



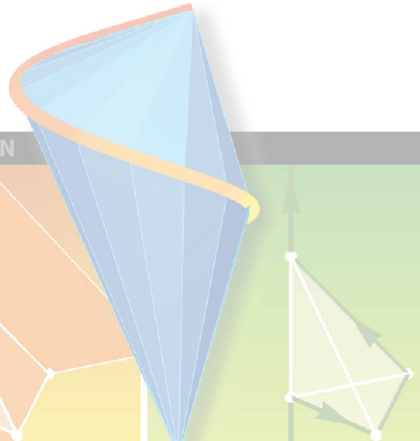
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# Geometrical description of amplitudes correlators in $N=4$

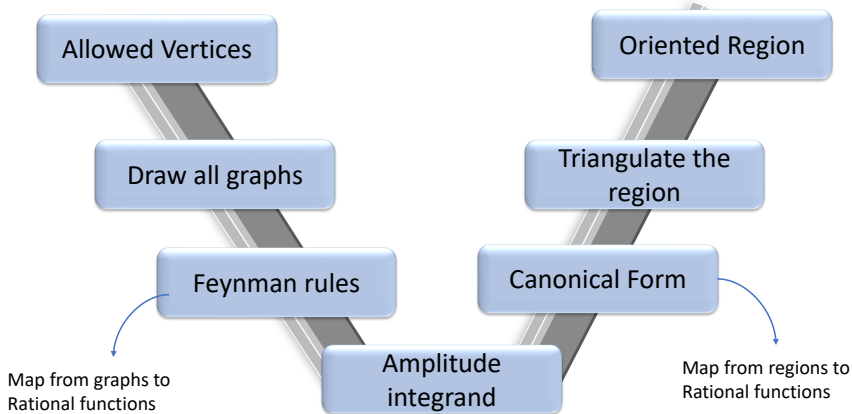
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## Amplitudes from geometry



# Topics I'd like to present

- ▶ The canonical form: a map between geometries and rational differential forms.
- ▶ The superamplitude as a differential form
- ▶ The supercorrelator as a differential form and the correlator/amplitude duality
- ▶ The amplituhedron, the squared amplituhedron and the correlahedron

# When is it possible?

- ▶  $N = 4$  SYM:
  - Amplituhedron [N. Arkani-Hamed, J. Trnka] (2013)
  - Loop amplituhedron canonical form [G.D., P. Heslop, A. Stewart](2022)
  - Momentum amplituhedron [D. Damgaard, L. Ferro, T. Lukowski, M. Parisi](2019)
  - Loop momentum amplituhedron [L. Ferro, T. Lukowski, M. Parisi](2022)
  - Correlahedron, Squared Amplituhedron [B. Eden, P. Heslop, L. Mason] (2017)
  - Amplituhedron-like geometries [G. D., P. Heslop] (2021)
- ▶ Bi-adjoint  $\Phi^3$ , Associahedron/Halohedron/Cluster polytopes  
[N. Arkani-Hamed, Y. Bai, S. He, G. Yan ( 2017)]
- ▶ Scalars in FRW background, Cosmological Polytope  
[N. Arkani-Hamed, P. Benincasa, A. Postnikov] (2017)
- ▶ SYM and ABJM, momentum amplituhedron  
[S. He, C.-K Kuo, Y.-Q Zhanga] (2021)  
[Y.-T. Huang, R. Kojima, C. Wen, and S.-Q. Zhang] (2021)

# Why is it interesting?

- ▶ Completely different perspective  $\rightarrow$  new questions.
- ▶ Generator of new elegant formulas.
- ▶ Manifest hidden symmetries/properties, i.e. Yangian.
- ▶ Relations between amplitudes of different theories.

