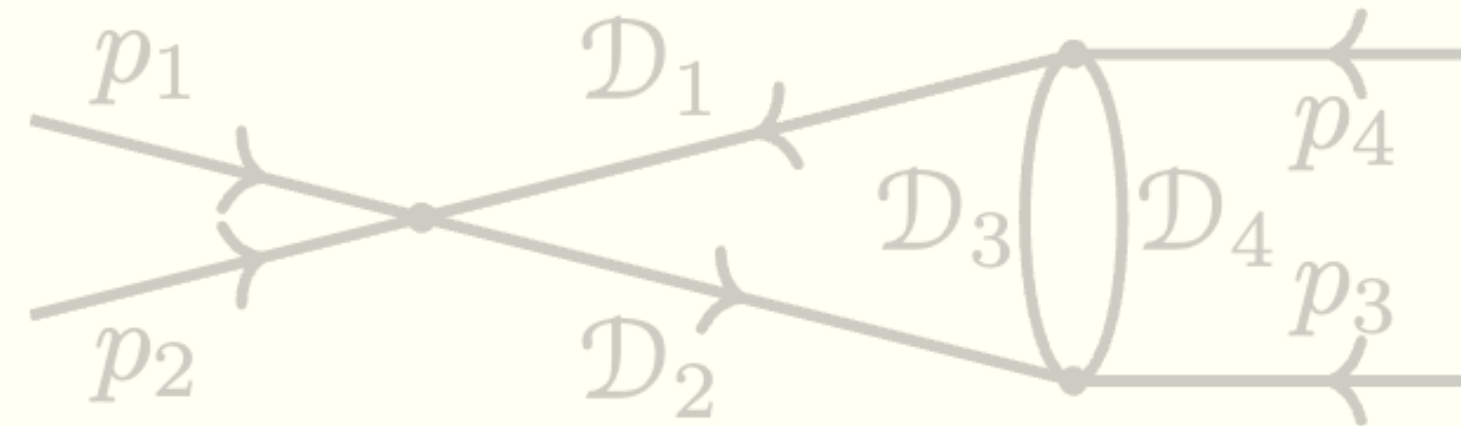
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What are the candidate leading singularities?

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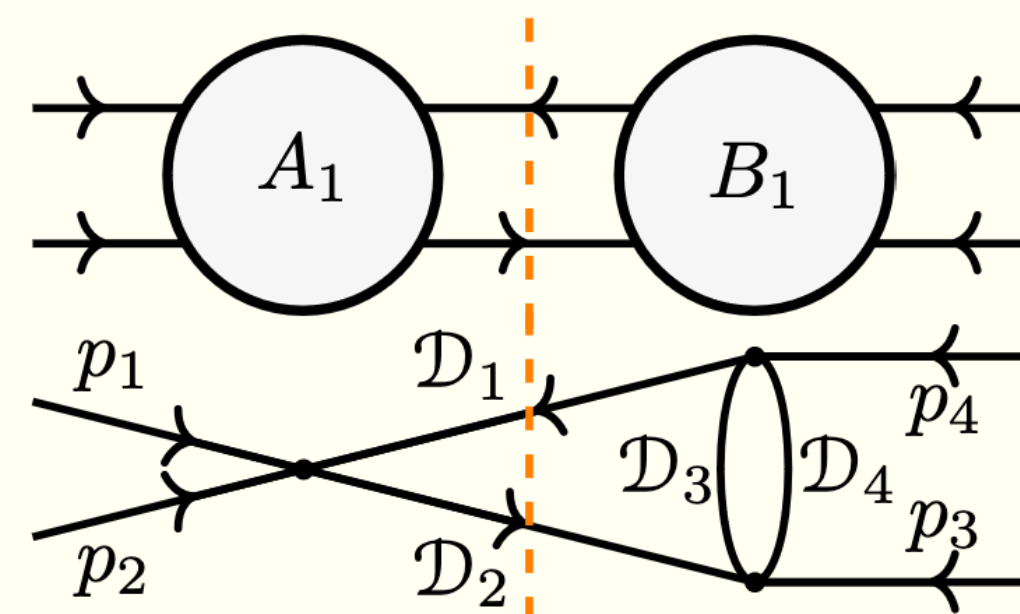
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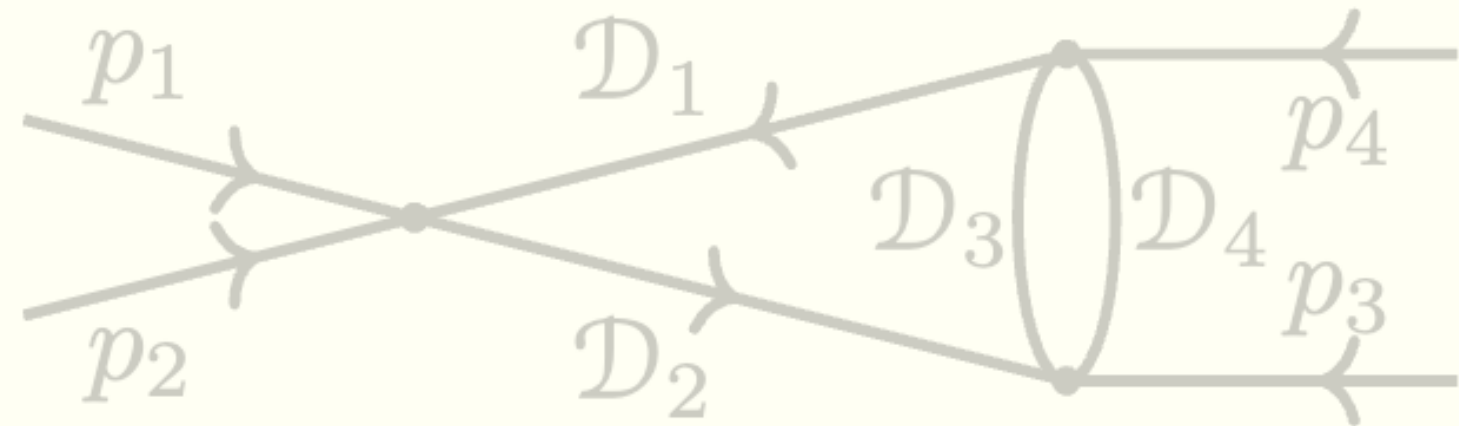
Let's look at a first two-particle cut



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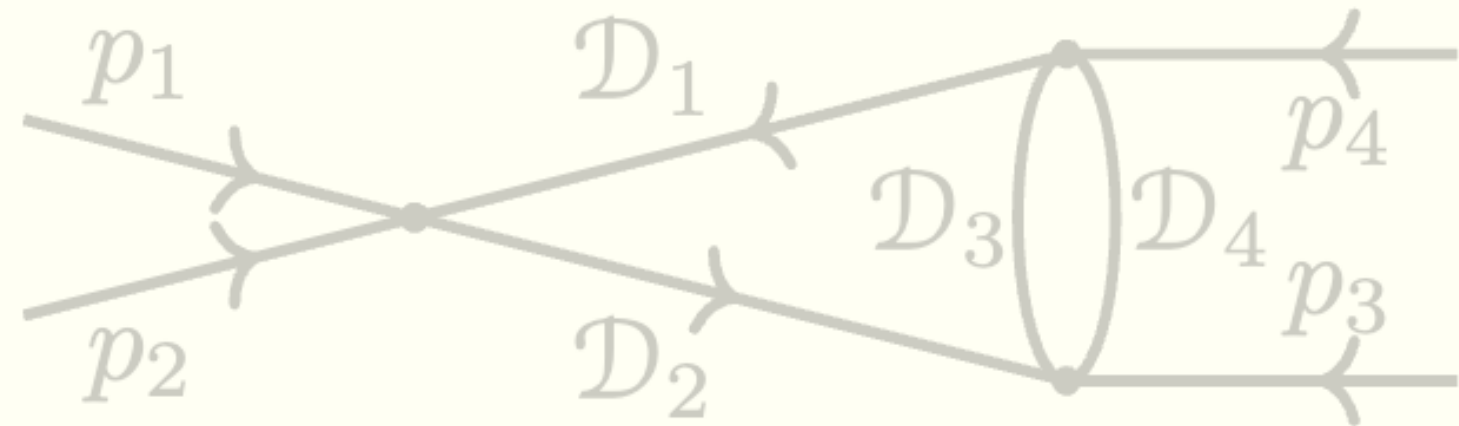
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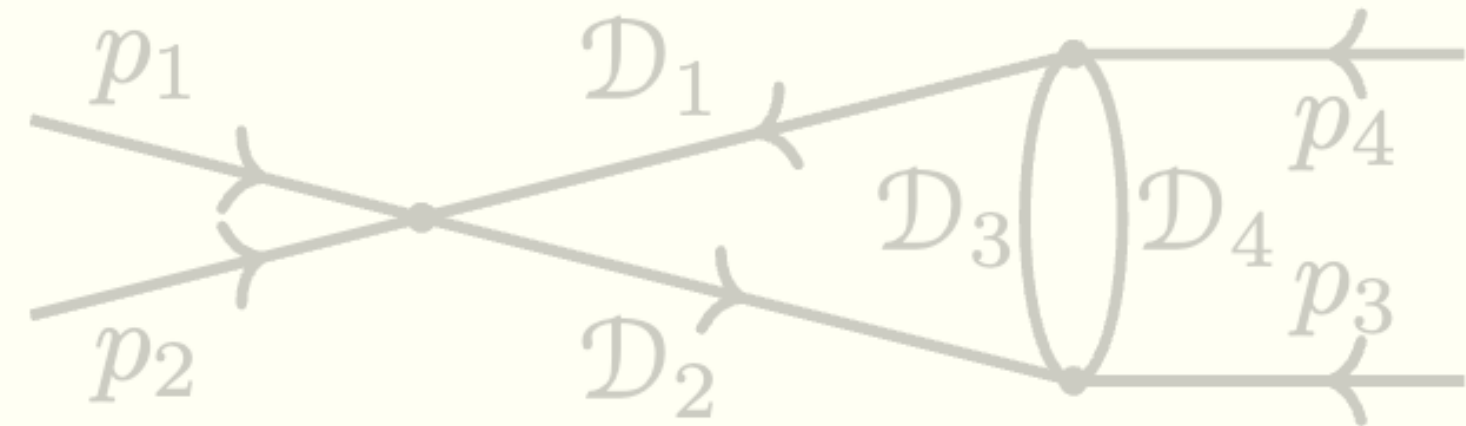
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Annotations for the integral:

- $d\mu_1 = d(k_1 \cdot p_{12}) d(k_1 \cdot p_3) d(k_1^2) \delta[\mathcal{D}_1] \delta[\mathcal{D}_2]$
- $\mu_1 = -i\lambda$
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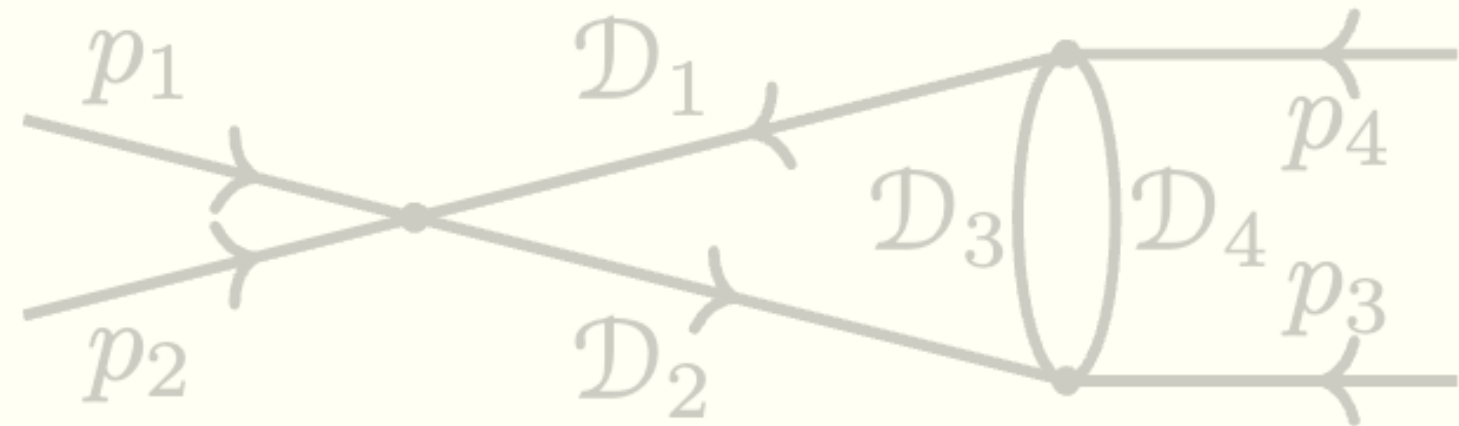
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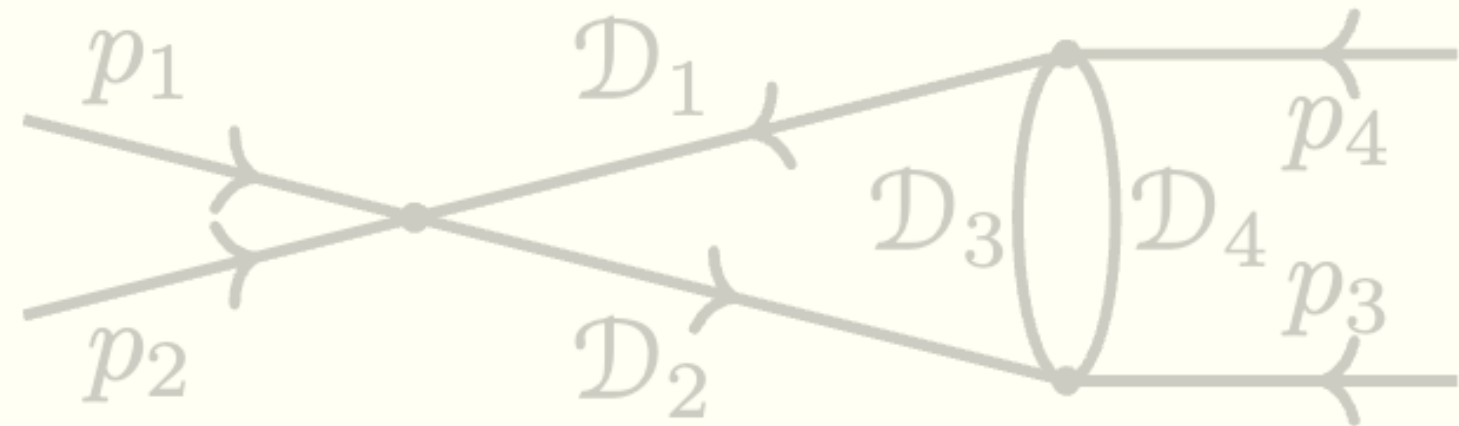
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Let's look at a first two-particle cut

The diagram shows the same four-point process as above, but with a vertical dashed orange line representing a two-particle cut through the loop. This cut separates the diagram into two parts,  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ , which are represented by circles. The cut passes through the internal lines  $\mathcal{D}_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}_2$ .

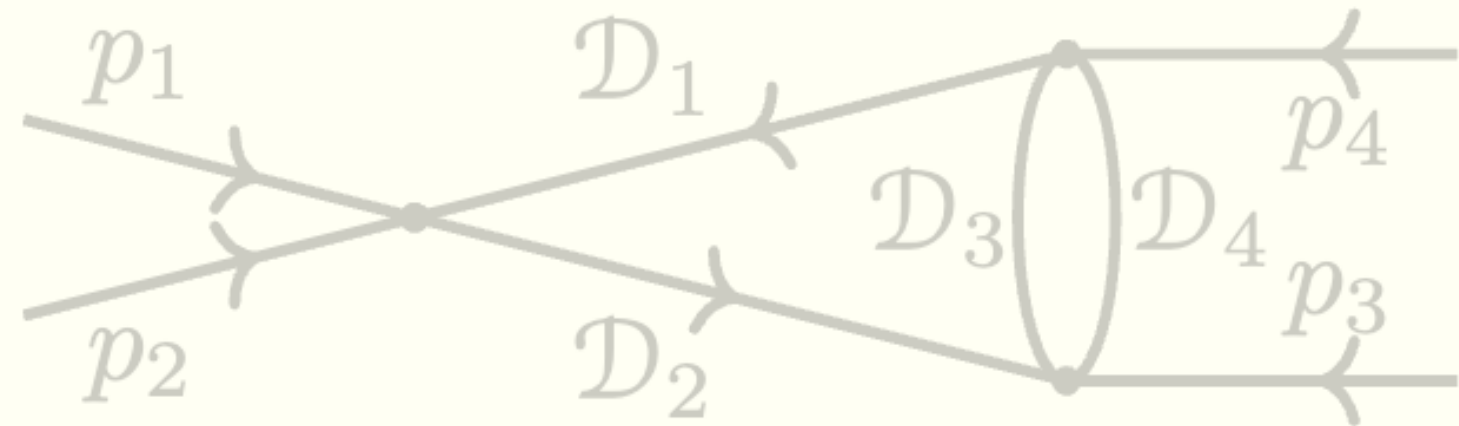
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Let's look at a first two-particle cut

A diagram illustrating a two-particle cut. It shows two vertices,  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ , connected by two internal lines. A vertical dashed orange line represents the cut. The external momenta are  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ . The propagators are labeled  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2, \mathcal{D}_3, \mathcal{D}_4$ .

The diagram is associated with the following mathematical expressions:

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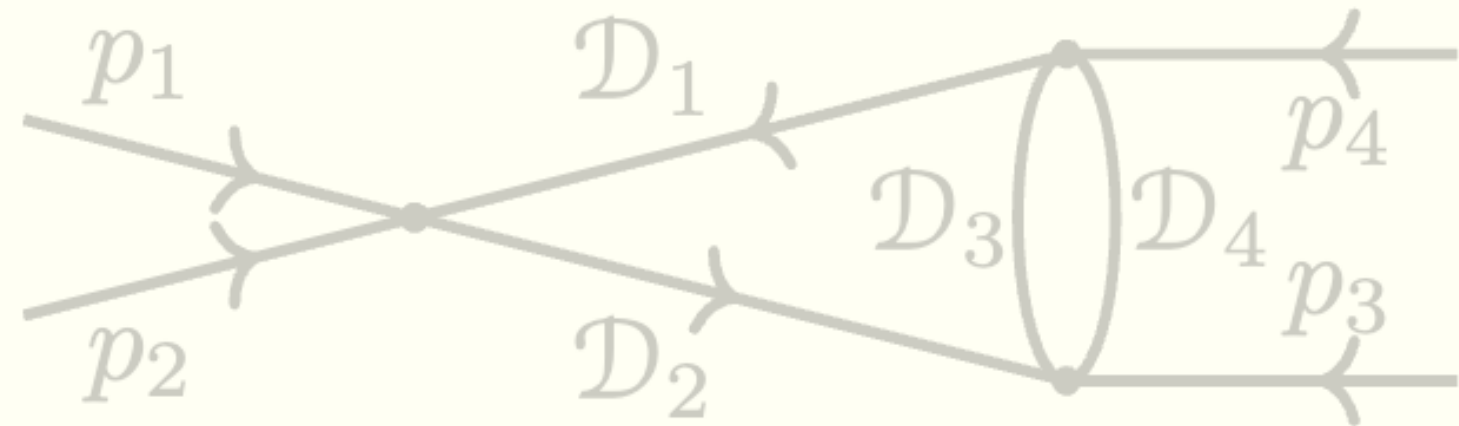
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Fixed by the singular locus of  $B_1$

