Algebraic geometry and p-adic numbers for scattering amplitude ansätze

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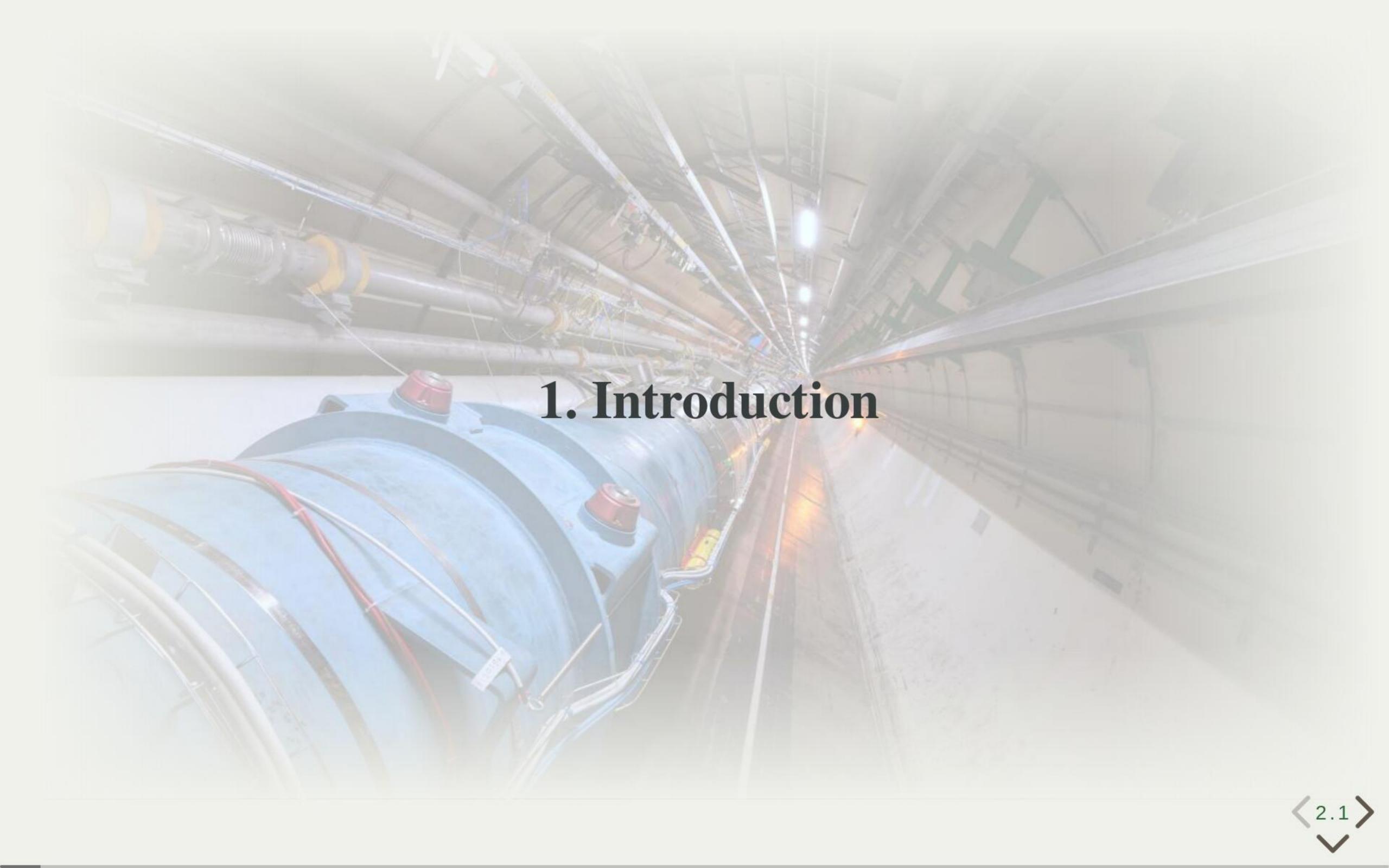
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The %-level fixed-order precision frontier

- Back-of-the-envelope calculation: $\alpha_S^2 \sim 0.01$, $\alpha \sim 0.01$
- To match experimental precision need at least NNLO QCD & NLO EW corrections
- This requires $0 \to n$ at 2-loop, $0 \to n+1$ at 1-loop and $0 \to n+2$ at tree level
- Much progress recently achieved to uncover 2-loop corrections for $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes

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Organization of loop amplitude computations

• Universal €-pole structure [Catani '98; Becher, Neubert '09; Gardi, Magnea '09]

$$\mathcal{A}_{n,R}^{(l)} = \sum_{l'=0}^{l-1} \mathbf{I}_{\epsilon}^{(l-l')} \mathcal{A}_{n,R}^{(l')} + \mathcal{H}_{n}^{(l)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

• Finite remainder $(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda} : \text{Weyl spinors})$

$$\mathcal{H}_n^{(l)} = \sum_i C_i(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda}) \times F_i(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda})$$

 $C_i(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda})$: rational functions; $F_i(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda})$: special (transcendental) functions.

