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## Recent developments in string amplitudes

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# I. Why string amplitudes?

Prominent role within string theory (starting with [Veneziano '68])

- already in flat spacetime: low-energy eff. actions  $\sim \text{tr}(D^k F^n)$ ,  $D^k R^n$   
 $\implies$  testing / exploiting string dualities (primarily S-duality of type IIB)
- string amplitudes in AdS  $\implies$  gauge/gravity duality, holography,  
 bootstrap & recent crosstalk with (integrated) correlators in  $\mathcal{N} = 4$   
[Hansen's talk]

Rich source of inspiration and input for other fields

- closed vs. open strings: BCJ duality & gravitational double copy  
[KLT '86, ..., reviews 1909.01358, 2203.13013, 2203.13017, 2204.06547, 2210.14241]
- function spaces for precision calculations in particle physics / gravity  
[reviews 2203.07088, 2203.09099, 2203.13014, 2203.13021, 2208.07242]

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Numerous formalisms in amplitudes are in close contact with string theory:

- since 90's: worldline formalisms (Bern-Kosower, ..., WQFT)  
[review: Schubert 0101036; Uhre Jakobsen, Mogull, Plefka, Steinhoff '20, '21]
- since 2013: CHY formalism and ambitwistor strings  
[Cachazo, He, Yuan 1307.2199, 1309.0885; review: Mason, Geyer 2203.13017]
- tropical geometry:  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$  limit of string amplitudes  
[Tourkine 1309.3551; Lam 2405.17332]  
... tropical moduli spaces of Feynman graphs  $\leftrightarrow$  graph complexes  
[Borinsky, Brown, Munch, Tellander, Vermaseren, Vogtman '21 to '24;  
Borinsky's lecture series at amplitudes summer school next week]
- curve integral formalism  
[Arkani-Hamed, Cao, De, Dong, Figueiredo, Frost, He, Pokraka, Plamondon,  
Salvatori, Skowronek, Spradlin, Thomas, Volovich; Figueiredo's & Spradlin's talk]
- intersection theory  
[Mizera 1706.08527, 1711.00469]

# Outline

I. Why string amplitudes? ✓

II. KLT and intersection theory at genus one

[Bhardwaj's gong-show talk; Bhardwaj, Pokraka, Ren, Rodriguez 2312.02148]

[Stieberger 2212.06816, 2310.07755; Mazloumi, Stieberger 2403.05208]

III. Evaluating string amplitudes from convergent integrals

[Eberhardt, Mizera 2208.12233, 2302.12733, 2403.07051]

[Banerjee, Eberhardt, Mizera 2403.07064]

IV. Integration on higher-genus surfaces

[D'Hoker, Hidding, OS 2306.08644 & 2308.05044; Enriquez 1112.0864]

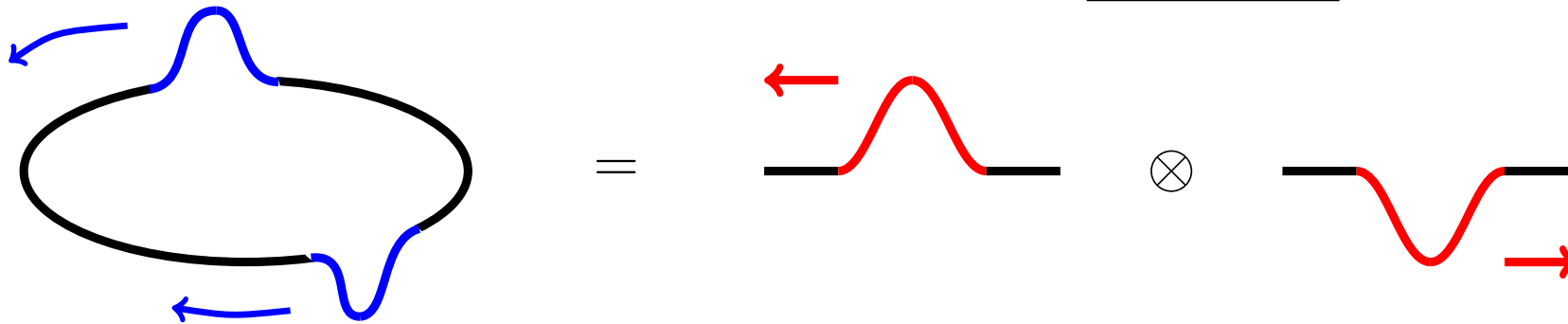
V. Alternative double copy for single-valued periods

[Frost, Hidding, Kamlesh, Rodriguez, OS, Verbeek 2312.00697; Dorigoni, Doroudiani,