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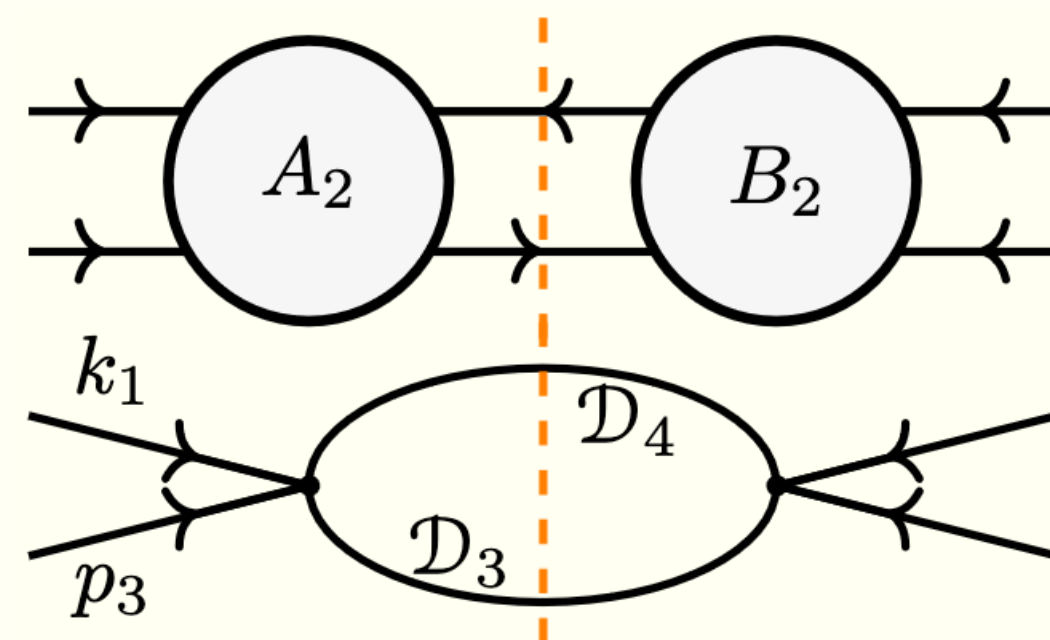
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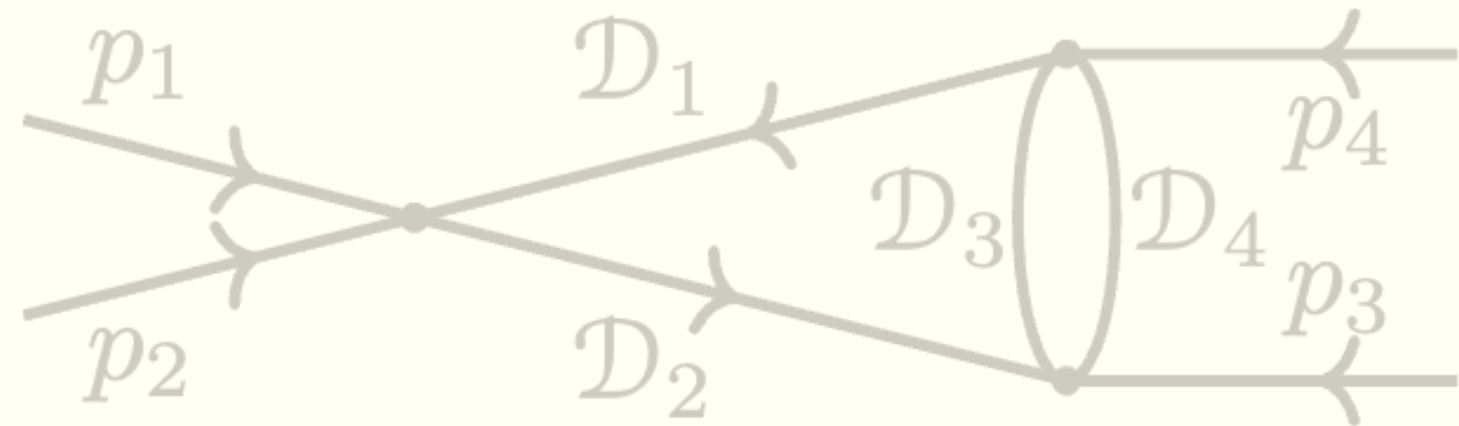
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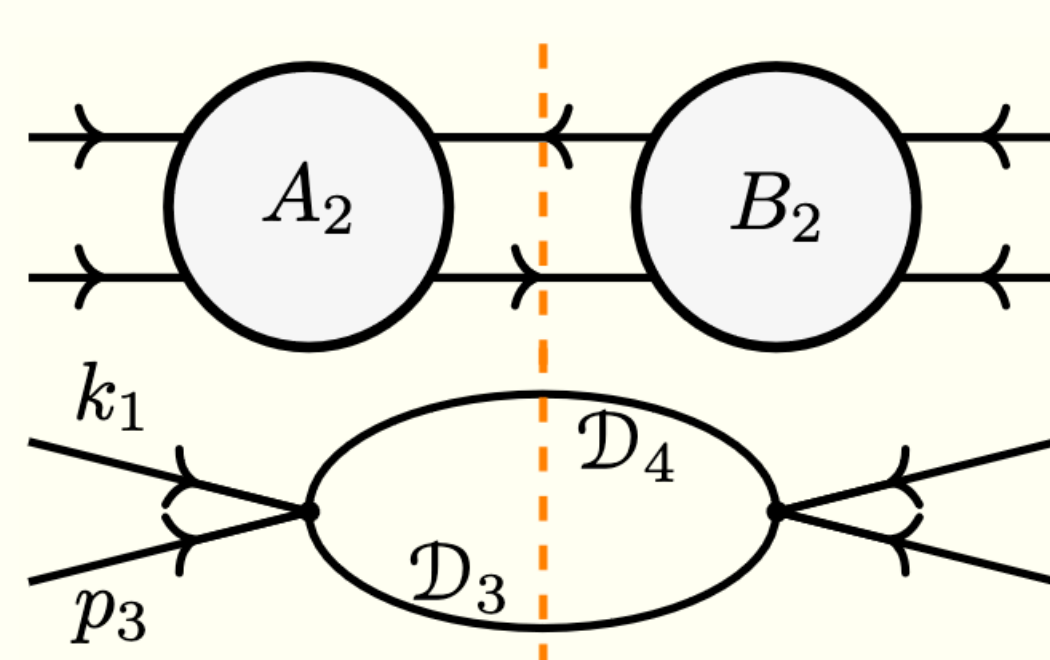
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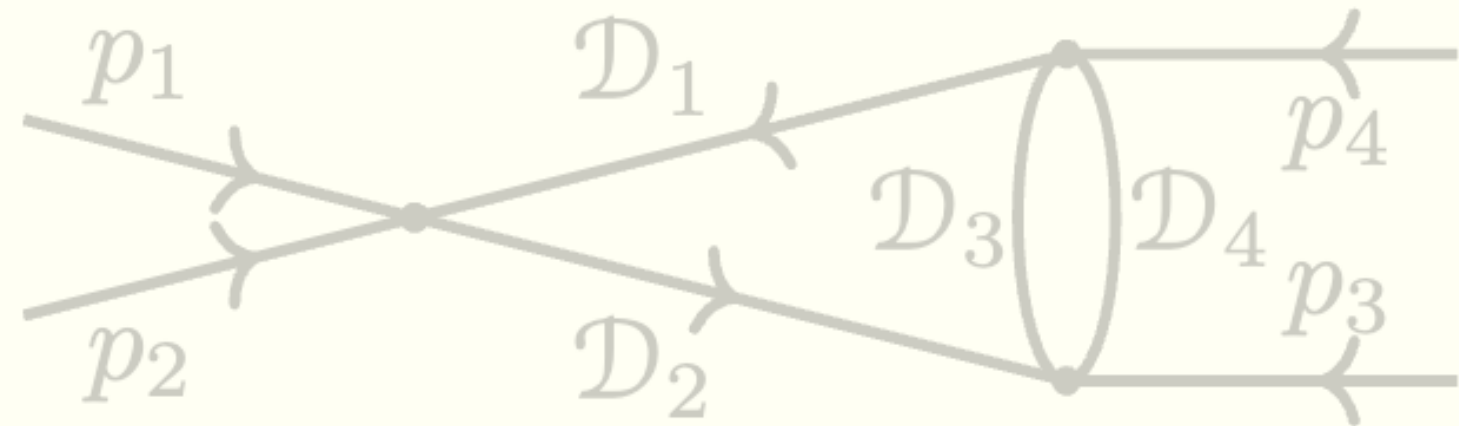
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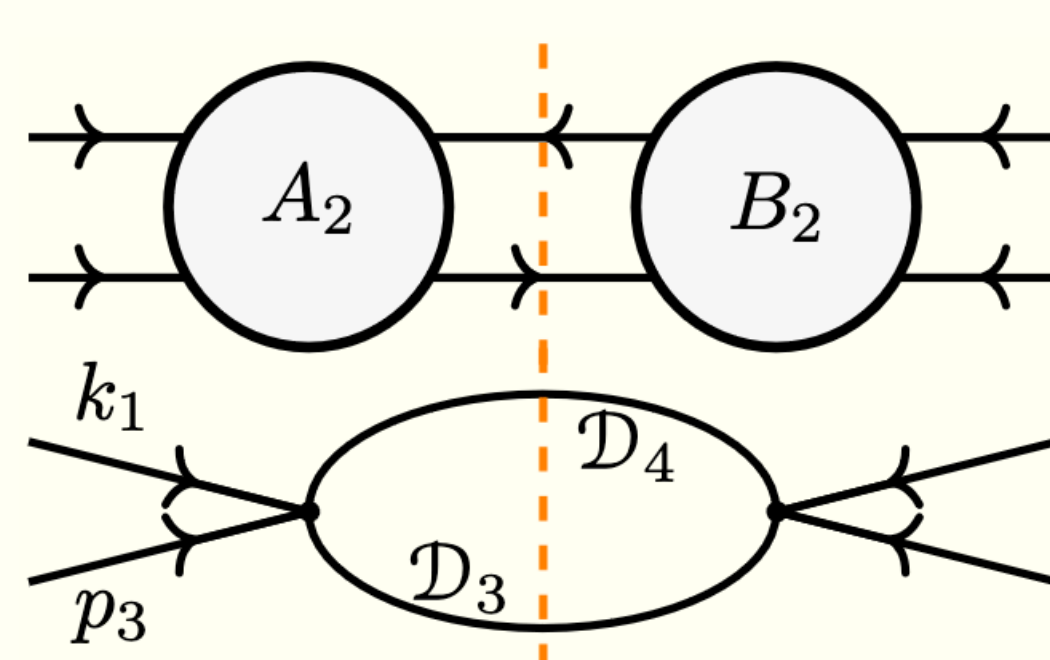
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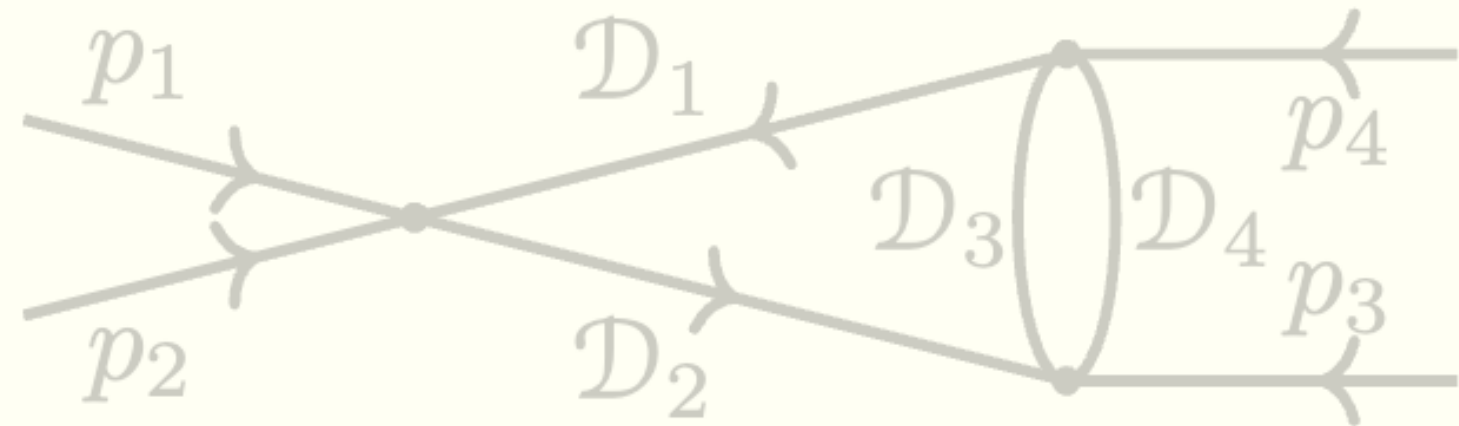


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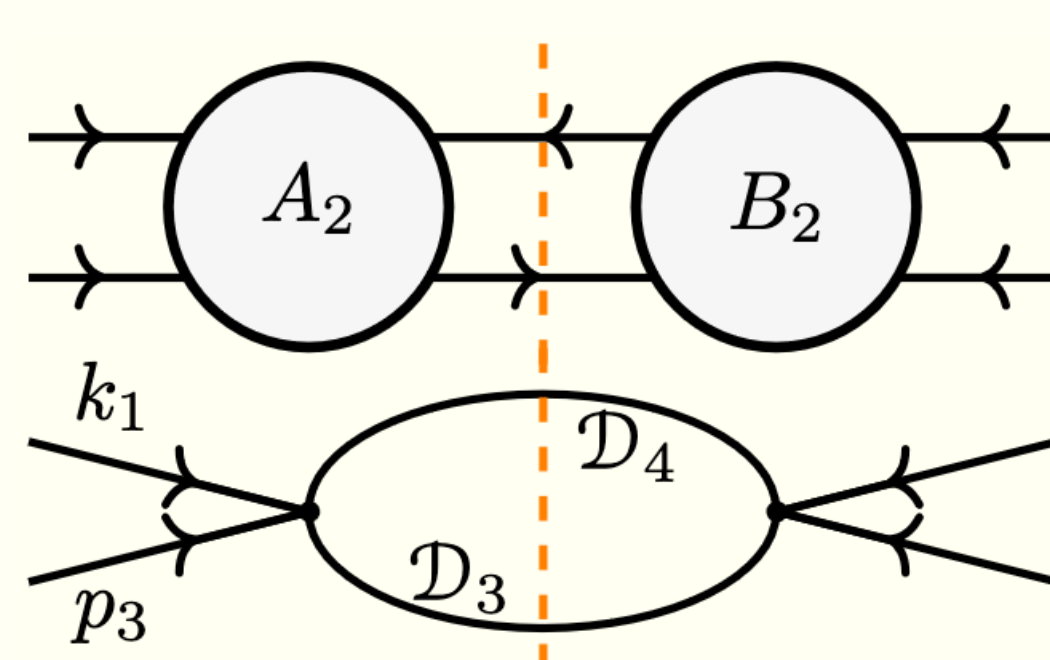
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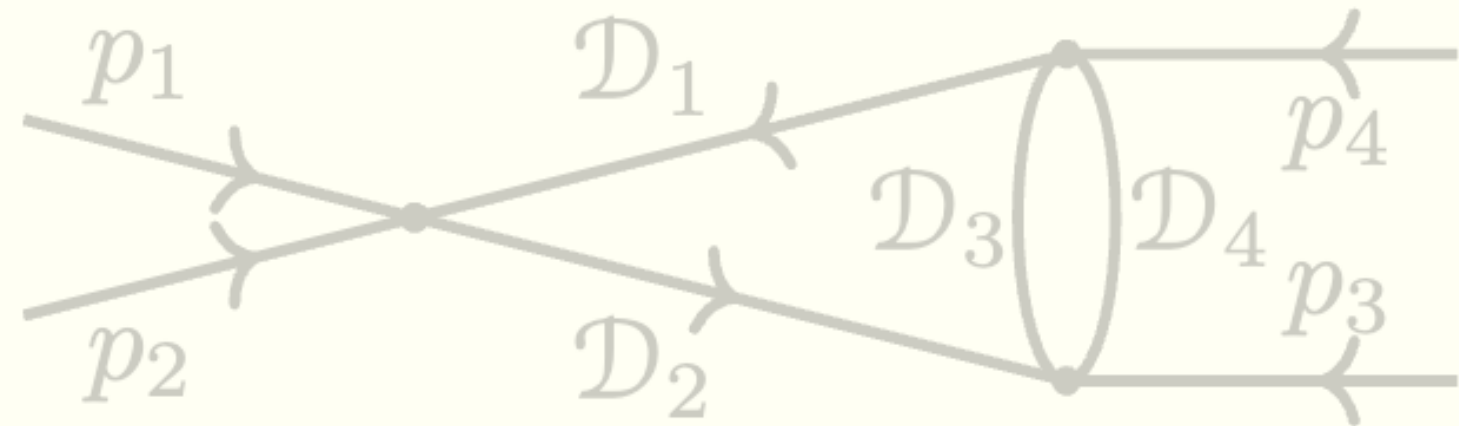
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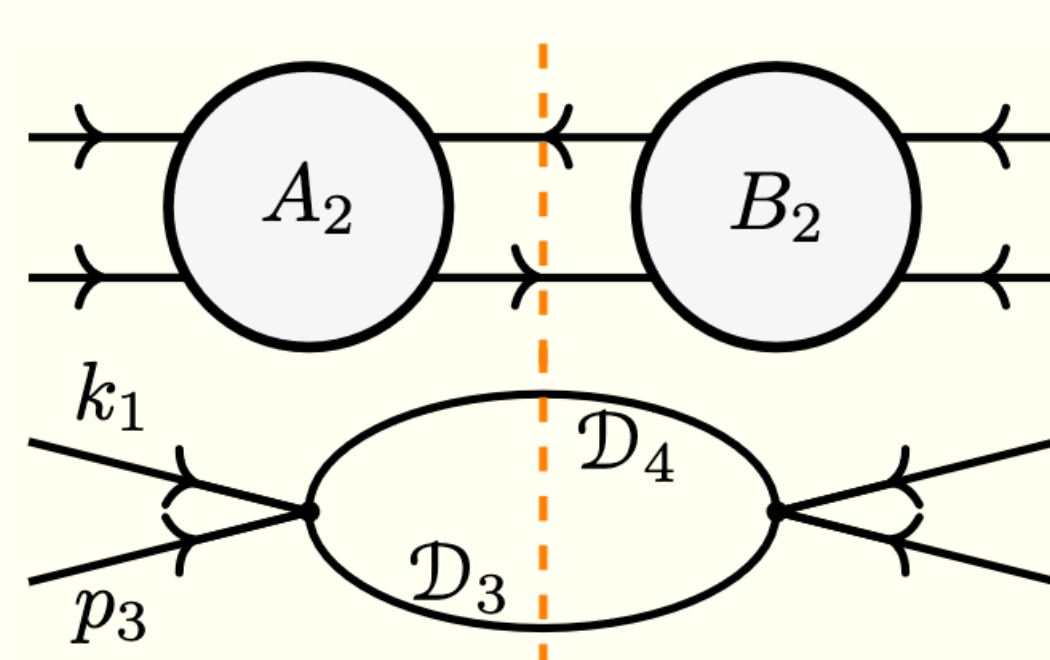
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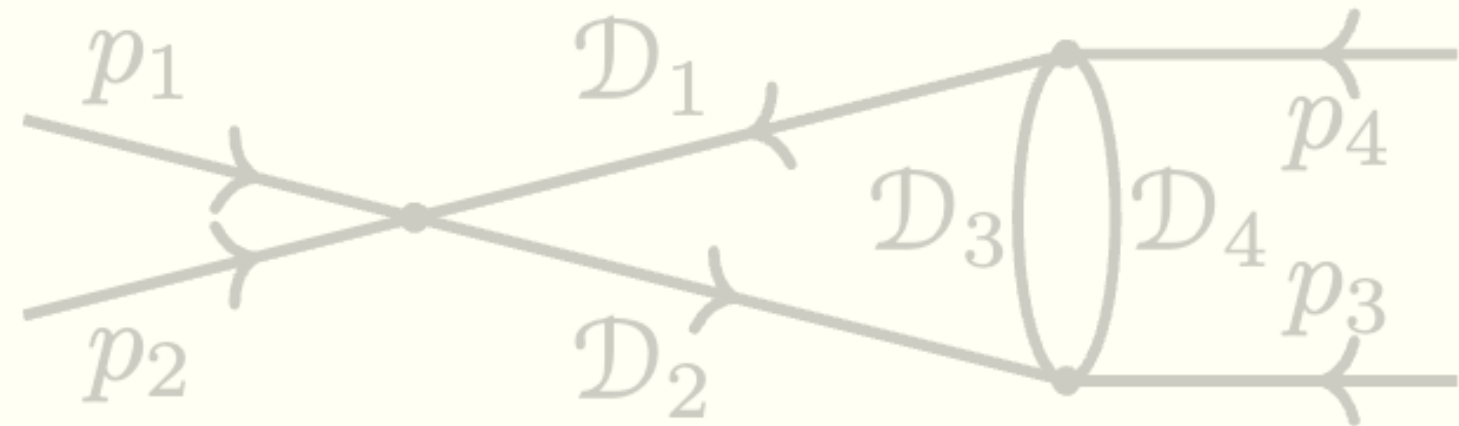
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# RECURSIVELY FINDING SINGULARITIES



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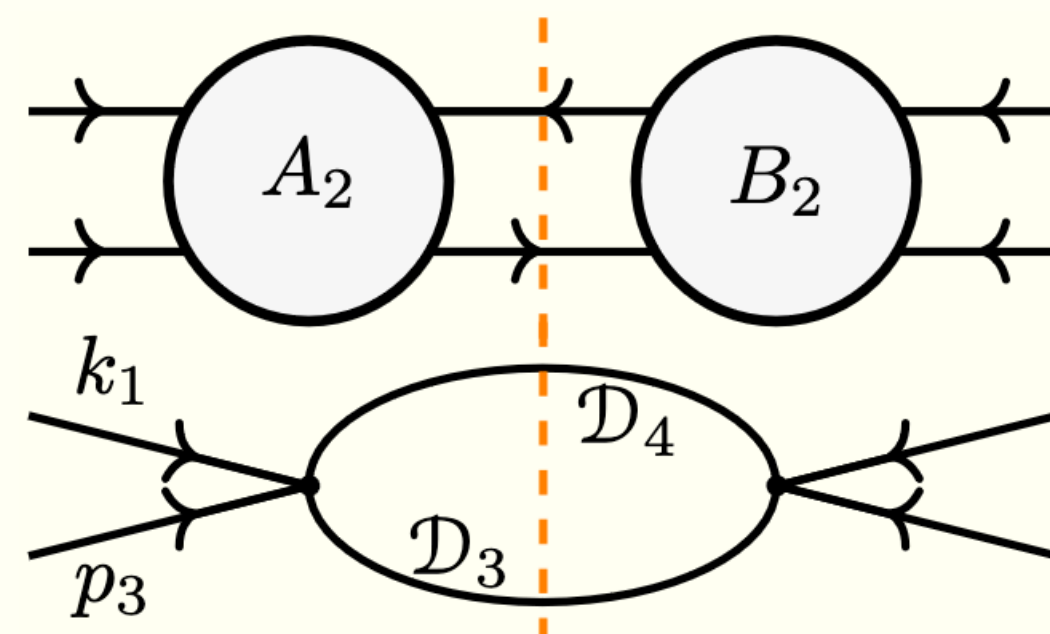
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Singular locus of  $B_1$  is given by repeating the *same* argument over the bubble

Imposing  $\det \tilde{G}_2 = 0$  gives  $\mathcal{L}(B_1)_1 = 0$

$$k_1 \cdot p_3 = \frac{1}{2} [(m_3 \pm m_4)^2 - m_2^2 - M_3^2]$$



$$\Lambda^\mu = (p_3 + k_1)^\mu$$

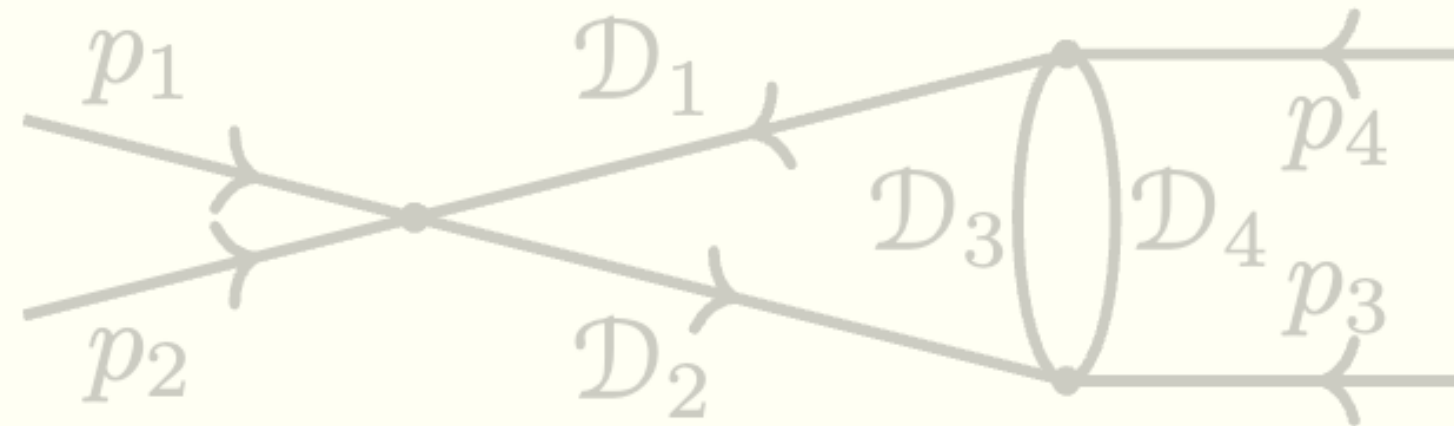
$$= C_{\text{bub}} \int_{\Gamma_2} \frac{d\mu_2 A_2 B_2}{(\det G_2)^{\frac{3-D}{2}}}$$