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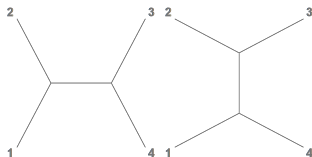
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# Planar color ordered amplitudes

Color decomposition in the adjoint rep

$$\hat{M}_{n,l}^{a_1, \dots, a_n} = g^{n+2(l-1)} \left( N^l \sum_{\sigma \in S_n/Z_n} \text{Tr}(T^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \dots T^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) M_{n,l} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \right),$$

The color ordered amplitude  $M_{n,l}$  is obtained by summing over planar diagrams

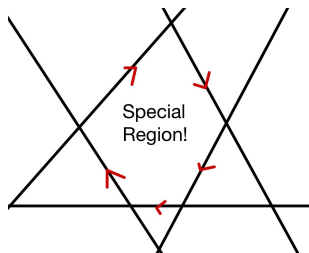


$M_{n,l}$  is a rational function of the kinematic.

# General Philosophy

In the examples where this construction is possible:

- ▶ There exists a region in the domain where the amplitude is finite and whose boundaries coincides with all the singularities of the function.



The pentagon is defined as the points to the right of the lines.

Geometry  $\Leftrightarrow$  inequalities

- ▶ The amplitude is characterized as the canonical form of the region.



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Example

$$\text{Res}_{x=0} \frac{dx dy}{xy} = \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\text{Res}_{y=0} \frac{dx dy}{xy} = -\frac{dx}{x}$$

# Induced orientation

An orientation form  $O$  is a non-vanishing top differential form defined up to positive rescaling

$$O' \sim \lambda O, \quad \lambda > 0$$

Orientation in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$O = O(x_1, \dots, x_d) dx_1 \cdots dx_d,$$

Let the boundary be defined by  $f(x) = 0$  with  $f(x) > 0$  inside and  $f(x) < 0$  outside the region. Then  $O_\partial$  is defined simply as

$$df \wedge O_\partial = O|_{f=0}.$$

Example  $f(x) = x_1 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} dx_1 \wedge O_\partial &= O|_{f=0} O(0, x_2, \dots, x_d) dx_2 \cdots dx_d \\ O_\partial &= O(0, x_2, \dots, x_d) dx_2 \cdots dx_d \end{aligned}$$

# The canonical form

The canonical form of an oriented region  $\mathcal{X}_{\geq}$  is a differential top form recursively defined by the following property

- ▶ Simple poles on and only on codimension 1 boundary
- ▶ its residue on a boundary of  $\mathcal{X}_{\geq}$  is the canonical form of the boundary
- ▶ the canonical form of a point is  $\pm 1$  depending on the orientation.

A region possessing a canonical form is called a **positive geometry**. [N. Arkani-Hamed, Y. Bai, T. Lam](2017)

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Then we check the definition

$$\text{Res}_{x=a}\Omega(X_{\geq}) = O|_{x=a} = 1$$

$$\text{Res}_{x=b}\Omega(X_{\geq}) = O|_{x=b} = -1$$

The canonical form of a segment  $a < x < b$  is

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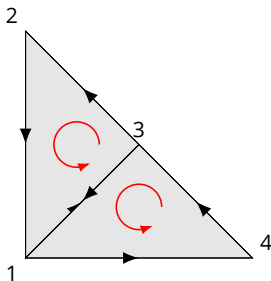
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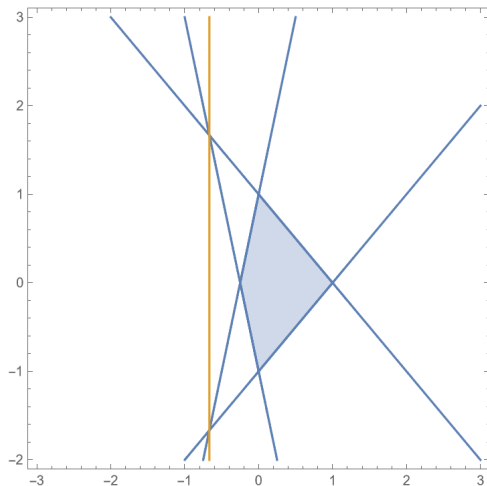
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If a **positive geometry** is given by the oriented union of positive geometries then the canonical form of the union is the sum of the canonical forms.





$$\Omega(x,y) = \frac{(10(2+3x))dxdy}{(-1+x-y)(1+4x-y)(-1+x+y)(1+4x+y)}$$



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The  $N^k$ MHV amplitude  $\rightarrow k + 2$  negative helicity gluon.

