

On Colour-Kinematics Duality and Double Copy

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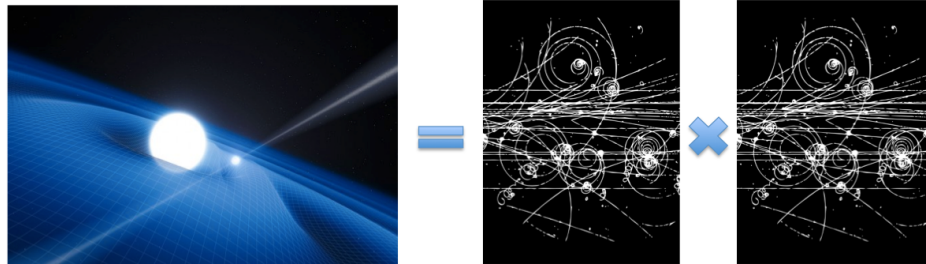
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- ▶ The theme of gravity as the “square” of Yang-Mills has appeared in a variety of guises going back to the KLT relations of string theory
[Kawai-Lewellen-Tye '85] Cf. Field theory [Feynman-Morinigo-Wagner; Papini '65]
- ▶ Bern-Carrasco-Johansson colour-kinematic (CK) duality and double-copy of (super) Yang-Mills (plus matter) scattering amplitudes
[Bern-Carrasco-Johansson '08, '10; Bern-Dennen-Huang-Kiermaier '10]

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Longstanding open questions

- ▶ Does CK duality (in some appropriate sense) hold to all orders?
- ▶ Does the double copy hold: is Einstein really the square of Yang–Mills?
- ▶ Is this restricted to the S-matrix or more general?



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Homotopy algebra of CK duality

- ▶ BV quantised Yang-Mills $\rightarrow L_\infty$ -algebra that factorises:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Bi-adjoint } \phi^3 \text{ theory} & & \text{YM theory} & & \mathcal{N} = 0 \text{ supergravity} \\ \text{col} \otimes \text{col} \otimes \text{scal} & \longleftarrow & \text{col} \otimes \mathfrak{kin} \otimes \text{scal} & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{kin} \otimes \mathfrak{kin} \otimes \text{scal} \end{array}$$

- ▶ CK duality \leftrightarrow BV_∞^\square -algebra $\mathfrak{kin} = \mathfrak{kin} \otimes_\tau \text{scal}$
- ▶ Homotopy relations \leftrightarrow kinematic Jacobi relations
- ▶ Only tree relations \rightarrow potentially dramatic computational speed-up

Order of Events

1. Review: BCJ CK Duality and Double-Copy
2. CK Duality Redux
3. BV Lagrangian Syngamy
4. Generalisations
5. Homotopy CK Duality and Double Copy

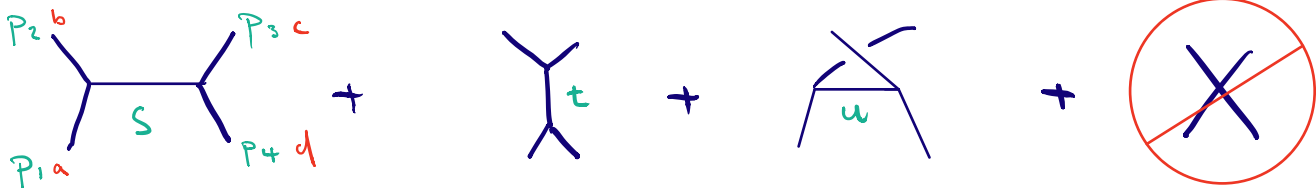
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- ▶ n_i : kinematic numerator, built from p, ε ← Non-unique

