

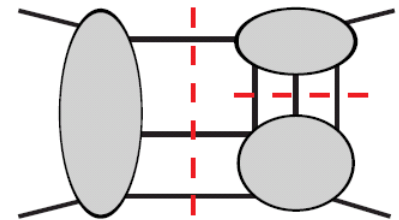
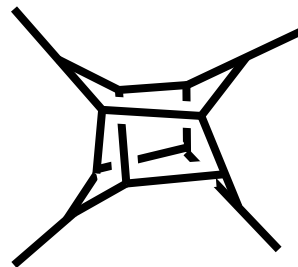
# UV Surprises in Half-Maximal Supergravity

September 7, 2012

Hermann-Fest

Zvi Bern, UCLA

Based on papers with John Joseph Carrasco, Scott Davies, Tristan Dennen, Lance Dixon, Yu-tin Huang, Henrik Johansson and Radu Roiban.



# Outline

- 1) **Lightning review of sugra UV properties**
- 2) **Duality between color and kinematics.**
- 3) **Gravity as a double copy of gauge theory.**
- 4) **A two-loop surprise in  $D = 5$  half maximal supergravity.**
- 5) **A three-loop surprise in  $N = 4$  supergravity.**
- 6) **Consequences and prospects for future.**

# A Birthday Present



“If  $N = 8$  supergravity is UV finite to all orders the reason must be sought beyond maximal supersymmetry and  $E_{7(7)}$ .”

*Bossard and Nicolai (2011)*

**I’m here to deliver birthday presents to Hermann:**

**1) Supergravity puzzle: Vanishing divergences in half-maximal supergravity with no obvious susy or duality reasons.**

ZB, Davies, Dennen, Huang (to appear) + Bossard, Howe and Stelle (to appear)

**see talk from Bossard**

**2) A curious reason why  $N = 8$  and other supergravity theories might be finite based on symmetries beyond the standard ones.**

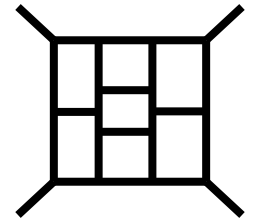
ZB, Davies, Dennen, Huang

# Recent Status of Divergences

We already heard a very nice introduction and discussion of supergravity divergences from Lance, Guillaume and Renata.

Consensus that in  $N = 8$  supergravity trouble starts at 5 loops and by 7 loops we have valid UV counterterm in  $D = 4$  under all known symmetries (suggesting divergences).

Bossard, Howe, Stelle; Elvang, Freedman, Kiermaier; Green, Russo, Vanhove ; Green and Bjornsson ; Bossard , Hillmann and Nicolai; Ramond and Kallosh; Broedel and Dixon; Elvang and Kiermaier; Beisert, Elvang, Freedman, Kiermaier, Morales, Stieberger



**For  $N = 8$  sugra in  $D = 4$ :**

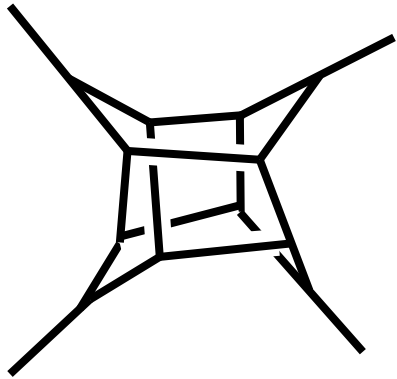
- All counterterms ruled out until 7 loops!
- But  $D^8 R^4$  apparently available at 7 loops (1/8 BPS) under all known symmetries. (No known nonrenormalization theorem)

Bossard, Howe, Stelle and Vanhove

**Based on this a reasonable person would conclude that  $N = 8$  supergravity almost certainly diverges at 7 loops in  $D = 4$**

# $N = 8$ Supra 5 Loop Calculation

ZB, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban



~500 such diagrams with ~1000s terms each

Being reasonable and being right are not the same

**Place your bets:**

- At 5 loops in  $D = 24/5$  does  $N = 8$  supergravity diverge?
- At 7 loops in  $D = 4$  does  $N = 8$  supergravity diverge?

$D^8 R^4$  counterterms



5 loops

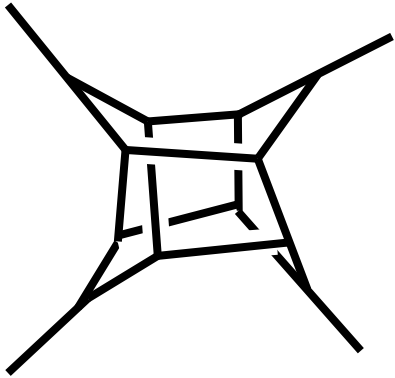


**Kelly Stelle:**  
**British wine**  
“It will diverge”

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# Recent Status of Divergences

We know of hints that more is going on than suggested by the standard symmetries:

- 1) **Nontrivial cancellations visible in certain unitarity cuts.**  
ZB, Dixon and Roiban
- 2) **Strange relations between UV divergences of  $N = 4$  sYM and  $N = 8$  supergravity in higher dimensions.** See Lance's talk  
ZB, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban
- 3) **BCJ loop-level relations between gravity and gauge-theory amplitudes.**  
ZB, Carrasco and Johansson

**In the present talk I'll focus on the third point**

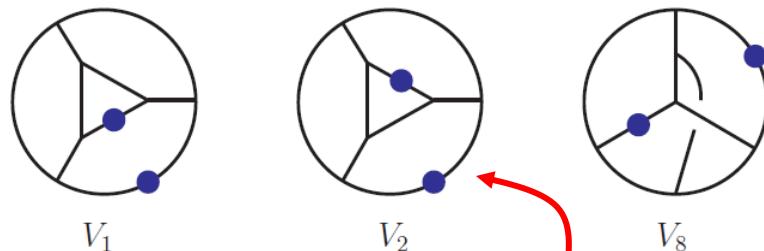
# New Four-Loop $N = 8$ Surprise

ZB, Carrasco, Dixon, Johansson, Roiban (2012)

Described in Lance's talk

Critical dimension  $D = 11/2$ .