• For example, at five-point $F_i(\lambda, \lambda) \to \text{pentagon functions}$ [Gehrmann, Henn, Lo Presti '18; Chicherin, Sotnikov '20; Chicherin, Sotnikov, Zoia '22]



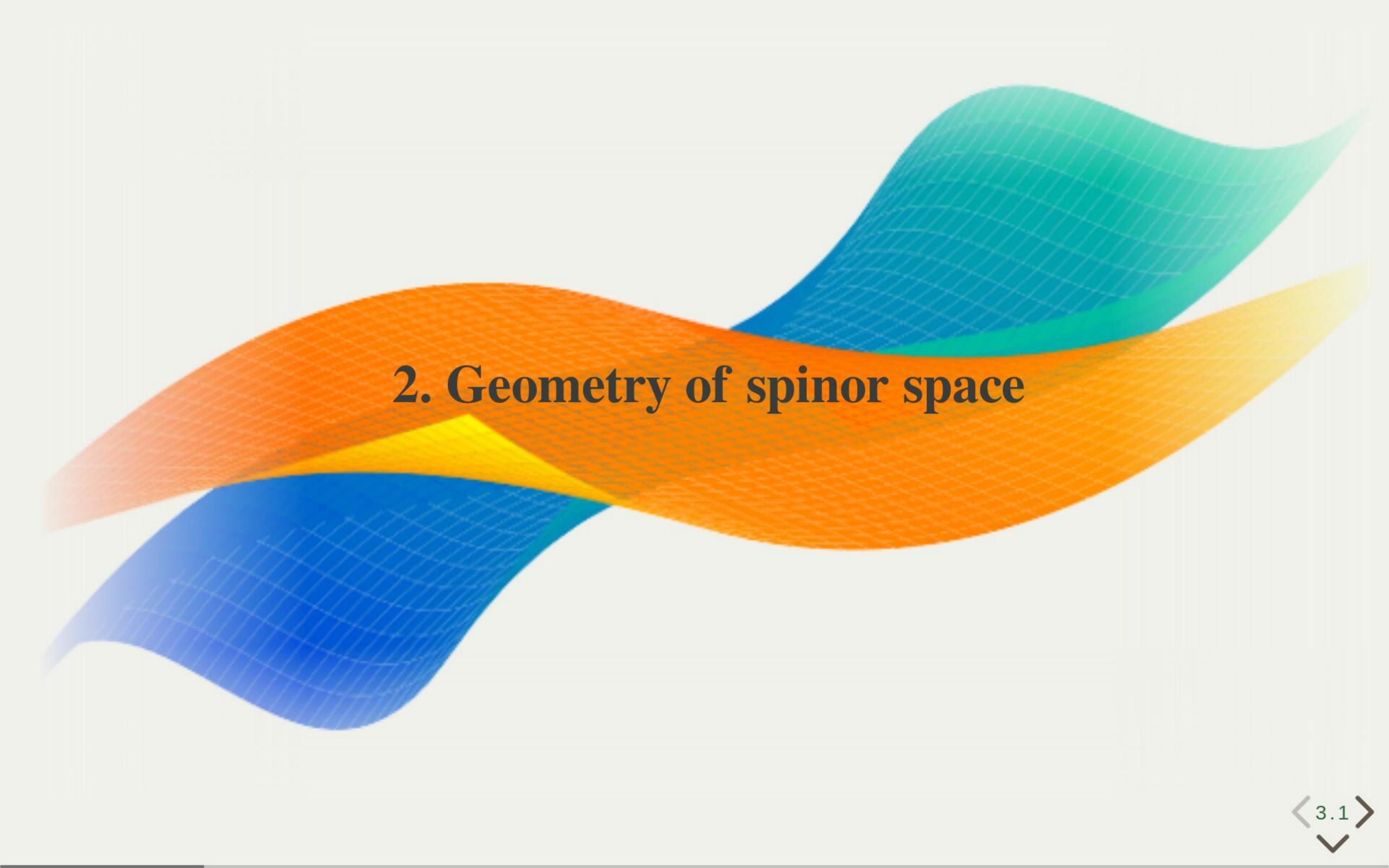
Problem set-up & motivation

- Standard procedure at 2-loop: analytically reconstruct C_i from finite-field (\mathbb{F}_p) samples [von Manteuffel-Schabinger '15, Peraro '16]
- Number of required samples grows rapidly with multiplicity of external kinematics