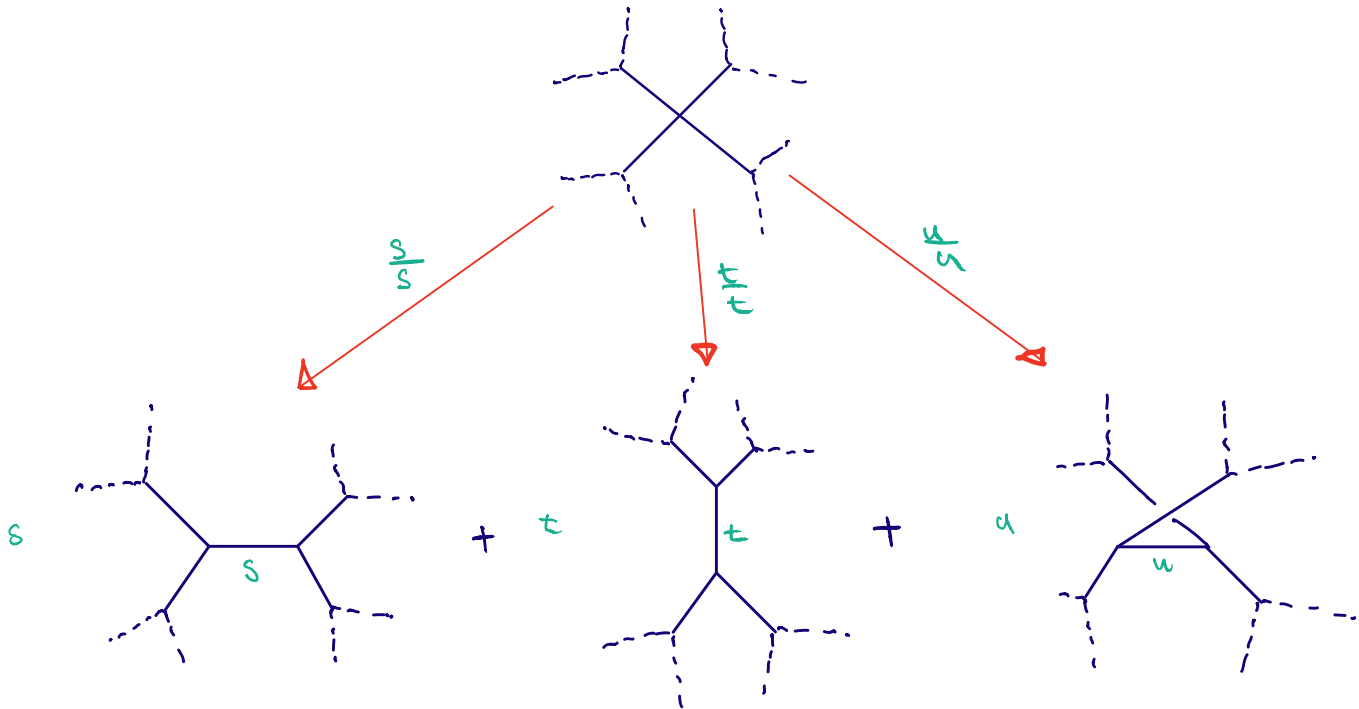
- ▶ d_i : propagator, $\prod_{\text{int. lines}} p^2$, read off diagram i

$$s = (p_1 + p_2)^2 \quad c_s = f_{ab}^x f_{xcd}$$

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- ▶ Can be realised in the YM Lagrangian through auxiliary fields:

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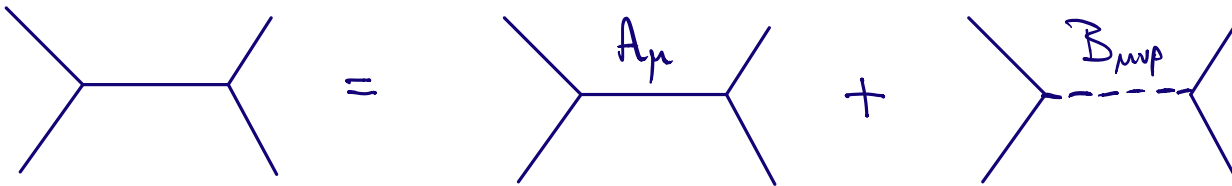


- ▶ Feynman diagrams give 'cubic' amplitudes directly:

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

$$\sum_{\phi} n_i \phi$$

- ▶ Example: 4-point s-channel diagram



$$n_s = n_s^A + n_s^B$$

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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 at the loop level

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

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$$A_{\mathcal{N}=0}^{n,L} = \sum_{i \in \text{cubic diag}} \int_L \frac{n_i n_i}{S_i d_i}$$

$$S_{\mathcal{N}=0} = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int \star R - \frac{1}{d-2} d\varphi \wedge \star d\varphi - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{4}{d-2}\varphi} dB \wedge \star dB$$