Express UV divergences  
in terms of vacuum like integrals.



doubled propagator

**gauge theory**

$$\mathcal{A}_4^{(4)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \Big|_{\text{pole}}^{SU(N_c)} = -6 g^{10} \mathcal{K} N_c^2 \left( N_c^2 V_1 + 12 (V_1 + 2V_2 + V_8) \right) \times \left( s (\text{Tr}_{1324} + \text{Tr}_{1423}) + t (\text{Tr}_{1243} + \text{Tr}_{1342}) + u (\text{Tr}_{1254} + \text{Tr}_{1452}) \right)$$

same  
divergence

**gravity**

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{(4)} \Big|_{\text{pole}} = -\frac{23}{8} \left( \frac{\kappa}{2} \right)^{10} stu (s^2 + t^2 + u^2)^2 M_4^{\text{tree}} (V_1 + 2V_2 + V_8)$$

- Gravity UV divergence is directly proportional to subleading color single-trace divergence of  $N = 4$  super-Yang-Mills theory.
- Same happens at 1-3 loops.

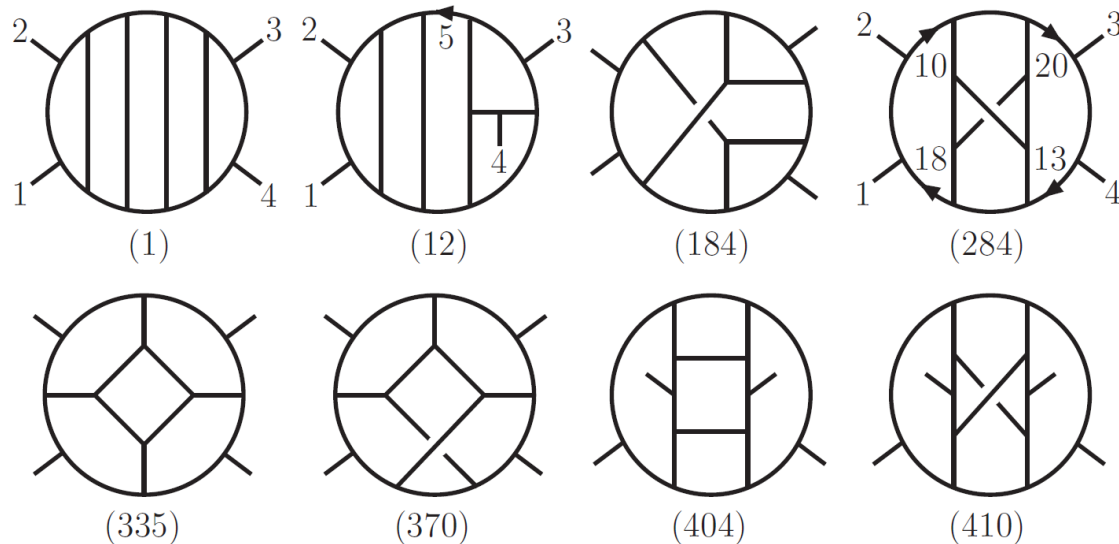


# Calculation of $N = 4$ sYM 5 Loop Amplitude

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson, Roiban ( July 2012)

**Key step for  $N = 8$  supergravity is construction of complete 5 loop integrand of  $N = 4$  sYM theory.**

**416 such diagrams with  $\sim 100$ s terms each**



**diagram numerators**

$$N_1 = s^4, \quad N_{12} = 2s^3 k_3 \cdot l_5,$$

$$N_{284} = 2s^2 ((l_{10} \cdot l_{20})^2 + (l_{13} \cdot l_{18})^2)$$

**We are trying to figure out a BCJ form. If we can get it we should have supergravity finished soon!**

**(Unclear how long it will take to get this form.)**

**Fine, but do we have any examples where a divergence vanishes but where known symmetries suggest valid counterterms?**

**Yes!**

**Two examples in half-maximal supergravity :**

- **$D = 5$  at 2 loops.**
- **$D = 4$  at 3 loops.**

**See Bossard's talk on susy and duality constraints**

# How to proceed?



**“At this stage of our understanding of the theory, there is unfortunately no ‘royal path’ to finiteness cutting short explicit calculations of the type performed in [20].”**

*Bossard and Nicolai (2011)*

## **Need:**

- **Powerful calculational tools.**
- **New ideas for studying this question.**

**See Lance’s talk**

# Constructing Multiloop Amplitudes

We do have powerful tools for complete calculations including nonplanar contributions:

- **Unitarity Method.**

ZB, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower

- **Method of Maximal Cuts**

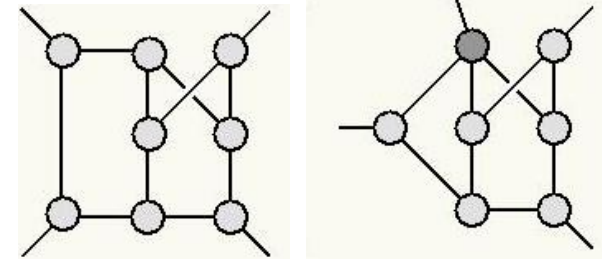
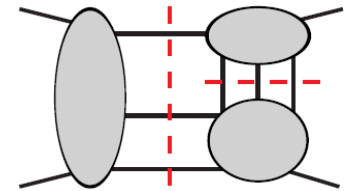
ZB, Carrasco, Johansson, Kosower

- **Duality between color and kinematics**

ZB, Carrasco and Johansson

- **Advanced loop integration technology**

Chetyrkin, Kataev and Tkachov; A. V. Smirnov; V. A. Smirnov, Vladimirov; Marcus, Sagnotti; Czakon; etc



In this talk we will explain how the duality between color and kinematics allows us to present examples where seemingly “valid” counterterms are, in fact, not present.

# Duality Between Color and Kinematics

Consider five-point tree amplitude:

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson (BCJ)

$$\mathcal{A}_5^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{i=1}^{15} \frac{c_i n_i}{\prod_{\alpha_i} p_{\alpha_i}^2}$$
$$c_1 \equiv f^{a_3 a_4 b} f^{b a_5 c} f^{c a_1 a_2}, \quad c_2 \equiv f^{a_3 a_4 b} f^{b a_2 c} f^{c a_1 a_5}, \quad c_3 \equiv f^{a_3 a_4 b} f^{b a_1 c} f^{c a_2 a_5}$$

$$n_i \sim k_4 \cdot k_5 k_2 \cdot \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \cdot \varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_4 \cdot \varepsilon_5 + \dots$$

$$c_1 - c_2 + c_3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow n_1 - n_2 + n_3 = 0$$

**Claim:** At n-points we can always find a rearrangement so color and kinematics satisfy the same algebraic constraint equations.

