

Off-shell Colour–Kinematics Duality and the BRST-Lagrangian Double Copy

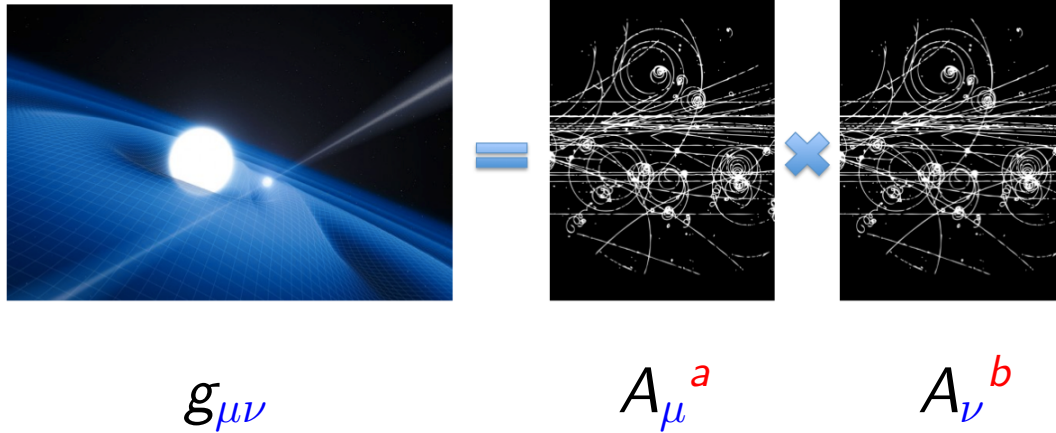
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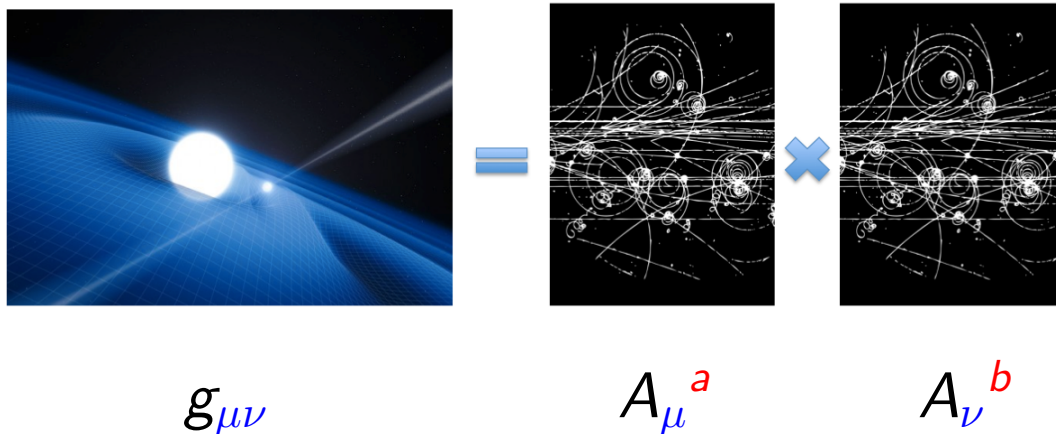
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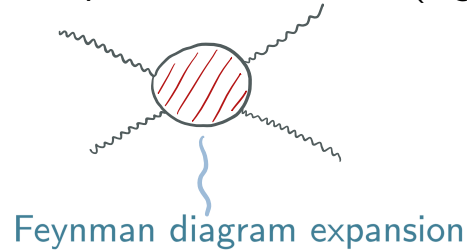
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- Renaissance: Bern–Carrasco–Johansson **Colour–Kinematics (CK) duality conjecture** and **double copy** of gauge theory and gravity **scattering amplitudes** [Bern, Carrasco, Johansson '08, '10; Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier '10]



$$\text{Red} + \text{Green} + \text{Blue} = \text{White}$$

Scattering Amplitudes

→ Physical observables tested at particle accelerators (e.g. Large Hadron Collider)

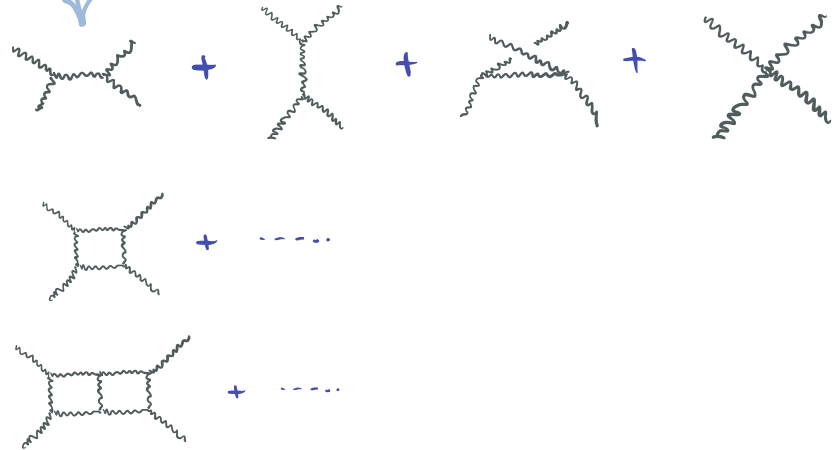


Explosion of complexity

Hidden simplicity:

On-shell amplitudes paradigm

Deep, hidden structures



→ New insights into the underlying theories themselves

Colour–Kinematics Duality

- Amplitude for gluons to scatter schematically:

Colour numerators $c \sim f_{ab}^c f_{cd}^e \dots$
colour/gauge group data of gluons

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Kinematic Jacobi identity

- Bern-Carrasco-Johansson CK duality conjecture 2008:

Jacobi identity $\curvearrowright c_i + c_j + c_k = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n_i + n_j + n_k = 0$

- Proven at tree level [Stieberger '09; Bjerrum, Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove '09; Du, Teng '16; Bridges, Mafrà '19; Mizera '19; Reiterer '19...]
- Conjectured at loop level with highly non-trivial examples [Bern, Carrasco, Johansson '08 '10; Carrasco, Johansson '11; Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang, Nohle '13; Bern, Davies, Dennen '14...]

The Double Copy Prescription

- Assuming CK duality is realised, **gravity comes for free**:

[Bern, Carrasco, Johansson '08, '10; Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier '10]

The diagram illustrates the Double Copy Prescription. It shows the relationship between gluon and graviton amplitudes through the replacement of color factors with kinematic factors.

Top equation (Gluon amplitude):

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{gluons}}^{n,L} \sim \sum_i \int_{\text{loops}} \frac{c_i n_i}{d_i}$$

Bottom equation (Graviton amplitude):

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{gravitons}}^{n,L} \sim \sum_i \int_{\text{loops}} \frac{n_i n_i}{d_i}$$

Diagram illustrating the replacement of color factors (c_i) with kinematic factors (n_i) in the double copy prescription:

$c_i \longrightarrow n_i$

Double copy kinematics

- 'Gluons for (almost) nothing, gravitons for free' JJ Carrasco

Generalisations, Implications and Applications

- ▶ **Growing zoology of generalisations:** ϕ^3 theory, Maxwell/scalar/Yang-Mills supergravity, gauged supergravity (Minkowski vacua), non-linear sigma model, pure gravity, Born-Infeld, conformal gravity, Z-theory, Navier-Stokes fluids, topologically massive Yang-Mills, geometric/world-sheet and pure spinor formalisms, ambitwistor string theories, scattering equations, non-trivial gluon and spacetime backgrounds, special Galileons, massive gravity, EFT. . . [Hodges '11; Broedel, Carrasco '11; Bern, Boucher-Veronneau, Johansson '11; Broedel, Dixon '12; Bargheer, He, McLoughlin '12; Huang, Johansson '12; Cachazo, He, Yuan '13 '14; Dolan, Goddard '13; Naculich '14 '15; Mason, Skinner '13; Adamo, Casali, Skinner '13; Adamo, Casali, Mason, Nekovar '17 '18; Geyer, Monteiro '18; LB '18; Geyer, Mason '19; LB-Duff-Marrani '19; Geyer, Monteiro, Stark, Muchão '21; Chiodaroli, Günaydin, Johansson, Roiban '14 '15; Johansson, Ochirov '15 '16; Chiodaroli, Günaydin, Johansson, Roiban '17; Carrasco, Mafra, Schlotterer '16; Johansson, Nohle '17; Azevedo, Chiodaroli, Johansson, Schlotterer '18; Farrow, Lipstein, McFadden '19; Momeni, Rumbutis, Tolley '20; Johnson, Jones, Paranjape '20; Zhou '21; Diwakar, Herderschee, Roiban, Teng '21; González, Momeni, Rumbutis '21; Cheung, Parra-Martínez, Sivaramakrishnan '22, González, Liang, Mark Trodden '22. . .]
- ▶ **Uncovering new facets of perturbative quantum gravity:** miraculous cancelations, anomalies, uncharted amplitudes . . . [Carrasco, Johansson '11; Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang, Nohle '13; Bern, Davies, Dennen '14; Bern, Carrasco, Chen, Edison, Johansson, Parra-Martínez, Roiban, Zeng '18; Bern, Kosower, Parra, Martínez '20. . .]
- ▶ **Applications to classical general relativity:** (non)perturbative solutions, black holes merger modelling [Monteiro, O'Connell, White '14; Cardoso, Nagy, Nampuri '16; Luna, Monteiro, Nicholson, Ochirov, O'Connell, Westerberg, White '16; Berman, Chacón, Luna, White '18; Kosower, Maybee, O'Connell '18; Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon, Zeng '19; Bern, Luna, Roiban, Shen, Zeng '20; Chacón-Nagy, White '21; Adamo, Cristofoli, Ilderton '22. . .]