Process	$\mathcal{H}_{pp o jjj}^{(2)}$	$\mathcal{H}^{(2)}_{pp o \gamma\gamma\gamma}$	$\mathcal{H}_{pp o W+2j}^{(2)}$	$\mathcal{A}_{0\to 6g}^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$
Ansatz size	$\mathcal{O}(10^5)$	$O(10^{5})$	$O(10^6)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^9)$

• $\mathcal{A}_{0\to 6g}^{(1)}$ done in $\sim 10^4$ evaluations over \mathbb{C} w/ constraints from singular limits [DL, Maître '19]

Can we systematize this approach and apply it directly at 2-loop numerics?



Complex & massless kinematics

• Let us consider scattering amplitudes in the analytical continutation to complex momenta

$$P_i \in \mathbb{C}^{D=4}$$
, $i \in (1, \dots, n)$.

• The P_i live in the (1/2, 1/2) representation of the Lorentz group. We have

$$\det(P_{i,\mu}\sigma^{\mu,\alpha\dot{\alpha}}) = m_i^2.$$

• For massless scattering, $m_i = 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{rank}(P_i^{\alpha\alpha}) = 1 \text{ (down from 2)}$

$$P_i^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \lambda^{\alpha}\tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} = |i\rangle[i|,$$

$$P_i \in \mathbb{R}^4 \Rightarrow \tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} = (\lambda^{\alpha})^*$$
, $P_i \in \mathbb{C}^4 \Rightarrow \lambda^{\alpha}, \tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}$ independent.



Constraints from singular limits

• Take an NMHV tree as a simplified example for a C_i

$$\mathcal{A}_{q^{+}g^{+}g^{+}\bar{q}^{-}g^{-}g^{-}}^{(0)} = \frac{\mathcal{N}}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle [45][56][61] s_{345}}, \quad \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{M}_{6,\{-1,0,0,1,0,0\}}, \\ \dim(\mathcal{M}_{d,\vec{\phi}}) = 143.$$

where $\mathcal{M}_{d,\vec{\phi}}$: vector space of products of spinor brackets, d: mass dimension, $\vec{\phi}$: phase weights.

• Take $\langle 12 \rangle \sim \varepsilon$ and $\langle 23 \rangle \sim \varepsilon$, get two cases (soft vs. collinear):

$$\begin{cases} \circ & |2\rangle \sim \varepsilon & \rightarrow & \mathcal{A}_{q^+g^+g^+\bar{q}^-g^-g^-}^{(0)} \sim \varepsilon^{-2} & \Rightarrow & \mathcal{N} \sim \varepsilon^0 : \text{no constaint} \\ \circ & \langle 12\rangle \sim \langle 23\rangle \sim \langle 13\rangle \sim \varepsilon & \rightarrow & \mathcal{A}_{q^+g^+g^+\bar{q}^-g^-g^-}^{(0)} \sim \varepsilon^{-1} & \Rightarrow & \mathcal{N} \sim \varepsilon^1 : \underline{\text{constraint}}! \end{cases}$$

• This constraint drops the ansatz size from 143 to 84: fixed 59 parameters with 1 evalution!

Why is there branching and how do we control it?



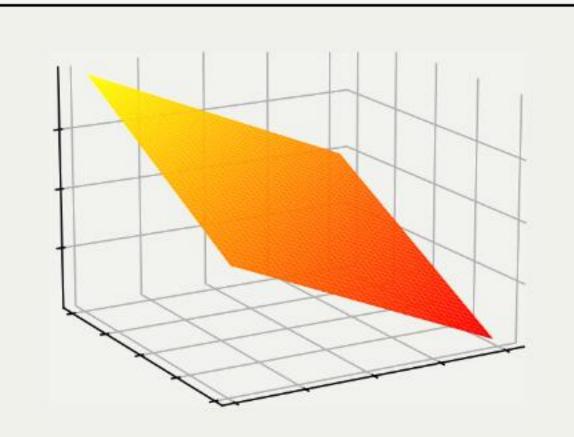
Crash course in algebraic geometry

• Notation employed for polynomial rings: $\mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, e.g. $r = \mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$