**Nontrivial constraints on amplitudes in field theory and string theory**

BCJ, Bjerrum-Bohr, Feng, Damgaard, Vanhove, ; Mafra, Stieberger, Schlotterer; Cachazo; Tye and Zhang; Feng, Huang, Jia; Chen, Du, Feng; Du, Feng, Fu; Naculich, Nastase, Schnitzer

# Gravity and Gauge Theory

kinematic numerator

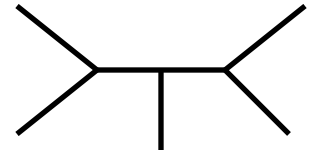
color factor

**gauge theory:**  $\frac{1}{g^{n-2}} \mathcal{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, \dots, n) = \sum_i \frac{n_i c_i}{\prod_{\alpha_i} p_{\alpha_i}^2}$  **sum over diagrams with only 3 vertices**

$$c_i \sim f^{a_1 a_2 b_1} f^{b_1 b_2 a_5} f^{b_2 a_4 a_5}$$

**Assume we have:**

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 0 \iff n_1 + n_2 + n_3 = 0$$



**Then:**  $c_i \Rightarrow \tilde{n}_i$  **kinematic numerator of second gauge theory**

Proof: ZB, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier

**gravity:** 
$$-i \left(\frac{2}{\kappa}\right)^{(n-2)} \mathcal{M}_n^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, \dots, n) = \sum_i \frac{n_i \tilde{n}_i}{\prod_{\alpha_i} p_{\alpha_i}^2}$$
 **Encodes KLT tree relations**

**Gravity numerators are a double copy of gauge-theory ones.**

**This works for ordinary Einstein gravity and susy versions.**

**Cries out for a unified description of the sort given by string theory!**

# Gravity From Gauge Theory

BCJ

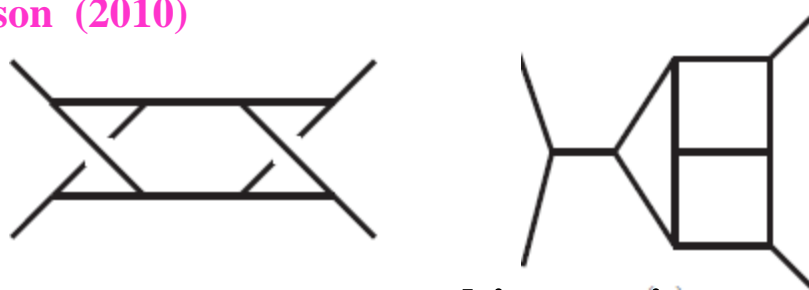
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	$n$	$\tilde{n}$
$N = 8$ sugra:	$(N = 4 \text{ sYM}) \times$	$(N = 4 \text{ sYM})$
$N = 4$ sugra:	$(N = 4 \text{ sYM}) \times$	$(N = 0 \text{ sYM})$
$N = 0$ sugra:	$(N = 0 \text{ sYM}) \times$	$(N = 0 \text{ sYM})$

**$N = 0$  sugra: graviton + antisym tensor + dilaton**

# Loop-Level Conjecture

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson (2010)



$$c_i + c_j + c_k = 0$$

$$n_i + n_j + n_k = 0$$

sum is over diagrams

kinematic numerator

color factor

gauge theory

$$\frac{(-i)^L}{g^{n-2+2L}} \mathcal{A}_n^{\text{loop}} = \sum_j \int \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{d^D p_l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{S_j} \frac{n_j c_j}{\prod_{\alpha_j} p_{\alpha_j}^2}$$

propagators

gravity

$$\frac{(-i)^{L+1}}{(\kappa/2)^{n-2+2L}} \mathcal{M}_n^{\text{loop}} = \sum_j \int \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{d^D p_l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{S_j} \frac{n_j \tilde{n}_j}{\prod_{\alpha_j} p_{\alpha_j}^2}$$

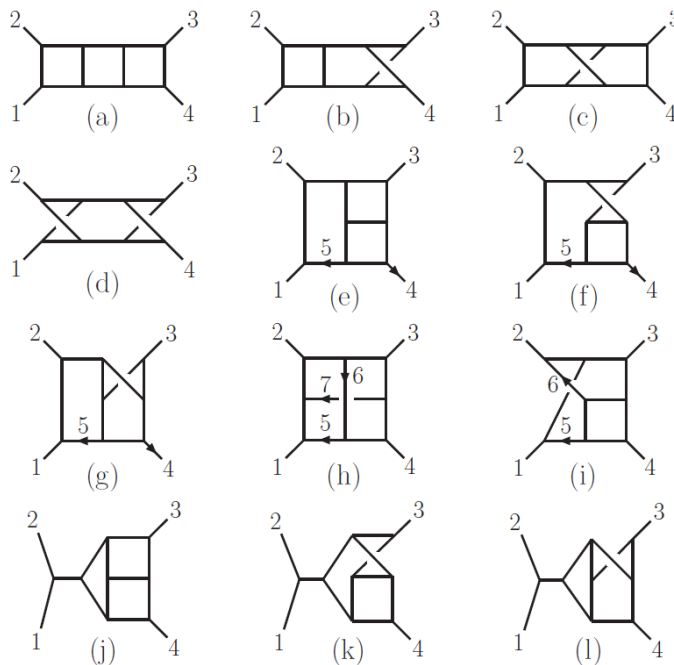
symmetry factor

**Loop-level is identical to tree-level one except for symmetry factors and loop integration.**  
**Double copy works if numerator satisfies duality.**



# Explicit Three-Loop Construction

ZB, Carrasco, Johansson (2010)



$$C_i = C_j - C_k \Rightarrow n_i = n_j - n_k$$

For  $N=4$  sYM we have the ability to go to high loop orders. Go to 3 loops. (1 & 2 loops works.)

Calculation very similar to earlier one with Dixon and Roiban, except now make the duality manifest.

$$\tau_{ij} = 2k_i \cdot l_j$$

- Duality works!
- Double copy works!