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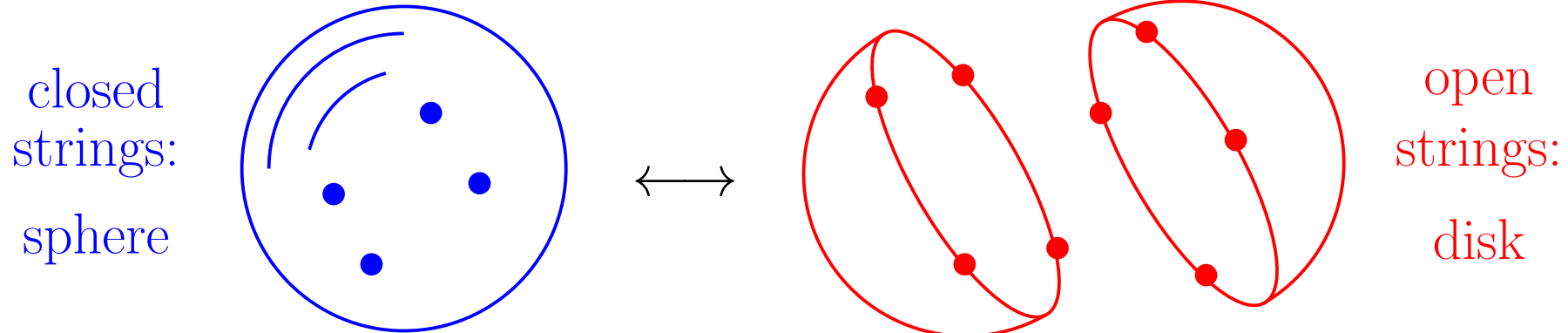
## II. KLT and intersection theory at genus one

Goal: (closed strings) as (open string) $^{\otimes 2}$  for integrated amplitudes



At tree level, done deal by KLT relations

[Kawai, Lewellen, Tye '86]



$$\text{e.g. } \underbrace{M_{\text{closed}}^{\text{tree}}(4 \text{ pt}; \alpha')}_{\int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{d^2 z |z|^{2s} |1-z|^{2t}}{z(1-\bar{z})}} = \underbrace{A_{\text{open}}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 3, 4; \alpha')}_{\int_0^1 \frac{dz z^s (1-z)^t}{z}} \sin(\pi s) \underbrace{\tilde{A}_{\text{open}}^{\text{tree}}(1, 2, 4, 3; \alpha')}_{\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{d\bar{z} (-\bar{z})^s (1-\bar{z})^t}{1-\bar{z}}}$$

## II. 1 Tree-level KLT from intersection theory

Genus-0 integrands  $\ni$  multivalued  $u(z) = \prod_{i < j} (z_i - z_j)^{s_{ij}}$ , their  $|\cdot|$  & cc's

—→ use intersection theory: “dealing with multivalued integrands”

[Aomoto, Cho, Kita, Matsumoto, Mimachi, Yoshida et al: '80s / '90's]

- increasingly relevant for Feynman-integral computations

[talks of Lee and Tancredi; see e.g. 2002.10476, 2203.13011 for reviews]

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- pairing two twisted cycles  $\leftrightarrow$  regularized intersection number

$$\left[ \{-\infty < \bar{z} < 0\} \otimes (-\bar{z})^s (1-\bar{z})^t \middle| \{0 < z < 1\} \otimes z^s (1-z)^t \right] = \frac{1}{2i \sin(\pi s)}$$

- 4pt KLT involves inverse intersection number

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$$\langle \varphi_L | \varphi_R^\vee \rangle = \langle \varphi_L | \gamma_L \otimes u_{\gamma_L} \rangle [\gamma_L \otimes u_{\gamma_L} | \gamma_R \otimes u_{\gamma_R}^\vee]^{-1} [\gamma_R \otimes u_{\gamma_R}^\vee | \varphi_R^\vee \rangle$$

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[Plahte '70; Bjerrum-Bohr, Damgaard, Vanhove 0907.1425; Stieberger 0907.2211]

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[Aomoto '87; Mafra, OS, Stieberger 1106.2645; Broedel, OS, Stieberger 1304.7267]

Typical open-string integrals ( $z_{pq} := z_p - z_q$ )

$$\langle \varphi_{b=1} | \gamma_a ] = \int_{0 < z_{\rho_a(i)} < z_{\rho_a(i+1)} < 1} \frac{dz_1 dz_2 \dots dz_{n-3}}{z_{12} z_{23} \dots z_{n-3, n-2}} \prod_{1 \leq i < j}^{n-1} |z_i - z_j|^{s_{ij}}$$

[review: Mafra, OS 2210.14241; talks of Figueiredo and Sturmfels]



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$(n-3)! \times (n-3)!$  intersection matrix  $\mathbf{H}_{ab} = [\gamma_a | \gamma_b^\vee] \sim \sin^{3-n}(\pi \sum_{a,b} s_{ab})$

$\implies$  KLT formula looks like resolution of identity  $\mathbb{1} = \sum_{c,d} [\gamma_c] \mathbf{H}_{cd}^{-1} [\gamma_d^\vee |$   
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... and generalizes to sphere integrals with unintegrated punctures  $x_i$ , e.g.