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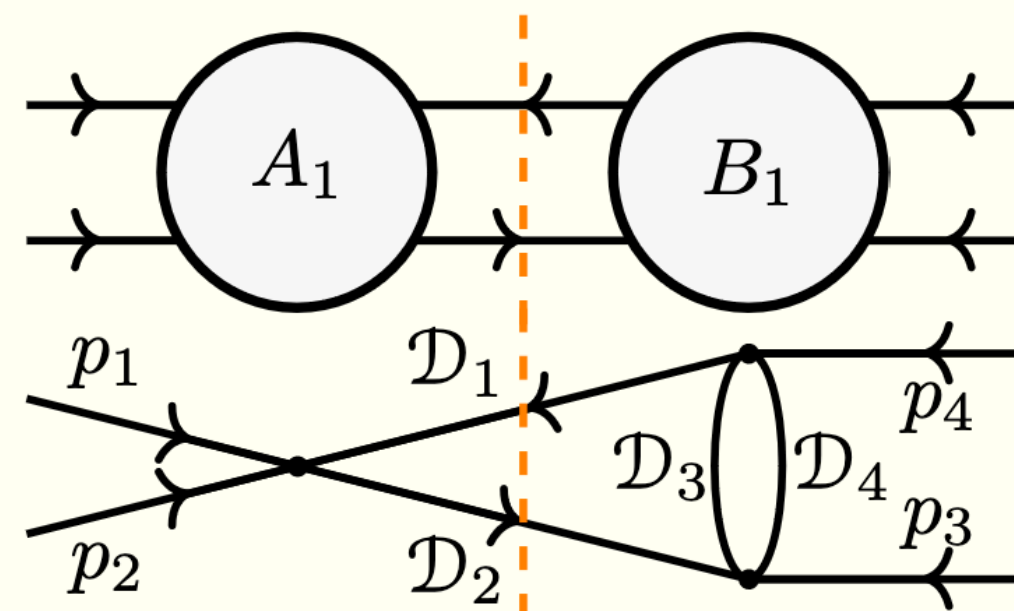
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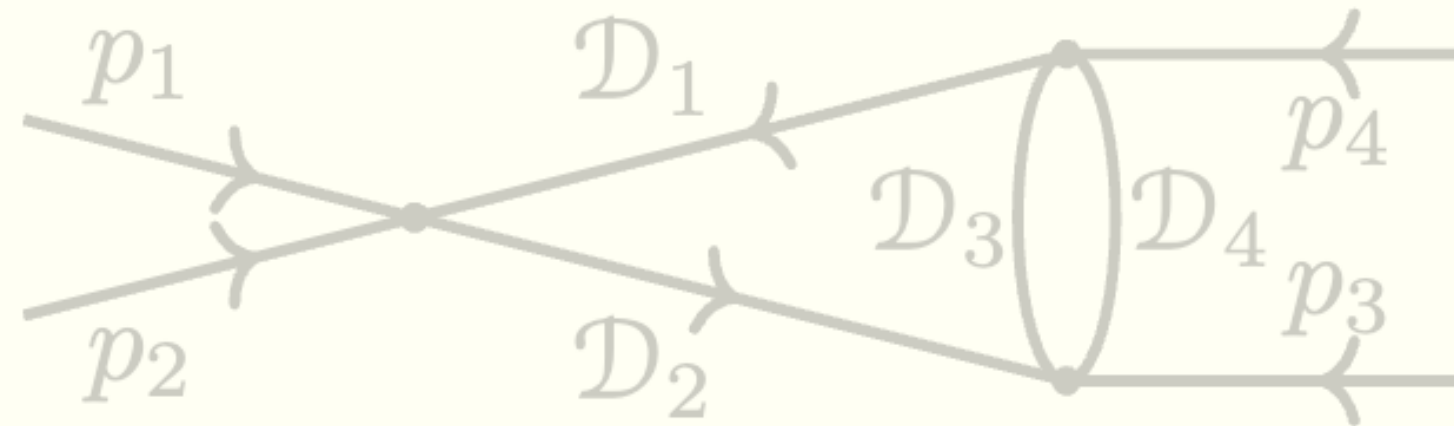
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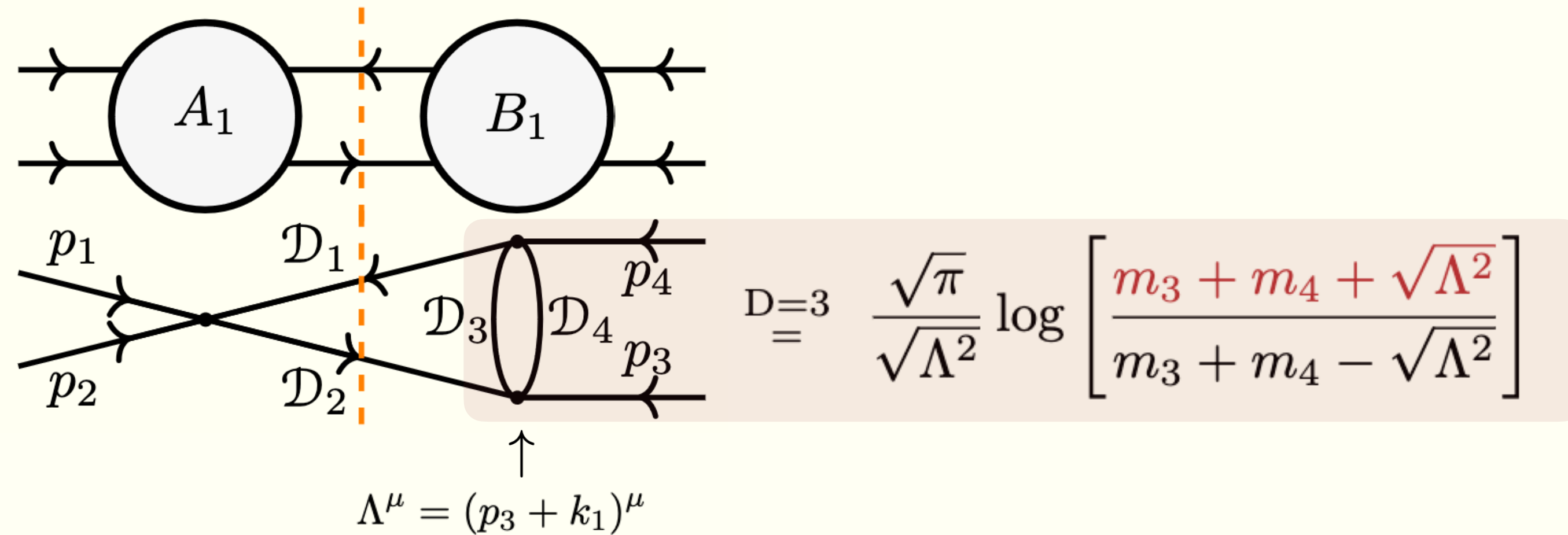
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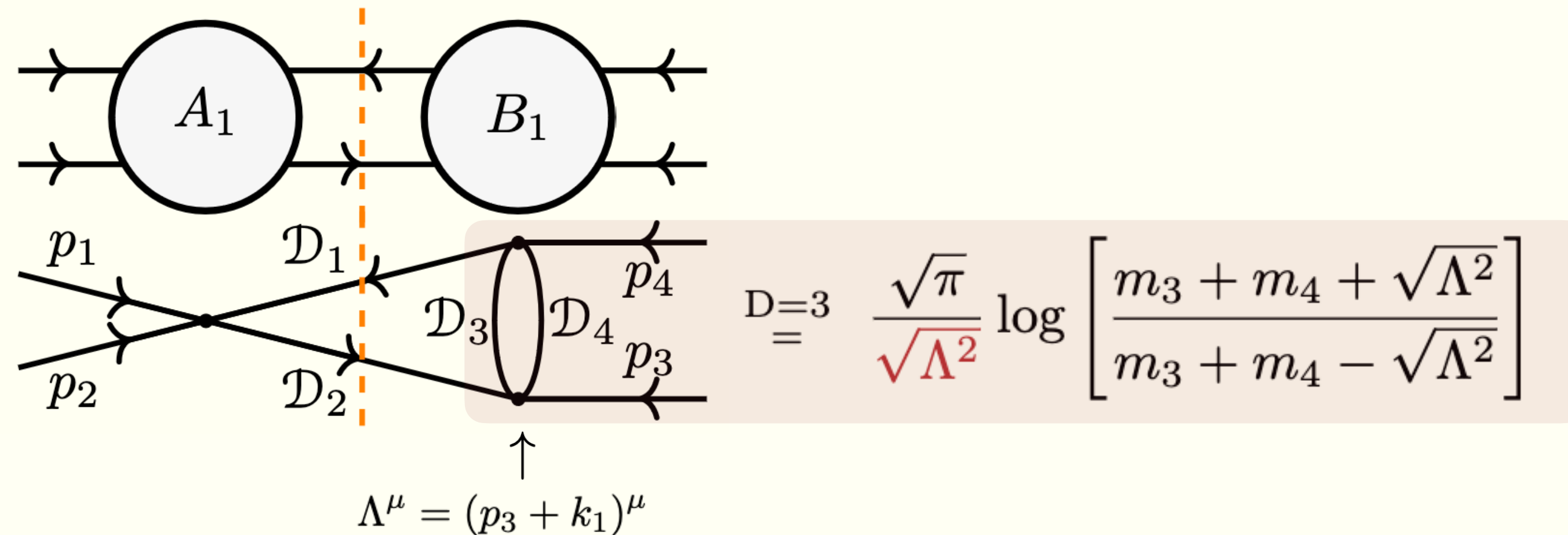
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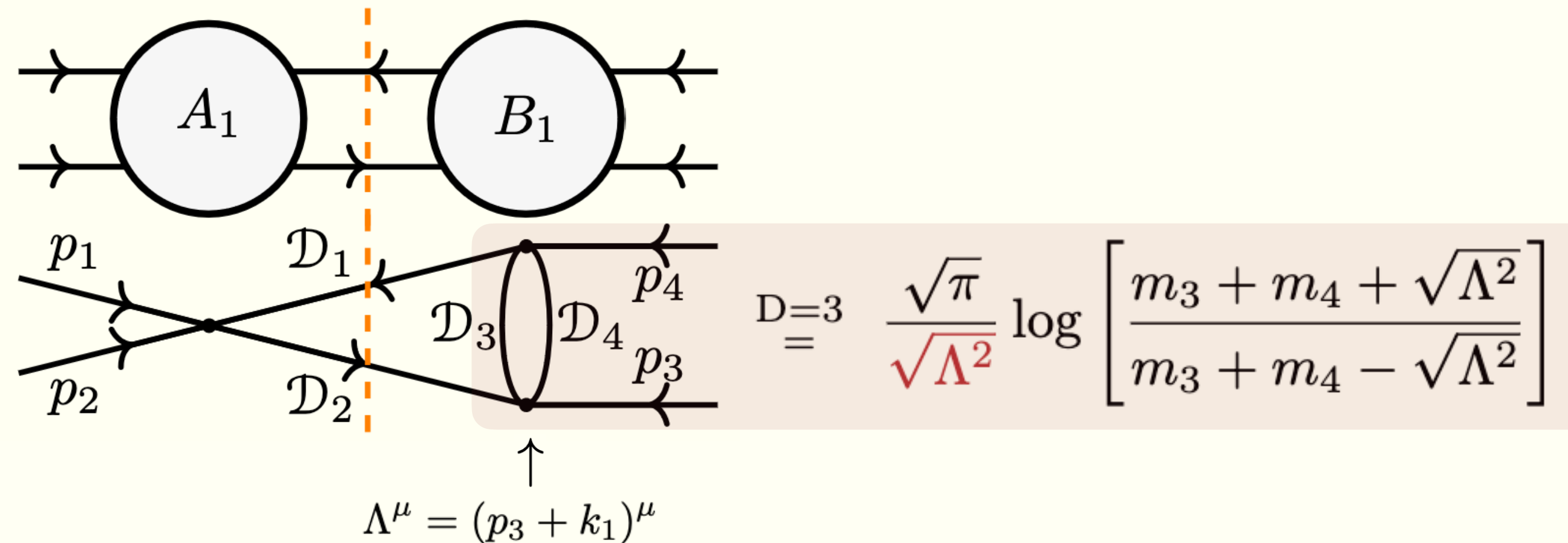
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#####
# Component 3
#####
D[3] = M[3]^2*m[1] - M[3]*M[4]*m[1] - M[3]*M[4]*m[2] + M[3]*M[4]*s + M[3]*m[1]^2 - M[3]*m[1]*m[2] - M[3]*m[1]*s + M[4]^2*m[2] -
M[4]*m[1]*m[2] + M[4]*m[2]^2 - M[4]*m[2]*s + m[1]*m[2]*s
χ[3] = 18
weights[3] = []
computed_with[3] = ["HyperInt"]
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# WHAT ABOUT OTHER SINGULARITIES ?

Same phenomenon captures subtle singularities found in state-of-the-art amplitude computations

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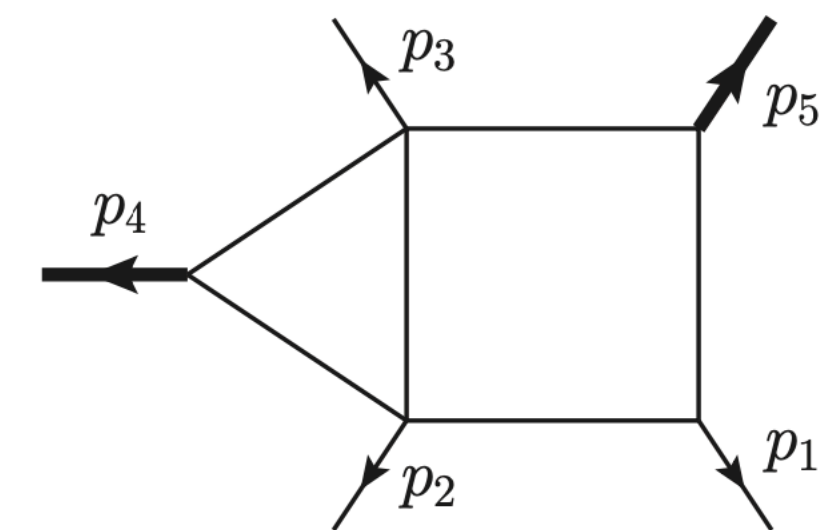
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and it can appear in 6 permutations  $r_2^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ . The fourth root appears as the leading singularity of the integral in fig. 3c with unit numerator, its argument is

$$r_3^{(1)} = 4s_4s_{12}(s_5 - s_{15})s_{15} + (s_5(s_{23} + s_{34}) - s_{15}(s_{34} + s_{45}))^2, \quad (3.18)$$

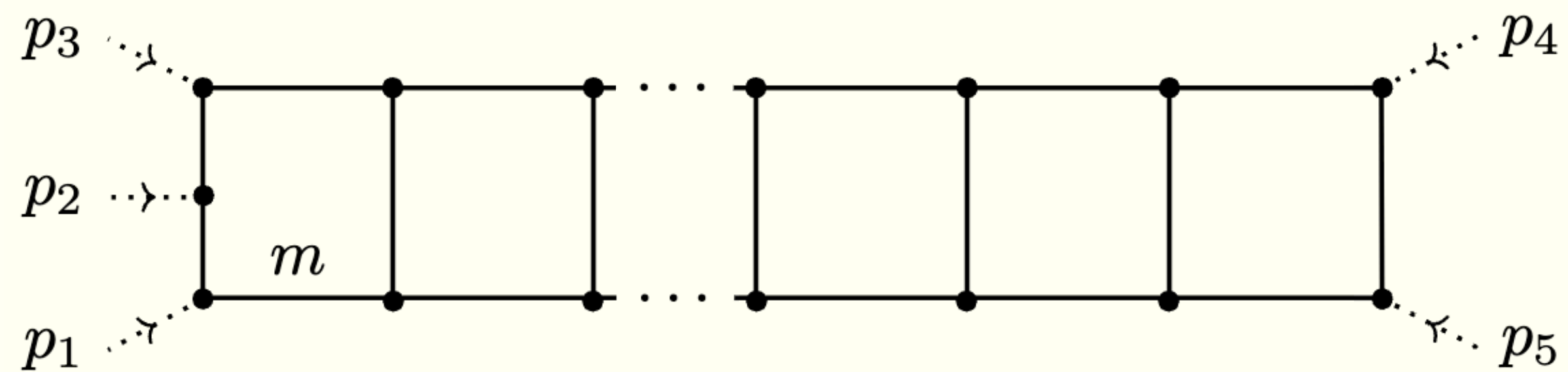
and it can appear in 12 permutations  $r_3^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 12$ . This square root can be computed in a very similar way as the  $\Sigma_5$  square root was computed in [31]. As mentioned previously, it is missed by the `BaikovLetter` code. It is however captured by the recursive Landau approach of [16]. The package `PLD.jl` [9] also detects it when computing Euler discriminants, but fails to detect it when computing principal Landau discriminants.<sup>3</sup> Finally, we also find the square-root of the five-point



(c)  $r_3^{(1)}$  of eq. (3.18).