Integral $I^{(x)}$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super-Yang-Mills ( $\sqrt{\mathcal{N}} = 8$ supergravity) numerator
(a)–(d)	$s^2$
(e)–(g)	$(s(-\tau_{35} + \tau_{45} + t) - t(\tau_{25} + \tau_{45}) + u(\tau_{25} + \tau_{35}) - s^2)/3$
(h)	$(s(2\tau_{15} - \tau_{16} + 2\tau_{26} - \tau_{27} + 2\tau_{35} + \tau_{36} + \tau_{37} - u) + t(\tau_{16} + \tau_{26} - \tau_{37} + 2\tau_{36} - 2\tau_{15} - 2\tau_{27} - 2\tau_{35} - 3\tau_{17}) + s^2)/3$
(i)	$(s(-\tau_{25} - \tau_{26} - \tau_{35} + \tau_{36} + \tau_{45} + 2t) + t(\tau_{26} + \tau_{35} + 2\tau_{36} + 2\tau_{45} + 3\tau_{46}) + u\tau_{25} + s^2)/3$
(j)–(l)	$s(t - u)/3$

# Generalized Gauge Invariance

BCJ

ZB, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier

Tye and Zhang

**gauge theory**

$$\frac{(-i)^L}{g^{n-2+2L}} \mathcal{A}_n^{\text{loop}} = \sum_j \int \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{d^D p_l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{S_j} \frac{n_j c_j}{\prod_{\alpha_j} p_{\alpha_j}^2}$$

$$n_i \rightarrow n_i + \Delta_i \quad \sum_j \int \frac{d^{DL} p}{(2\pi)^{DL}} \frac{1}{S_j} \frac{\Delta_j c_j}{\prod_{\alpha_j} p_{\alpha_j}^2} = 0$$

$$(c_\alpha + c_\beta + c_\gamma) f(p_i) = 0$$

**Above is just a definition of generalized gauge invariance**

**gravity**

$$\frac{(-i)^{L+1}}{(\kappa/2)^{n-2+2L}} \mathcal{M}_n^{\text{loop}} = \sum_j \int \prod_{l=1}^L \frac{d^D p_l}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{S_j} \frac{n_j \tilde{n}_j}{\prod_{\alpha_j} p_{\alpha_j}^2}$$

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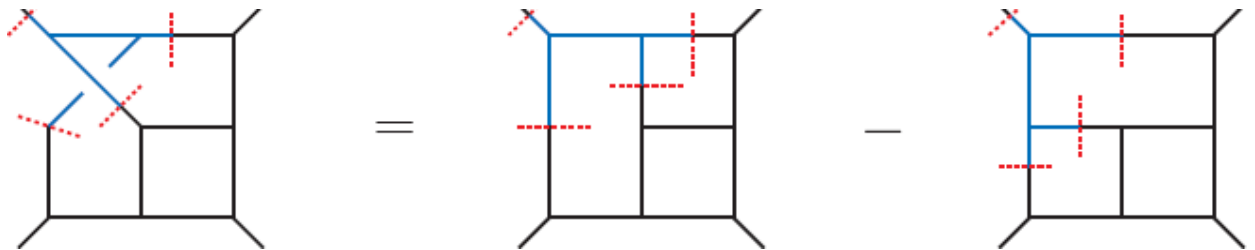
- **Gravity inherits generalized gauge invariance from gauge theory!**
- **Double copy works even if only one of the two copies has duality manifest!**
- **Very useful for  $N \geq 4$  supergravity amplitudes.**

# Generalized Gauge Invariance

- **Generalized gauge invariance means symmetries of gauge theory inherited by gravity.**
- **If we see a UV cancellation in a gauge theory we should expect a corresponding cancellation in gravity.**

# Gravity from Gauge Theory Amplitudes

BCJ



The diagram illustrates the BCJ relation for a box diagram. It shows three diagrams in a row, separated by an equals sign and a minus sign. The first diagram is a box with a diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right. The second diagram is a box with a vertical line from the top to the bottom. The third diagram is a box with a horizontal line from the left to the right. Red dashed lines indicate the kinematic numerators on the internal lines. The equations to the right are  $C_k = C_i - C_j$  and  $n_k = n_i - n_j$ .

$$C_k = C_i - C_j$$
$$n_k = n_i - n_j$$

If you have a set of duality satisfying numerators.  
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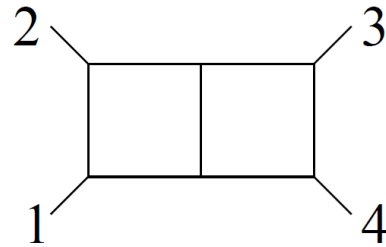
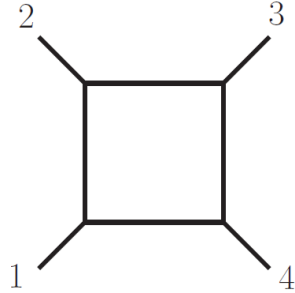
**gauge theory  $\rightarrow$  gravity theory**

simply take

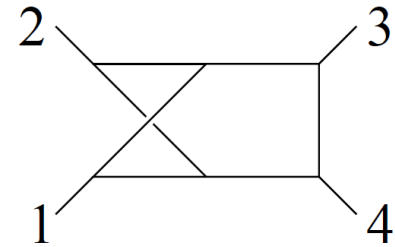
**color factor  $\rightarrow$  kinematic numerator**

**Gravity loop integrands are free!**

# Half Maximal Supergravity in $D > 4$



ZB, Davies, Dennen, Huang



## No surprises at one loop:

- Finite for  $D < 8$
- $R^4$  divergence in  $D = 8$
- $F^4$  four-matter multiplet amplitude diverges in  $D = 4$  -

Very instructive to understand from double-copy vantage point

## A two-loop surprise:

- Finite in  $D = 5$  with seemingly valid  $R^4$  counterterm.

## A three loop surprise:

See Bossard's talk.

- Finite for  $D = 4$  with seemingly valid  $R^4$  counterterm.