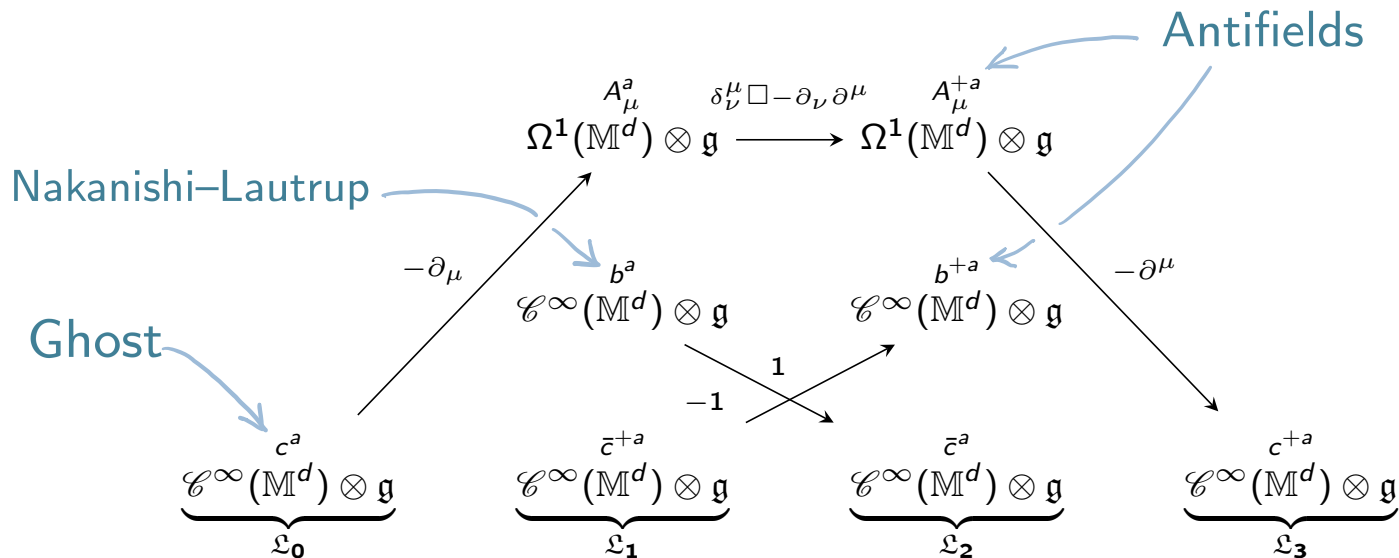
Elucidating Colour–Kinematics Duality and the Double Copy

Manifold perspectives (hopelessly partial list)

- ▶ Structural properties, e.g. geometric, graph theoretic, analytic, algebraic [Carrasco, Johansson '11; Broedel, Carrasco '11; de la Cruz, Kniss, Weinzierl '17; Mizera '19; Reiterer '19...]
- ▶ String theory and pure spinors [Stieberger '09; Bjerrum, Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove '09; Mafra, Schlotterer, Stieberger '11; Broedel, Schlotterer, Stieberger '13; Mafra, Schlotterer '14 '15; Carrasco, Mafra, Schlotterer '16; Casali, Mizera, Tourkine '20; Bridges, Mafra '21...]
- ▶ Kinematic Algebras [Monteiro, O'Connell '11, '13; Bjerrum, Bohr, Damgaard, Monteiro, O'Connell '12; Fu, Krasnov '16; Chen, Johansson, Teng, Wang '19; Campiglia, Nagy '21; Frost, Mason '20; Brandhuber, Chen, Johansson, Travaglini, Wen '21...]
- ▶ Classical double copy [Monteiro, O'Connell, White '14; Luna, Monteiro, O'Connell, White '15; Cardoso, Nagy, Nampuri '16; Berman, Chacón, Luna, White '18; Bahjat, Abbas, Stark, Muchão, White '20; White '20; Chacón-Nagy-White '21, Emond, Moynihan '22...]
- ▶ Ambitwistors and scattering equations [Cachazo, He, Yuan '13 '14; Mason, Skinner '13; Adamo, Casali, Skinner '13; Adamo, Casali, Mason, Nekovar '17 '18; Geyer, Monteiro '18; Geyer, Mason '19; Geyer, Monteiro, Stark, Muchão '21...]
- ▶ KLT bootstrap [Chi, Elvang, Herderschee, Jones, Paranjape '21]
- ▶ Covariant CK duality [Cheung, Mangan '21; Moynihan '21...]
- ▶ Lagrangian CK duality and double copy [Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier '10; Tolotti, Weinzierl '13; Cheung, Shen '16; LB, Nagy '20; Ben-Shahar, Johansson '21...]

The Becchi–Rouet–Stora–Tyutin Complex

- Off-shell symmetry considerations lead one to naturally consider the full BRST or Batalin–Vilkovisky (BV) complex

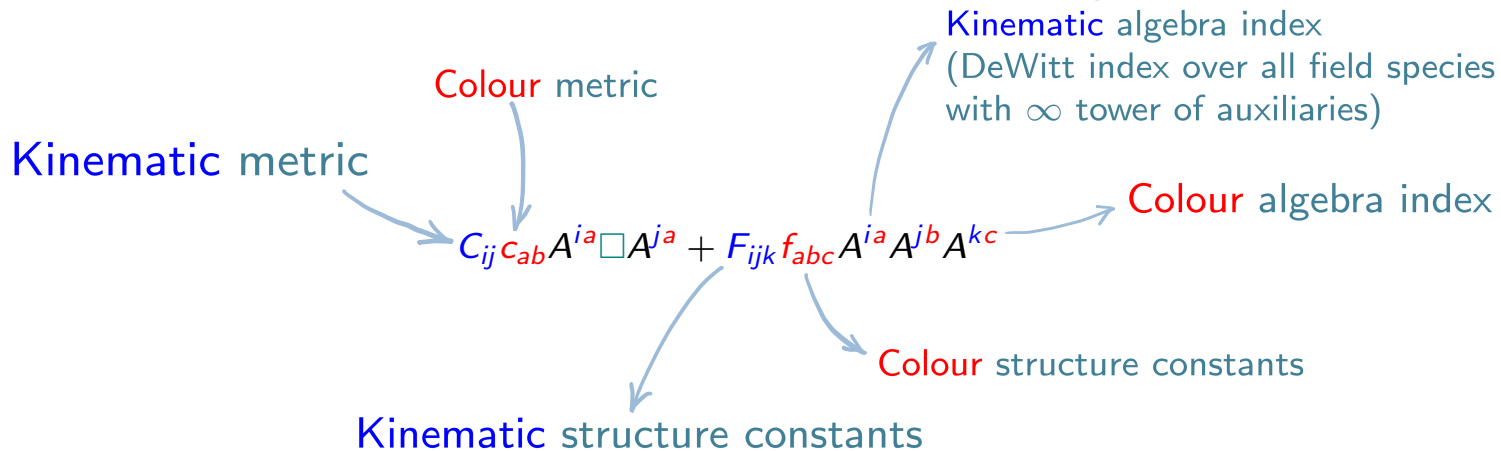


[Anastasiou, LB, Duff, Hughes, Nagy Zoccali '14 '18; BJKMSW '20, '21, '22]

- See also the pure spinor BRST cohomology approach e.g. [Mafra, Schlotterer, Stieberger '11; Mafra, Schlotterer '14 '15; Bridges, Mafra '21]