Algebra ~ Ideals

Geometry ~ Varieties

$$K = \left\langle x - y - z \right\rangle_r = \left\{ a \left(x - y - z \right) : a \in r \right\}$$
In general:
$$\left\langle q_1, \dots, q_k \right\rangle_A = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i q_i : a_i \in A \right\}$$



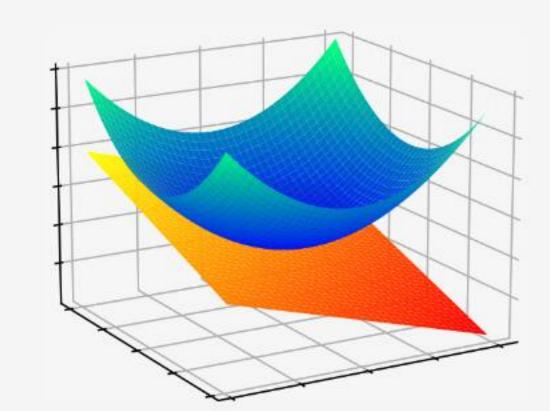
$$= V(K)$$

$$J = \left\langle x^3 - x^2y - x^2z + xy^2 - xz - y^3 - y^2z + yz + z^2 \right\rangle_r$$

$$= \left\langle (x - y - z)(x^2 + y^2 - z) \right\rangle_r$$

$$= \left\langle (x - y - z) \right\rangle_r \cap \left\langle (x^2 + y^2 - z) \right\rangle_r$$

$$= K \cap L$$



$$= V(J) = V(K) \cup V(L)$$

Towards the domain of the C_i $(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda})$

• Let us start from the polynomial ring (the spinors are understood to be taken component-wise)

$$S_n = \mathbb{F}[|1\rangle, [1|, \dots, |n\rangle, [n|].$$

- \mathbb{F} may be any of \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , \mathbb{F}_p , \mathbb{Z}_p , \mathbb{Q}_p , ... (see later!).
- Define the momentum-conservation ideal as (it has 4 generators, written as a 2×2 tensor)

$$J_{\Lambda_n} = \left\langle \sum_i |i\rangle [i| \right\rangle_{S_n}.$$

• Two polynomials p and q should be equivalent if they differ by an element of J_{Λ_n}

$$p-q\in J_{\Lambda_n} \Rightarrow p\sim q$$
.



Singular varieties

• What we need is not a polynomial ring but a quotient ring

$$R_n = S_n/J_{\Lambda_n}$$
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- We dub ideals of R_n generated by denominator factors *singular ideals*. A *singular variety* is a variety associated to a singular ideal. It is a sub-variety of $V(J_{\Lambda_n})$.
- The example we saw earlier can be mathematically described by the following decomposition:

$$\langle \langle 12 \rangle, \langle 23 \rangle \rangle_{R_6} = \langle |2 \rangle \rangle_{R_6} \cap \langle \langle 12 \rangle, \langle 23 \rangle, \langle 13 \rangle \rangle_{R_6}$$

• There exist algorithms to compute minimal decompositions of ideals/varieties.

Five-point irreducible varieties

• Singular ideals with one generator: 2 independent ones, both irreducible

$$\langle \langle 12 \rangle \rangle_{R_5}$$
 and $\langle \langle 1|2+3|1] \rangle_{R_5}$

with permutations & $\lambda \leftrightarrow \tilde{\lambda}$ swap we get 35 in total. These are the possible poles.