The  **$N^k$ MHV superamplitude** is  $4k$  polynomial in the  $\eta_1^a, \dots, \eta_n^a$ , whose coefficient are ordinary amplitudes.

$$A_4^{\text{MHV}} = A_4[g^- g^- g^+ g^+](\eta_1)^4(\eta_2^4) + A_4[g^- \lambda^{123} \lambda^4 g^+](\eta_1)^4(\eta_{21}\eta_{22}\eta_{23})(\eta_{34}) + \dots,$$

# Momentum Twistors

After dividing by the tree level MHV superamplitudes, N=4 SYM amplitudes has conformal and dual conformal symmetry.

New variables: **momentum twistors**

$$Z = (Z^1, Z^2, Z^3, Z^4),$$

$$Z \equiv \lambda Z \text{ that is } Z \in \mathbb{P}^3.$$

Dual conformal symmetry acts on complex momentum twistors as  $SL(4)$ . The only invariant of  $SL(4)$  is

$$\langle ijkl \rangle = \text{Det}(Z_i Z_j Z_l Z_k)$$

Nice expressions for planar propagators

$$\langle ii + 1 jj + 1 \rangle \sim (p_i + \dots + p_{j-1})^2$$

# Supermomentum Twistors

Momentum twistor can be generalized to supermomentum twistors

$$\mathcal{Z}_i = \begin{pmatrix} z_i \\ \chi_i \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{4|4}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

The 5 point NMHV superamplitude  $\mathcal{A}_{5,1}$  has the form

$$\mathcal{A}_{5,1}(\mathcal{Z}_i) = \frac{\prod_{\alpha=1}^4 (\chi_1^\alpha \langle 2345 \rangle + \text{cyclic})}{\langle 1234 \rangle \langle 2345 \rangle \langle 3451 \rangle \langle 4512 \rangle \langle 5123 \rangle}$$

# Bosonized Supermomentum Twistors

We attach 4 additional Grassmann odd variables  $\phi_A, A = 1, \dots, 4$  to each  $\chi$ , thus obtain commuting variables  $\chi_i^A \phi_A$  [Hodges(2009)]

$$\mathcal{Z}_i = \begin{pmatrix} z_i \\ \chi_i \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow Z_i = \begin{pmatrix} z_i \\ \chi_i \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

For example

$$\int d^4 \phi \langle 12345 \rangle^4 = \prod_{l=A}^4 (\langle 1234 \rangle \chi_5^A + \text{cyclic})$$

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where  $\langle Yd^4Y \rangle := \langle Y \overbrace{dY \cdots dY}^4 \rangle / 4!$

# Parametrization

$$Y = Z_1 + x_2 Z_2 + x_3 Z_3 + x_4 Z_4 + x_5 Z_5$$

$$\langle Y1234 \rangle = x_5 \langle 51234 \rangle = -x_5 \langle 12345 \rangle$$

$$\langle Yd^4 Y \rangle = \langle Yd_{x_2} Yd_{x_3} Yd_{x_4} Yd_{x_5} Y \rangle = \langle 12345 \rangle dx_2 dx_3 dx_4 dx_5$$

So  $A_{5,1}$  can be written as

$$A_{5,1} = \frac{\langle 12345 \rangle^4 \langle Yd^4 Y \rangle}{\langle Y1234 \rangle \langle Y2345 \rangle \langle Y3451 \rangle \langle Y4512 \rangle \langle Y5123 \rangle} = \frac{dx_2 dx_3 dx_4 dx_5}{x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5}$$

# Bosonized super amplitudes

The  $\overline{MHV}$  reads

$$A_{n,n-4} = \frac{\langle 12 \cdots n \rangle^4 \prod_i^k \langle Y d^4 Y_i \rangle}{\langle Y_{1234} \rangle \langle Y_{2345} \rangle \cdots \langle Y_{n123} \rangle},$$

where  $Y$  is a  $k$ -plane  $Y^{l_1 \cdots l_k} = Y_1^{l_1} \cdots Y_n^{l_k}$ , that is a  $k \times (k+4)$  matrix mod  $GL(k)$ .