Logical Conclusion

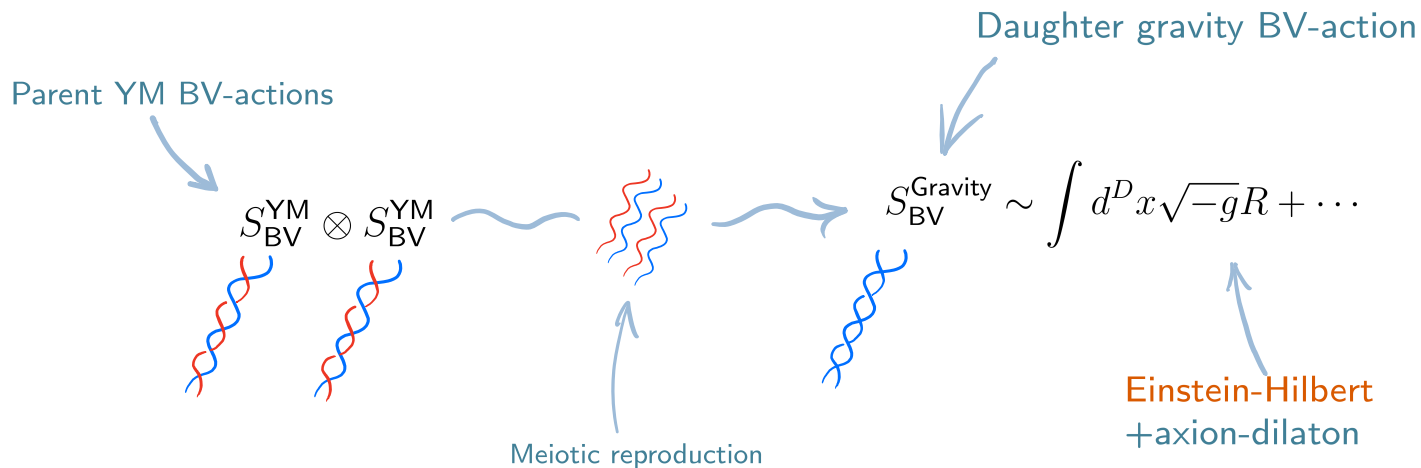
- ▶ CK duality can be realised as an infinite dimensional **anomalous** symmetry of Yang–Mills BRST action [BJKMSW '20, '21]



- ▶ Natural, but non-standard, notion of CK duality:
 - ▶ Natural: symmetry of action
 - ▶ Non-standard: loop integrands CK dual, but...
 - ▶ ... may be a CK anomaly due to Jacobian counterterms for unitarity
 - ▶ Then generalised unitarity proof does not apply, at least not straightforwardly
- ▶ However: **double copy of BRST action is manifestly valid** [BJKMSW '20, '21]

Syngamic Reproduction

- Batalin–Vilkovisky (BV) double copy [BJKMSW '20; '21, '22 (to appear)]



(The DNA allusion doesn't actually work, but the picture conveys the idea!)

- Double copy origin of symmetries:

$$\underbrace{(\text{gauge, global susy, R-sym.} \dots)}_{\text{(super) Yang, Mills symmetries}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{(\text{diffeomorphism, local susy, R-sym.} \dots)}_{\text{(super)gravity symmetries}}$$

Outline

Phase 1 Colour–Kinematics Duality and Double Copy Review

Phase 2 Colour–kinematics Duality Redux

Phase 3 The BRST-Lagrangian Double Copy

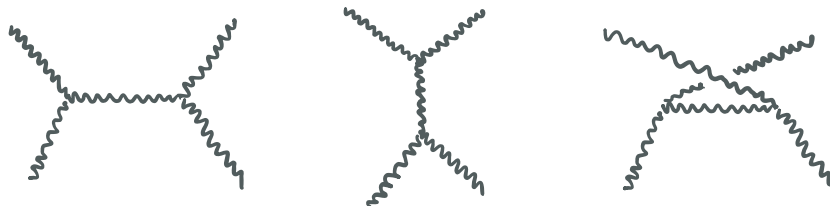
Phase 4 Closing Remarks (Higher Structures in Quantum Field and String Theory)

Phase 1: Colour–Kinematics Duality and Double Copy Review

Amplitudes and Cubic Diagrams

- ▶ Can write n -point L -loop gluon amplitude in terms of only cubic diagrams:

$$A_{\text{YM}}^{n,L} = \sum_{i \in \text{cubic diag}} \int_L \frac{c_i n_i}{S_i d_i}$$



- ▶ c_i : colour numerator, built from f^{abc} , read off diagram i

- ▶ n_i : kinematic numerator, built from p, ε

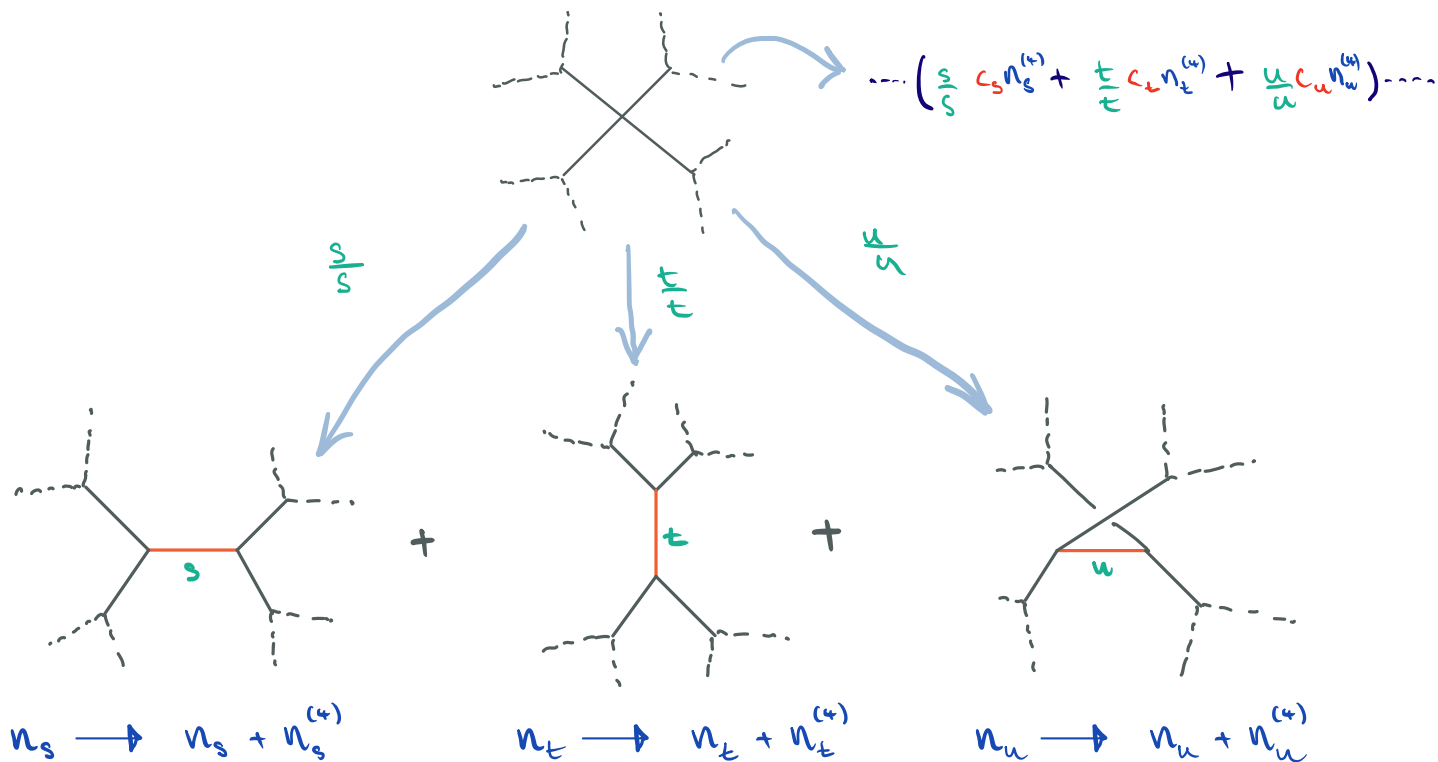
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- ▶ d_i : propagator, $\prod_{\text{int. lines}} p^2$, read off diagram i

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- Can be realised in the Lagrangian through auxiliary fields:

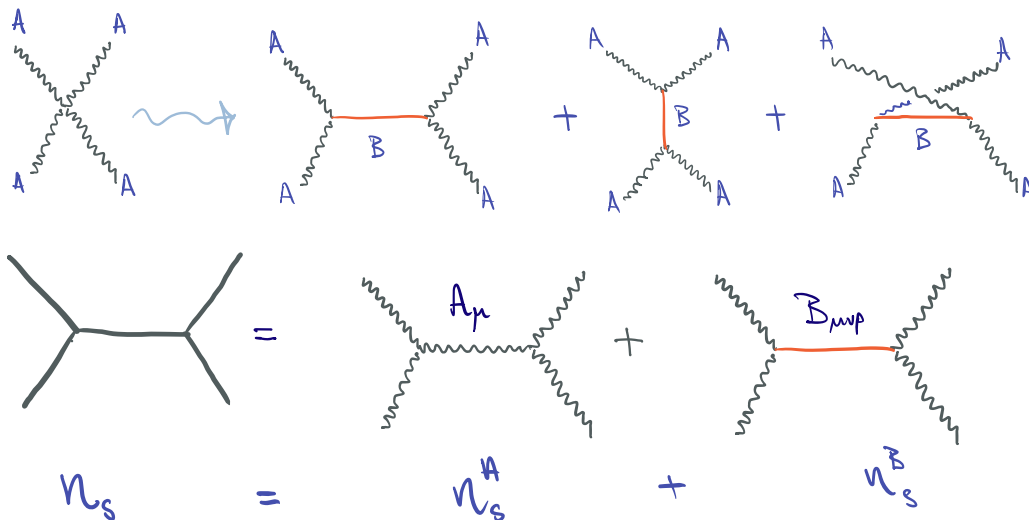
[Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier '10]

$$g^2[A_\mu, A_\nu][A^\mu, A^\nu] \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} B^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa} - g(\partial_\mu A_\nu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu})[A^\mu, A^\nu]$$

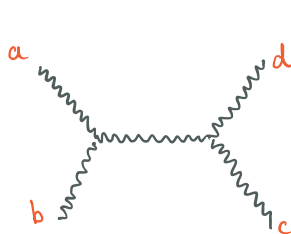
- Feynman diagrams give 'cubic' amplitudes directly:

$$A_{\text{YM}}^{n,L} = \sum_{\alpha \in \text{Feynman diag}} \int_L \frac{c_\alpha n_\alpha}{S_\alpha d_\alpha} = \sum_{i \in \text{cubic diag}} \int_L \frac{c_i n_i}{S_i d_i}$$

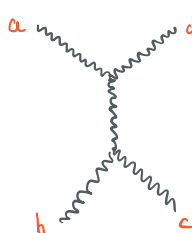
- Example: 4-point s-channel diagram



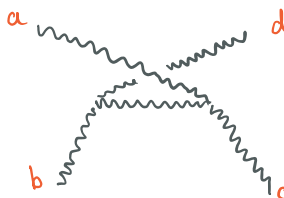
Tree-level 4-point Colour-Kinematics Duality



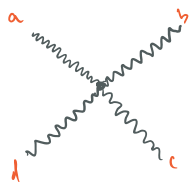
$$= -ig^2 \frac{f^{abe} f_e^{cd} n_s}{s} =: -ig^2 \frac{c_s n_s}{s}$$



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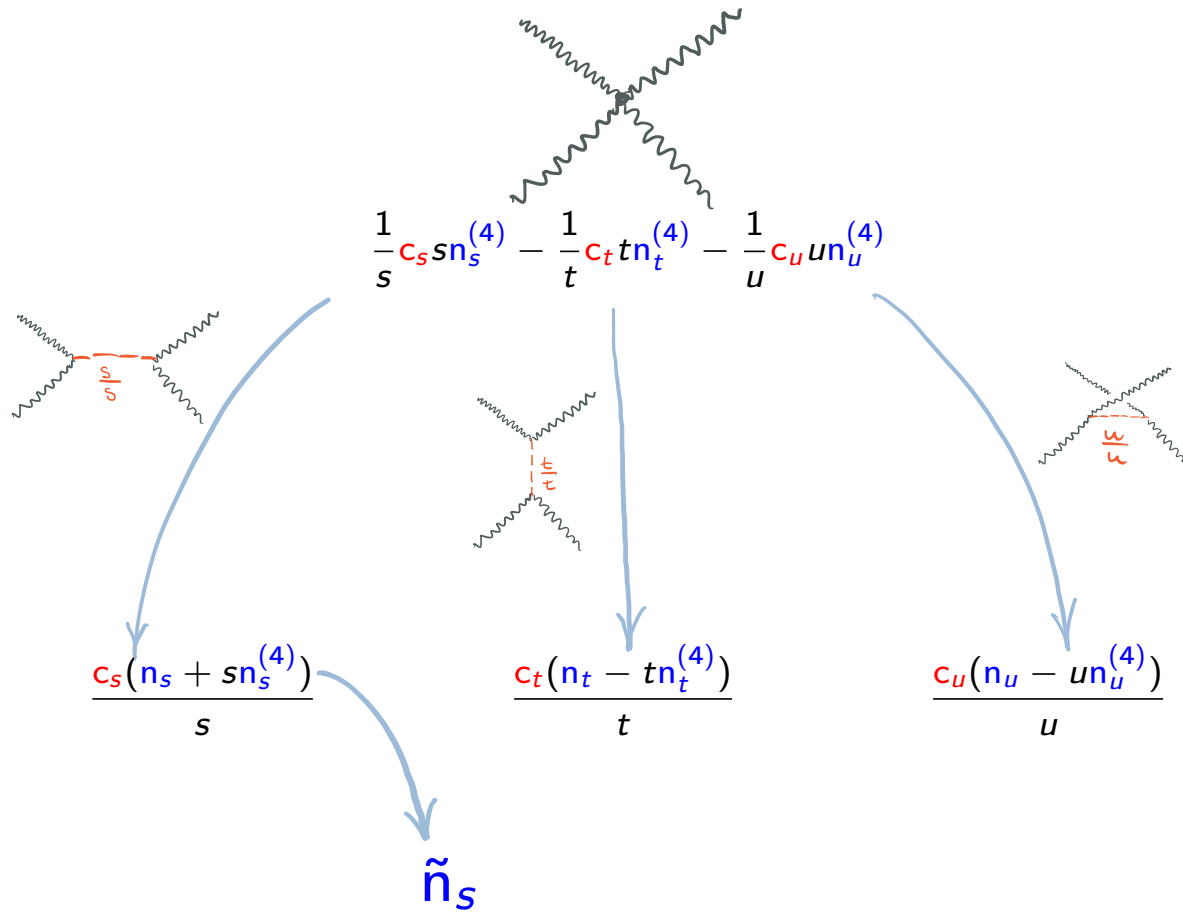
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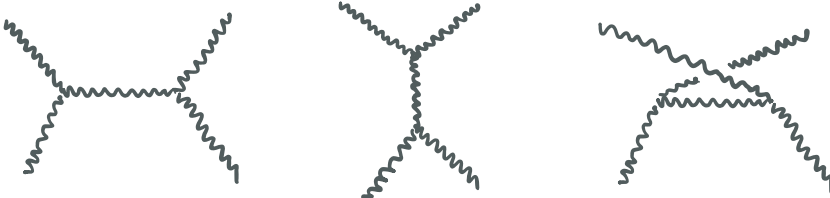
$$n_s = 4 \left[(\varepsilon_1 \cdot p_2) \varepsilon_2 - (\varepsilon_2 \cdot p_1) \varepsilon_1 + \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_1 \cdot \varepsilon_2) p_{12} \right] \cdot \left[(\varepsilon_3 \cdot p_4) \varepsilon_4 - (\varepsilon_4 \cdot p_3) \varepsilon_3 + \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon_3 \cdot \varepsilon_4) p_{34} \right]$$

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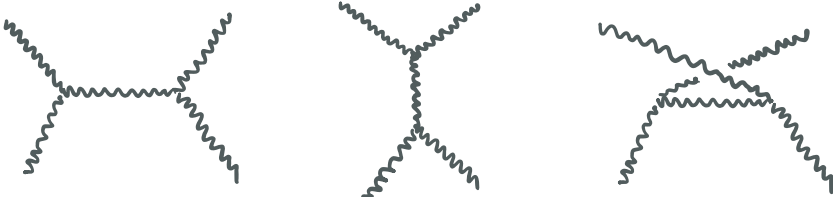
- Amplitude now sum over purely trivalent diagrams:

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- Not obvious (but true): $\tilde{n}_s - \tilde{n}_t - \tilde{n}_u = 0$
[Zhu '80]

- Kinematics appears to be playing by the same rules as the colour!