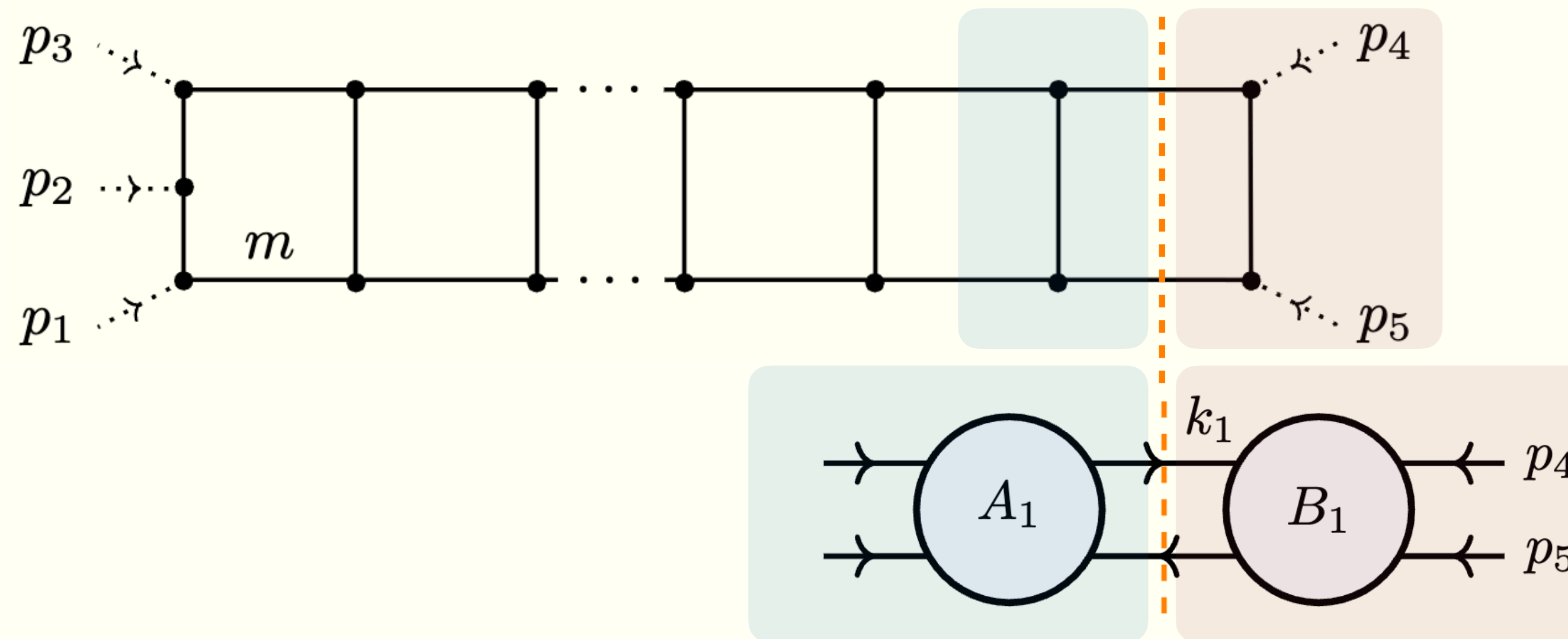
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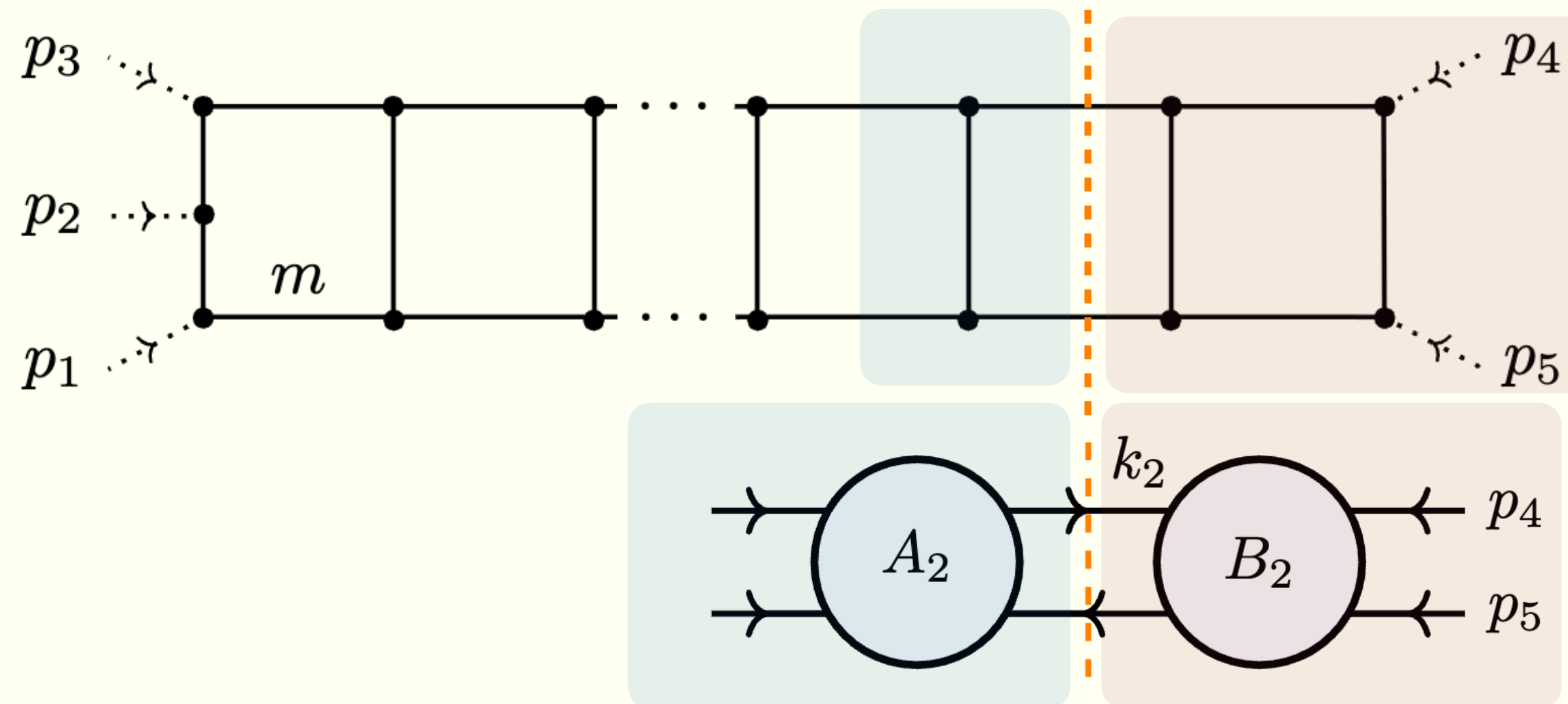
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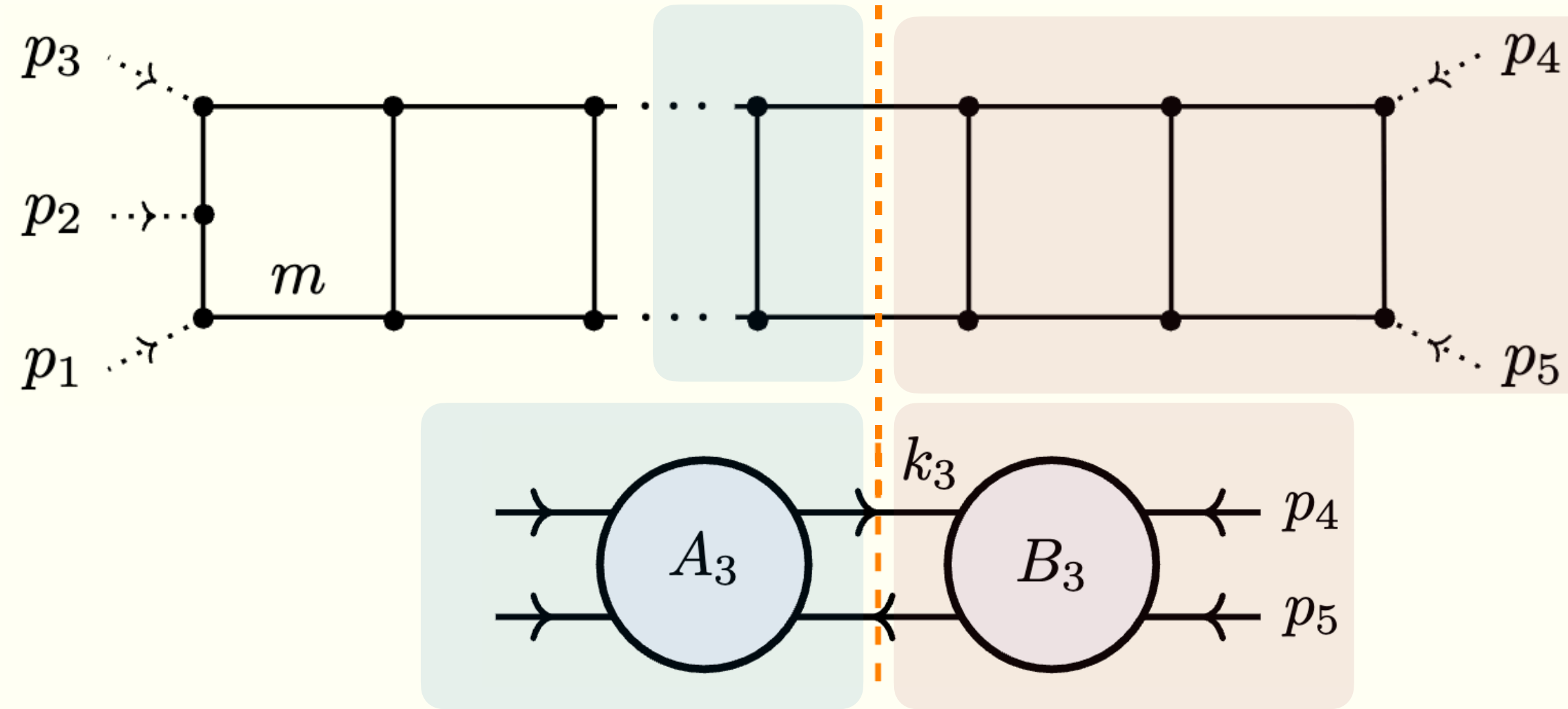
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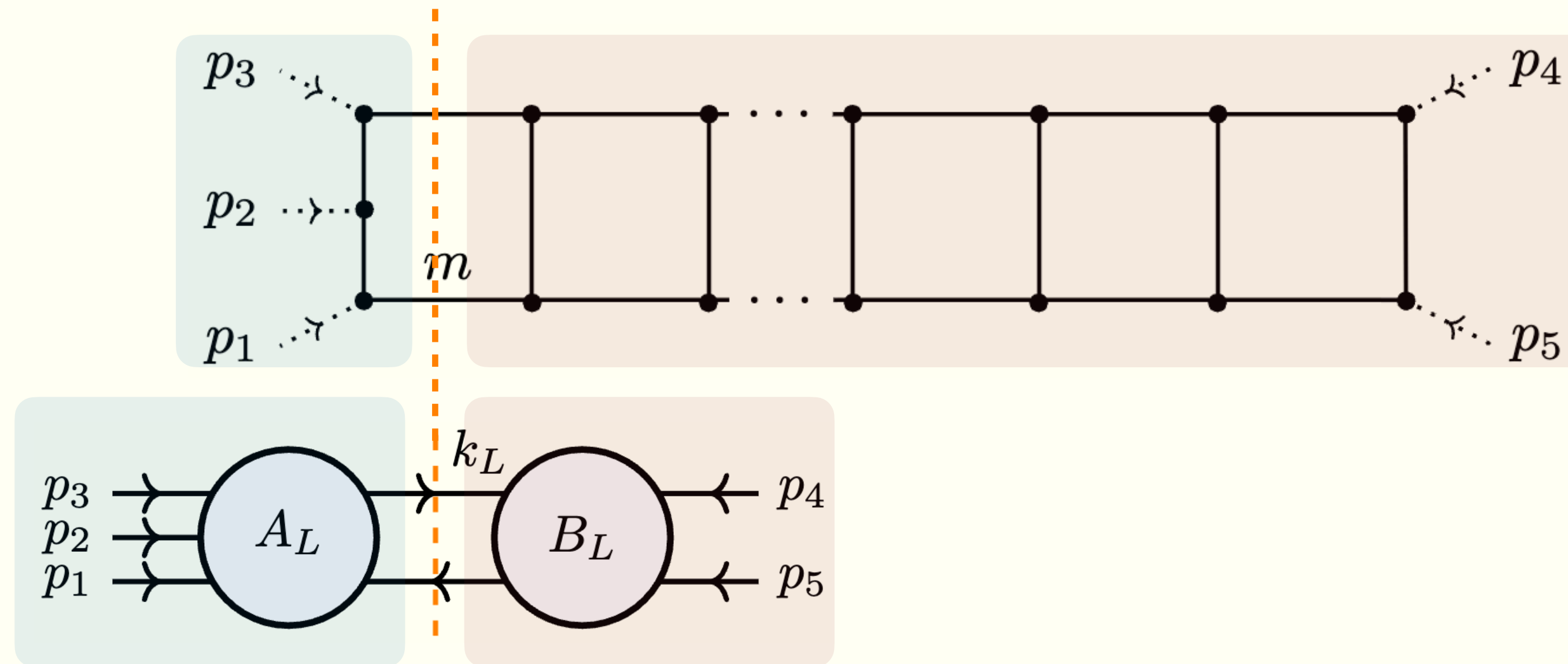
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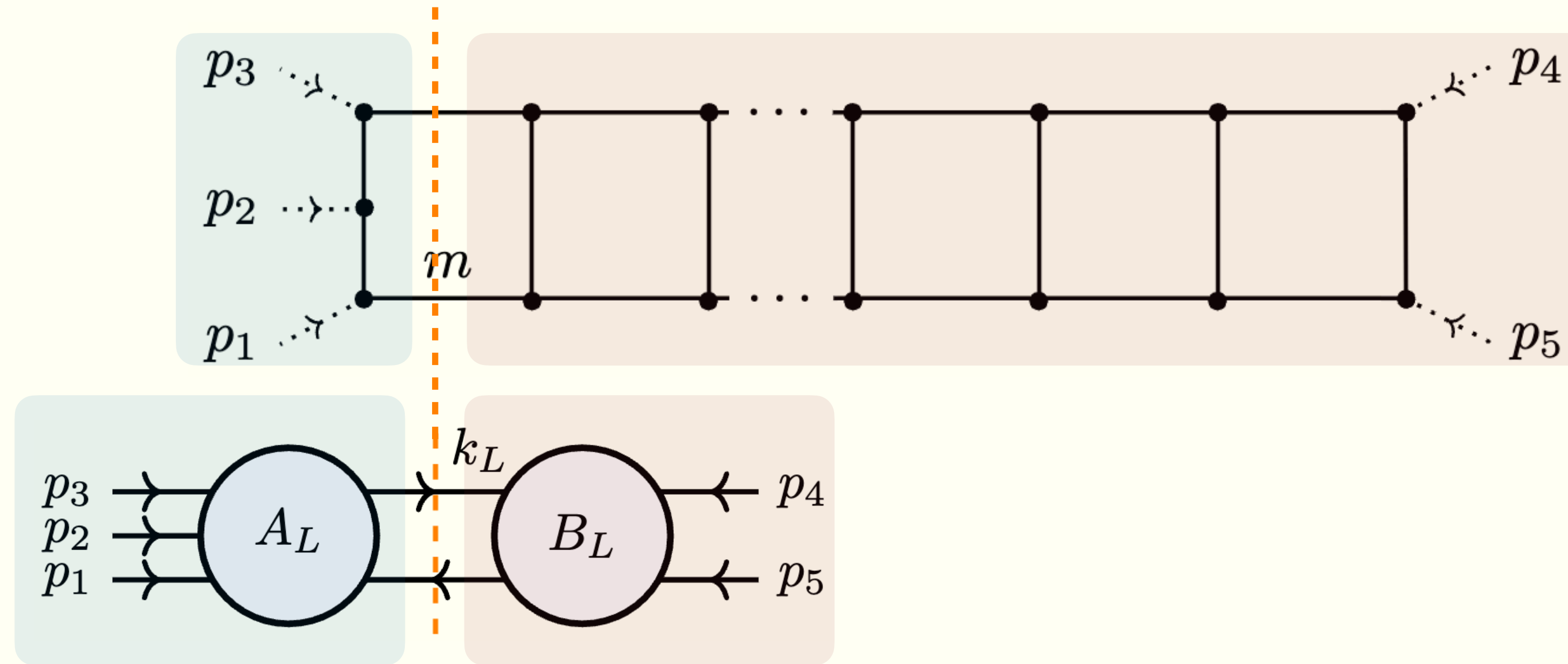
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The leading singularity of the  $L$ -loop penta-ladder is the same as for the ladder when  $t$  is replaced by

$$\lambda(Z_{m,m,m,m})^{L-1} \lambda(Z_{m,0,0,m}) - \lambda(Z_{m,0,0,\sqrt{t}}) = 0$$

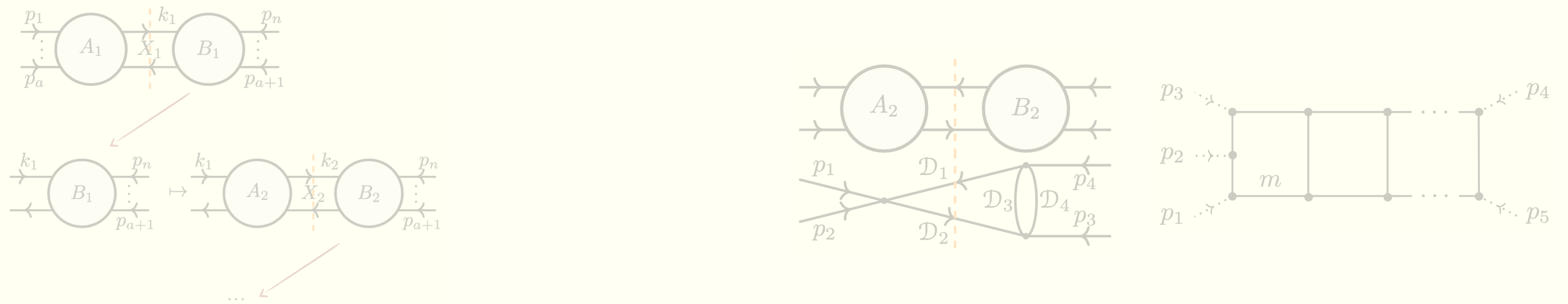
$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \lambda(z) = z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1} \\ Z_{a,b,c,d} = \frac{\sqrt{s_{45}}(s_{45} + 2d^2 - 2a^2 - b^2 - c^2)}{\sqrt{s_{45} - 4a^2} \sqrt{s_{45} - (b+c)^2} \sqrt{s_{45} - (b-c)^2}} \end{array} \right.$$

[Correia, Sever, Zhiboedov (2020)]

$$\begin{aligned} & m^4 s_{12} s_{23} (s_{12} + s_{23} - s_{45}) + s_{12} s_{23} [t^2 (s_{12} + s_{23} - s_{45}) \\ & - s_{15} s_{34} s_{45} + t (s_{12} (s_{23} - s_{15}) - s_{23} s_{34} + (s_{15} + s_{34}) s_{45})] \\ & + m^2 [s_{12}^2 (s_{15}^2 - 2t s_{23} - s_{15} s_{23}) + (s_{23} s_{34} + (s_{15} - s_{34}) s_{45})^2 \\ & + s_{12} (s_{23} s_{34} (s_{45} - s_{23}) - 2t s_{23} (s_{23} - s_{45}) - 2s_{15}^2 s_{45} \\ & + s_{15} (2s_{34} s_{45} + s_{23} (2s_{34} + s_{45})))] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

[Caron-Huot, Correia, Giroux (2024)]

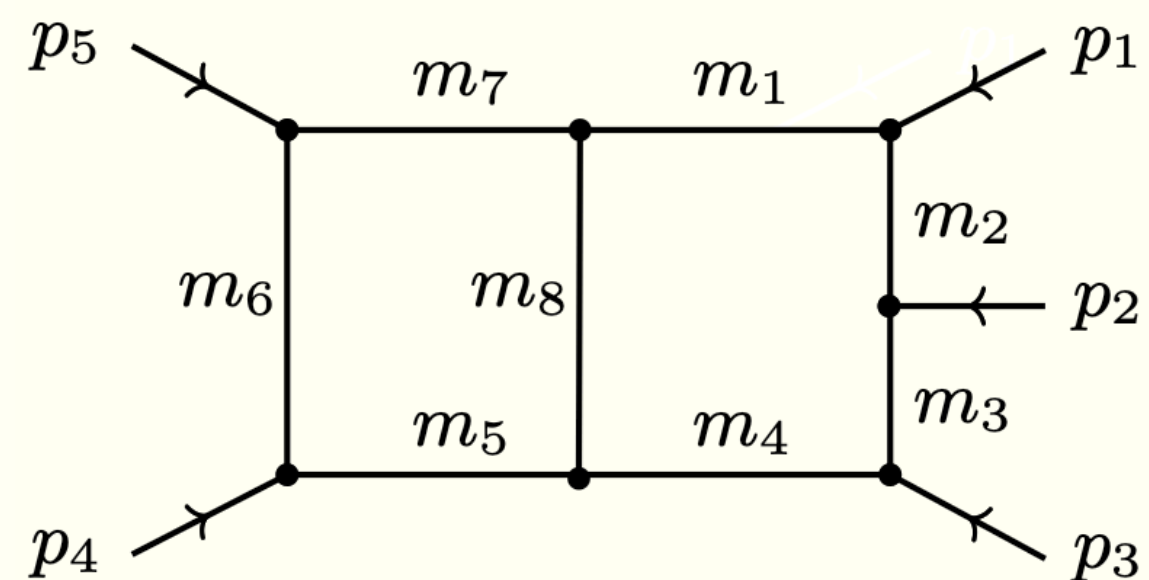
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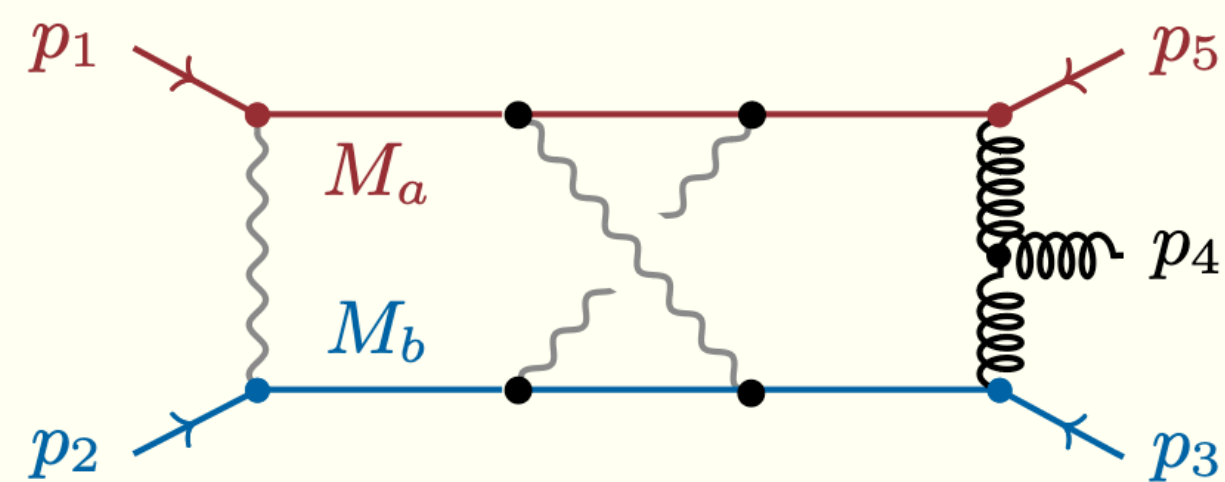
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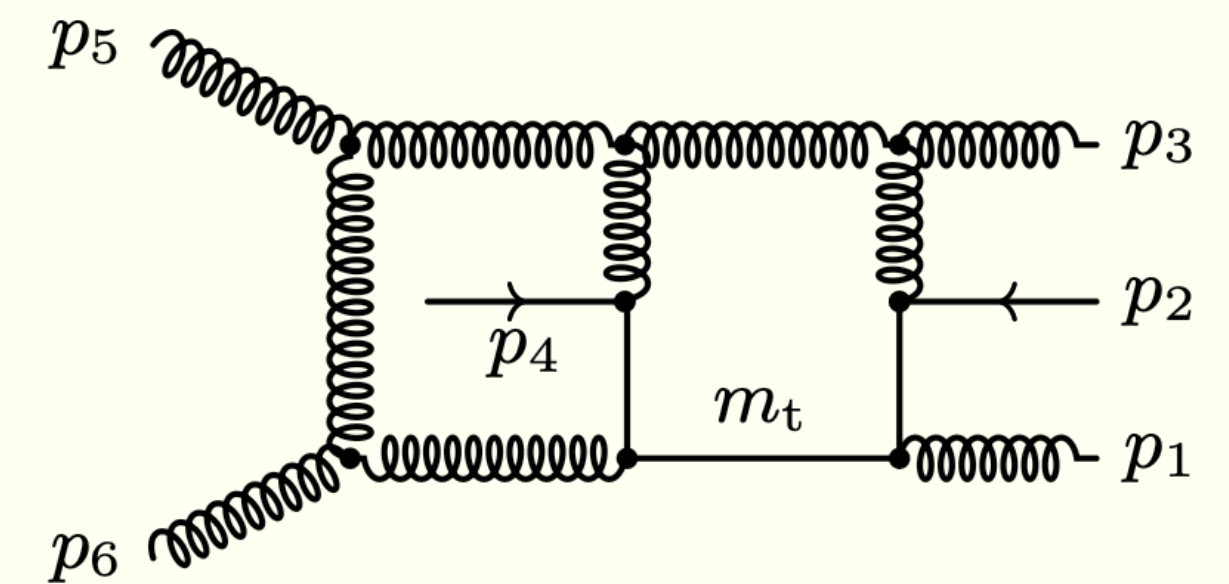
*(Generic kinematic pentabox)*



*(Three-loop QED+QCD box)*




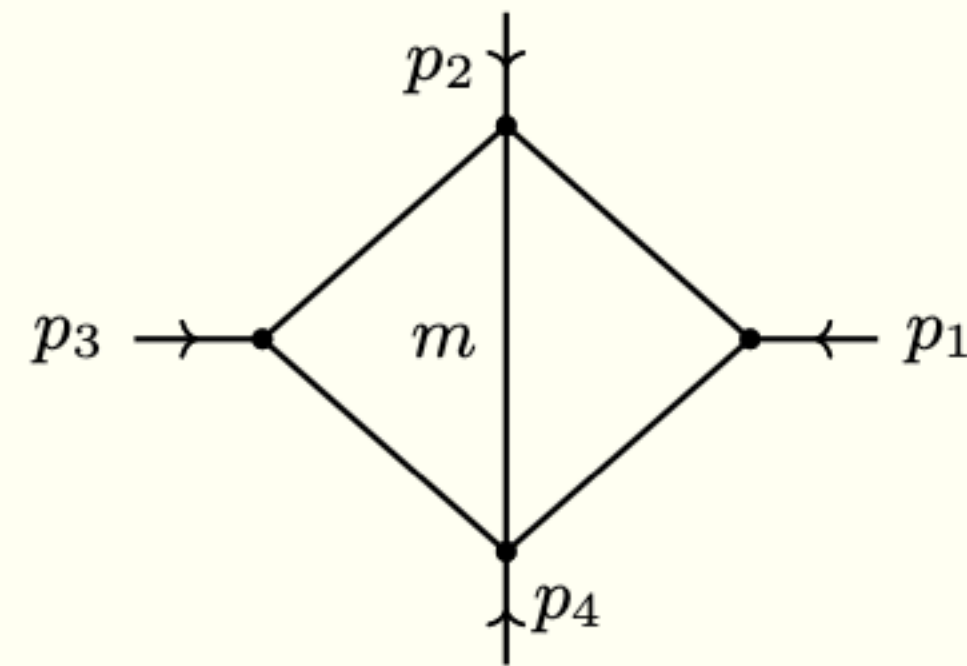
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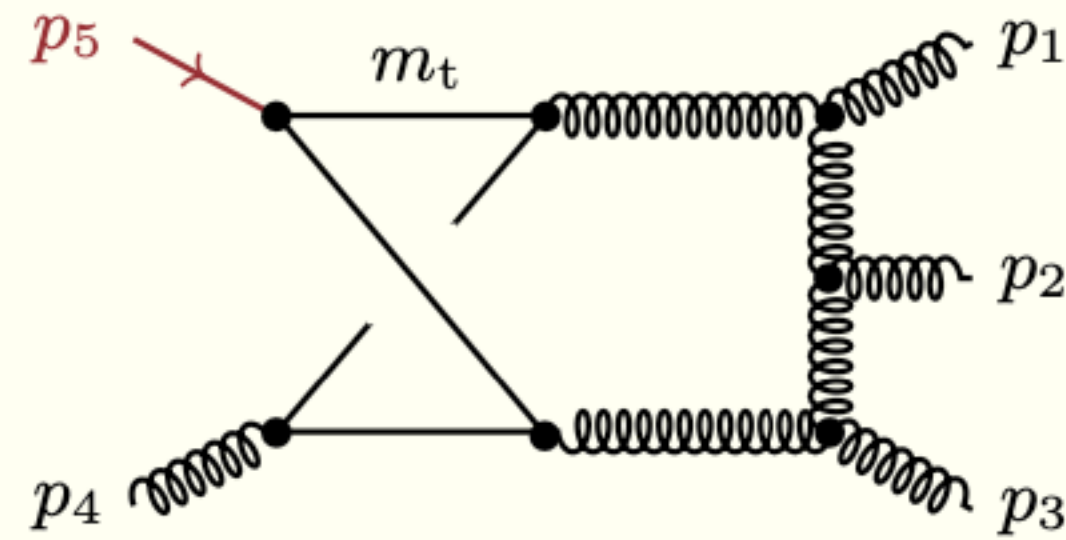