Then  $N^k$  MHV bosonized amplitude is a top dimensional form on the space of  $k$  planes in  $k+4$  dimensions  $Gr(k, k+4)$

A generic  $n$ -point dual-conformal invariant can be written as

$$\langle l_1 \rangle \langle l_2 \rangle \langle l_3 \rangle \langle l_4 \rangle ,$$

where here and in the following we will use a short-hand notation  $l, j$  etc to represent an ordered set of particle numbers. We define  $[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and then  $\binom{[n]}{k}$  to be the set of all ordered sets of  $k$  elements in  $[n]$ .

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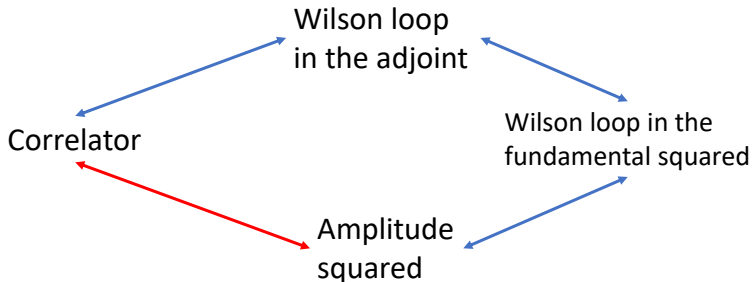
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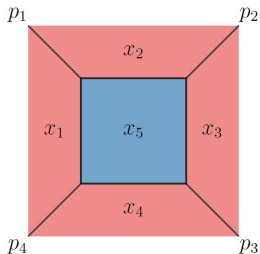
Simplest half BPS operators

$$\mathcal{O}_2^{ABCD} := \text{Tr}(\phi^{AB}\phi^{CD}) - \frac{1}{4!}\epsilon^{ABCD}\text{Tr}(\phi^{EF}\phi_{EF}) ,$$

This operator can be embedded the so called stress-energy tensor supermultiplet  $\mathcal{T}^{ABCD}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ .

Lightlike limit  $(x_{i+1} - x_i)^2 = 0$





$$p_i = x_{i+1} - x_i, \quad q = x_i - x_j$$

$$\frac{1}{x_{15}^2 x_{25}^2 x_{35}^2 x_{45}^2}$$

external momentum conservation is trivialized

$$\sum_{i=0}^n p_i = \sum_{i=0}^n x_{i+1} - x_i = -x_1 + x_{n+1} = 0.$$



The potential  $\mathcal{G}$  is implicitly defined by the relation

$$\mathcal{G}_n(x, y, \theta) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n D_4 \right) \mathcal{G}_n(x, \theta) ,$$

Hidden permutation symmetry of the correlator

$$\mathcal{G}_{n, n-4}^{(l)} = \frac{2(N_c^2 - 1)}{(-4\pi^2)^{n+l}} \mathcal{I}_n f^{(n+l)} ,$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_n$  is the unique maximal  $n$ -point superconformal invariant.

# Twistors

Twistors lines are lines in  $\mathbb{P}^3$

$$\chi^{ij} = \chi_a^i \chi_b^j \epsilon^{ab},$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

The conformal group acts linearly on twistors.

$$\chi_{ij}^2 \sim \langle X_i X_j \rangle,$$

Super-twistors

$$\chi_{s,i} = \begin{pmatrix} X_{s,i} \\ \chi_{s,i} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{(4|4)} / GL(1),$$

$$\chi_i^{jl} = \chi_{a,i}^j \chi_{a,i}^l \epsilon^{ab}, \quad \chi_i^{jl} \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times (4|4)} / GL(2), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, 8.$$