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} d^2 z |z|^{2s_0} |1-z|^{2s_1} |x-z|^{2s_x} \varphi_L(z, x) \overline{\varphi_R(z, x)} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^x dz (x-z)^{s_x} \\ \int_x^1 dz (z-x)^{s_x} \end{pmatrix} z^{s_0} (1-z)^{s_1} \varphi_L(z, x) \\ \times \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\pi s_0) & \sin(\pi(s_0+s_x)) \\ \sin(\pi s_x) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \int_{-\infty}^0 d\bar{z} (-\bar{z})^{s_0} \\ \int_0^x d\bar{z} \bar{z}^{s_0} \end{pmatrix} (1-\bar{z})^{s_1} (\bar{x}-\bar{z})^{s_x} \overline{\varphi_R(z, x)}$$

[Vanhove, Zerbini 1812.03018; Britto, Mizera, Rodriguez, OS 2102.06206]

Contain single-valued hypergeometric / Lauricella functions.

[Brown, Dupont 1907.06603; Duhr, Porkert 2309.12772]

## II. 2 Genus-one double copy for Riemann Wirtinger integrals

→ “warm-up” integrals towards 1-loop string amplitudes: meromorphic

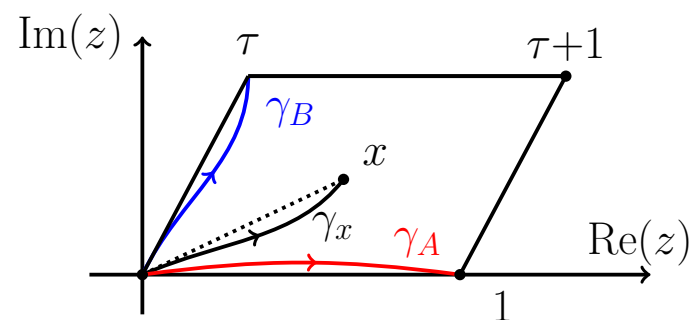
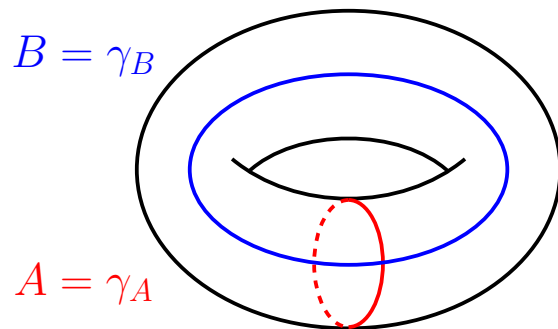
Riemann Wirtinger (RW) integrals on (univ. cover of) torus  $T^2(\tau) = \frac{\mathbb{C}}{\mathbb{Z} + \tau\mathbb{Z}}$

$$\langle \varphi_a | \gamma_b \rangle = \int_0^{z_b} dz e^{2\pi i s_A z} \left( \frac{\theta_1(z|\tau)}{\theta_1(z-x|\tau)} \right)^{s_0} F(z-z_a, \eta|\tau)$$

with  $z_a, z_b \in \{1, x\}$  and constant  $s_B := \tau s_A - x s_x - \eta$  and twisted cycles

$$|\gamma_b\rangle = |\{0 < z < z_b\} \otimes u_{\text{RW}}\rangle \text{ where } u_{\text{RW}}(z|\tau) = e^{2\pi i s_A z} \left( \frac{\theta_1(z|\tau)}{\theta_1(z-x|\tau)} \right)^{s_0}$$

[Mano '08, 09; Mano, Watanabe '12; Ghazouani, Pirio 1605.02356; Goto 2206.03177]



eliminated B-cycle :  $(1 - e^{2\pi i s_A}) |\gamma_B\rangle = (1 - e^{2\pi i s_B}) |\gamma_A\rangle - (1 - e^{-2\pi i s_0}) |\gamma_x\rangle$