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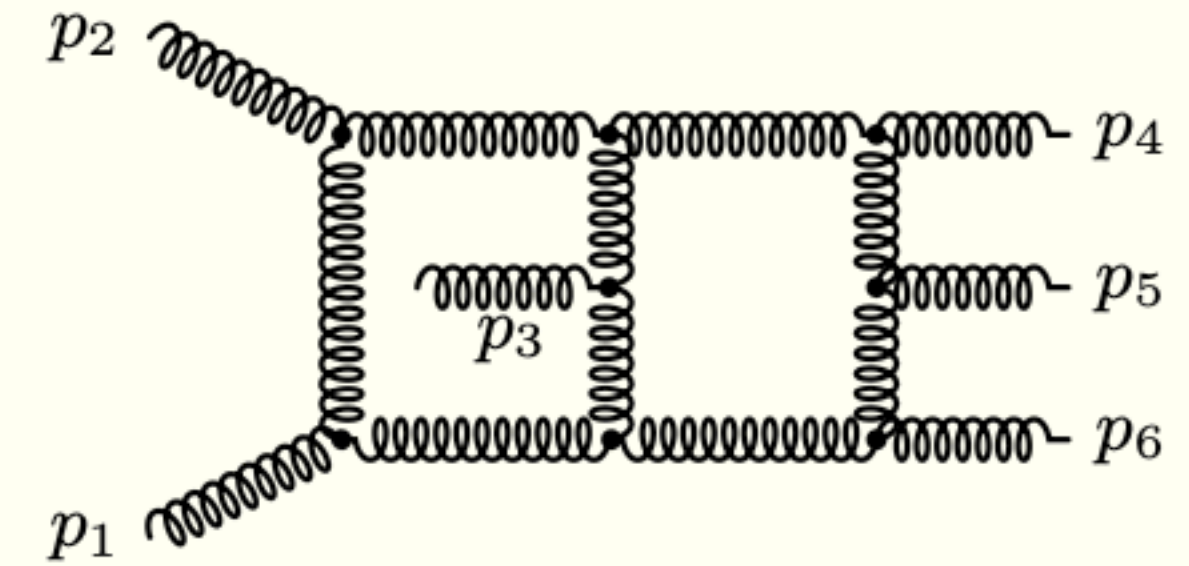
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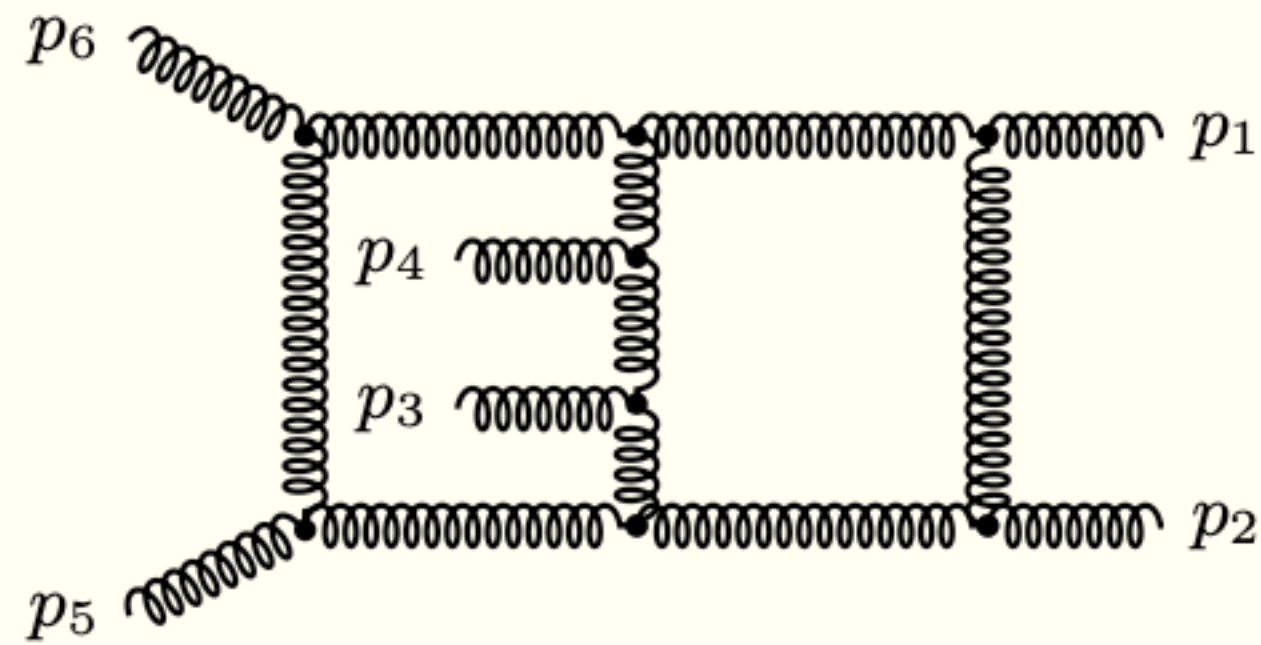
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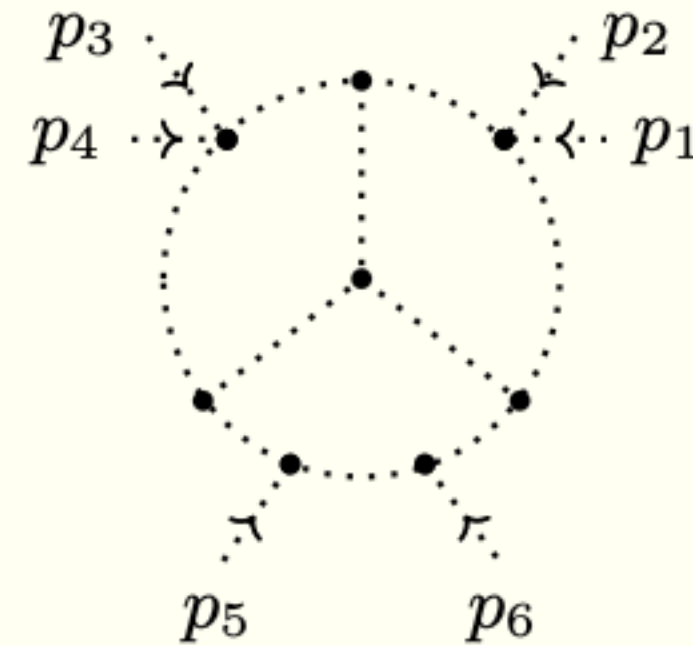
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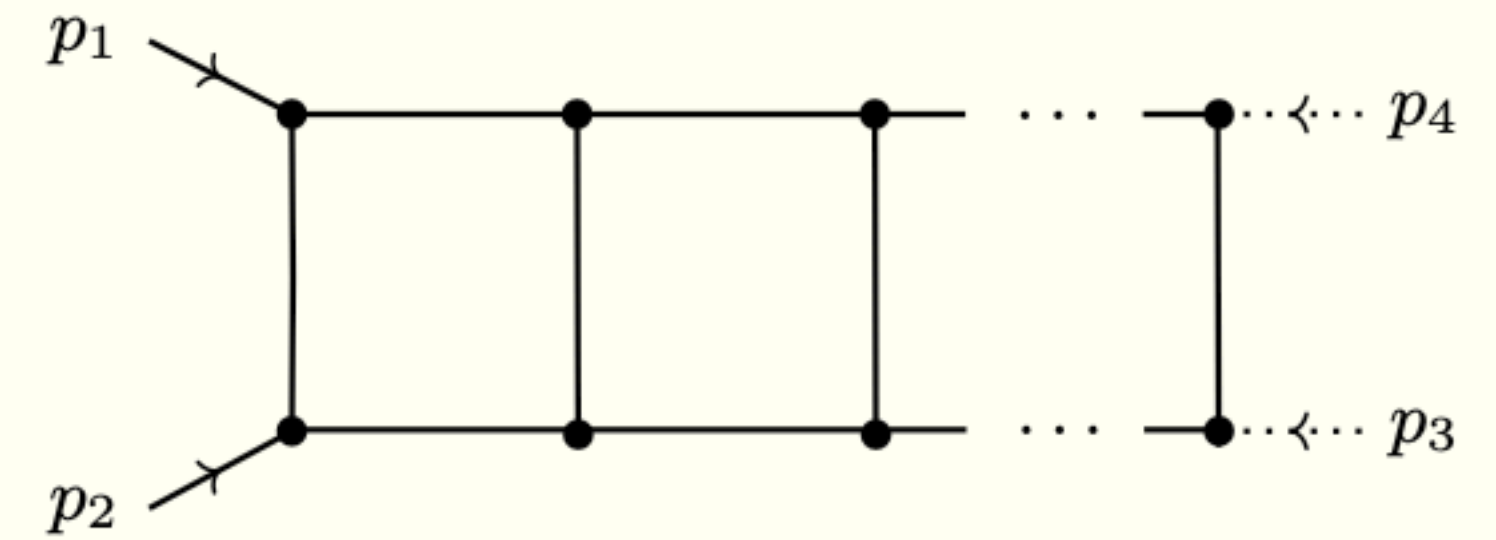

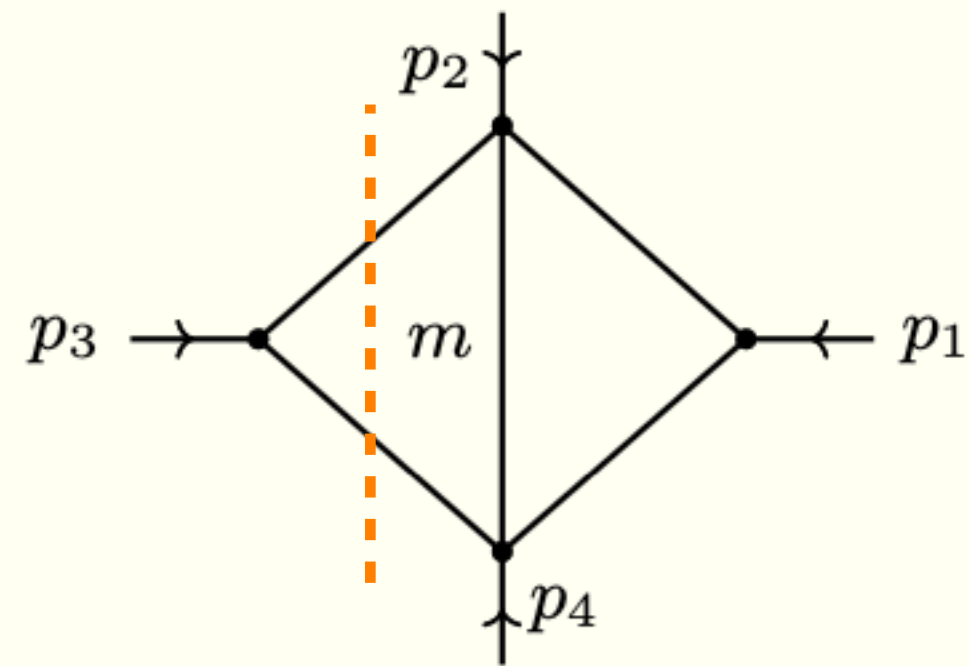



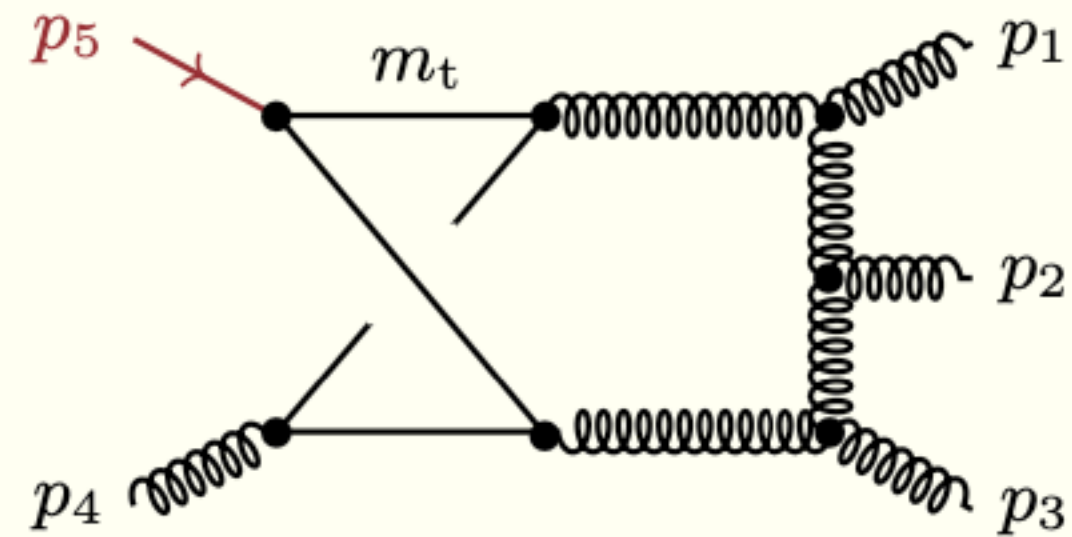
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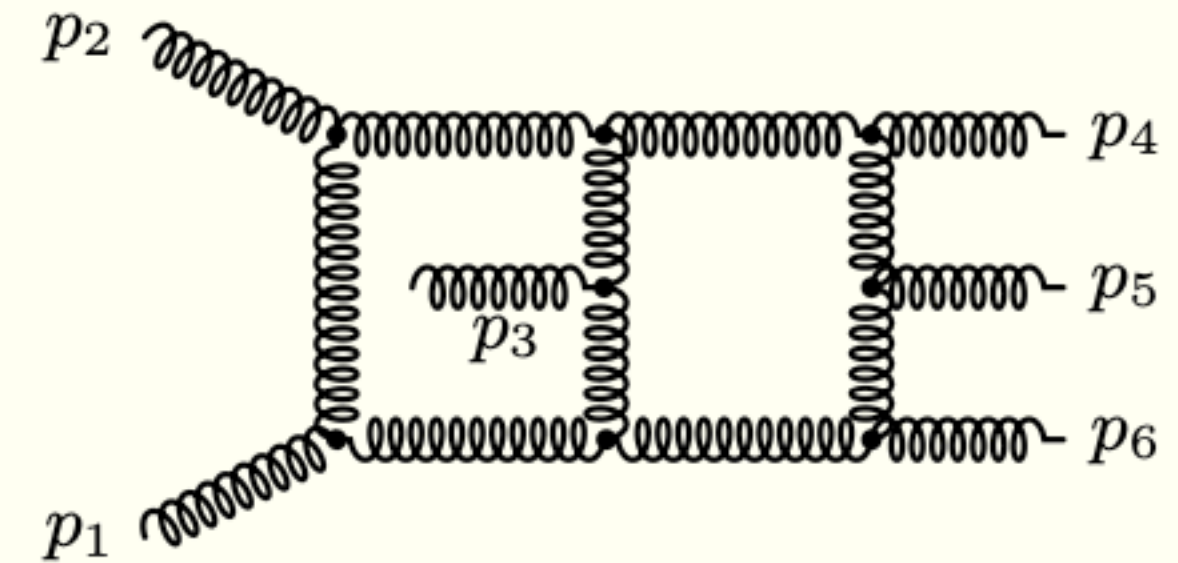
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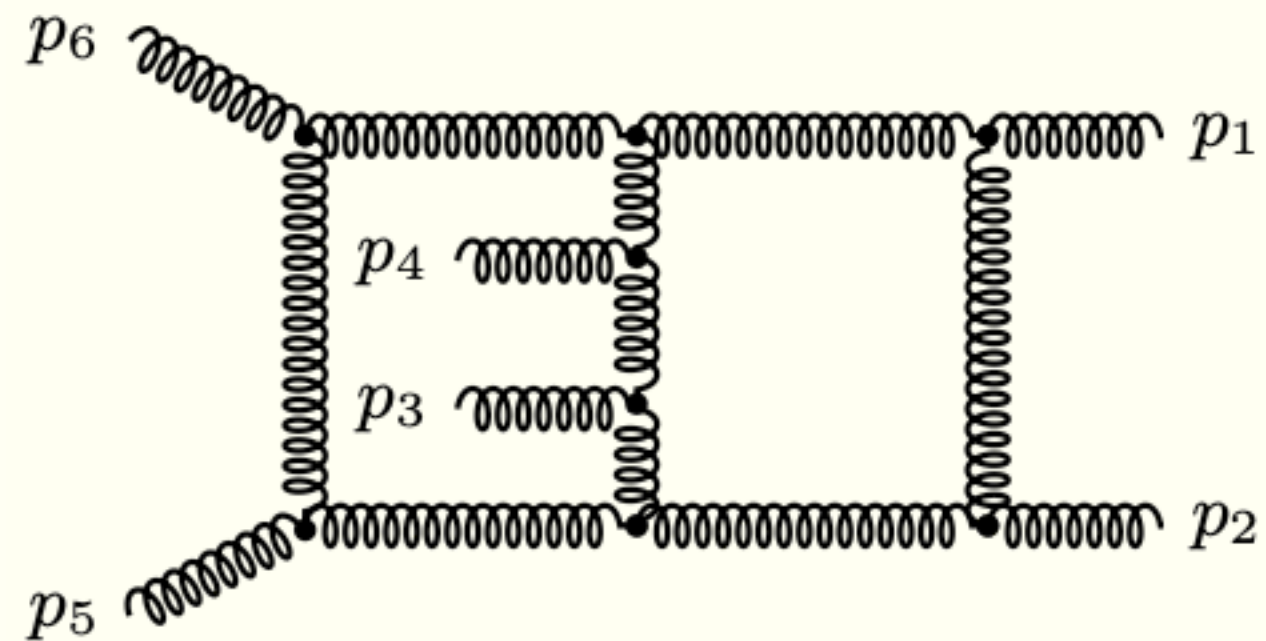
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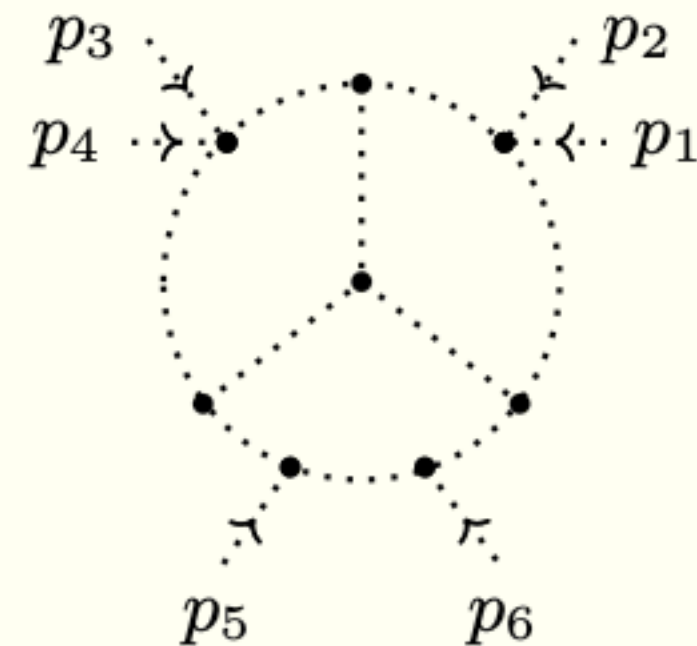
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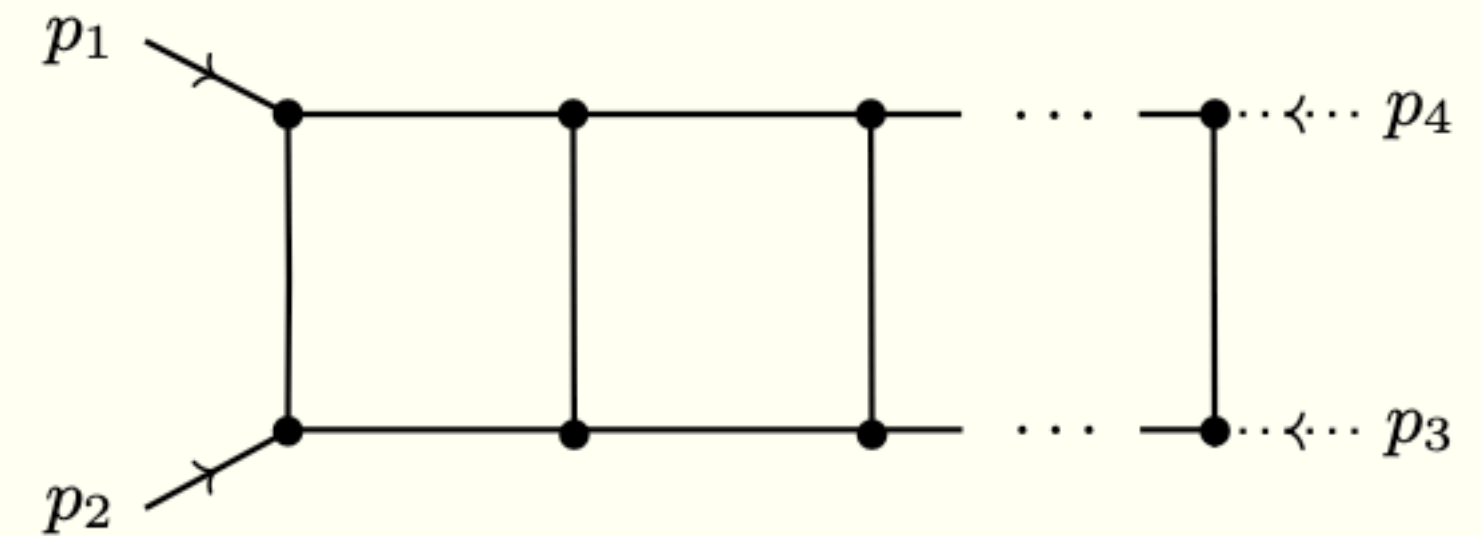