BCJ Colour–Kinematic Duality Conjecture

- ▶ Exploiting ambiguity of n_i there is an organisation of the n -point L -loop gluon amplitude:

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- ▶ CK duality established at tree-level

[Stieberger '09, Bjerrum–Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove '09... Mizera '19; Reiterer '19]

- ▶ Significant evidence up to 4 loops in various (super)YM theories

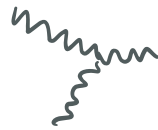
[Carrasco, Johansson '11; Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang, Nohle '13; Bern, Davies, Dennen '14...]

- ▶ Quickly becomes difficult to check: remains conjectural for loops (but see later)

[Bern, Carrasco, Chen, Edison, Johansson, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Zeng '18]

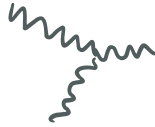
Gravity vs Gauge Feynman Diagrams

- ▶ Gluon three point vertex:


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- Compare graviton three point [DeWitt '69; Carrasco '15 (TASI lectures)]:

$$\frac{\delta S^3}{\delta\varphi_{\mu\nu}\delta\varphi_{\sigma\tau}\delta\varphi_{\rho\lambda}} \rightarrow 2\eta^{\mu\tau}\eta^{\nu\sigma}k_1^\lambda k_1^\rho + 2\eta^{\mu\sigma}\eta^{\nu\tau}k_1^\lambda k_1^\rho - 2\eta^{\mu\nu}\eta^{\sigma\tau}k_1^\lambda k_1^\rho +$$

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where B is the Kalb-Ramond 2-form, φ is the dilaton

[Bern-Carrasco-Johansson '08, '10; Bern-Dennen-Huang-Kiermaier '10]

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Conceptually provocative: is gravity really the square of gauge theory?

- ▶ Does CK duality and the double copy actually hold?
- ▶ What *is* CK duality?
- ▶ Can it be taken beyond amplitudes?

—→ Lift CK duality and double copy to field theory?

Phase 2: Colour–Kinematic Duality Redux

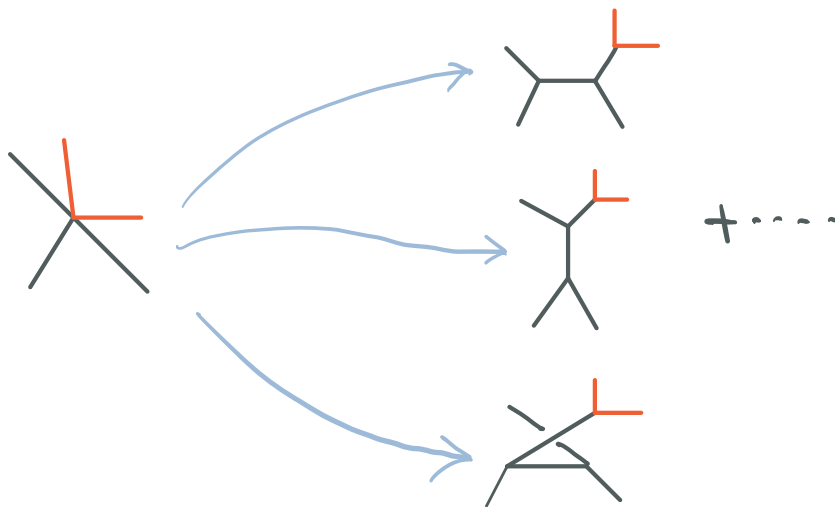
Colour–Kinematic Duality Redux

Manifest **physical** tree-level CK duality

- There is a YM action such that the Feynman diagrams yield amplitudes manifesting CK duality for tree-level amplitudes:

$$A \square A + \partial AAA + \frac{\square}{\square} A AAA + \frac{\partial^3}{\square^2} A A A A A + \dots$$

Identically zero:
Colour Jacobi



Colour–Kinematic Duality Redux

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- This can be “strictified” to have only cubic interactions through infinite tower of auxiliaries [Bern, Dennen, Huang, Kiermaier '10; Tolotti, Weinzierl '13; BJKMSW '21]

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{on-shell CK}}^{\text{YM}} = \text{tr} \int d^D x & \frac{1}{2} A_\mu \square A^\mu + \frac{1}{2} g \partial_\mu A_\nu [A^\mu, A^\nu] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} B^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa} - g (\partial_\mu A_\nu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu}) [A^\mu, A^\nu] \\
 & + C^{\mu\nu} \square \bar{C}_{\mu\nu} + C^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square \bar{C}_{\mu\nu\kappa} + C^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \square \bar{C}_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} + \\
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 & + g \bar{C}^{\mu\nu} (\frac{1}{2} [\partial^\kappa \bar{C}_{\kappa\lambda\mu}, \partial^\lambda A_\nu] + [\partial^\kappa \bar{C}_{\kappa\lambda\nu\mu}, A^\lambda]) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

4-point vertex auxiliary

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5-point vertex auxiliary

- Purely cubic Feynman diagrams:

$$A_{\text{YM}}^{n,0} = \sum_i \frac{c_i n_i}{d_i} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad c_i + c_j + c_k = 0 \Rightarrow n_i + n_j + n_k = 0$$

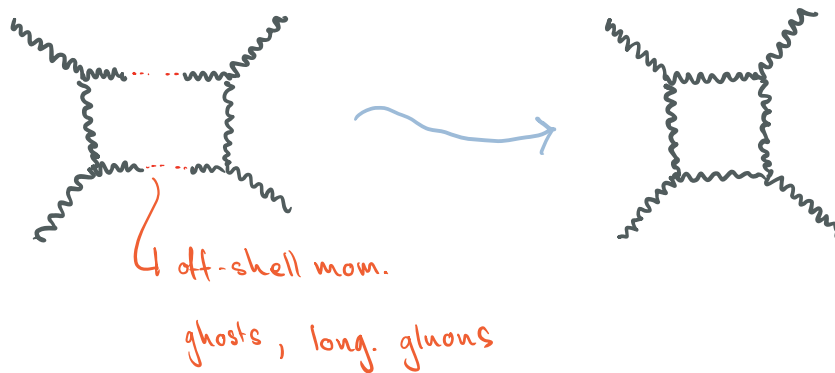
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The need for unphysical BRST CK duality

- ▶ Include off-shell unphysical/ghost modes in the external states, the full BRST-extended state space

$$(A_{\mu}^a, b^a, c^a, \bar{c}^a)$$

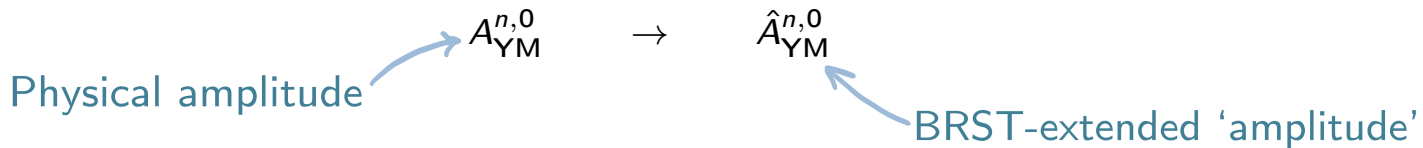
- ▶ BRST CK duality ensures consistent double copy of the BRST charge Q
- ▶ Intuition: unphysical off-shell modes propagate in the loops of Feynman diagrams



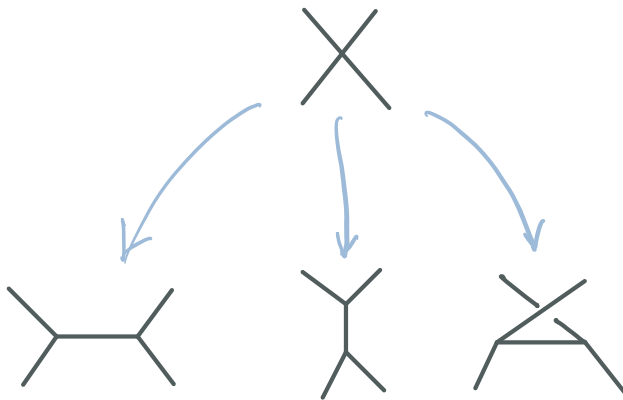
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Tree-level CK duality for longitudinal gluons

- Relax transversality $p_i \cdot \varepsilon_i \neq 0$ for external states $\Rightarrow$ CK duality fails



- By analogy with physical gluons can compensate with new vertices [BJKMSW '20]:



- **Non-zero:** BRST-extended amplitude changes $\hat{A}_{\text{YM}}^{n,0} \rightarrow \hat{A}'^{n,0}_{\text{YM}}$
(but physical amplitude $A_{\text{YM}}^{n,0}$ is invariant)