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Twisted cocycle  $\langle \varphi_a |$ : Kronecker-Eisenstein series [talks of Porkert, Tancredi]

$$F(z, \eta|\tau) = \frac{\theta_1'(0|\tau)\theta_1(z+\eta|\tau)}{\theta_1(z|\tau)\theta_1(\eta|\tau)} = \frac{1}{\eta} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \eta^{k-1} g^{(k)}(z|\tau) = F(z+1, \eta|\tau)$$

$$\theta_1(z+\tau|\tau) = -e^{-2\pi iz - i\pi\tau} \theta_1(z|\tau) \quad \Rightarrow \quad F(z+\tau, \eta|\tau) = e^{-2\pi i\eta} F(z, \eta|\tau)$$

2dim twisted cohomology  $\varphi_a \in dz \{F(z, \eta|\tau), F(z-x, \eta|\tau)\}$ ; note that

expansion variable  $\eta$  is constrained to yield constant  $\tau s_A - x s_x - \eta = s_B$

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Complex RW integral [Ghazouani, Pirio 1906.11857] obeys genus-one KLT

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi_a | \varphi_b^\vee \rangle &= \int_{T^2(\tau)} d^2z e^{2\pi i s_A (z - \bar{z})} \left| \frac{\theta_1(z|\tau)}{\theta_1(z-x|\tau)} \right|^{2s_0} F(z-z_a, \eta|\tau) \overline{F(z-z_b, \eta|\tau)} \\ &= \frac{i \sin(\pi s_0)}{2 \sin(\pi s_A)} \begin{pmatrix} \langle \varphi_a | \gamma_A \rangle \\ \langle \varphi_a | \gamma_x \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{i\pi(s_0-s_A)} \\ -e^{i\pi(s_A-s_0)} & 2i \sin(\pi(s_A-s_0)) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} [\gamma_A^\vee | \varphi_b^\vee] \\ [\gamma_x^\vee | \varphi_b^\vee] \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

[Bhardwaj's gong-show talk; Bhardwaj, Pokraka, Ren, Rodriguez 2312.02148]

with  $z_a, z_b \in \{0, x\}$  & reality condition  $\text{Im } \eta = s_A \text{Im } \tau - s_x \text{Im } x$

KLT formula amounts to  $\mathbb{1} = \sum_{c,d} |\gamma_c] \mathbf{H}_{cd}^{-1} [\gamma_d^\vee|$  with intersection matrix

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} [\gamma_A | \gamma_A^\vee] & [\gamma_A | \gamma_x^\vee] \\ [\gamma_x | \gamma_A^\vee] & [\gamma_x | \gamma_x^\vee] \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\sin(\pi s_A)}{\sin(\pi s_0)} \begin{pmatrix} 2i \sin(\pi(s_A-s_0)) & -e^{i\pi(s_0-s_A)} \\ e^{i\pi(s_A-s_0)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Generalizes to any  $\#$ (unintegrated  $x_1, x_2, \dots$ ), but only for 1 integrated  $z$ .

## II. 3 Crashcourse in chiral splitting

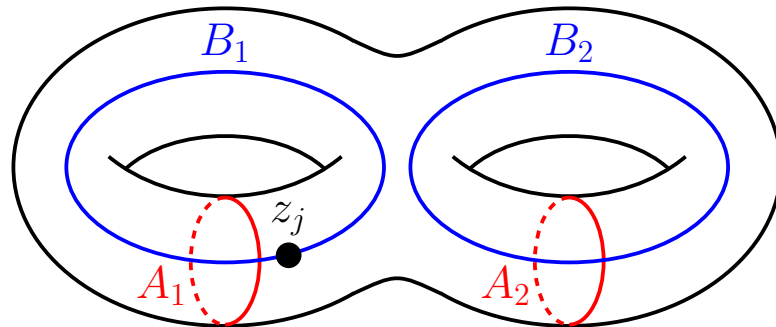
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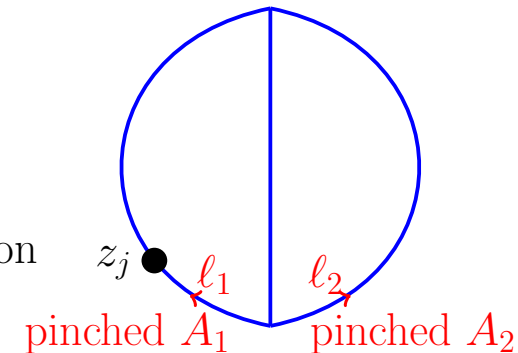
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[Verlinde, Verlinde '87; D'Hoker, Phong '88, '89]

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$\alpha' \rightarrow 0$   
 $\longrightarrow$   
 tropical  
 degeneration