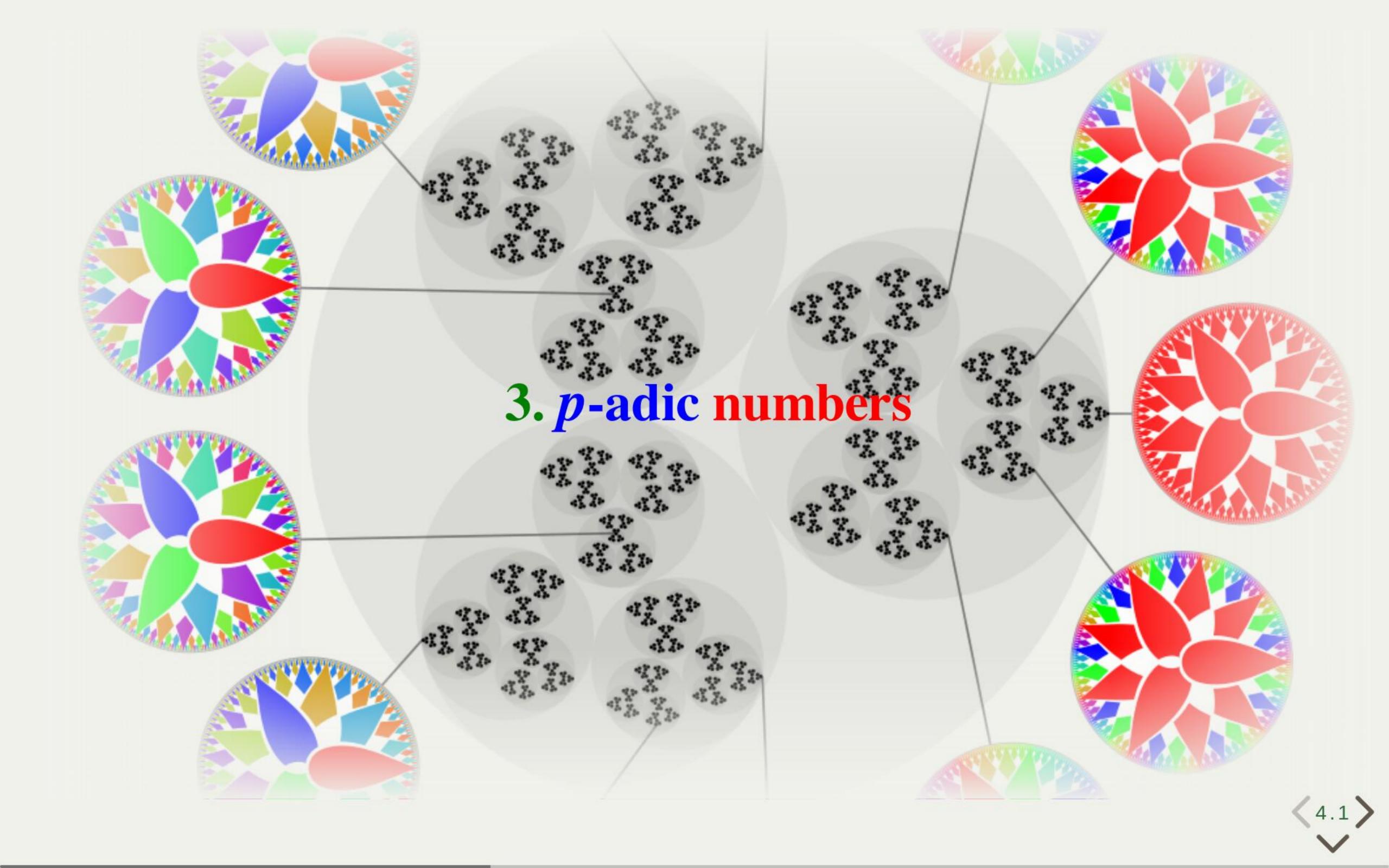
• Singular ideals with two generators: 11 reducible, 10 irreducible

$$\langle\langle 12\rangle,\langle 23\rangle\rangle_{R_5}=\langle|2\rangle\rangle_{R_5}\cap\langle\langle 12\rangle,\langle 23\rangle,\langle 13\rangle,[45]\rangle_{R_5}\cap\langle\langle ij\rangle\,\forall\,i,j\rangle_{R_5}\,,$$

$$\langle \langle 12 \rangle, \langle 34 \rangle \rangle_{R_5} = \langle \langle 12 \rangle, \langle 34 \rangle, |1 + 2|5] \rangle_{R_5} \cap \langle \langle ij \rangle \forall i, j \rangle_{R_5}$$

with symmetries: 555 reducible varieties in total, 317 irreducible branches.

How do we obtain the degree of divergence of the C_i ?



Why p-adic numbers?

- One way to obtain the pole order of the C_i is to evaluate them near the singular varieties.
- But this require a non-trivial notion of size, which finite fields lack because:

$$|a = 0|_{\mathbb{F}_p} = 0$$
 or $|a \neq 0|_{\mathbb{F}_p} = 1$.

- This is known as the *trivial absolute value*.
- It means we are either exactly on a variety or away from a variety.
- We treat the p-adics just as a field, not covered: p-adic calculus/analysis.

The p-adic numbers

• We can define a p-adic number $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ in terms of its expansion in powers of a prime p

$$x = \sum_{i=\nu_p(x)}^{\infty} a_i p^i = a_{\nu_p(x)} p^{\nu_p(x)} + \dots + a_{-1} p^{-1} + a_0 + a_1 p + a_2 p^2 + \dots ,$$

where the a_i are called p-adic digits, $0 \le a_i < p$, and $\nu_p(x)$ is called the valuation.