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- ▶ Longitudinal CK duality $\Leftrightarrow$ gauge choice [BJKMSW '20, '21]

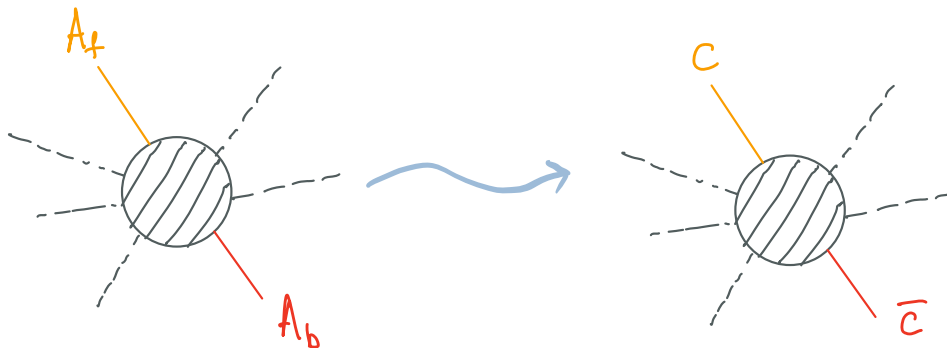
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Tree-level CK duality for on-shell ghosts

- Use on-mass-shell BRST Ward identities

$$0 = \langle 0 | [Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}}, O_1 \cdots O_n] | 0 \rangle$$

$$Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}} A_{\text{phys}} = 0, \quad Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}} A_{\text{f}} = c, \quad Q_{\text{YM}}^{\text{lin}} b = \bar{c}$$



- On-mass-shell BRST Ward identities transfers CK duality onto ghosts through

$$S_{\text{YM}}^{\text{ghost}} = \int d^D x \, \text{tr} \bar{c} Q (\partial^\mu A_\mu - 2\xi Y)$$

Colour-Kinematic Duality Redux

On-shell tree-level CK manifesting BRST action

- Introduce further **auxiliary gluons and ghosts** [BJKMSW '20, '21]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{BRST CK}}^{\text{YM}} = & \frac{1}{2} A_{a\mu} \square A^{\mu a} - \bar{c}_a \square c^a + \frac{1}{2} b_a \square b^a + \xi b_a \sqrt{\square} \partial_\mu A^{\mu a} \\
 & - \textcolor{brown}{K}_{1a}^\mu \square \bar{K}_\mu^{1a} - \textcolor{brown}{K}_{2a}^\mu \square \bar{K}_\mu^{2a} - gf_{abc} \bar{c}^a \partial^\mu (A_\mu^b c^c) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} B_a^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa}^a + gf_{abc} \left(\partial_\mu A_\nu^a + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu}^a \right) A^{\mu b} A^{\nu c} \\
 & - gf_{abc} \left\{ \textcolor{brown}{K}_1^{a\mu} (\partial^\nu A_\mu^b) A_\nu^c + [(\partial^\kappa A_\kappa^a) A^{b\mu} + \bar{c}^a \partial^\mu c^b] \bar{K}_\mu^{1c} \right\} \\
 & + gf_{abc} \left\{ \textcolor{brown}{K}_2^{a\mu} \left[(\partial^\nu \partial_\mu c^b) A_\nu^c + (\partial^\nu A_\mu^b) \partial_\nu c^c \right] + \bar{c}^a A^{b\mu} \bar{K}_\mu^{2c} \right\} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Auxiliary gluon 

 Auxiliary ghost

- Cubic Feynman diagrams yield CK dual tree amplitudes for physical gluons and unphysical longitudinal modes, ghosts and auxiliary fields (on-shell)

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- ▶ Off-shell momenta $p^2 \neq 0$: resulting CK duality violations are compensated by vertices $f \square \phi$ generated by generically non-local field redefinitions:

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Price to pay

- ▶ Jacobian determinants $\rightarrow$ counterterms ensuring unitarity

$$\det \left(\mathbb{1} + \frac{\delta f(\phi)}{\delta \phi} \right) = \int \mathcal{D}\bar{\chi} \mathcal{D}\chi e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \int \left(\bar{\chi}_I \chi^I + \bar{\chi}_I \frac{\delta f^I}{\delta \phi^J} \chi^J \right)}$$

- ▶ No reason to think such terms will preserve CK duality: in this sense, our off-shell CK duality is anomalous on the physical Hilbert space
- ▶ Two-loop CK duality with cubic Feynman rule compatible numerators is impossible [Bern, Davies, Nohle '15]
- ▶ Here, we understand this impossibility as a CK duality anomaly

Colour–Kinematic Duality Redux

Summary: manifest off-shell BRST-Lagrangian CK duality

- ▶ YM BRST-action with **manifest off-shell CK duality**

$$S_{\text{BRST CK}}^{\text{YM}} = \int C_{ij} c_{ab} A^{ia} \square A^{ja} + F_{ijk} f_{abc} A^{ia} A^{jb} A^{kc}$$

- ▶ Rendered cubic with infinite tower of aux. fields

$$A^{ia} = (A_{\mu}{}^a, b^a, \bar{c}^a, c^a, \underbrace{B_{\mu\nu\rho}{}^a, \bar{K}_{\mu}{}^a, \dots}_{\text{auxiliaries}})$$

- ▶ c_{ab}, f^{abc} colour metric and structure constants
- ▶ C_{ij}, F^{ijk} kinematic metric and structure constants: differential operators that satisfy the same identities as c_{ab}, f^{abc} as operator equations

$$\begin{array}{llll} c_{ab} = c_{(ab)} & f_{abc} = f_{[abc]} & c_{a(b} f_{c)d}^a = 0 & f_{[ab|d} f_{c]e}^d = 0 \\ C_{ij} = C_{(ij)} & F_{ijk} = F_{[ijk]} & C_{i(j} F_{k)l}^i = 0 & F_{[ij|l} F_{|k]m}^l = 0 \end{array}$$