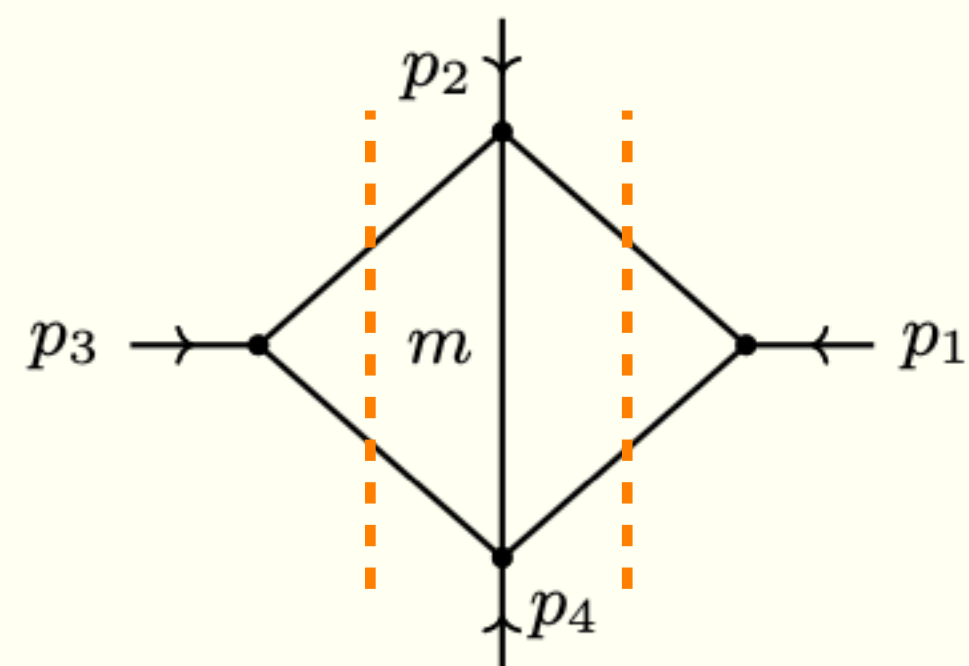



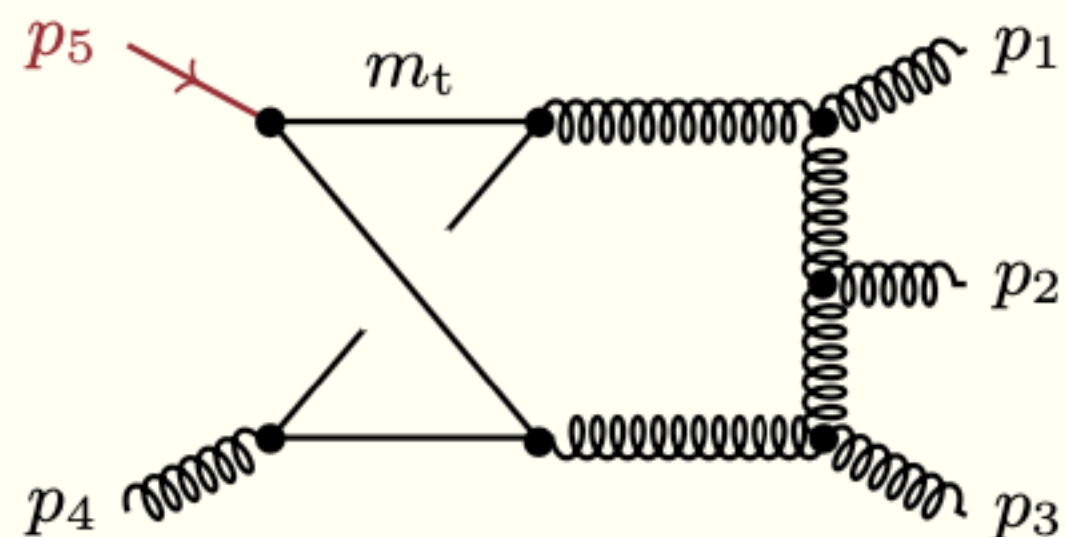
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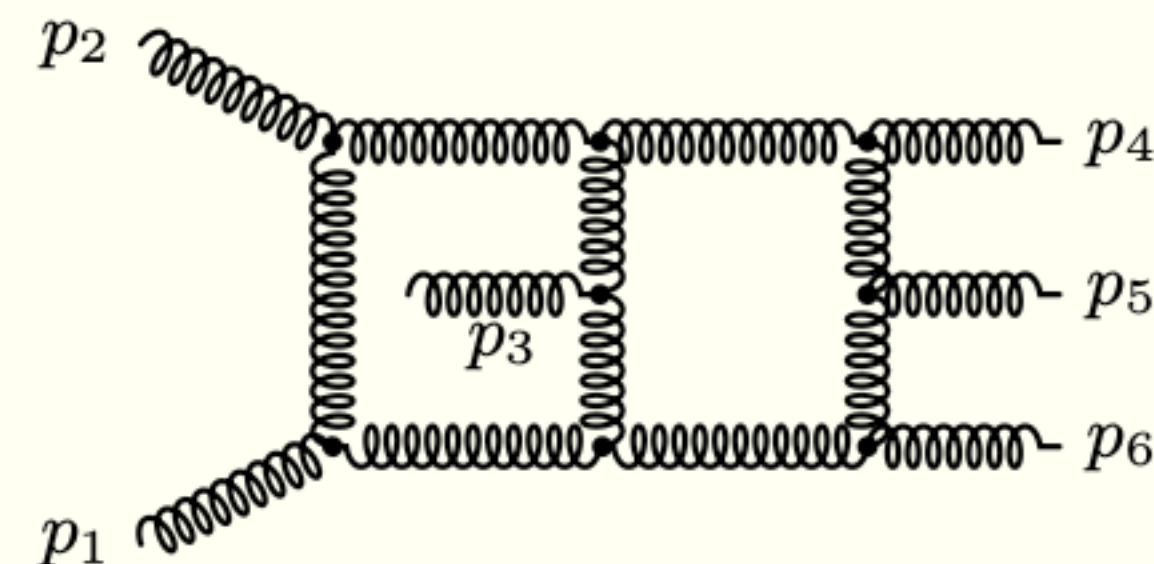
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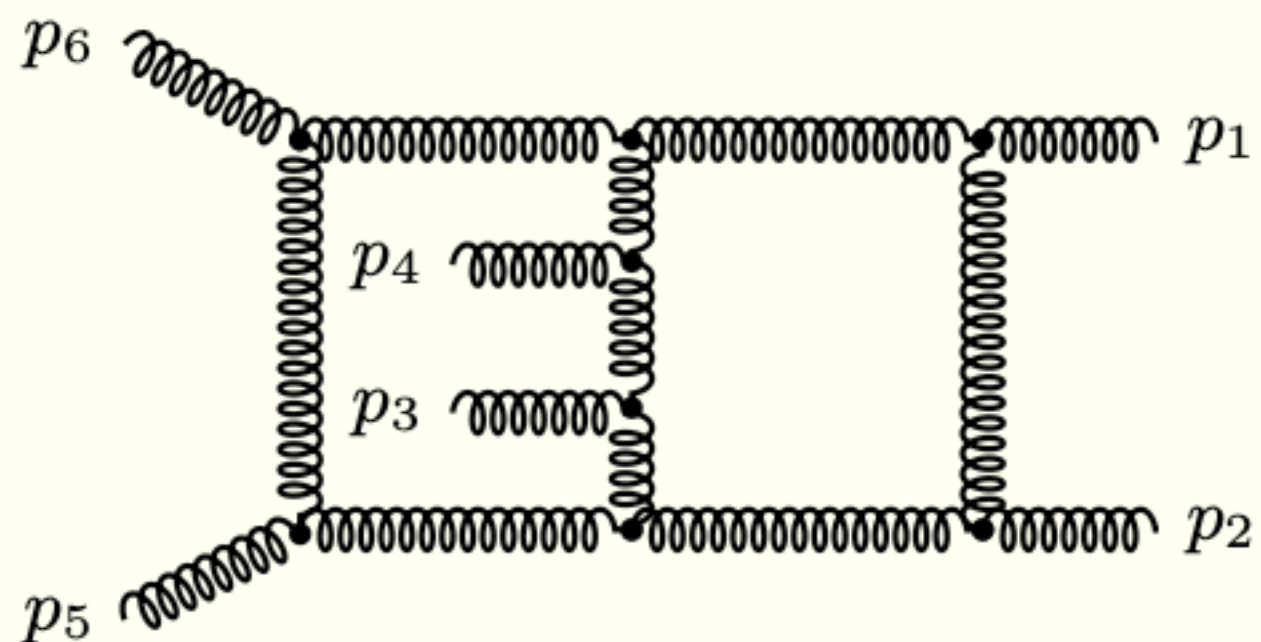
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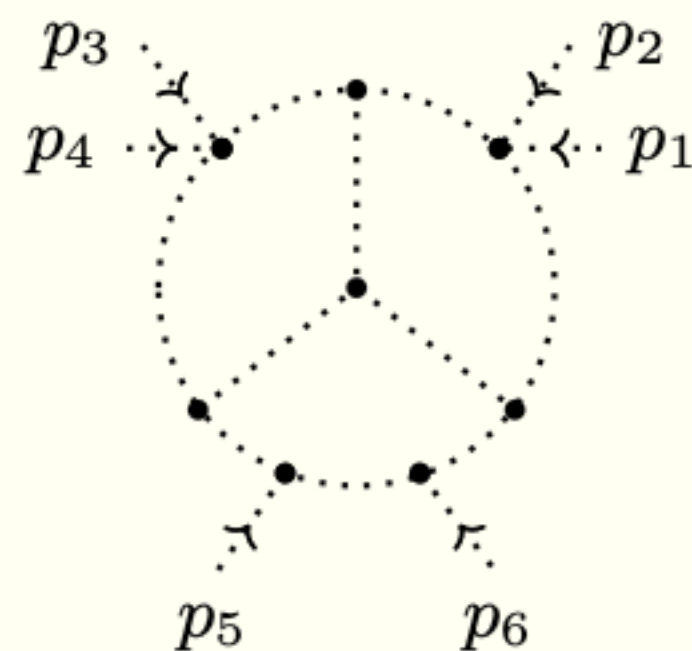
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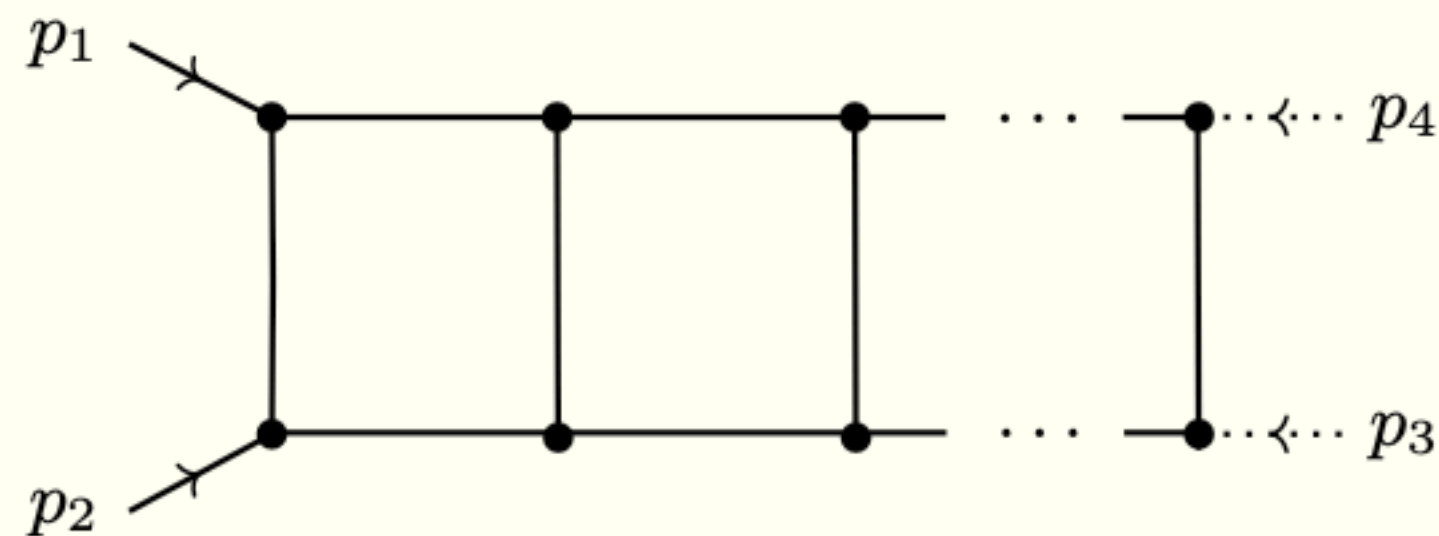

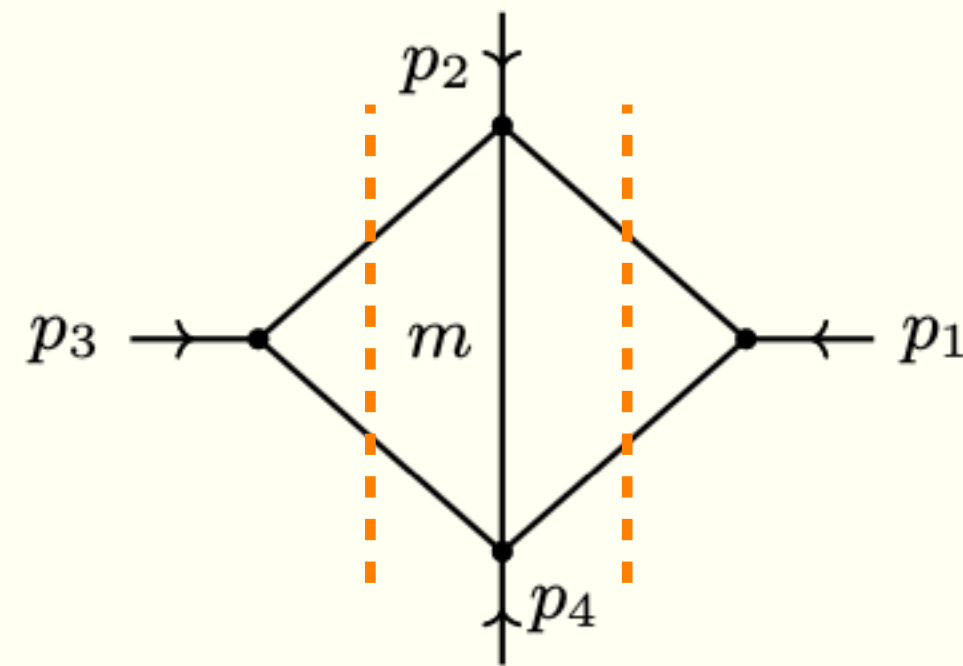



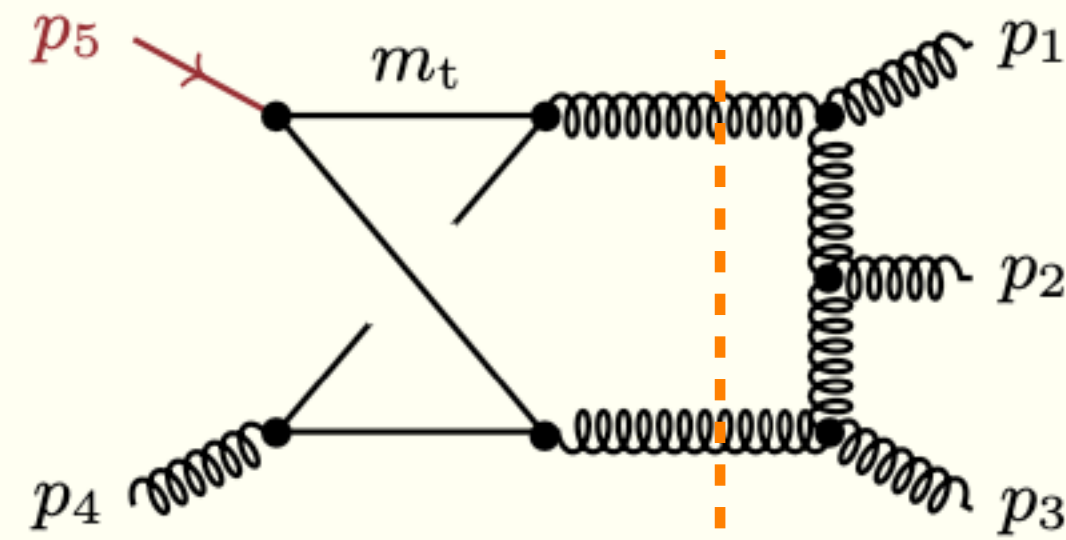
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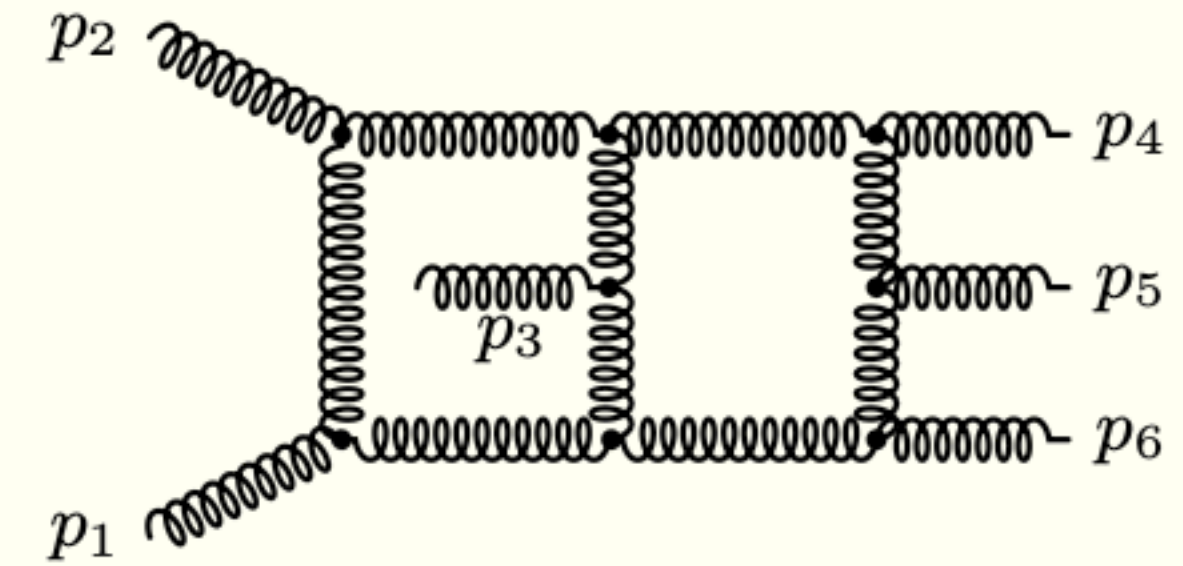
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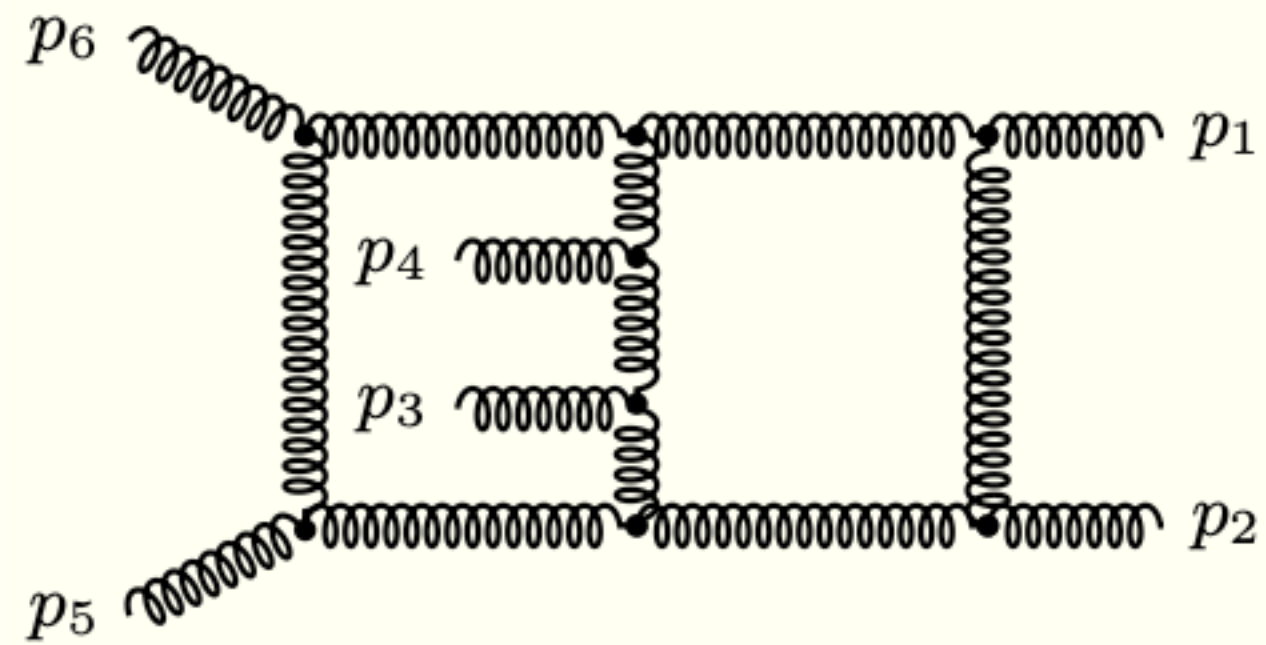
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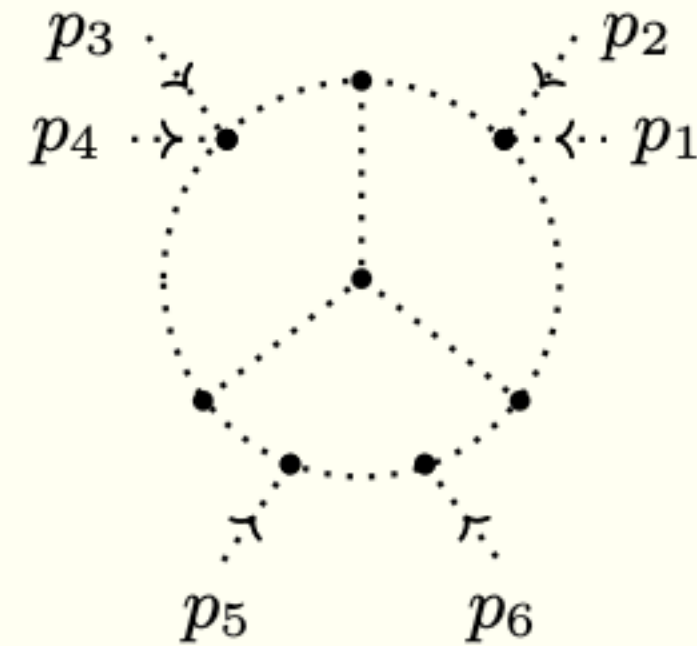
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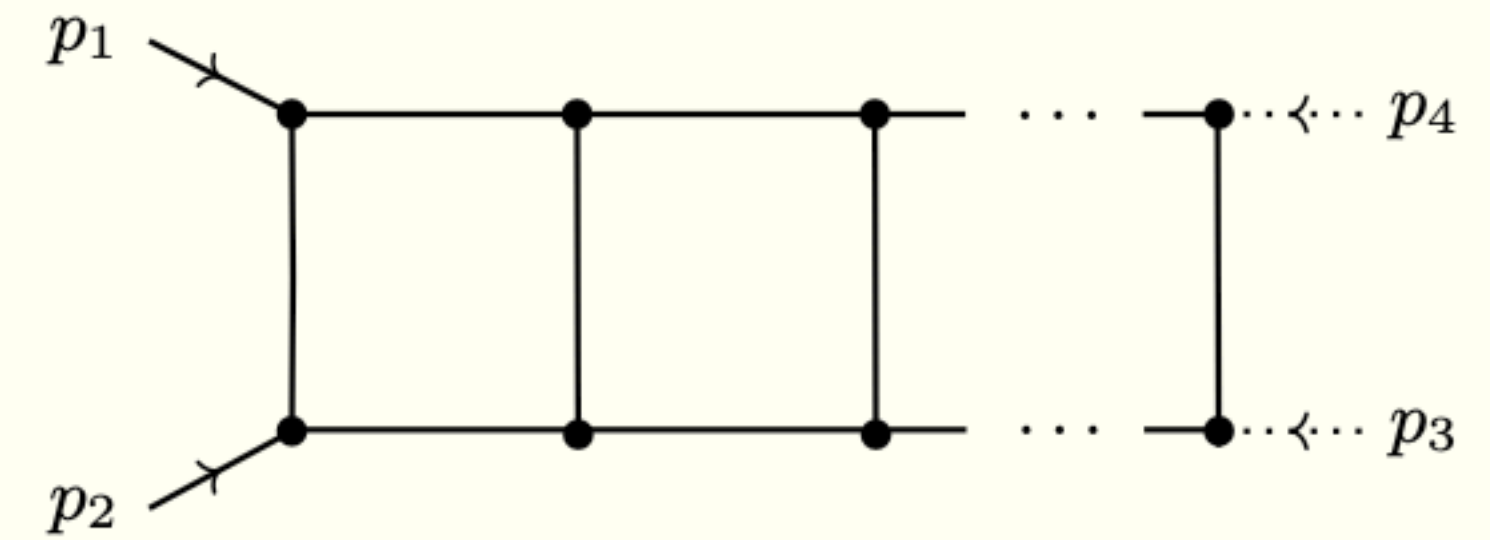