- The subset with $\nu_p(x) = 0$ is the *p*-adic integers (\mathbb{Z}_p) , in which case a_0 behaves as if in \mathbb{F}_p .
- The *p*-adic absolute value is:

$$|x|_p = p^{-\nu_p(x)} \Longrightarrow |p|_p < |1|_p < \left|\frac{1}{p}\right|_p$$



p-adic phase-space points near singular varieties

• Aim: find a p-adic phase-space point near a singular variety

Step 0: Consider a singular ideal

$$J = \left\langle q_1, \dots, q_l, \sum_i |i\rangle [i| \right\rangle_{S_n}.$$

Step 1: Find a point $(\eta, \tilde{\eta}) \in V(J)$ in a finite field, i.e. in \mathbb{F}_p^{4n} .

Step 2: Lift the \mathbb{F}_p^{4n} solution to $(\eta^{\varepsilon}, \tilde{\eta}^{\varepsilon}) \in \mathbb{Q}_p^{4n}$, such that

$$q_1 \sim \cdots \sim q_l \sim \mathcal{O}(p)$$
, $\sum_i |i\rangle[i| \sim \mathcal{O}(p^k)$, $k \gg 1$,

where k denotes the working precision (number of p-adic digits used).

• The procedure is described in details in the paper.

4. Ansatz construction

Zariski-Nagata theorem

[Zariski '49; Nagata '62; Eisenbud-Hochster '79]

• The Zariski-Nagata theorem states that if a polynomial vanishes to k-th order on a variety then it belongs to the so-called k-th symbolic power of the associated radical ideal, in our case:

$$\mathcal{N}(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda})|_{(\eta^{\varepsilon}, \tilde{\eta}^{\varepsilon}) \text{ near } V(J)} \sim \varepsilon^{k>0} \implies \mathcal{N} \in J^{\langle k \rangle}$$

Symbolic powers

[Grifo '18, Lemma 1.18]

• Even if J is irreducible, J^k may not be

$$J^{k} = \underbrace{J \cdot \cdots \cdot J}_{k \text{ times}} = J^{\langle k \rangle} \cap J_{1}^{\text{em}} \cap \cdots \cap J_{m}^{\text{em}}$$

"em" stands for "embedded", i.e. $V(J) \supset V(J_i^{\text{em}})$, while $V(J^{\langle k \rangle}) = V(J)$.



The Ansatz

- Let $\mathcal{V}^{(2)}$ denote the set of codimension-2 irreducible varieties (317 at five-point) and let $\kappa(\mathcal{N}_i, U)$ denote the order of vanishing of \mathcal{N}_i on $U \in \mathcal{V}^{(2)}$.
- We can constrain the common-denominator ansatz as follows

$$\mathcal{N}_i \in \mathcal{M}_{d,\phi} \cap \mathfrak{F} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathfrak{F} = \bigcap_{U \in \mathcal{V}^{(2)}} I(U)^{\langle \kappa(\mathcal{N}_i, U) \rangle}.$$

the ansatz is a basis of the vector space $\mathcal{M}_{d,\vec{\phi}} \cap \mathfrak{F}$.

 This can be computed numerically or analytically by polynomial reduction, together with standard linear algebra (null-spaces).



Proof-of-concept results: $0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}\gamma\gamma\gamma$ at 2-loop

• Planar two-loop three-photon pentagon-function coefficients:

Remainder	$s_{ij} \cup tr_5$ vector space	$\dim(\mathcal{M}_{d,\vec{0}})$	$\langle ij \rangle \cup [ij]$ vector space	$\dim(\mathcal{M}_{d,\vec{\phi}})$	$\dim(\mathcal{M}_{d,\vec{\phi}}\cap \mathfrak{F})$	ratio
$R^{2,0}_{\gamma^-\gamma^+\gamma^+}$	$\mathcal{M}_{50, \vec{0}}$	41301	$\mathcal{M}_{35,\{3,0,6,-3,-2\}}$	7358	566	73
$R_{\gamma^-\gamma^+\gamma^+}^{2,N_f}$	$\mathcal{M}_{24,\vec{0}}$	2821	$\mathcal{M}_{15,\{-2,-2,0,-3,-3\}}$	378	20	141
$R^{2,0}_{\gamma^+\gamma^+\gamma^+}$	$\mathcal{M}_{32,\vec{0}}$	7905	$\mathcal{M}_{20,\{-2,-4,-2,-2,-2\}}$	1140	18	439
$R_{\gamma^+\gamma^+\gamma^+}^{2,0}$	$\mathcal{M}_{18,\vec{0}}$	1045	$\mathcal{M}_{8,\{1,3,1,1,2\}}$	44	6	174

- Almost two orders of magnitude better than common denominator form.
- Even just allowing for non-zero Little group weights reduces the sampling requirements.