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

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- ▶ $D = 4, \mathcal{N} = 5$ supergravity finite to 4 loops, contrary to expectations:

“Enhanced” cancellations

[Bern–Davies–Dennen '14]

- ▶ Such cancellations not seen for $\mathcal{N} = 8$ at 5 loops: implications unclear

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- ▶ Classical (non)perturbative solutions and gravity wave astronomy
[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. . .]
- ▶ Geometric/world-sheet picture: ambitwistor string theories theories and scattering equations, e.g. non-trivial gluon and spacetime backgrounds
[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. . .]
- ▶ Surprising applications: gauge structure of the conjectured $(4, 0)$ phase of M-theory [LB ’18] and twin non-Lagrangian S-folds theories [LB–Duff–Marrani ’19]

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- ▶ Today: the YM BV action admits a natural form of 'anomalous' CK duality that immediately implies the double copy to all orders

Lighting overview

Step 1. Cubic tree-level off-shell CK duality manifesting Yang-Mills BRST-action:

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

Step 2. BRST-action double-copy:

$$S_{\text{DC}} = \int C_{ij} C_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}} A^{i\tilde{i}} \square A^{j\tilde{j}} + F_{ijk} F_{\tilde{i}\tilde{j}\tilde{k}} A^{i\tilde{i}} A^{j\tilde{j}} A^{k\tilde{k}}$$

Step 3. Double-copy BRST operator:

$$(Q_{\text{YM}}, \tilde{Q}_{\text{YM}}) \longrightarrow Q_{\text{DC}} = Q_{\text{diffeo}} + Q_{\text{2-form}} + \text{trivial symmetries}$$

Step 4. Assuming tree-level physical CK duality, perturbative quantum equivalence:

$$Q_{\text{DC}}^2 = Q_{\text{DC}} S_{\text{DC}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_{\text{DC}} \cong S_{\text{BRST}}^{\mathcal{N}=0}$$

Corollary: Loop amplitude (integrand) computed from Feynman diagrams of $S_{\text{BRST-CK}}^{\text{YM}}$ manifest CK duality, *up to counterterms needed for unitarity*, and double-copy correctly to give amplitudes of $\mathcal{N} = 0$ supegravity

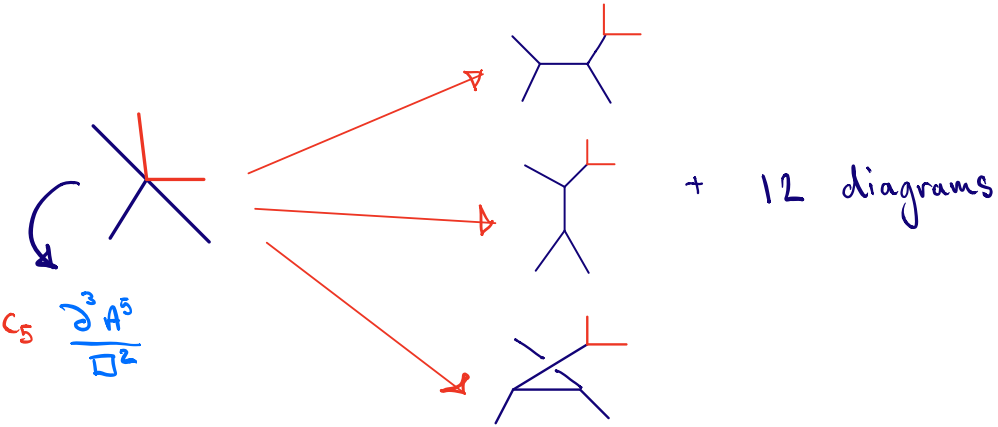
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- ▶ There is a YM action such that the Feynman diagrams yield amplitudes manifesting CK duality for tree-level amplitudes:

$$S_{\text{on-shell CK}}^{\text{YM}} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \int \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}}^{(n)} \sim A \square A + \partial A A A + \frac{\square}{\square} A A A A + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^3}{\square^2} A A A A A + \dots}_{f^{abc} f_c^{de} f_e^{fg} + \dots = 0}$$



$f^{abc} f_c^{de} f_e^{fg} + \dots = 0$
 by Jacobi

[Bern–Dennen–Huang–Kiermaier 1004.0693; Tolotti–Weinzierl 1306.2975]