We now go through these examples

# One-Loop Warmup in Half-Maximal sugra

ZB, Davies, Dennen, Huang

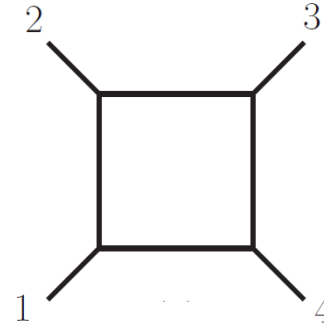
**Generic color decomposition:**

$$\mathcal{A}_Q^{(1)} = ig^4 \left[ c_{1234}^{(1)} A_Q^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + c_{1342}^{(1)} A_Q^{(1)}(1, 3, 4, 2) + c_{1423}^{(1)} A_Q^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3) \right]$$

**Q = # supercharges      Q = 0 is pure non-susy YM**

**To get Q +16 supergravity take 2<sup>nd</sup> copy N = 4 sYM**

**N = 4 sYM numerators independent of loop momenta**



$$n_{1234} = n_{1342} = n_{1423} = st A_{Q=16}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \quad c_{1234}^{(1)} \rightarrow n_{1234}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{Q+16}^{(1)} = i \left( \frac{\kappa}{2} \right)^4 st A_{Q=16}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \left[ A_Q^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_Q^{(1)}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3) \right]$$

**Note *exactly* the same combination as in U(1) decoupling identity.**

# One-loop divergences in pure YM

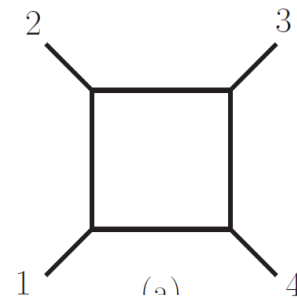
**Go to a basis of color factors:**

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$b_1^{(0)}$  and  $b_2^{(0)}$ : tree color tensors

$C_A = 2 N_c$   
for  $SU(N_c)$

$b_1^{(1)}$ : independent 1-loop color tensor



$$\mathcal{A}_Q^{(1)} = ig^4 \left[ b_1^{(1)} \left( A_Q^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_Q^{(1)}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3) \right) - \frac{1}{2} C_A b_1^{(0)} A_Q^{(1)}(1, 3, 4, 2) - \frac{1}{2} C_A b_2^{(0)} A_Q^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3) \right]$$

**$Q$  supercharges (mainly interested in  $Q = 0$ )**

**$D = 4 F^2$  counterterm: 1-loop color tensor *not* allowed.**

**$D = 6 F^3$  counterterm: 1-loop color tensor *not* allowed.**

$$F^3 = f^{abc} F_\nu^{a\mu} F_\sigma^{b\nu} F_\mu^{c\sigma}$$



$$A_Q^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_Q^{(2)}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3) \Big|_{D=4,6 \text{ div.}} = 0$$

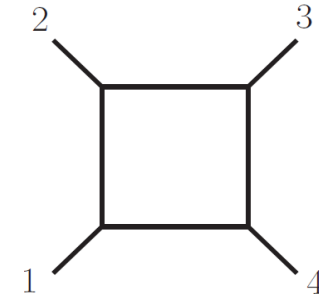
$$M_{Q+16}^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \Big|_{D=4,6 \text{ div.}} = 0$$

# One-Loop Warmup in Half-Maximal Sugra

ZB, Davies, Dennen, Huang

$$\mathcal{M}_{Q+16}^{(1)} = i \left( \frac{\kappa}{2} \right)^4 st A_{Q=16}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \left[ A_Q^{(1)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_Q^{(1)}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{(1)}(1, 4, 2, 3) \right]$$

**Cases where one-loop color tensor appear.  
These give supergravity divergences.**



$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} c^{abcd} F^{a\mu\nu} F^b_{\mu\sigma} F^{c\sigma\rho} F^d_{\rho\mu} \quad c^{abcd} \equiv \tilde{f}^a e_1 e_2 \tilde{f}^b e_2 e_3 \tilde{f}^c e_3 e_4 \tilde{f}^d e_4 e_1$$

**one-loop color tensor allowed so no cancellations**

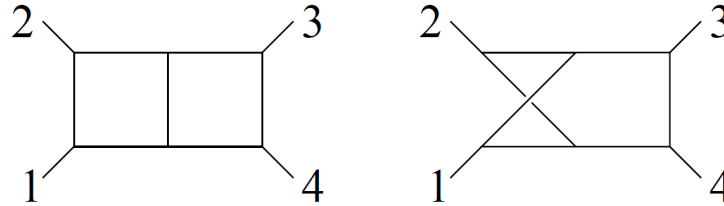
**$D = 8$ :  $F^4$  YM divergence  $\longleftrightarrow$   $R^4$  sugra divergence**

**With matter:**  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} c^{abcd} \phi^a \phi^b \phi^c \phi^d$

**$D = 4$ :  $\phi^4$  YM divergence  $\longleftrightarrow$   $F^4$  matter sugra divergence  
(shown long ago by Fischler)**



# Two Loop Half Maximal Sugra in $D = 5$



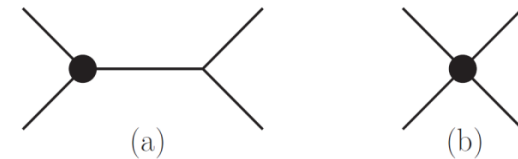
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$$\mathcal{A}_Q^{(2)} = -g^6 \left[ c_{1234}^P A_Q^P(1, 2, 3, 4) + c_{3421}^P A_Q^P(3, 4, 2, 1) \right. \\ \left. + c_{1234}^{NP} A_Q^{NP}(1, 2, 3, 4) + c_{3421}^{NP} A_Q^{NP}(3, 4, 2, 1) + \text{cyclic} \right]$$

**$D = 5$   $F^3$  counterterm: 1,2-loop color tensors forbidden!**

**Demand this and plug into double copy:**

- 1) Go to color basis.
- 2) Demand no forbidden color tensors in pure YM divergence.
- 3) Plug into the BCJ double copy formula.



$$\mathcal{M}_{16+Q}^{(2)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \Big|_{D=5 \text{ div.}} = 0$$

**Half maximal supergravity four-point divergence vanishes because forbidden color tensor cancels in pure YM theory**

# Half Maximal Supergravity in $D = 5$

**In a bit more detail:**

**gauge  
theory**

$$\mathcal{A}_Q^{(2)} = -g^6 \left[ c_{1234}^P A_Q^P(1, 2, 3, 4) + c_{3421}^P A_Q^P(3, 4, 2, 1) \right. \\ \left. + c_{1234}^{NP} A_Q^{NP}(1, 2, 3, 4) + c_{3421}^{NP} A_Q^{NP}(3, 4, 2, 1) + \text{cyclic} \right]$$