5. Conclusions

Conclusions

- The C_i are more naturally expressed in terms of spinors instead of mandelstams or twistors;
- Algebraic geometry provides us the language to describe singularities of scattering amplitudes;
- p-adic numbers bridge the gap between \mathbb{C} and \mathbb{F}_p , rescuing a non-trivial absolute value;
- Behaviour on singular varieties gives very constraining information about the analytics;
- The theorem by Zariski and Nagata provides us with a way to interpret the constraints.

Outlook

- Apply this technology directly to numerical evaluations from Caravel [Abreu et al. '20];
- Obtain efficient and stable analytical results for rational coefficients up to high multiplicities.

Unfortunately much had to be left out

- The invariant subring $\mathcal{R}_n \subset R_n$
- Radical vs. non-radical ideals (not really neaded with 5-point massless kinematics)
- Primary decompositions: prime vs. primary ideals
- Computation of symbolic powers
- Construction of common-denominator ansatz and intersection of vector spaces with ideals
- Direction of approach to singular variety (ring extensions)
- Partial fractions from maximal-codimension ideal membership
- High multiplicity results: $\mathcal{A}_{q\bar{q}V(\to\ell\bar{\ell})V'(\to\ell'\bar{\ell}')g}^{(1)}$ with q-loop m dependace [Campbell, DL, Ellis '22]

Thank you!

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Backup Slides

The QCD NMHV tree from the example

• The tree used as an example, written in 3 different ways (1st is BCFW)

$$\mathcal{A}_{q^{+}g^{+}g^{+}\bar{q}^{-}g^{-}g^{-}}^{(0)} = \frac{\langle 6|1+2|3]^{2}}{\langle 12\rangle[45]\langle 2|1+6|5]s_{345}} - \frac{\langle 4|2+3|1]^{2}}{[16]\langle 23\rangle\langle 34\rangle[56]\langle 2|1+6|5]}$$

$$= -\frac{[12]\langle 45\rangle\langle 6|1+2|3]}{\langle 12\rangle[16]\langle 34\rangle[45]s_{345}} - \frac{\langle 4|2+3|1]s_{123}}{\langle 12\rangle[16]\langle 23\rangle\langle 34\rangle[45][56]}$$

$$= -\frac{\langle 6|1+2|3]s_{123}}{\langle 12\rangle\langle 23\rangle[45][56]s_{345}} - \frac{[12]\langle 45\rangle\langle 4|2+3|1]}{[16]\langle 23\rangle\langle 34\rangle[56]s_{345}}$$

Varieties of ideals, ideals of varieties

• A variety U associated to an ideal J of a ring R and denoted as U = V(J) is the set of points at which the generators p_1, \ldots, p_k of J evaluate to zero

$$V(\langle p_1, \dots, p_k \rangle_R) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n : p_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \le i \le k \}.$$

• An ideal J of a ring R associated to a variety U and denoted as J = I(U) is the subset of polynomials $\{p_i\} \subseteq R$ which evaluate to zero on U

$$I(U) = \left\{ p_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R} : p_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \text{ for } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n \right\}.$$



The field of fractions

• The coefficients $C_i(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda})$ belong to the field of fractions of R_n

$$C_i(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda}) \in FF(R_n)$$

- This is non-trivial and there are subtleties at low multiplicities [Campbell, DL, Ellis '22]
 - 1. $FF(R_3)$ is actually <u>not</u> a field, because R_3 is not an Integral Domain
 - 2. $FF(R_4)$ is a field, but it is not a Unique Factorization Domain

Minimal decompositions of varieties

A variety is irreducible if

$$U = U_1 \cup U_2 \Rightarrow U_1 = U \text{ or } U_2 = U.$$

• All varieties admit a minimal decomposition

$$U = \bigcup_{k=1}^{n_B(U)} U_k \quad \text{s.t.} \quad U_i \nsubseteq U_j \ \forall \ i \neq j \text{ and } n_B(U_k) = 1 \ \forall k \ .$$

where we call U_k branches, and $n_B(U)$ denotes the number of branches.

Radical, primary and prime ideals

J is radical if $a^k \in J \Rightarrow a \in J$; Q is primary if $ab \in Q \Rightarrow a \in Q$ or $b^k \in Q$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$; P is prime if P is radical and primary.