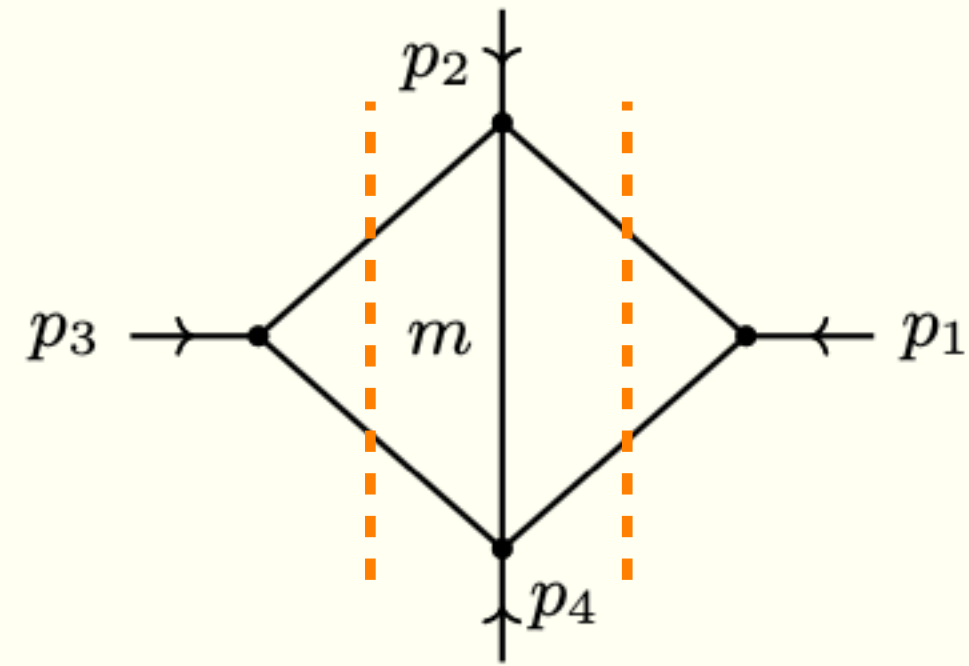



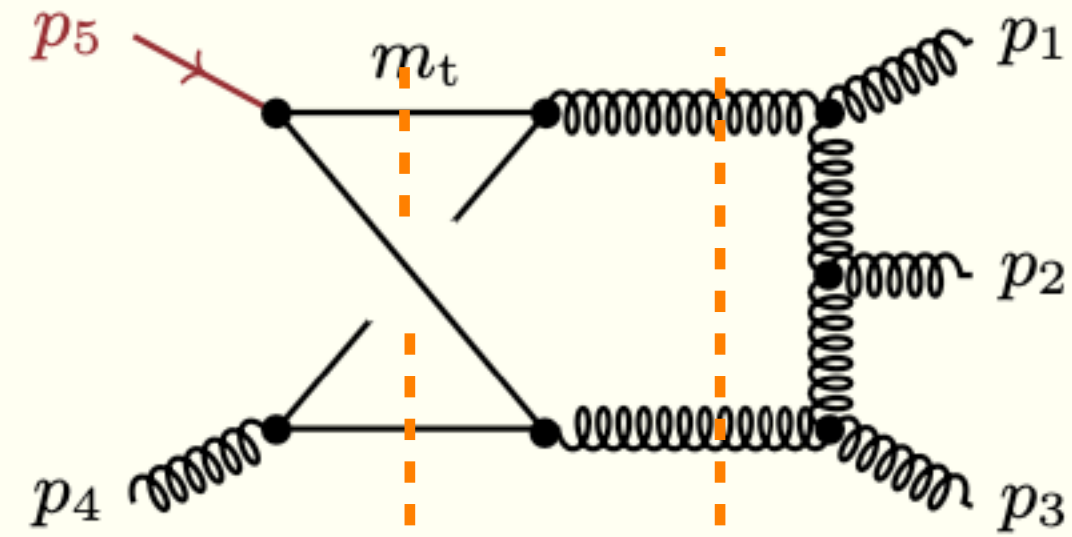
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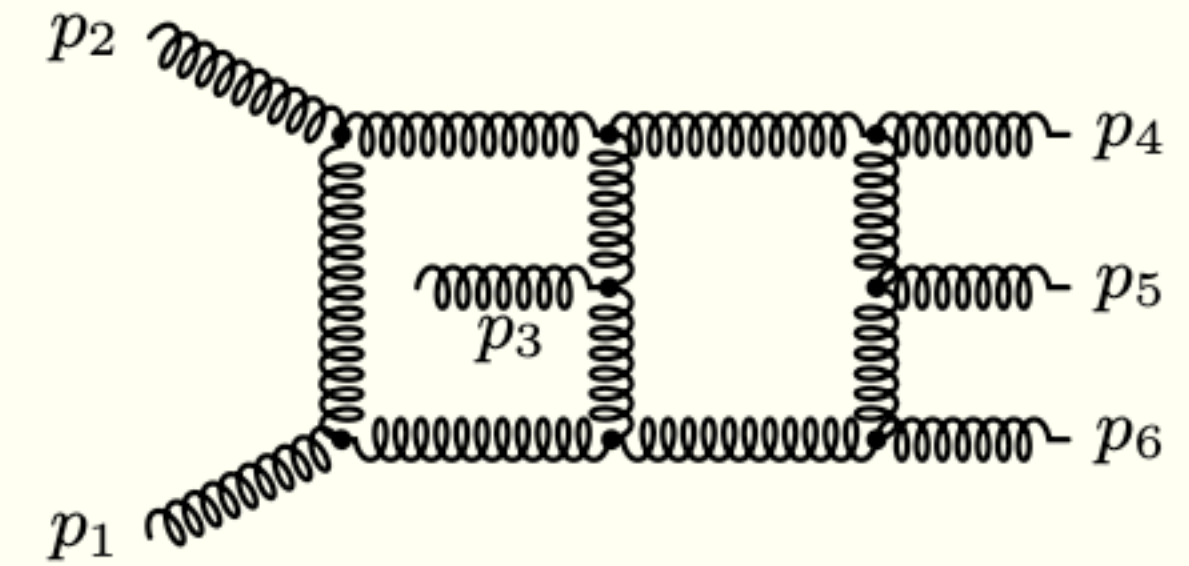
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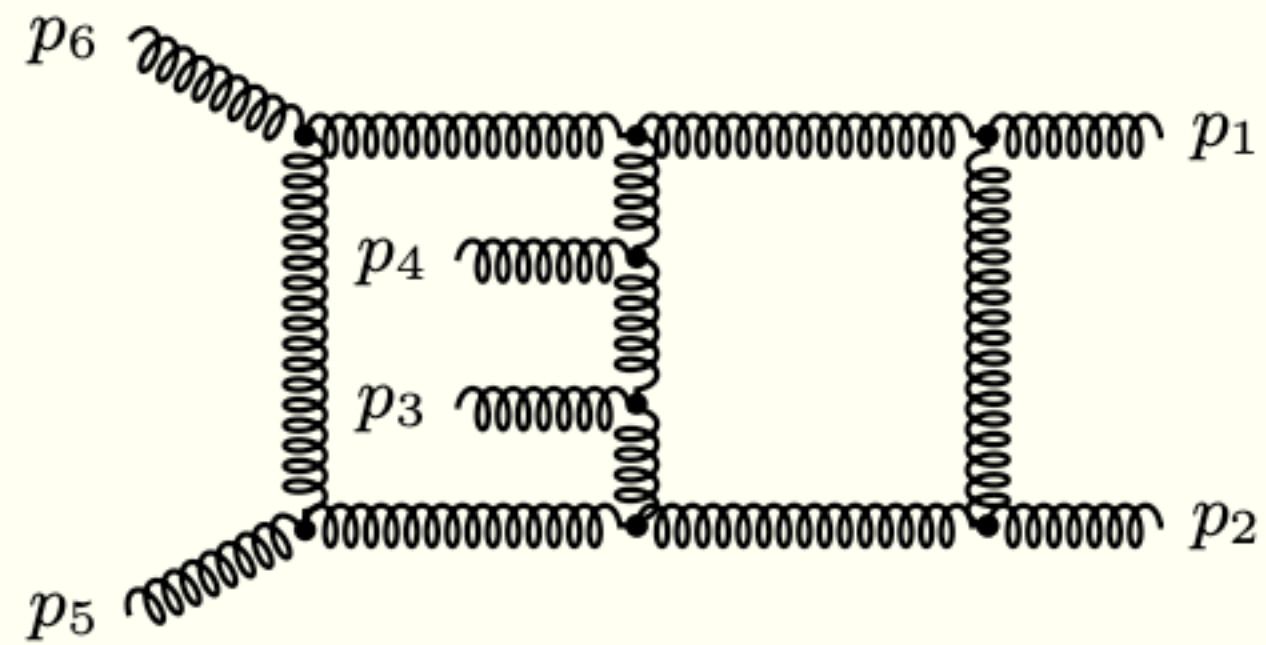
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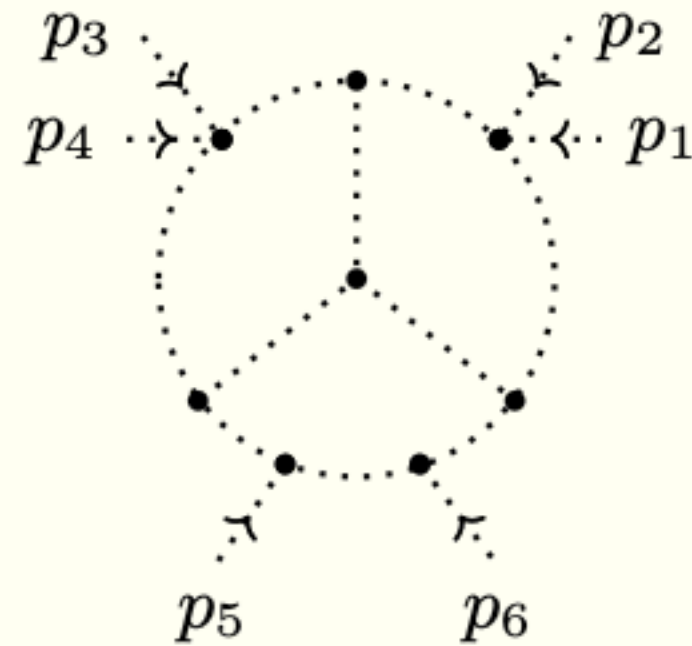
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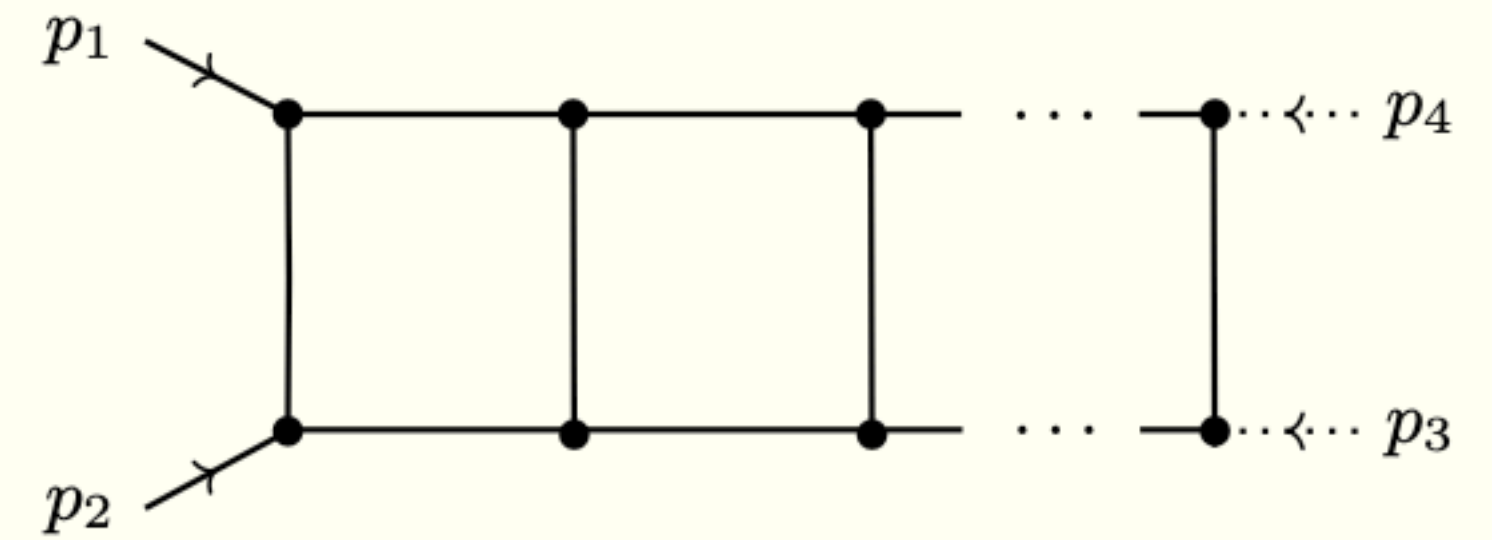


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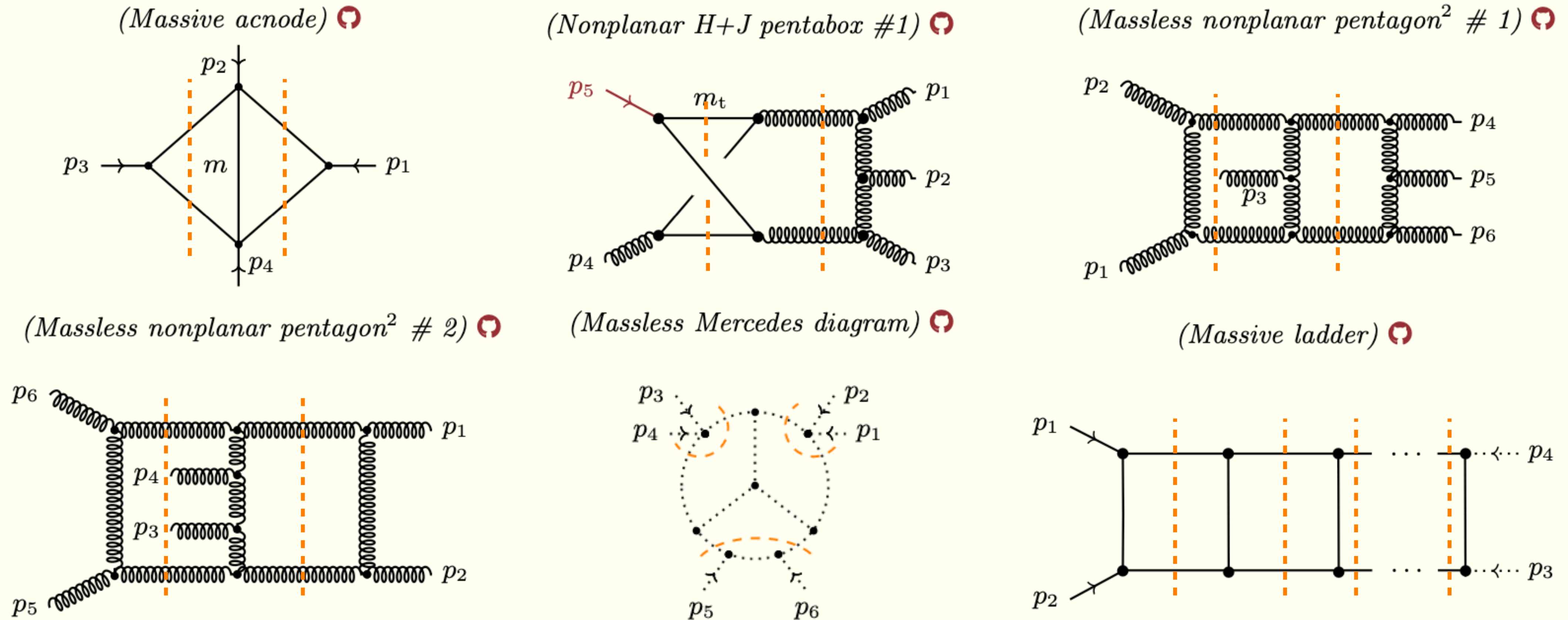

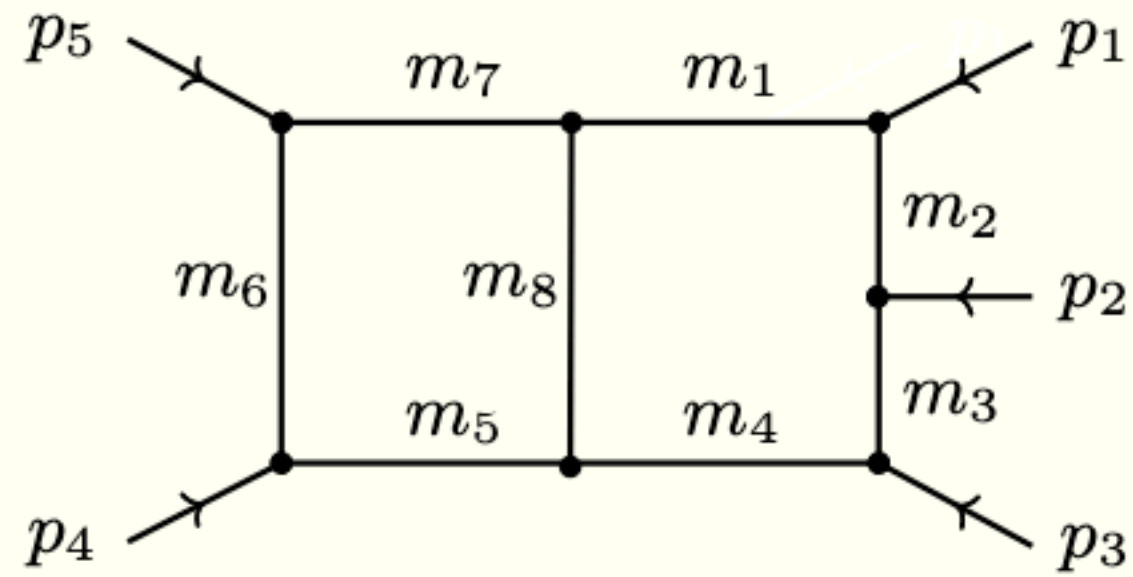



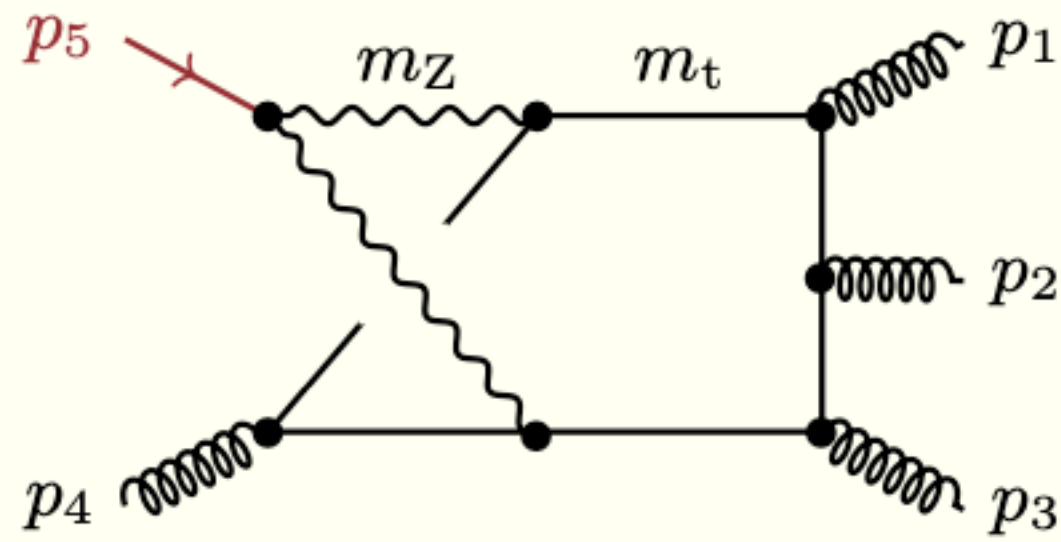
Figure 2. A list of nontrivial examples checked against PLD.j1 and [19] (for the massive ladder).


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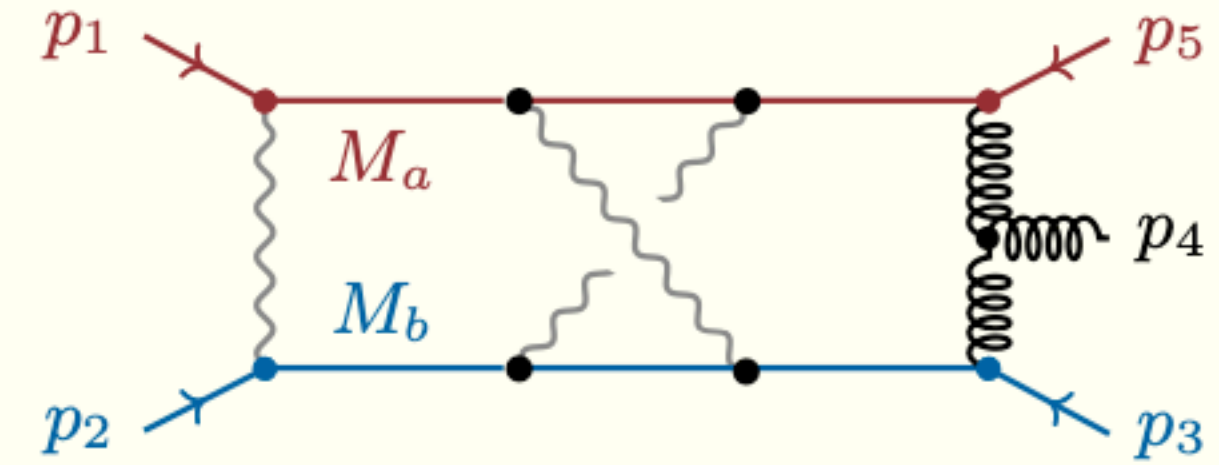
(Generic kinematic pentabox) 