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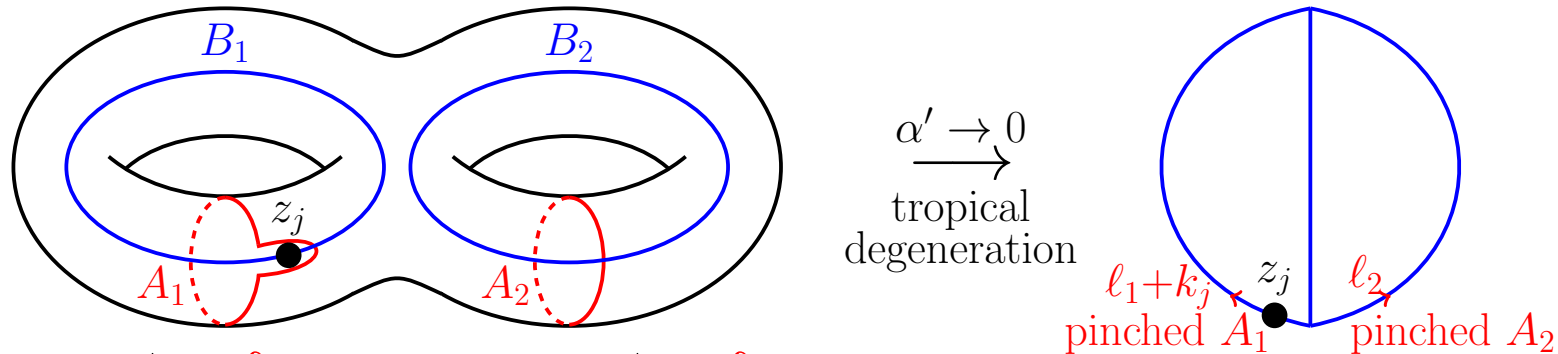
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Loop momentum jumps when transporting punctures around  $B_I$  cycles

$$z_j \rightarrow z_j + B_1 \implies A_1 \rightarrow A_1 + \textcircled{z_j} \implies \ell_1 \rightarrow \ell_1 + k_j$$

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Compare with Riemann-Wirtinger integral at  $s_A = -\frac{\alpha'}{2} \ell \cdot k$

$$u_{\text{RW}}(z | \tau) = e^{2\pi i s_A z} \theta_1(z | \tau)^{s_0} \prod_{j \geq 1} \theta_1(z - x_j | \tau)^{s_j}, \quad s_0 + \sum_{j \geq 1} s_j = 0$$

overall  $B$ -monodromies  $F(z + \tau, \eta) u_{\text{RW}}(z + \tau) = e^{2\pi i s_B} F(z, \eta) u_{\text{RW}}(z)$ .

## II. 4 Genus-one double copy for string amplitudes

For rectangular tori  $\text{Re}(\tau) = 0$ , contour def's  $\Rightarrow$  factorize  $\int d^2z = \int d\xi d\chi$

$$M_{\text{closed}}^{1\text{-loop}}(n \text{ pt}) \Big|_{\text{Re}(\tau)=0} = \int d^D \ell \sum_{\rho, \sigma \in S_{n-1}} \mathcal{S}_{\alpha'}(\rho|\sigma) \int_{0 < \xi_{\sigma_i} < \xi_{\sigma_{i+1}} < 1} d\xi_2 \dots d\xi_n \mathcal{F}_n^{\text{op}}(\epsilon, k, \ell|\xi, \tau)$$

$$\times \int_{0 < \chi_{\rho_i} < \chi_{\rho_{i+1}} < 1} d\chi_2 \dots d\chi_n \overline{\mathcal{F}_n^{\text{op}}(\tilde{\epsilon}, k, \ell|\chi, \tau)} \prod_{j=2}^n \Psi(\xi_j, \chi_j, \ell \cdot k_j)$$

[Stieberger 2212.06816, 2310.07755]

- get exactly the open-string incarnation of chiral amplitudes,

$$\mathcal{F}_n^{\text{op}}(\epsilon, k, \ell|\xi, \tau) = \exp\left(\frac{i\pi\alpha'}{2}\tau\ell^2 - i\pi\alpha' \sum_{j=2}^n (\ell \cdot k_j)\xi_j\right) \prod_{1 \leq i < j}^n |\theta_1(\xi_i - \xi_j|\tau)|^{s_{ij}} \overbrace{Q_n(\epsilon, k, \ell|\xi, \tau)}^{\text{thy-dependent} \text{ \& } \xi \rightarrow \xi+1 \text{ inv.}}$$