# Lightlike limit in twistor space

$$(x_i - x_{i+1})^2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle X_i X_{i+1} \rangle$$

Two lines on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  always intersect

$$Z_i = X_i \cap X_{i+1}$$

Same relation in superspace

$$\mathcal{Z}_i = \mathcal{X}_i \cap \mathcal{X}_{i+1}$$

## Correlator/ amplitude duality

$$\lim_{x_{i,i+1}^2 \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{G}_{n,k} / \mathcal{G}_{n;0}^{(0)} = (\mathcal{A}^2)_{n,k} = \sum_{k'=0}^k \mathcal{A}_{n,k'} \mathcal{A}_{n,k-k'}$$

[Adamo, Bullimore, Mason, Skinner](2011)

[Eden, Heslop, Korchemsky, Sokatchev](2011)

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The unique maximal superconformal invariant can be written as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \delta^{4 \times (2n-4)} (X^\perp \cdot \chi),$$

and then as

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \int \prod_{i=1}^{2n-4} d^4 \phi_i \langle X_1 \cdots X_n \rangle^4.$$

# Bosonized correlator

$$G_{n,n-4} = \prod_{\alpha=1}^{2n-4} \langle Y d^4 Y_{\alpha} \rangle \langle X_1 \cdots X_n \rangle^4 f^{(n-4)},$$
$$G_{5,1} = \frac{\langle X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 \rangle^4 \prod_{\alpha=1}^6 \langle Y d^4 Y_{\alpha} \rangle}{\prod_{\text{permutations}} \langle Y X_i X_j \rangle}$$

The light-like residue of the correlator can be written as the projection of a multiresidue

$$\begin{aligned} T(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \wedge \mathcal{A}_{n,n-4}^2 &= \text{Res}_{\langle Y X_i X_{i+1} \rangle = 0} (G_{n,n-4}) \Big|_{(Y_1 \dots Y_n)^\perp} = \\ &= \langle Z_1 \cdots Z_n \rangle^4 \prod_{\alpha=1}^{n-4} \langle \hat{Y} d^4 \hat{Y}_{\alpha} \rangle f^{(n-4)} (\langle \hat{Y} Z_i Z_{i+1} Z_j Z_{j+1} \rangle), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{Y}_i = Y_{i+n}$  and  $Z_i = X_i \cap X_{i+1}$

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The amplituhedron must be a region that has the planar amplitude singularities as boundaries. A natural guess could be

$$(p_i \cdots p_{j+1})^2 \sim \langle Y_{ii+1} j j+1 \rangle > 0$$

# The Amplituhedron intrinsic definition

*Unwinding the Amplituhedron in Binary* [N. Arkani-Hamed, H. Thomas, J. Trnka] (2017)

The  $\mathcal{A}_{n,k,l}$  is defined as the set of planes  $Y \in Gr(k, k+4)$  st

$$\langle Y_{ii+1} j j+1 \rangle > 0, \quad (-1)^k \langle Y_{1n} i i+1 \rangle > 0,$$

The string

$$S_Y := \{ \langle Y_{1234} \rangle, \dots, (-1)^k \langle Y_{123n} \rangle \},$$

must have exactly  $f_Y = k$  sign flips.

Moreover  $Z$  must be an element of  $Gr_{>}(k+4, n)$ .



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We fix  $Z$  as an element in  $Gr_{>0}(k+4, n)$

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and parametrize  $Y$  as a point in  $\mathbb{P}^4$

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$$c_4 > 0 \wedge c_2 > 0 \wedge c_2 + c_3 > 0 \wedge c_3 + 1 > 0 \wedge c_3 + c_4 > 0 \wedge c_1 + 1 > 0 \\ \wedge c_1 + c_4 > 0 \wedge c_1 + c_2 > 0 \wedge (c_3 > 0 \vee -c_3 > 0)$$