CK duality is rendered a symmetry of the BRST action

Phase 3: Syngamy

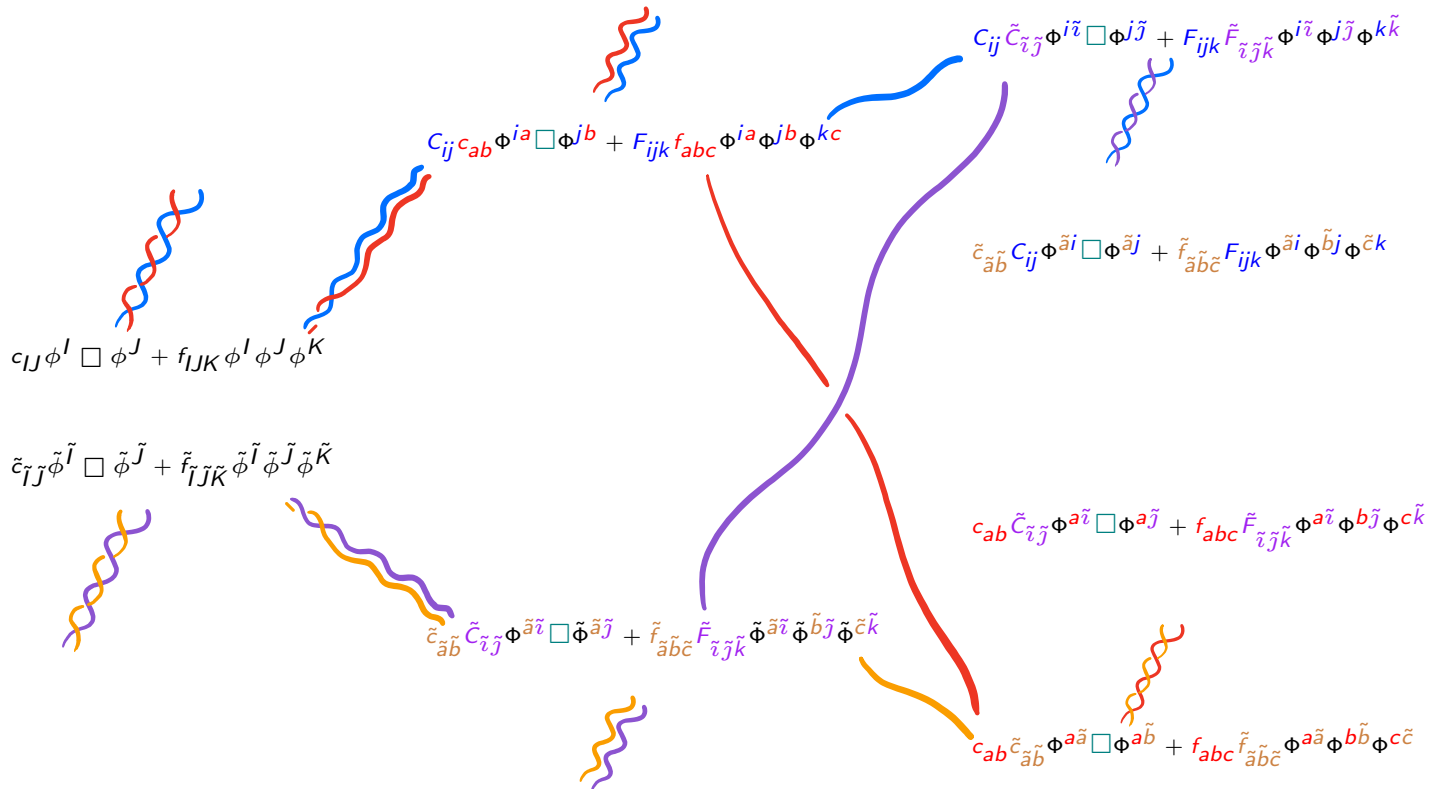
BRST Lagrangian Syngamy

Syngamic reproduction of factorable theories

Parent theories

Factorisation

Daughter theories



BRST Double Copy of Yang–Mills

- Double copy of Yang–Mills BRST-action:

$$A^{ia} = (A_\mu{}^a, \dots) \quad S_{\text{CK}}^{\text{YM}} = C_{ij} c_{ab} A^{ia} \square A^{ja} + F_{ijk} f_{abc} A^{ia} A^{jb} A^{kc}$$

Kalb–Ramond 2-form

$$A^{i\tilde{z}} = (h_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \varphi, \dots) \quad S_{\text{DC}}^{\mathcal{N}=0} = C_{ij} C_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} A^{i\tilde{z}} \square A^{j\tilde{z}} + F_{ijk} F_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}\tilde{k}} A^{i\tilde{z}} A^{j\tilde{z}} A^{k\tilde{k}}$$

Graviton

Dilaton

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DC}}^{\mathcal{N}=0} = \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\nu} \square h^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \varpi_\mu \square \varpi^\mu + \xi^2 (\partial^\mu \varpi_\mu)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \pi \square \pi$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & - 2\xi \varpi^\nu \square \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu h_{\mu\nu} - 2\xi \pi \square \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varpi^\mu + 2\xi^2 \pi \partial_\mu \partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu} \\ & - 2\bar{X}_\mu \square X^\mu - \delta \square \delta - 2\bar{\beta} \square \beta - 2\xi \beta \square \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \bar{X}^\mu + 2\xi \bar{\beta} \square \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu X^\mu \\ & + \frac{1}{2} B_{\mu\nu} \square B^{\mu\nu} - 2\bar{\Lambda}_\mu \square \Lambda^\mu + \alpha_\mu \square \alpha^\mu + \xi^2 (\partial^\mu \alpha_\mu)^2 + \varepsilon \square \varepsilon - \bar{\lambda} \square \lambda - 2\bar{\gamma} \square \gamma \\ & - 2\xi \alpha^\nu \square \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu B_{\mu\nu} - 2\xi \gamma \square \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \bar{\Lambda}^\mu + 2\xi \bar{\gamma} \square \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Lambda^\mu + \dots \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Graviton-dilaton}$$

KR 2-form

- Canonical field redefinition to Fierz-Pauli + Kalb-Ramond + dilaton action

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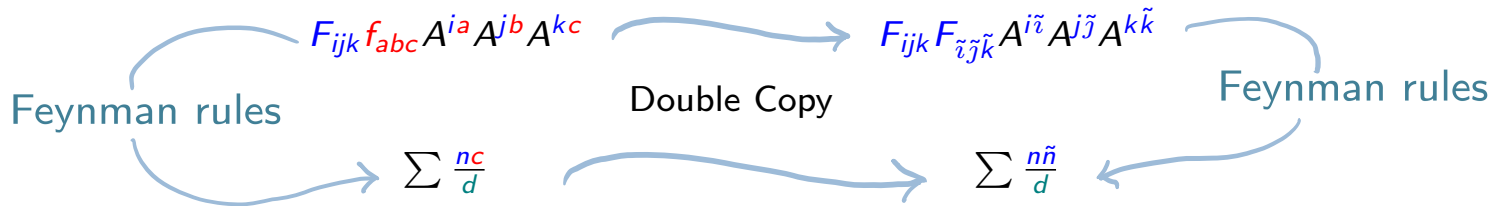
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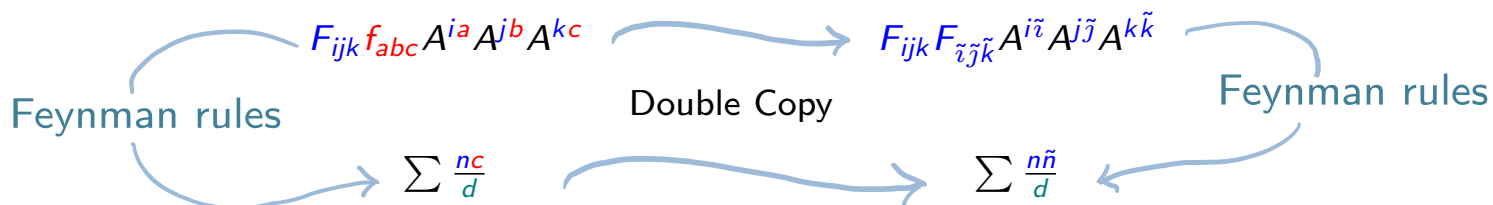


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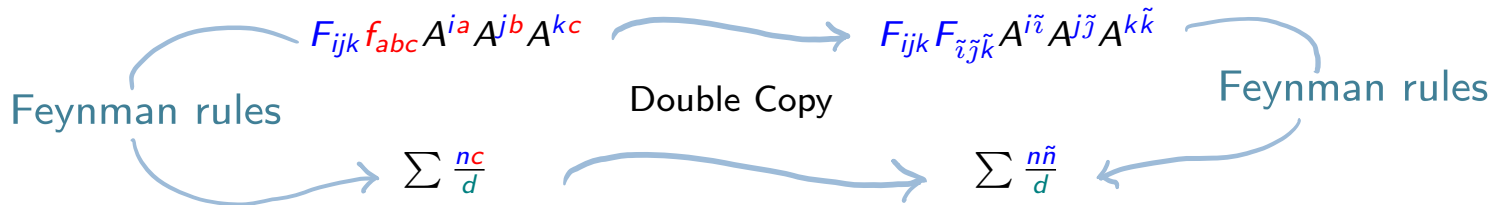
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Double copy of BRST charge

- Double copy of BRST-action implies double copy BRST operator Q_{DC}

$$QA^{ia} = Q^i_j A^{ja} + Q^i_{jk} f^a_{bc} A^{jb} A^{kc} \quad \tilde{Q}\tilde{A}^{\tilde{a}\tilde{i}} = Q^{\tilde{i}}_{\tilde{j}} \tilde{A}^{\tilde{b}\tilde{j}} + \tilde{f}^{\tilde{a}}_{\tilde{b}\tilde{c}} \tilde{Q}^{\tilde{i}}_{\tilde{j}\tilde{k}} \tilde{A}^{\tilde{b}\tilde{j}} \tilde{A}^{\tilde{c}\tilde{k}}$$

$$Q_{\text{DC}} = \underbrace{Q^i_j A^{j\tilde{i}} + Q^i_{jk} F^{\tilde{i}}_{\tilde{j}\tilde{k}} A^{j\tilde{j}} A^{k\tilde{k}}}_{Q_L} + \underbrace{Q^{\tilde{i}}_{\tilde{j}} A^{i\tilde{j}} + F^i_{jk} Q^{\tilde{i}}_{\tilde{j}\tilde{k}} A^{j\tilde{j}} A^{k\tilde{k}}}_{Q_R}$$

- Since F^{ijk} satisfy the same identities as f^{abc} and $QS_{\text{BRST}}^{\text{YM}} = 0$, $Q^2 = 0$ can only rely on generic properties of f^{abc} :

$$Q_{\text{DC}} S_{\text{DC}} = 0, \quad Q_{\text{DC}}^2 = 0$$

- Semi-classical equivalence + $Q_{\text{DC}} \Rightarrow$ quantum equivalence

BRST-Lagrangian Syngamy

Double Copy Symmetries

- ▶ Yang-Mills gauge $\Rightarrow$ diffeomorphisms and 2-form gauge symmetries:

$$Q_{\text{DC}} = Q_{\text{diffeo}} + Q_{\text{2-form}} + \text{trivial symmetries}$$

$$Q_{\text{2-form}} B = \Lambda, \quad Q_{\text{2-form}} \Lambda = \lambda \quad Q_{\text{2-form}} \lambda = 0$$