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- ▶ This can be “strictified” to have only cubic interactions through infinite tower of auxiliaries [BJKMSW '21]

$$\begin{aligned}
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 & \frac{1}{2} B^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa} - g(\partial_\mu A_\nu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu}) [A^\mu, A^\nu] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} B^{\mu\nu\kappa} \square B_{\mu\nu\kappa} - g(\partial_\mu A_\nu + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \partial^\kappa B_{\kappa\mu\nu}) [A^\mu, A^\nu] \\
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 & + g C^{\mu\nu} [A_\mu, A_\nu] + g \partial_\mu C^{\mu\nu\kappa} [A_\nu, A_\kappa] - \frac{g}{2} \partial_\mu C^{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} [\partial_{[\nu} A_{\kappa]}, A_\lambda] \\
 & + g \bar{C}^{\mu\nu} (\frac{1}{2} [\partial^\kappa \bar{C}_{\kappa\lambda\mu}, \partial^\lambda A_\nu] + [\partial^\kappa \bar{C}_{\kappa\lambda\nu\mu}, A^\lambda]) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

[Bern–Dennen–Huang–Kiermaier '10]

- ▶ Purely cubic Feynman diagrams \longrightarrow

$$A_n^{\text{tree}} = \sum_i \frac{c_i n_i}{d_i} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad c_i + c_j + c_k = 0 \Rightarrow n_i + n_j + n_k = 0$$

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 1. Longitudinal gluons - gauge choice
 2. Ghosts - BRST Ward identities
 3. Off-shell - nonlocal field redefinitions (invisible on-shell)
- ▶ 3. \Rightarrow induces Jacobian counterterms that cancel spurious modes

[BJKMSW '21]

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Tree-level CK duality for longitudinal gluons

- ▶ Relax transversality $p_n \cdot \varepsilon_n \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ tree CK duality fails
- ▶ By analogy can compensate with new *non-zero* vertices [BJKMSW '20]:

- ▶ We can add them to the action without changing the physics [BJKMSW '20]

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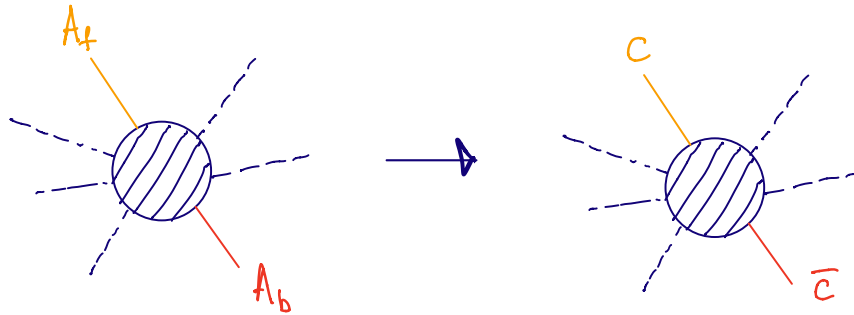
Tree-level CK duality for ghosts

- ▶ Use on-mass-shell BRST Ward identities

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

- ▶ Analogous to global SUSY Ward identities

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



- ▶ Transfers CK duality onto ghosts through

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ghost}}^{\text{YM}} = \bar{c} Q_{\text{YM}} (\partial^\mu A_\mu - 2\xi Y)$$

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On-shell tree-level CK manifesting BRST action

- ▶ Introduce new auxiliary gluons and ghosts [BJKMSW '20, '21]:

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long. aux. fields

ghost aux. fields

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

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- ▶ Price to pay: Jacobian determinants \rightarrow counterterms ensuring unitarity
- ▶ In this sense, this manifest loop CK duality is anomalous on the physical Hilbert space (but is exact on the complete pre-Hilbert space)

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Perfect off-shell 'BRST-Lagrangian CK duality'

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

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Anti fields
↓
Q_{BV} A

- ▶ Rendered cubic with infinite tower of aux. fields

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

- ▶ c_{ab}, f^{abc} gauge group Killing form and structure constants
- ▶ C_{ij}, F^{ijk} are differential operators that satisfy the same identities as c_{ab}, f^{abc} as operator equations