If we decompose these inequalities using cylindrical decomposition we obtain

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Using iteratively the canonical form of the segment we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 dc_1 dc_2 dc_3 dc_4 & \left( - \frac{1}{c_1 (c_1 + 1) (c_2 - 1) (c_3 - c_1) (c_1 + c_4)} - \frac{1}{c_1 (c_1 + 1) (1 - c_2) (c_1 + c_2) (c_3 - c_1) (c_1 + c_4)} \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

After simplifying a bit we get

$$dc_1 dc_2 dc_3 dc_4 \left( \frac{1}{c_1 c_2 c_3 c_4} - \frac{1}{c_3 (c_3 + 1) (c_3 - c_1) (c_2 + c_3) (-c_3 - c_4)} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{c_1 (c_1 + 1) (-c_1 - c_2) c_3 (-c_1 - c_4)} - \frac{1}{(c_1 + 1) (-c_1 - c_2) c_3 (c_3 - c_1) (-c_1 - c_4)} \right)$$

and finally, by covariantizing the result, we obtain

$$\text{NMHV}(6) =$$

$$\langle Yd^4Y \rangle \left( \frac{\langle 12345 \rangle^4}{\langle 1234 \rangle \langle 1235 \rangle \langle 1245 \rangle \langle 1345 \rangle \langle 2345 \rangle} - \frac{\langle 13456 \rangle^3 \langle 12345 \rangle}{\langle 1235 \rangle \langle 1345 \rangle \langle 1346 \rangle \langle 1456 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\langle 12356 \rangle^4}{\langle 1235 \rangle \langle 1236 \rangle \langle 1256 \rangle \langle 1356 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle} + \frac{\langle 12356 \rangle \langle 13456 \rangle^3}{\langle 1235 \rangle \langle 1346 \rangle \langle 1356 \rangle \langle 1456 \rangle \langle 3456 \rangle} \right)$$

[R. Kojima, C. Langer] (2020)

# Amplituhedron-Like Geometries

The  $\mathcal{H}_{n,k}^{(f_Y)}$  amplituhedron-like geometry is defined as the plane  $Y$  satisfying

$$\langle Y_{ii+1jj+1} \rangle > 0, \quad (-1)^{f_Y} \langle Y_{1nii+1} \rangle > 0,$$

Moreover the string

$$S_Y := \{ \langle Y_{1234} \rangle, \dots, (-1)^{f_Y} \langle Y_{123n} \rangle \},$$

where  $S_Y$  have  $f_Y$  flips.



	geometry	bosonised superspace	superspace
Amplituhedron	$\mathcal{A}_{n,k}$	$A_{n,k}$	$\mathcal{A}_{n,k}$
Amplituhedron-like	$\mathcal{H}_{n,k}^{(f)}$	$H_{n,k}^{(f)}$	$\mathcal{H}_{n,k}^{(f)}$

We proved that

$$H_{n,n-4}^{(f)} = A_{n,f} * A_{n,n-f-4},$$

where  $*$  represent the product in bosonized space.

Thus amplituhedron-like geometries with general winding number give products of amplitudes.

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In the light like limit  $\langle YX_iX_{i+1} \rangle \rightarrow 0$  and  $X_i \rightarrow Z_iZ_{i+1}$  so

$$\langle YX_iX_j \rangle > 0 \rightarrow \pm \langle Y_{ii+1}j_{j+1} \rangle > 0$$

# The squared amplituhedron

The geometrical light like limit of the Correlahedron is called the squared amplituhedron

$$\langle Y_{ii} + 1j_j + 1 \rangle > 0,$$

$$\langle Y_{1nii} + 1 \rangle > 0,$$

or

$$\langle Y_{ii} + 1j_j + 1 \rangle > 0,$$

$$-\langle Y_{1nii} + 1 \rangle > 0$$

but this region can be written as the union over all possible flipping number!

$$(\mathcal{A}^2)_{n,n-4} = \bigcup_f \mathcal{H}_{n,n-4}^{(f)}$$

which imply the relation between the oriented canonical forms

$$(A^2)_{n,n-4} = \sum_f^{n-4} H_{n,n-4}^{(f)} = \sum_{f=0}^{n-4} A_{n,f} * A_{n,n-4-f}$$