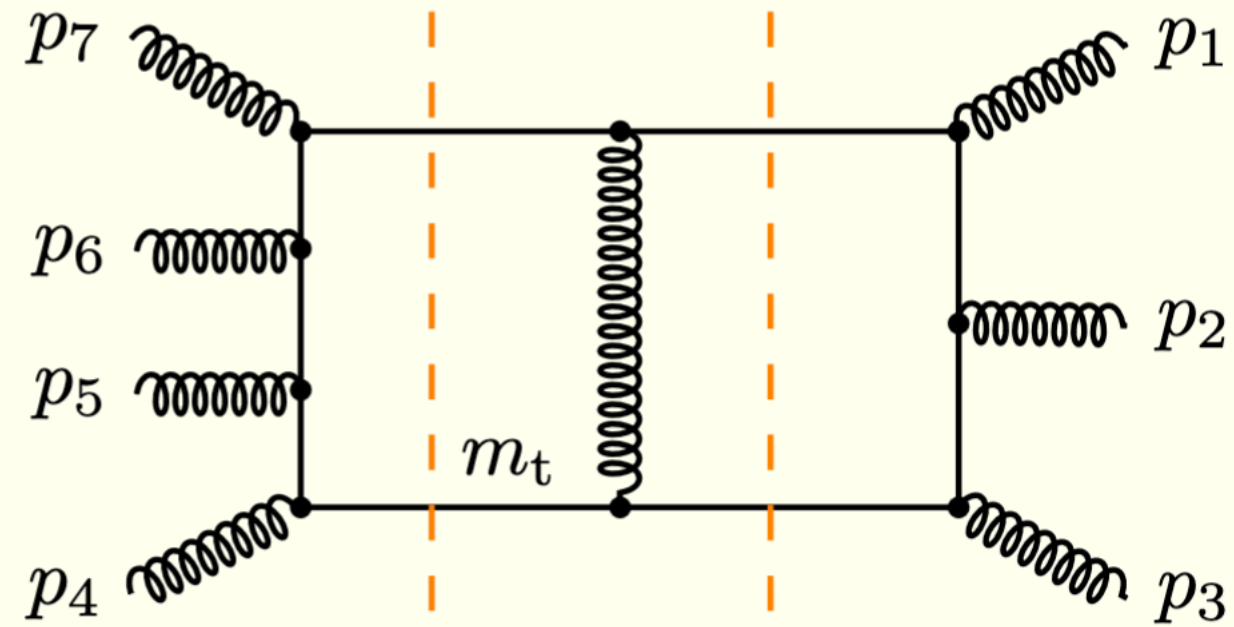
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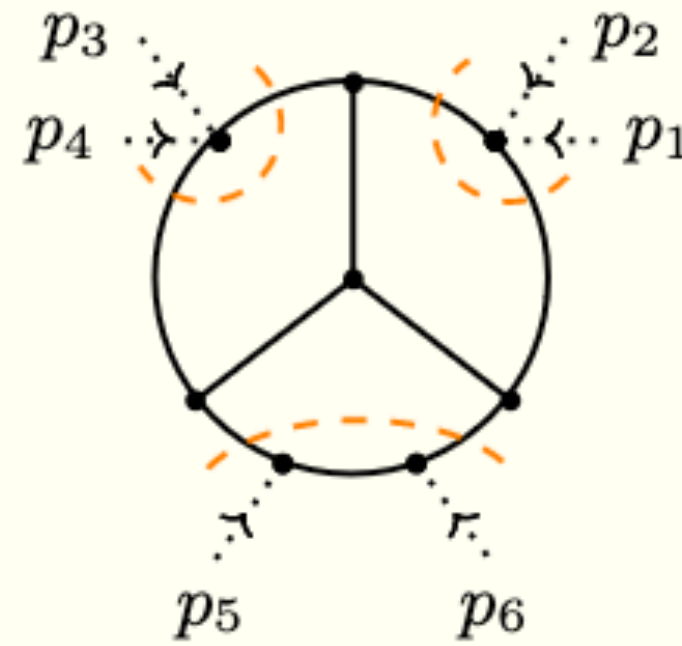
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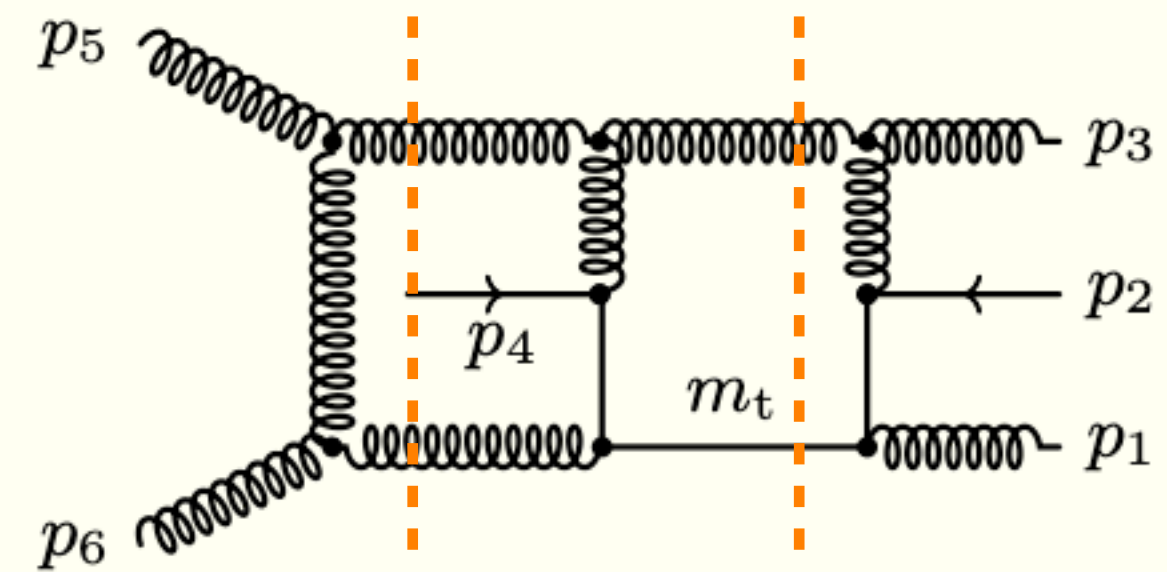
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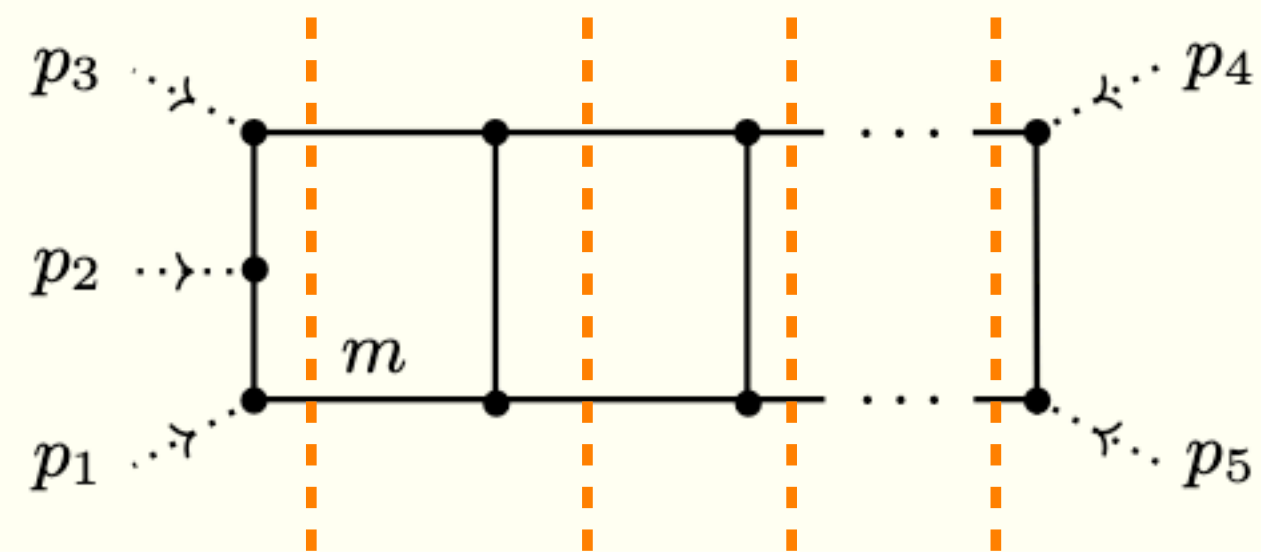
(Massive Mercedes diagram) 



(Non-planar massive hexabox) 



(Massive pentaladder) 







# CONCLUSION

We introduced an efficient unitarity-based method to extract singularities of Feynman integrals

Stress-tested the method against cutting-edge tools like `HyperInt` and `PLD.jl`

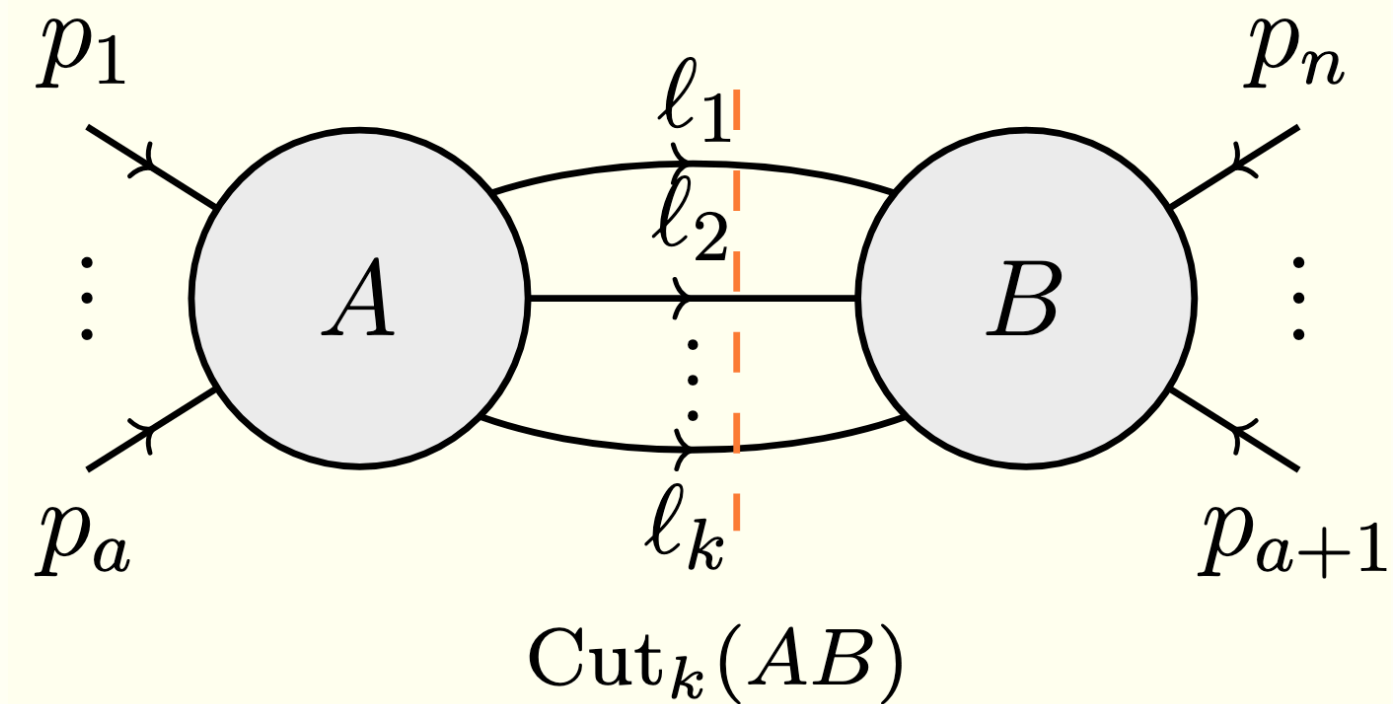
Made new predictions for multi-loop processes, including many examples in the Standard Model

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*\*Current computational limitation lies in your ability to solve high-degree coupled polynomial systems*

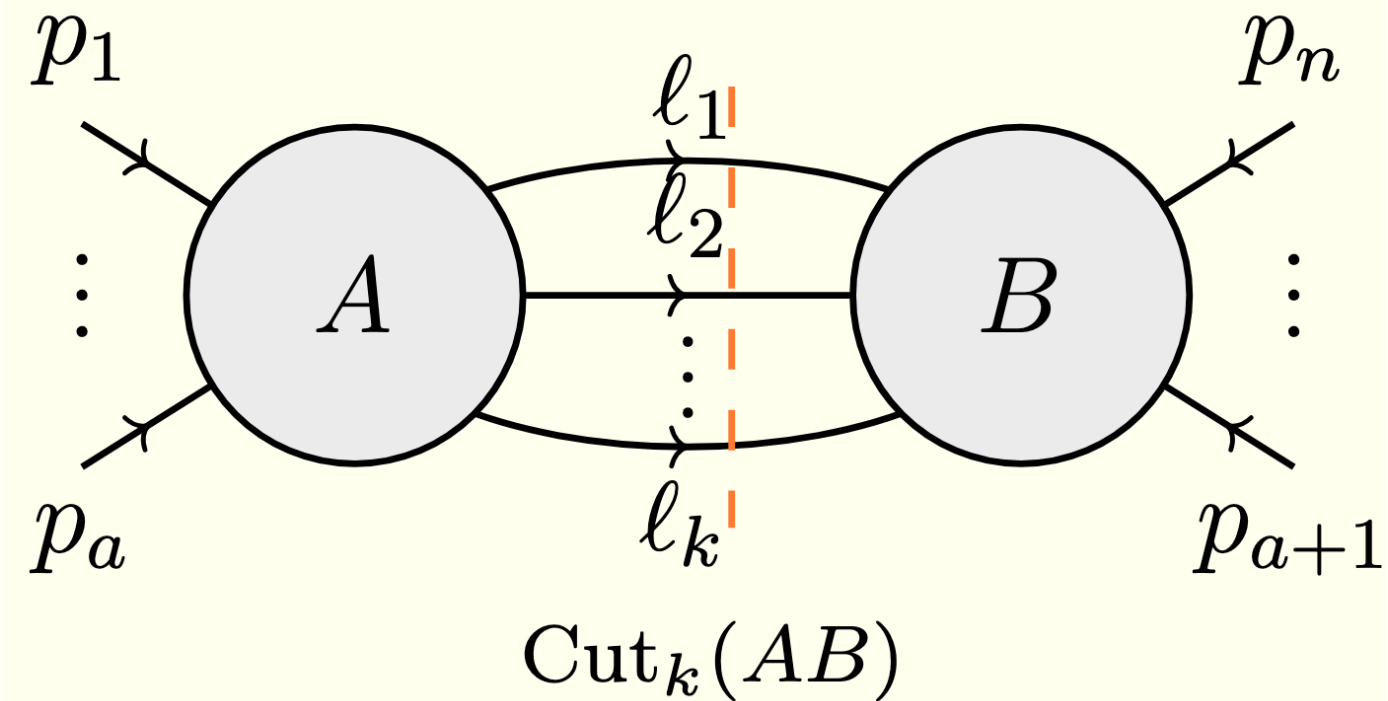
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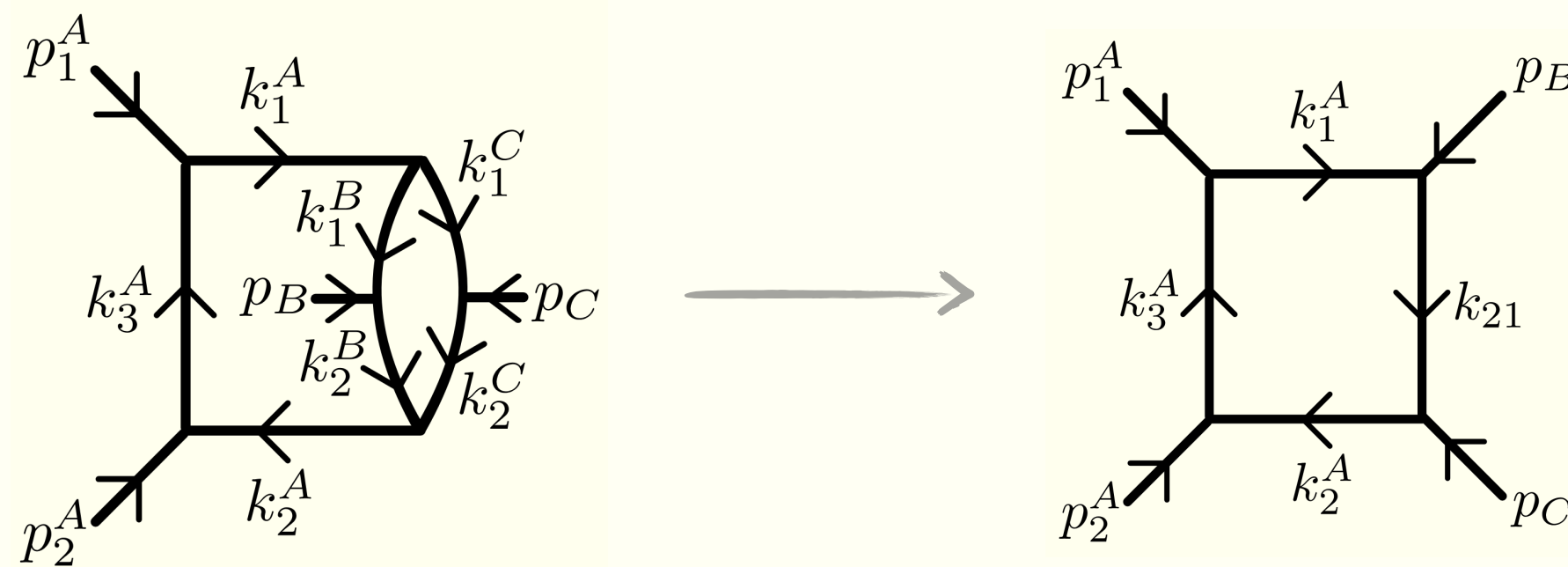
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Systematic way to find if a singularity is physical or not ?

*Strong clues that we can also recurse in  $\alpha$ -parameter space*



Effective (recursive)  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\alpha_i^B \alpha_j^C}{\alpha_1^B + \alpha_2^B + \alpha_1^C + \alpha_2^C}$$

THANK YOU!



Dirac on his way to cut (actual) trees

# EXTRA SLIDES

# TYPES OF SOLUTIONS

## *Leading or subleading singularities*

When all or a subset of propagators are set on-shell

[Bjorken, Landau, Nakanishi (1954)]

## *Second- or mixed-type singularities*

When all or a subset of loop momenta diverge ( $\ell_i \rightarrow \infty$ )

[Cutkosky (1960), Fairlie, Landshoff, Nuttall, Polkinghorne (1962)]

[Drummond (1963), Boyling (1967)]

## *Beyond the standard classification singularities*

When a subset of loop momenta diverge ( $\ell_i \rightarrow \infty$ ) at different rates

[Berghoff, Panzer (2022), Fevola, Mizera, Telen (2023)]

# HIGHER-CUTS DIAGRAMS

Examples of (sub)graphs whose singularities cannot be resolved *systematically* by the two-particle cut recursion (may need to use, e.g., PLD.jl)

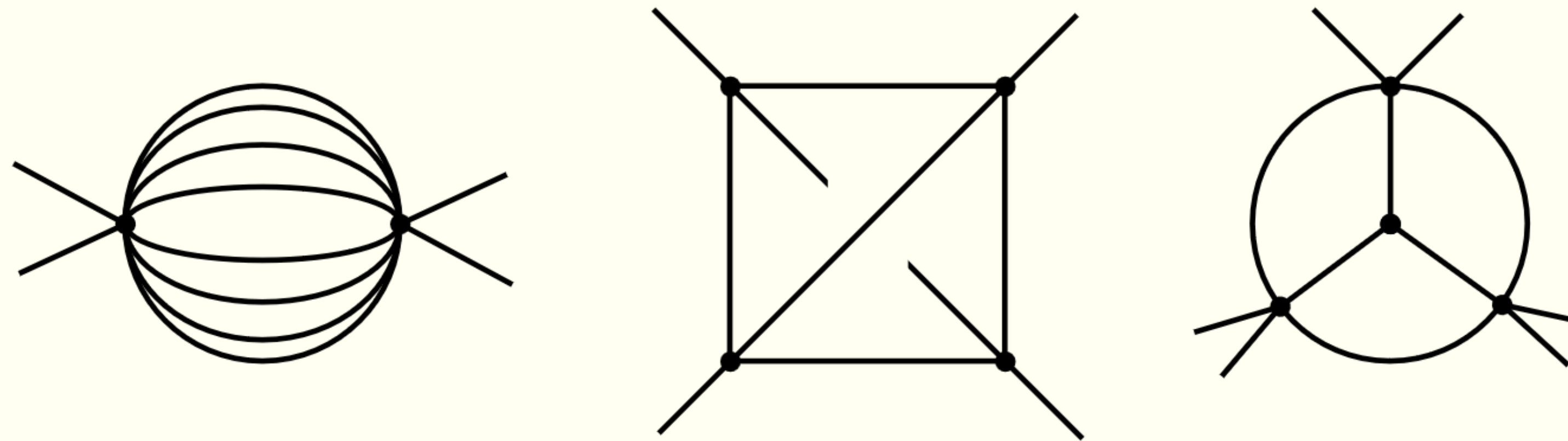


Figure 3. Examples of diagrams with *no* two-particle cuts splitting the graph in two disjoint subgraphs.

# RECURSIVELY FINDING SINGULARITIES

But wait! PLD . j 1 flags another leading singularity :

```
#####
# Component 2
#####
D[2] = M[3]^2 - 2*M[3]*M[4] - 2*M[3]*s + M[4]^2 - 2*M[4]*s + s^2
I+ [2] = 16
weights[2] = [[-1, -1, -1, -1], [0, 0, 0, 0]]
computed_with[2] = ["PLD_num", "HyperInt"]
```

Where is it in our approach ?

The singularity depends solely on *external* invariants

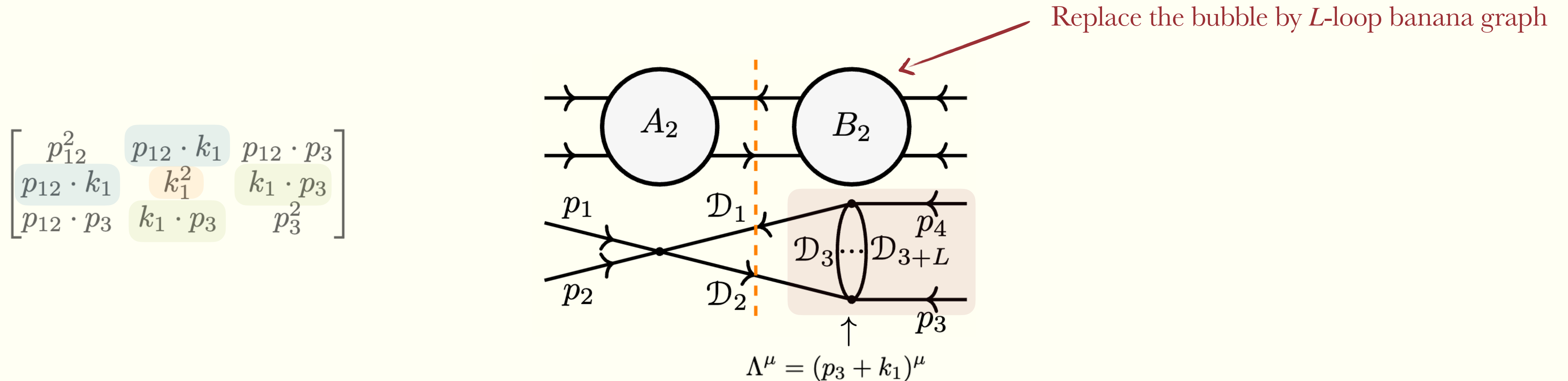
$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} s & \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2 + s}{2} & \frac{M_4^2 - M_3^2 - s}{2} \\ \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2 + s}{2} & m_2^2 & \frac{(m_4 \pm m_3)^2 - m_2^2 - M_3^2}{2} \\ \frac{M_4^2 - M_3^2 - s}{2} & \frac{(m_4 \pm m_3)^2 - m_2^2 - M_3^2}{2} & M_3^2 \end{array} \right| = 0$$

It is the expected (from  $C_{\text{bub}}$ ) *collinear divergence* between  $p_{12}$  and  $p_3$   
 (supported even on the maximal cut)



# $L$ -LOOP RESULTS

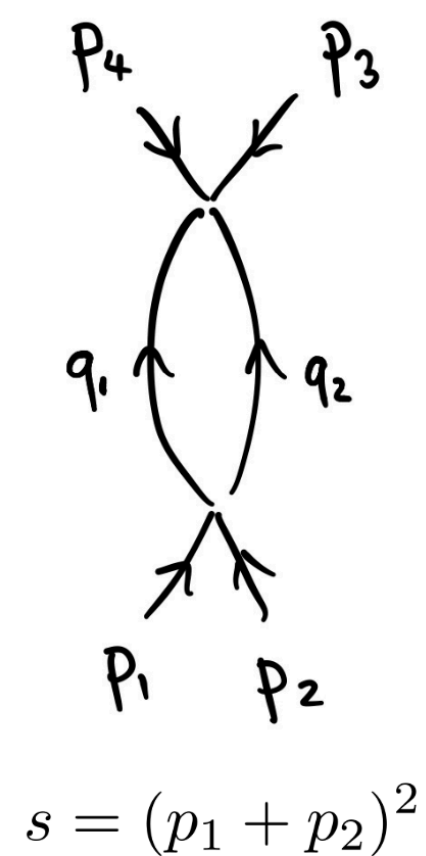
Some times, this method makes it easy to make  $L$ -loop statements



Although the banana subgraph does not have a two-particle cut, we can still find the parachute singularities because the analytic structure of the banana is known *beforehand*

$$k_1 \cdot p_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (m_3 \pm m_4 \pm \dots \pm m_{3+L})^2 - m_2^2 - M_3^2 \right]$$

## Bubble diagram



momentum conservation

$$p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu = q_1^\mu + q_2^\mu = -p_3^\mu - p_4^\mu$$

locality

$$\alpha_1 q_1^\mu = \alpha_2 q_2^\mu$$

on-shellness

$$q_1^2 - m_1^2 = 0$$

$$q_2^2 - m_2^2 = 0$$

$$q_1^\mu = \ell^\mu, \quad q_2^\mu = p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu - \ell^\mu$$

$$\ell^\mu = (p_1^\mu + p_2^\mu) \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$$

$$s \left( \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \right)^2 - m_1^2 = 0, \quad s \left( \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \right)^2 - m_2^2 = 0$$

Lorentz invariant

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## The solutions are

$$(\alpha_1 : \alpha_2) = \left( \frac{1}{m_1} : \pm \frac{1}{m_2} \right)$$

$$s = (m_1 \pm m_2)^2$$

Projective invariance in Schwinger parameters and kinematic variables separately

- + normal threshold
- pseudo-normal threshold

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