- splitting fct. obstructs (open string) $^{\otimes 2}$  factorization of  $\xi_j$  and  $\chi_j$ -integrals

$$\Psi(\xi_j, \chi_j, \ell \cdot k_j) = \frac{1 + e^{-i\pi\alpha' \ell \cdot k_j}}{1 - e^{-i\pi\alpha' \ell \cdot k_j}} e^{i\pi\alpha' \ell \cdot k_j \Theta[\chi_j - \xi_j]}, \quad (\text{Heaviside } \Theta)$$

- KLT kernel  $\mathcal{S}_{\alpha'}(\rho|\sigma)$  is inverse of twisted intersection matrix à la Goto

[Mazloumi, Stieberger 2403.05208]

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$$\times \int_{0 < \chi_{\rho_i} < \chi_{\rho_{i+1}} < 1} d\chi_2 \dots d\chi_n \overline{\mathcal{F}_n^{\text{OP}}(\tilde{\epsilon}, k, \ell | \chi, \tau)} \prod_{j=2}^n \Psi(\xi_j, \chi_j, \ell \cdot k_j)$$

[Stieberger 2212.06816, 2310.07755]

splitting fct. obstructs (open string) $^{\otimes 2}$  factorization of  $\xi_j$  and  $\chi_j$ -integrals

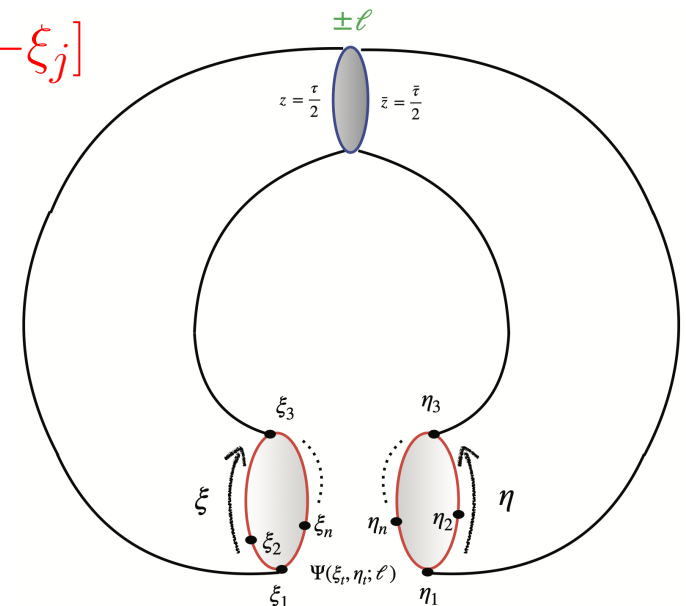
$$\Psi(\xi_j, \chi_j, \ell \cdot k_j) = \frac{1 + e^{-i\pi\alpha' \ell \cdot k_j}}{1 - e^{-i\pi\alpha' \ell \cdot k_j}} e^{i\pi\alpha' \ell \cdot k_j \Theta[\chi_j - \xi_j]}$$

... but imposes level matching

... & admits interpretation as non-planar

cylinder with closed-string bulk insertion

[figure taken from Stieberger 2212.06816]



## II. 4 Genus-one double copy for string amplitudes

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 &\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{[Stieberger 2212.06816, 2310.07755]}
 \end{aligned}$$

From the degeneration limit  $\tau \rightarrow i\infty$ , recover ...

... via  $\alpha' \rightarrow 0$ , the one-loop KLT formula for supergravity  $\ell$ -integrand

[He, OS 1612.00417; He, OS, Zhang 1706.00640]

... upon  $\alpha'$ -expansion, the KLT formula for  $D^{2k} R^n$  1-loop matrix elements

[Edison, Guillen, Johansson, OS, Teng 2107.08009]

$\longrightarrow$  maybe find a way around the linearized Feynman propagators

$(\ell + K)^2 \rightarrow 2\ell \cdot K + K^2$  in the (effective) field-theory KLTs from '16–'21?