- ▶ Double copy of symmetries generalises, e.g.

$$\text{global susy} \quad \times \quad \text{gauge} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{local susy}$$

See also [\[Anastasiou, LB, Duff, Hughes, Nagy '14\]](#)

Super Yang–Mills and Supergravity

BRST-Lagrangian double copy

- ▶ Irreducible super Yang–Mills multiplets are CK duality respecting: **same game**
Cf. for example [Bjerrum–Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove '09]

- ▶ (Type I super Yang–Mills)² = Type IIA/B supergravity

$$A^{Ia} = (A^{ia}, \Psi^{xa}) = (A_{\mu}^a, \psi_{\alpha}^a, \text{ghosts, aux})$$

↑ Gluino

$$A^{JJ} = (h_{\mu\nu}, B_{\mu\nu}, \phi, \underbrace{\Psi_{\alpha\nu}, \Psi_{\mu\beta}}_{\text{Gravitini}}, F_{\alpha\beta}, \text{ghosts, aux})$$

Gravitini

↘ RR field strengths

- ▶ Local NS-R sector susy follows from super Yang–Mills factors

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\alpha} A_{\mu}^a = \delta_{b}^a \gamma_{\mu\alpha}^{\beta} \psi_{\beta}^b + \cdots \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}_{\alpha} h_{\mu\nu} = \gamma_{(\mu\alpha}^{\beta} \psi_{\beta\nu)} + \cdots$$

- ▶ Super $\eta, \bar{\eta}$ and Nielsen, Kallosh χ ghosts

$$\bar{c} \otimes \psi \sim \bar{\eta}, \quad c \otimes \psi \sim \eta, \quad b \otimes \psi \sim \chi$$

Cf. [Anastasiou, LB, Duff, Hughes, Nagy '14]

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CK duality: the mother of all symmetries

- CK duality $\Rightarrow$ **supersymmetry** [Chiodaroli, Jin, Roiban '13]



$$\frac{i}{2} \left(\frac{(\bar{u}_1 \gamma_\mu v_2)(\bar{u}_3 \gamma^\mu v_4) c_s}{s} + \frac{(\bar{u}_2 \gamma_\mu v_3)(\bar{u}_1 \gamma^\mu v_4) c_s}{t} + \frac{(\bar{u}_3 \gamma_\mu v_1)(\bar{u}_2 \gamma^\mu v_4) c_s}{u} \right)$$

- CK duality requires Fierz identity: $\mathcal{N} = 1$ super Yang–Mills in $D = 3, 4, 6, 10$

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- **Mother of all symmetries**: off-shell CK duality implies supersymmetry directly

$$S_{\text{BRST}}^{\text{SYM}} = C_{IJ} c_{ab} A^{Ia} \square A^{Ja} + F_{IJK} f_{abc} A^{Ia} A^{Jb} A^{Kc}$$

$$\delta_\epsilon A^{Ia} = F^I_{\ jx} \psi^{xa} \epsilon^j, \quad \delta_\epsilon \psi^{xa} = F^x_{\ jy} A^{Ia} \epsilon^j$$

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- ▶ Sen's mechanism was motivated by IIB string field theory, where the RR sector is naturally given in terms of bispinors - natural double copy shadow

Phase 4: Closing Remarks

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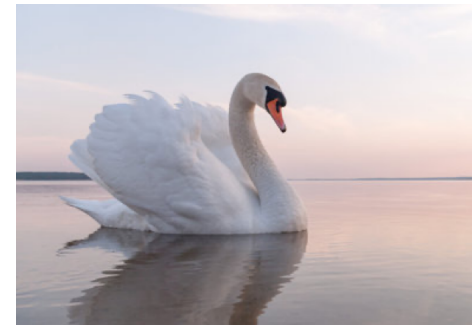
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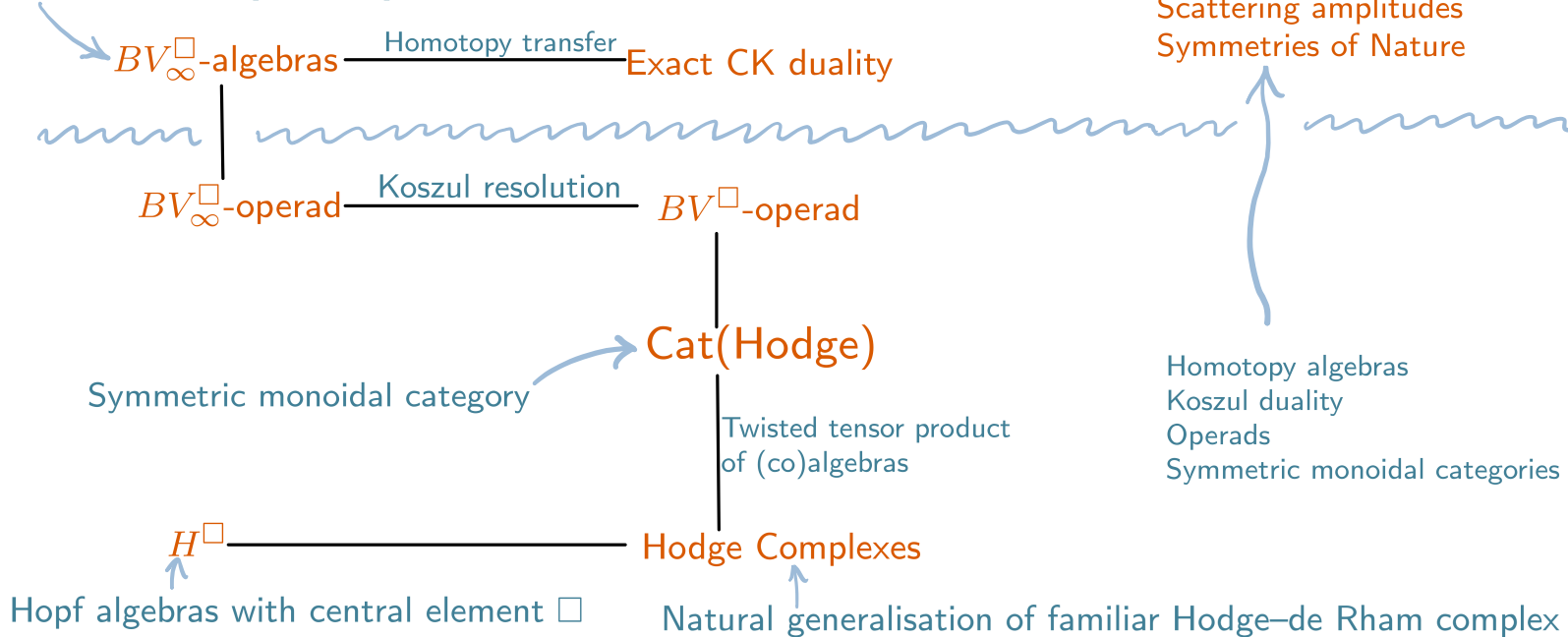
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Abstract nonsense [BJKMSW '22 (to appear)]
See Tommaso's talk up next



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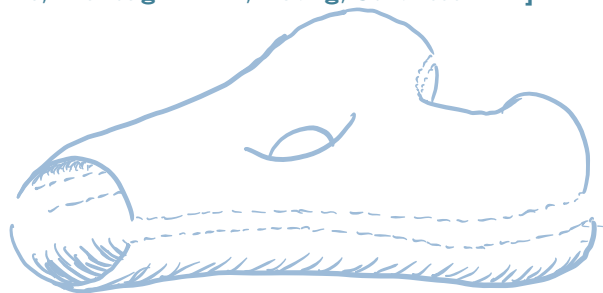
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→ m -ary $BV^\square$ operads
- ▶ Matter coupling [Johansson, Ochirov '14]
→ many-sorted $BV^\square$ operads
- ▶ String theory



$$\{d, h\} = \square \quad \longrightarrow \quad \{Q, b_0\} = L_0$$

Cf. BV_∞ structure on TVOA [Galvez-Carrillo, Tonks, Vallette '09] lifting the BV -algebra structure on the BRST (co)homology [Lian-Zuckerman '93]

Thanks for listening