**gravity**

$$\mathcal{M}_{Q+16}^{(2)} = -i \left( \frac{\kappa}{2} \right)^6 st A_{Q=16}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4) \left[ s \left( A_Q^{(P)}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_Q^{(NP)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + A_Q^{(P)}(3, 4, 2, 1) + A_Q^{(NP)}(3, 4, 2, 1) \right) + \text{cyclic} \right]$$

**Equations that eliminate forbidden 2 loop color tensor:**

$$0 = t(A_Q^P(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^P(1, 4, 2, 3) + A_Q^P(3, 1, 4, 2) + A_Q^P(3, 2, 1, 4) \\ + A_Q^{NP}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(1, 4, 2, 3) + A_Q^{NP}(3, 1, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(3, 2, 1, 4) \\ + s(A_Q^P(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^P(3, 1, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(3, 1, 4, 2))) \Big|_{D=5 \text{ div.}},$$

$$0 = s(A_Q^P(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_Q^P(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^P(3, 1, 4, 2) + A_Q^P(3, 4, 2, 1) \\ + A_Q^{NP}(1, 2, 3, 4) + A_Q^{NP}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(3, 1, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(3, 4, 2, 1)) \\ + t(A_Q^P(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^P(3, 1, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(1, 3, 4, 2) + A_Q^{NP}(3, 1, 4, 2))) \Big|_{D=5 \text{ div.}}$$

**Plug into supergravity double copy formula:**

$$\mathcal{M}_{16+Q}^{(2)}(1, 2, 3, 4) \Big|_{D=5 \text{ div.}} = 0$$

# A Conjecture

**Conjecture:**  $(Q + 16)$  supercharge supergravity amplitudes are finite when divergences in corresponding  $Q$  supercharge YM amplitudes have only tree color tensors.

**Corollary:**  $N \geq 4$  supergravity in  $D = 4$  is ultraviolet finite.

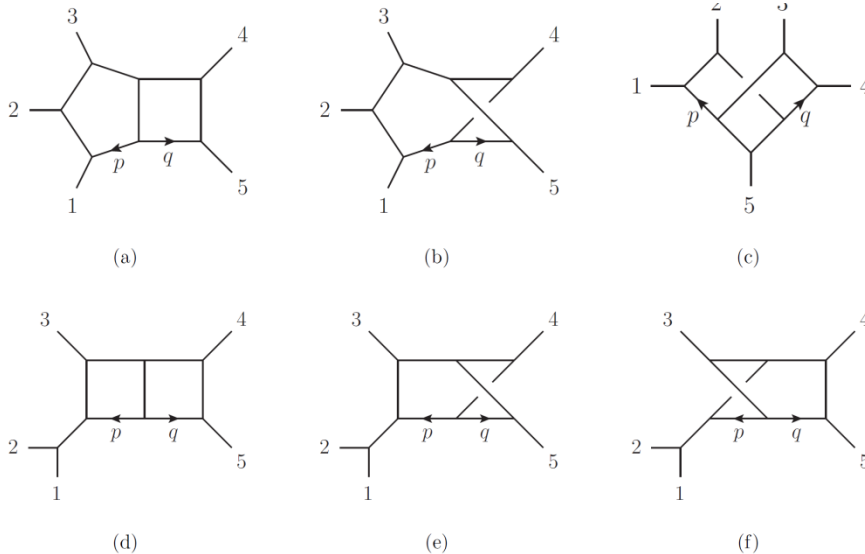
Conjecturing is easy. The nontrivial part is to prove (or disprove!).

Remains a challenge to prove beyond above 1,2 loop examples because loop momenta appear in numerators of both copies.

**But we still have the power to calculate and to check!**

# Two loops and five points

Might the above have to do with the special property of no numerator loop momentum in  $N = 4$  sYM (in  $D = 5$ )? Two loop five point doesn't have this property.



$D = 5$

Carrasco and Johansson  
Give us maximal sYM  
in BCJ format.

Half maximal sugra:  
Take other copy to be  
pure YM Feynman  
diagrams.

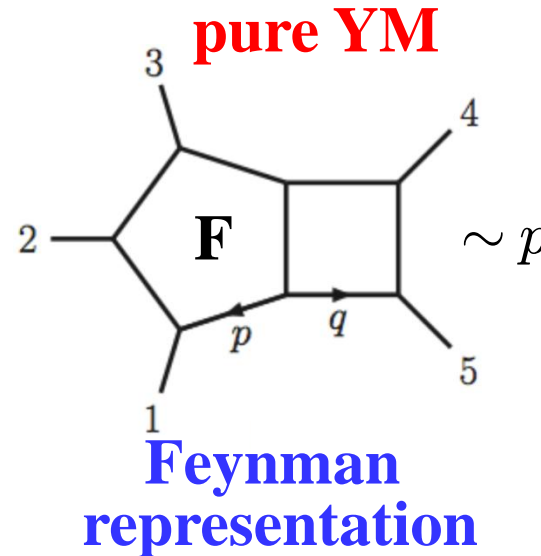
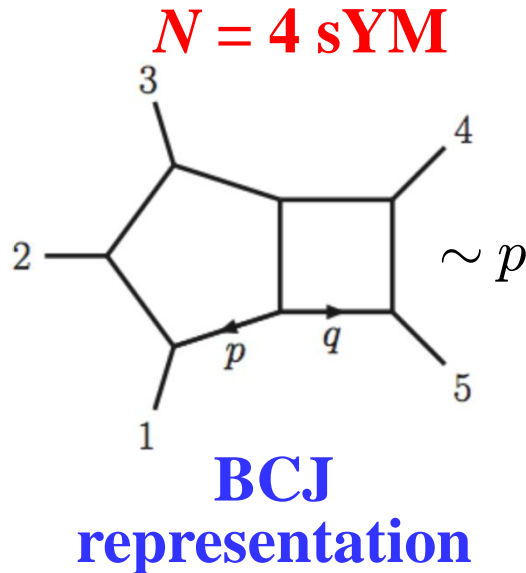
$\mathcal{I}^{(x)}$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super-Yang-Mills numerator
(a),(b)	$\frac{1}{4} \left( \gamma_{12}(2s_{45} - s_{12} + \tau_{2p} - \tau_{1p}) + \gamma_{23}(s_{45} + 2s_{12} - \tau_{2p} + \tau_{3p}) \right. \\ \left. + 2\gamma_{45}(\tau_{5p} - \tau_{4p}) + \gamma_{13}(s_{12} + s_{45} - \tau_{1p} + \tau_{3p}) \right)$
(c)	$\frac{1}{4} \left( \gamma_{15}(\tau_{5p} - \tau_{1p}) + \gamma_{25}(s_{12} - \tau_{2p} + \tau_{5p}) + \gamma_{12}(s_{34} + \tau_{2p} - \tau_{1p} + 2s_{15} + 2\tau_{1q} - 2\tau_{2q}) \right. \\ \left. + \gamma_{45}(\tau_{4q} - \tau_{5q}) - \gamma_{35}(s_{34} - \tau_{3q} + \tau_{5q}) + \gamma_{34}(s_{12} + \tau_{3q} - \tau_{4q} + 2s_{45} + 2\tau_{4p} - 2\tau_{3p}) \right)$
(d)-(f)	$\gamma_{12}s_{45} - \frac{1}{4} \left( 2\gamma_{12} + \gamma_{13} - \gamma_{23} \right) s_{12}$