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# Full result

$$H_{n,n-4,l}^{(k',l')} = \binom{l}{l'} A_{n,k',l'} * A_{n,n-k'-4,l-l'}$$

The loop amplituhedron like geometry

$$\mathcal{H}_{n,k,l}^{(f;f_1,\dots,f_l)} := \left\{ Y, (AB)_1, \dots, (AB)_l \left| \begin{array}{ll} Y \in \mathcal{H}_{n,k}^{(f)} & \\ \langle Y(AB)_{jii+1} \rangle > 0, & \forall j, \forall i = 1, \dots, n-1 \\ \langle Y(AB)_j 1n \rangle (-1)^{f_j} > 0 & \forall j \\ \{ \langle Y(AB)_j 1i \rangle \} & \text{has } f_j \text{ flips as } i = 2, \dots, n, \forall j \\ \langle Y(AB)_i (AB)_j \rangle > 0 & \forall i \neq j \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

for  $Z \in Gr_{>}(k+4, n)$ .

The loop flipping number can only assume the values  $f, f+2$ . So we define

$$\mathcal{H}_{n,n-4,l}^{(f;l')} := \bigcup_{\sigma \in S_l / (S_{l'} \times S_{l-l'})} \mathcal{H}_{n,n-4,l}^{(f; \sigma(\overbrace{f+2, \dots, f+2}^{l'}, \overbrace{f, \dots, f}^{l-l'}))}$$

## On-shell diagrams and bosonized amplitudes

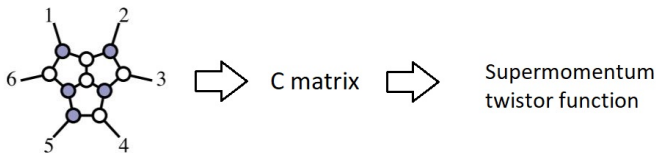
On shell diagrams are trivalent planar diagrams with white and black vertices.  
 To each on-shell diagram in  $N = 4$  you can associate a  $C$  matrix

$$f^{(k)} = \int \frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \dots \frac{d\alpha_{4k}}{\alpha_{4k}} \delta(C(\alpha) \cdot z) \delta^{(4 \times k)}(C(\alpha) \cdot \chi),$$

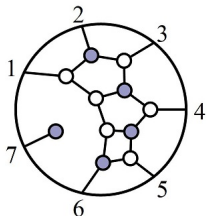
where,

$$\delta^{k \times 4}(C \cdot \chi) := \prod_{i=1}^4 \prod_{\alpha=1}^k C_{\alpha a} \chi_a^i.$$

Solving for  $\int \delta(C(\alpha) \cdot z)$  simply corresponds to a map from the  $\alpha$  to momentum twistor determinants  $\langle ijkl \rangle$ .



From on shell diagrams we can get the bosonized expression directly by imposing  $Y = C \cdot Z$



$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_2 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_6 + \alpha_8 & (\alpha_2 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_6) \alpha_7 & (\alpha_2 + \alpha_4) \alpha_5 & \alpha_2 \alpha_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha_7 & \alpha_5 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3 d\alpha_4 d\alpha_5 d\alpha_6 d\alpha_7 d\alpha_8}{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_5 \alpha_6 \alpha_7 \alpha_8} = \frac{\langle (1267) \langle 134567 \rangle - \langle 1367 \rangle \langle 124567 \rangle \rangle^4 \langle Yd^4 Y_1 \rangle \langle Yd^4 Y_2 \rangle}{\langle 1237 \rangle \langle 1267 \rangle \langle 1367 \rangle \langle 1467 \rangle \langle 1567 \rangle (\langle 1235 \rangle \langle 1467 \rangle - \langle 1234 \rangle \langle 1567 \rangle) (\langle 1567 \rangle \langle 2346 \rangle - \langle 1467 \rangle \langle 2356 \rangle) \langle 4567 \rangle}$$