## II. 5 Discussion of genus-one double copies

Have seen two flavors of one-loop double copy formulae

- cplx. Riemann Wirtinger integral with double copy “ $\mathbb{1} = \sum_{c,d} |\gamma_c] \mathbf{H}_{cd}^{-1} [\gamma_d^\vee|$ ”

$$\int_{T^2(\tau)} d^2 z e^{2\pi i s_A(z-\bar{z})} \left| \frac{\theta_1(z|\tau)}{\theta_1(z-x|\tau)} \right|^{2s_0} F(z-z_a, \eta|\tau) \overline{F(z-z_b, \eta|\tau)}$$

[Bhardwaj, Pokraka, Ren, Rodriguez 2312.02148]

- \* so far, only for one integrated puncture  $z$
- \* reality constraint  $\text{Im } \eta = s_A \text{Im } \tau - s_x \text{Im } x$
- closed-string  $n$ -point one-loop amplitudes (integrand w.r.t.  $\ell$  and  $\tau$ )
  - [Stieberger 2212.06816, 2310.07755; Mazloumi, Stieberger 2403.05208]
  - \* so far, only for rectangular tori  $\text{Re}(\tau) = 0$
  - \* splitting fct's  $\Psi(\xi_j, \chi_j, \ell \cdot k_j)$  interlocking  $\int$ 's over open-string  $\xi_j, \chi_j$ 's

Rewarding to study both approaches in tandem & combine their strengths!

### III. Evaluating string amplitudes from convergent integrals

Recent progress in overcoming the following **concerns on traditional integration contours** over moduli space  $\mathfrak{M}_{g,n}$  in string amplitudes

[Eberhardt, Mizera 2208.12233, 2302.12733, 2403.07051]

- **tension between Lorentzian spacetime and Euclidean worldsheet**  
[Witten 1307.5124]
- **integrals don't converge for phys. kinematics (e.g.  $\int_0^1 \frac{dz}{z} |z|^s @ \text{Re } s \leq 0$ )**
- **traditional formulae for loop amplitudes are manifestly real whereas optical theorem requires imaginary part for the discontinuities in  $s$**

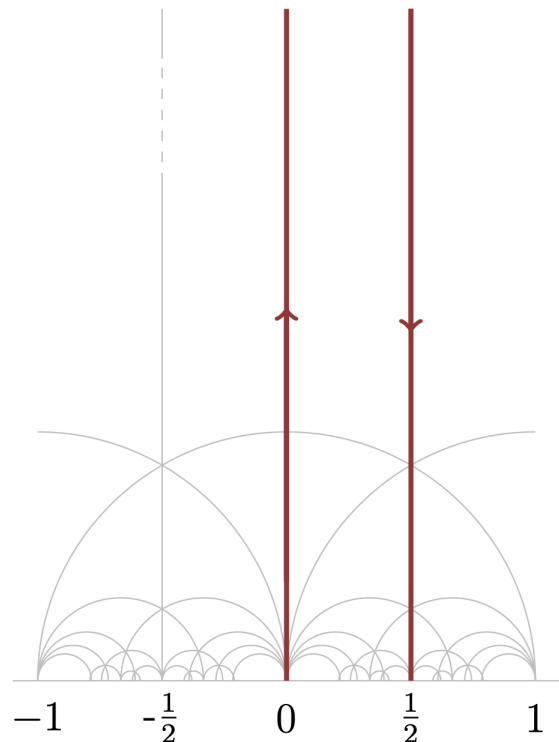
Why did we rarely hear about these concerns?

- **marked points  $z_i$  more forgiving than cplx. structure moduli  $\tau_j$**
- **no problem in  $\alpha'$ -expansion, only finite  $\alpha'$  requires new contours**

### III. 1 New amplitude prescription at one loop

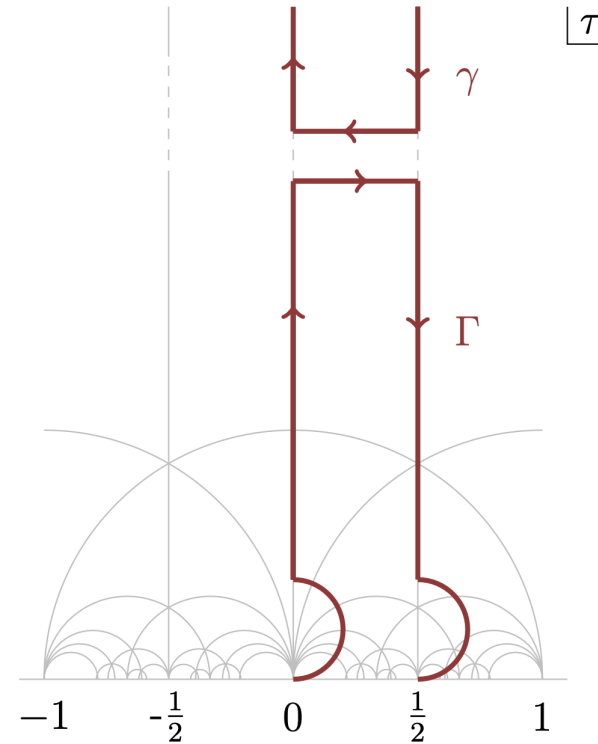
Consider **planar 1-loop 4pt amplitude of open superstring**: gauge grp.  $SO(32)$