$$\tau_{ip} = 2k_i \cdot p$$

# Two loops five points double copy in $D = 5$

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Half maximal supergravity:  $(N = 4 \text{ sYM}) \times (N = 0 \text{ YM})$



**$N = 4$  sugra quadratic divergent**

$$\int (d^5 l)^2 \frac{k^6 l^8}{l^{16}}$$

$$D = 5$$

- To extract UV expand in small external momenta.
- Integrals have subdivergences which causes complications. But this was well understood 30 years ago by Vladimirov and by Marcus and Sagnotti.

# Five Points Two loops $D = 5$ half-max sugra

ZB, Davies, Dennen, Huang

Evaluation of the integrals gives the UV divergences:

Graph	(divergence)/( $i \gamma_{12} \varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_3 \varepsilon_4 \cdot \varepsilon_5 k_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2 s_{12}$ )
(a)	$\frac{-64497+925D_s}{362880\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(b)	$\frac{820641-149788D_s}{1451520\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(c)	$\frac{-27555+8116D_s}{80640\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(d)	$\left( \frac{20605+912D_s}{53760\sqrt{2}} + \frac{-38+D_s}{240\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{14}}{s_{13}} + \frac{655-161D_s}{1680\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{23}}{s_{13}} + \frac{-5171-148D_s}{6720\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{24}}{s_{13}} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(e)	$\left( \frac{-71986+4511D_s}{241920\sqrt{2}} + \frac{935+6D_s}{6720\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{14}}{s_{13}} + \frac{-907+342D_s}{6720\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{23}}{s_{13}} + \frac{27859+844D_s}{60480\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{24}}{s_{13}} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(f)	$\left( \frac{-31847-8615D_s}{241920\sqrt{2}} + \frac{129-34D_s}{6720\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{14}}{s_{13}} + \frac{-1713+302D_s}{6720\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{23}}{s_{13}} + \frac{2335+61D_s}{7560\sqrt{2}} \frac{s_{24}}{s_{13}} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

$D = 5$

**Sum over diagrams vanishes**

$D_s$ : state counting regularization parameter

- While more complicated we see the same cancellations as we saw at four points (where no integration required).
- Potential  $R^4$  and  $\phi R^4$  counterterms in  $D = 5$  half-maximal supergravity have vanishing coefficients.

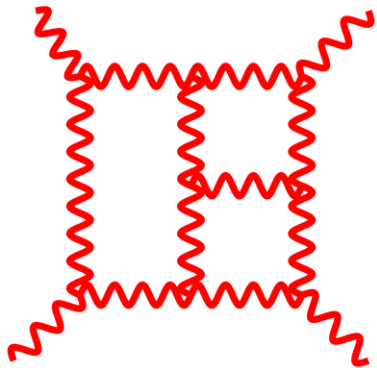
see Bossard's talk for duality + susy puzzles

# $N = 4$ Supergravity in $D = 4$

Fine, but do we have a  $D = 4$  example?

$N = 4$  sugra at 3 loops ideal  $D = 4$  test case to study.

ZB, Davies, Dennen, Huang



Consensus had it that a valid  $R^4$  counterterm exists for this theory in  $D = 4$ . Analogous to 7 loop counterterm of  $N = 8$ .

Bossard, Howe, Stelle; Bossard, Howe, Stelle, Vanhove

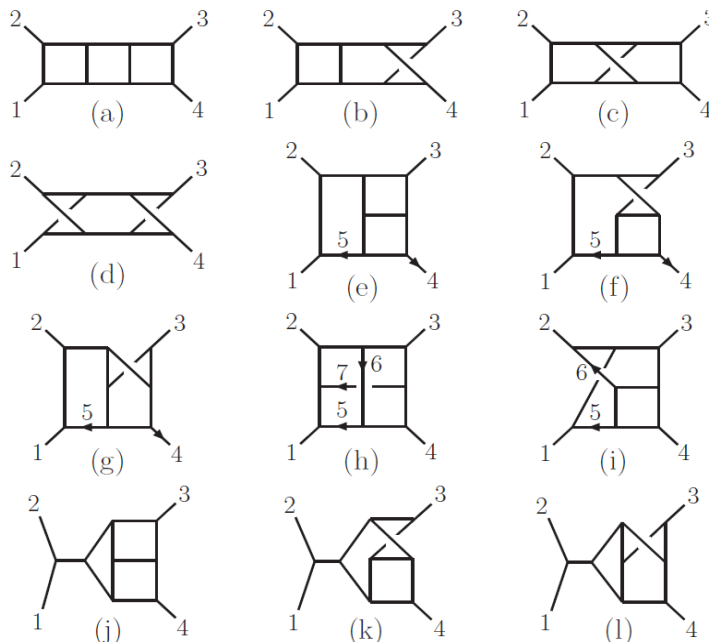
See talk from Bossard on latest “superstatus” of counterterm

Duality between color and kinematics gives us the ability to do the calculation.

# Three-loop Construction

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$N = 4$  sugra :  $(N = 4 \text{ sYM}) \times (N = 0 \text{ YM})$



- For  $N = 4$  sYM copy use known BCJ representation.
- Use Feynman diagrams for the pure YM copy.