Consider two on shell diagrams  $f_1^{(k_1)}$  and  $f_2^{(k_2)}$  which are associated to matrices  $C_1(\alpha)$  and  $C_2(\beta)$ . Their product is given by

$$f_1^{(k_1)} f_2^{(k_2)} = \int \frac{d\alpha_1}{\alpha_1} \dots \frac{d\alpha_{4k_1}}{\alpha_{4k_1}} \frac{d\beta_1}{\alpha_1} \dots \frac{d\beta_{4(k_2)}}{\beta_{4(k_2)}} \delta(C_{1,2}(\alpha, \beta) \cdot Z) \delta(C_{1,2}(\alpha, \beta) \cdot \chi).$$

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Does  $Y = C_{1,2} \cdot Z$  for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  belong to the amplituhedron like geometry

$\mathcal{H}_{n, k_1+k_2}^{(k_1)}$  ?

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$Y(\alpha) = C(\alpha) \cdot Z$  for  $\alpha_j > 0$  identifies a point in the amplituhedron  $A_{n,k}$ .



## On-shell diagram triangulates the maximal amplituhedron like geometry

Let's consider  $k = 1$   $n = 6$ . The amplitude is given by 3 on-shell diagrams with  $C$  matrices

$$( \begin{matrix} 1 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & 0 \end{matrix} ), ( \begin{matrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 \end{matrix} ), ( \begin{matrix} 1 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_3 & 0 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 \end{matrix} )$$

$(NMHV)^2$  will be given by on-shell diagrams with matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \alpha_8 & \alpha_7 & \alpha_6 & \alpha_5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 & 0 \\ 1 & \alpha_8 & \alpha_7 & 0 & \alpha_6 & \alpha_5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \alpha_4 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_1 \\ 1 & \alpha_8 & \alpha_7 & \alpha_6 & \alpha_5 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Is it true that

$$H_{n,n-m}^{(f)} \supseteq \{ Y = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot Z \mid C_1 \in \text{Gr}_>(f, n) \wedge C_2 \in \text{Gr}_>(n - m - f, n) \} ?$$

Answer: No.

But instead what is true is that the image of  $C = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 \\ \text{alt}(C_2) \end{pmatrix}$ .

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In fact we proved that

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for reference, the equivalent statement for the amplituhedron is

$$A_{n,k} \supseteq \{Y = C \cdot Z \mid C \in \text{Gr}_{>}(k, n)\}$$

## \* product explicit formula

Given  $I_a \in \binom{[n]}{k_1+m}$  and  $J_b \in \binom{[n]}{k_2+m}$ , the  $*$  product of bosonized brackets is given by the formula

$$\left( \prod_{a=1}^m \langle I_a \rangle_{k_1+m} \right) * \left( \prod_{b=1}^m \langle J_b \rangle_{k_2+m} \right) = \frac{(-1)^{(k_1 k_2 + k_2) m}}{m!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \prod_{a=1}^m \langle Y(I_a \cap J_{\sigma(a)}) \rangle_{k_1+k_2+m},$$

where  $S_m$  is the set of permutations of  $m$  elements and  $(I \cap J)$  represents an intersection in  $k_1 + k_2 + m$  dimensions, explicitly:

$$\langle Y(I \cap J) \rangle = \sum_{i \in M(I)} \langle Yi \rangle \langle \bar{i}j \rangle \operatorname{sgn}(\bar{i}\bar{i}),$$

where  $M(I) = \binom{I}{m}$ , that is the set of ordered  $m$  tuples in  $I$ , and  $\bar{i}$  is the ordered complement of  $i$  in  $I$ , that is  $\bar{i} = I - i$ .

# Feynman diagrams in twistor space

$$\mathcal{G}_\Gamma = \int \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{m_i=1}^{M_i} \frac{d^2 \sigma_{m_i}}{(\sigma_{m_i}, \sigma_{m_i+1})} \prod_{p=1}^{n+k} \delta^{4|4}(r_p Z_* + \sigma_{i_p j_p} \cdot X_{i_p} + \sigma_{j_p i_p} \cdot X_{j_p}).$$

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