Primary decompositions

$$J = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n_Q(J)} Q_i$$
, with Q_i primary, $\sqrt{Q_i}$ distinct, and $Q_m \not\supseteq \bigcap_{l \neq m} Q_l$.

 $P_i = \sqrt{Q_i}$ are prime ideals. In general one has: $n_Q(J) \ge n_U(V(J))$.



Examples of fully fledged primary decompositions

In 6-point kinematics (R_6) :

$$\left\langle \langle 12 \rangle, \Delta_{12|34|56} \right\rangle = \left\langle \langle 12 \rangle, (s_{56} - s_{34})^2 \right\rangle,$$

$$\sqrt{\left\langle \langle 12 \rangle, \Delta_{12|34|56} \right\rangle} = \left\langle \langle 12 \rangle, (s_{56} - s_{34}) \right\rangle.$$

In 7-point kinematics (R_7) :

$$\left\langle \langle 7|\Gamma_{12}|7], \langle 7|\Gamma_{34|56}|7\rangle \right\rangle = \left\langle \langle 12\rangle, \langle 17\rangle, \langle 27\rangle \right\rangle \cap \left\langle [12], \Gamma_{12}|7\rangle \right\rangle \cap \left\langle \langle 7|\Gamma_{12}|7], |7\rangle\langle 7| \right\rangle$$

$$\cap \left\langle \langle 7|\Gamma_{34}|7], \langle 7|\Gamma_{56}|7], \langle 7|\Gamma_{34|56}|7\rangle, [7|\Gamma_{34|56}|7] \right\rangle$$

$$\sqrt{\left\langle \langle 7|\Gamma_{12}|7], |7\rangle\langle 7| \right\rangle} = \left\langle |7\rangle \right\rangle.$$



Absolute values on the rationals

- An absolute value is a map: $\mathbb{F} \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, satisfying:
 - 1. non-negativity; 2. positive-definiteness; 3. multiplicativity; 4. the triangle inequality.
- Ostrowski's theorem: there exist only 3 possible absolute values on Q:
 - 0. The trivial absolute value $|x|_0 = \{0 \text{ if } x \text{ is } 0 \text{ else } 1\}$,
 - 1. The usual absolute value $|x|_{\infty} = \{x \text{ if } x \ge 0 \text{ else } -x\}$,
 - 2. The *p*-adic absolute value $|x|_p = p^{-\nu_p(x)}$.

The least common denominator form

• A single p-adic evaluation near each codimension-one variety yields the pole orders

$$q_{ij} = \nu_p(C_i(\eta^{\epsilon}, \tilde{\eta}^{\epsilon}))$$
, where $(\eta, \tilde{\eta}) \in V(\langle \mathcal{D}_j \rangle)$

starting from R_5 .

• This gives us the common-denominator form (\mathcal{N}_i unknown)

$$C_i = \frac{\mathcal{N}_i}{\prod_j \mathcal{D}_i^{q_{ij}}},$$

where q_{ij} may be negative (common numerator factors). I am assuming pure \mathcal{F}_i .

The least common denominator ansatz

We have already encountered the vector space

$$\mathcal{M}_{d,\vec{\phi}} = \left\{ \langle ij \rangle^{\alpha_{ij}} [ij]^{\beta_{ij}} : j > i, \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} + \beta_{ij} = d, \right.$$
$$\sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} (\delta_{ik} + \delta_{jk}) - \beta_{ij} (\delta_{ik} + \delta_{jk}) = \phi_k \right\}$$

- Let [x] denote the mass-dimension of x and $\{x\}$ its Little-group weights
- The least-common-denominator ansatz is (assuming pure \mathcal{F}_i)

$$C_{i} = \frac{\mathcal{N}_{i}}{\prod_{j} \mathcal{D}_{j}^{q_{ij}}} \implies \mathcal{N}_{i} \in \mathcal{M}_{[\mathcal{A}] + \left[\prod_{j} \mathcal{D}_{j}^{q_{ij}}\right], \{\mathcal{A}\} + \left\{\prod_{j} \mathcal{D}_{j}^{q_{ij}}\right\}}$$

Hilbert's Nullstellensatz

• A perhaps better-known version of the Zariski-Nagata theorem is Hilbert's Nullstellensatz:

$$|\mathcal{N}(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda})|_{\varepsilon \text{ away from } V(J)} \sim \varepsilon^{k>0} \implies \mathcal{N} \in \sqrt{J}$$

this is, however, less powerful as it does not use information about the degree of vanishing.