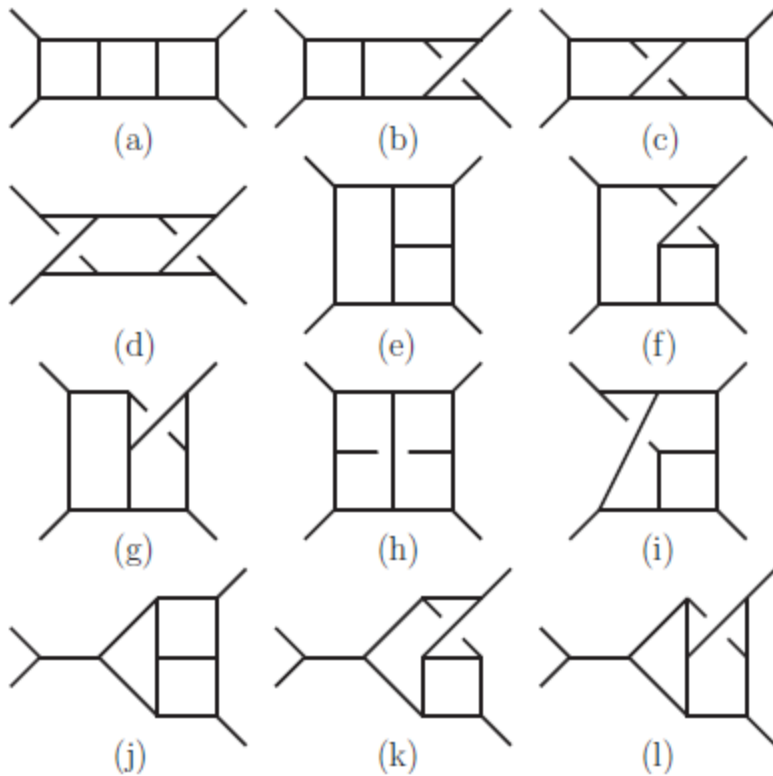
Integral $I^{(x)}$	$\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super-Yang-Mills ( $\sqrt{\mathcal{N}} = 8$ supergravity) numerator
(a)-(d)	$s^2$
(e)-(g)	$(s(-\tau_{35} + \tau_{45} + t) - t(\tau_{25} + \tau_{45}) + u(\tau_{25} + \tau_{35}) - s^2)/3$
(h)	$(s(2\tau_{15} - \tau_{16} + 2\tau_{26} - \tau_{27} + 2\tau_{35} + \tau_{36} + \tau_{37} - u) + t(\tau_{16} + \tau_{26} - \tau_{37} + 2\tau_{36} - 2\tau_{15} - 2\tau_{27} - 2\tau_{35} - 3\tau_{17}) + s^2)/3$
(i)	$(s(-\tau_{25} - \tau_{26} - \tau_{35} + \tau_{36} + \tau_{45} + 2t) + t(\tau_{26} + \tau_{35} + 2\tau_{36} + 2\tau_{45} + 3\tau_{46}) + u\tau_{25} + s^2)/3$
(j)-(l)	$s(t - u)/3$

BCJ form of the  $N = 4$  sYM integrand



# The $N = 4$ Supergravity UV Cancellation

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Graph	$(\text{divergence})/(\langle 12 \rangle^2 [34]^2 st A^{\text{tree}} (\frac{\kappa}{2})^8)$
(a)-(d)	0
(e)	$\frac{263}{768} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{205}{27648} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( -\frac{5551}{768} \zeta_3 + \frac{326317}{110592} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(f)	$-\frac{175}{2304} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( \frac{593}{288} \zeta_3 - \frac{217571}{165888} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(g)	$-\frac{11}{36} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{2057}{6912} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( \frac{10769}{2304} \zeta_3 - \frac{226201}{165888} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(h)	$-\frac{3}{32} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} - \frac{41}{1536} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( \frac{3227}{2304} \zeta_3 - \frac{3329}{18432} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(i)	$\frac{17}{128} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} - \frac{29}{1024} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( -\frac{2087}{2304} \zeta_3 - \frac{10495}{110592} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(j)	$-\frac{15}{32} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{9}{64} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( \frac{101}{12} \zeta_3 - \frac{3227}{1152} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(k)	$\frac{5}{64} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} + \frac{89}{1152} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( -\frac{377}{144} \zeta_3 + \frac{287}{432} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$
(l)	$\frac{25}{64} \frac{1}{\epsilon^3} - \frac{251}{1152} \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} + \left( -\frac{835}{144} \zeta_3 + \frac{7385}{3456} \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

**Spinor helicity used to clean up table, but calculation for all states**

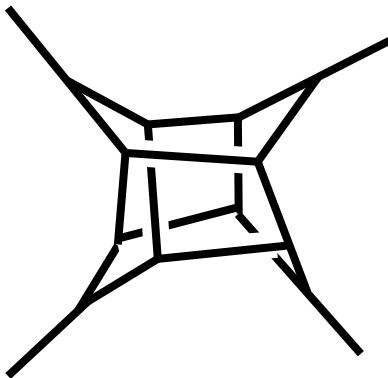
**All divergences cancel completely!**

**4-point 3-loop  $N = 4$  sugra UV finite contrary to expectations**

**Tourkine and Vanhove have understood this result by extrapolating from the two-loop heterotic string amplitudes. See also talk from Kallosh.**

# Obvious Next Steps

- 1) **Five Loops:** Compute the coefficient of the  $D^8 R^4$  five-loop counterterm of  $N = 8$  supergravity in  $D = 24/5$ .
- 2) **Four Loops:** Find the coefficient of the  $D^2 R^4$  four-loop counterterm of half maximal supergravity  $Q = 16$  in  $D = 4$ .
- 3) Can we prove that in general the supergravity cancellations are tied to cancellations of forbidden color factors in gauge-theory divergences?



# Summary

- A new duality conjectured between color and kinematics.
- When duality between color and kinematics manifest, gravity integrands follow *immediately* from gauge-theory ones.
- Double copy gives us a powerful way to explore the UV properties of gravity theories.
- Surprises, contrary to symmetry expectations:
  - $Q = 16$  supergravity in  $D=5$  has no 2-loop 4-point divergences.
  - $N = 4$  sugra in  $D = 4$  has no 3-loop 4-point divergences.
- Power counting using known symmetries and their known consequences can be misleading. Concrete example.
- Concrete examples directly linking cancellations in half-maximal sugra to ones in forbidden color factor of pure YM theory.

**The double copy formalism gives us reasons to believe that  $N \geq 4$  pure supergravity theories are perturbatively UV finite. More importantly it give us the tools to decisively test this.**

Happy Birthday Hermann!!