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 - ▶ Anomaly: generalised unitarity proof of loop double copy doesn’t go through, at least not straightforwardly
 - ▶ Departure from standard articulation of loop integrand CK duality: all desiderata *except* generalised unitarity
 - ▶ Latter replaced with off-shell CK duality of BV action (without Jacobian counterterms): alternative proof of double copy

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Syngamatic reproduction of factorable theories

Parent theories

Factorisation

Fusion
(syngamy)

Daughter theories

Double copy

$$c_{IJ} \phi^I \square \phi^J + f_{IJK} \phi^I \phi^J \phi^K$$

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Factorise
(meiosis)

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- ▶ $G \times \tilde{G}$ bi-adjoint scalar theory,

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- ▶ Cf. scattering equation formalism [Hodges '11; Cachazo–He–Yuan '13 '14]

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

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

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

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

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The double copy to all orders

- ▶ Given CK duality of the tree-level physical S-matrix we can run our argument:
 - ▶ Non-linear sigma model [Chen-Du '13] → special Galileon
 - ▶ Fundamental couplings [Johansson-Ochirov '14] → plethora of supergravity theories
 - ▶ Bagger–Lambert–Gustavsson [Bargheer-He-McLoughlin '12; Huang-Johansson '12] → $D = 3$ maximal supergravity

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

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gluino

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

R-R field strengths

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

$$Q_{\alpha} A_{\mu}{}^a = \delta^a{}_b \gamma_{\mu\alpha}{}^{\beta} \psi_{\beta}{}^b + \dots \quad \longrightarrow \quad Q_{\alpha} h_{\mu\nu} = \gamma_{(\mu\alpha}{}^{\beta} \Psi_{\beta\nu)} + \dots$$

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

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

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▲ direct from double copy

$$F_{q\beta} \sim \left. \sum_{p=0}^d \frac{1}{p!} (\gamma^{M_1 \dots M_p} \epsilon) F_{M_1 \dots M_p} \right\} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} (F \wedge \star F - dF \wedge \star \square^{-1} dF) + \dots$$

$$\text{Aux. } (D-p-1)\text{-form } B \left. \right\} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} F \wedge \star F - \xi B \wedge dF - \frac{1}{2} B \wedge \star \square B + \dots$$

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- ▶ Sen's mechanism [Sen '15] generalized to arbitrary (as opposed to self-dual) field strengths [BJKMSW '21]
- ▶ Sen's mechanism was motivated by IIB string field theory, where the R–R sector is naturally given in terms of bispinors - natural double copy shadow

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- ▶ Commutative algebras $\rightarrow C_\infty$ -algebras [Kadeishvili '88]

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- ▶ Any BV field theory with operator Q_{BV} corresponds to an L_∞ -algebra in the CE picture, see e.g. [\[Jurco-Raspollini-Saemann-Wolf '18\]](#)

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► Minimal model: $\mu_1 = 0 \rightarrow$ tree scattering amplitudes

Cf. [\[Jurčo-Raspollini-Saemann-Wolf '18; Jurčo-Macrelli-Saemann-Wolf '19\]](#)

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$$c \qquad (A_{\mu}, b) \qquad \bar{c} \qquad B_{\mu\nu\rho} \cdots$$

- ▶ **scalar**: A_{∞} -algebra of a scalar field theory

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- ▶ Computational efficiency:
 - ▶ Purely tree-level calculations
 - ▶ One identity at any order (the rest follow axiomatically)

$$\sum_{p+q=n+2} n\text{-point tree with two internal } (p\text{-ary and } q\text{-ary) \text{ vertices}$$

$$= n\text{-point tree with one internal } (n\text{-ary) \text{ vertex}$$

- ▶ But, work with Feynman diagrams - marry with on-shell methods?

Future work

- ▶ AdS background [Zhou '21; Diwakar-Herderschee-Roiban-Teng '21 ...] → Hopf algebra of universal enveloping algebra of AdS isometries
- ▶ Bagger-Lambert-Gustavsson CK duality [Bargheer-He-McLoughlin '12; Huang-Johansson '12] → m -ary BV^\square operads
- ▶ Matter coupling [Johansson-Ochirov '14] → many-sorted BV^\square operads
- ▶ String theory (modular envelope over) $BV_\infty^{L_0}$

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

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

- ▶ Counterterms?

Thanks for listening