$\implies$  cylinder ( $\tau \in i\mathbb{R}^+$ ) & Möbius strip ( $\tau \in \frac{1}{2} + i\mathbb{R}^+$ ) @ relative factor  $-1$



contour in **[textbooks]**

$$\implies \text{Im } A_{\text{open}}^{1\text{-loop}} = 0$$



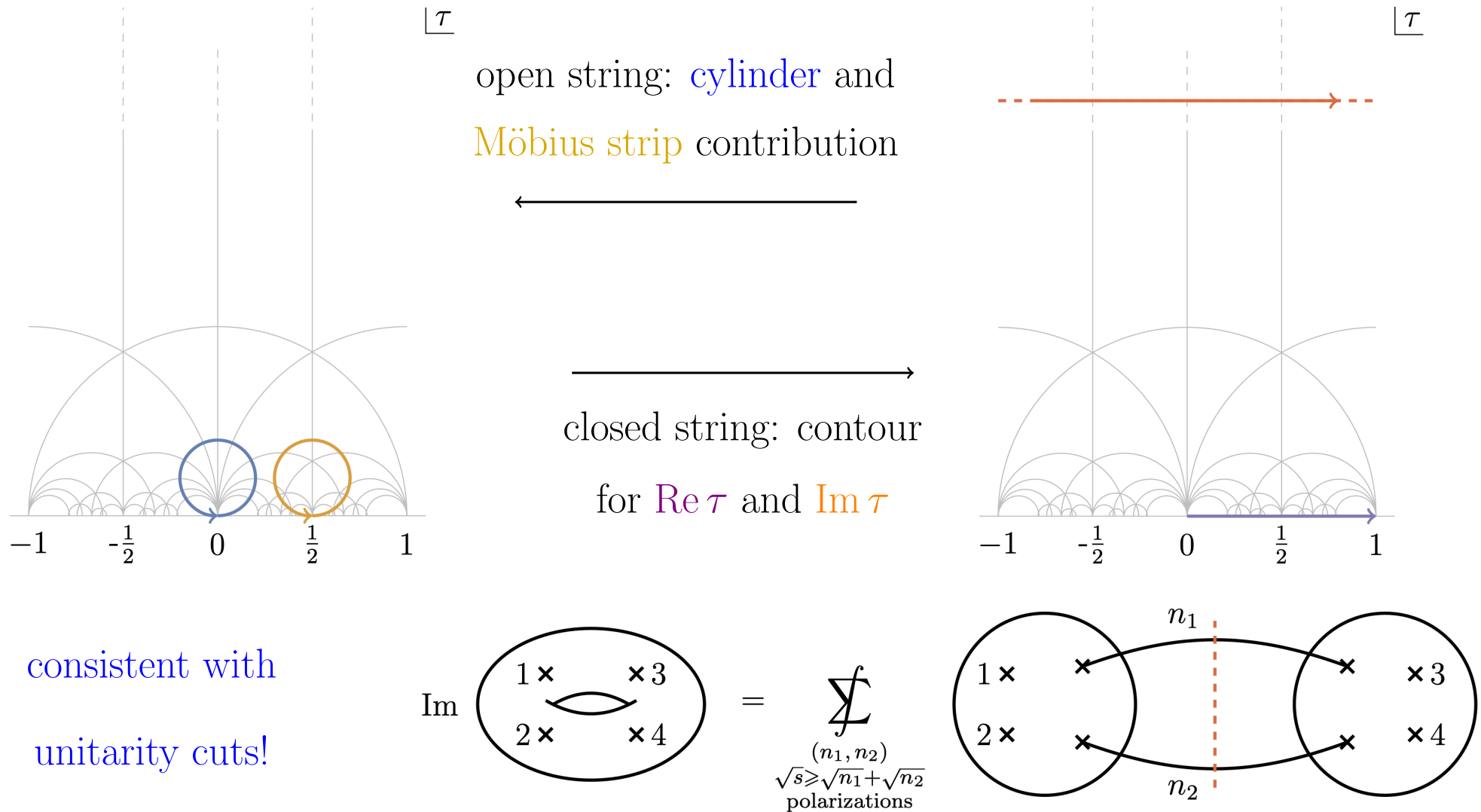
new amplitude prescription **[2302.12733]**

**NOT** related by contour deformation!

**[Eberhardt, Mizera 2302.12733; figures taken from the reference]**

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New prescription yields **non-zero**  $\text{Im } A_{\text{open}}^{1\text{-loop}}$  and  $\text{Im } M_{\text{closed}}^{1\text{-loop}}$  localizing on

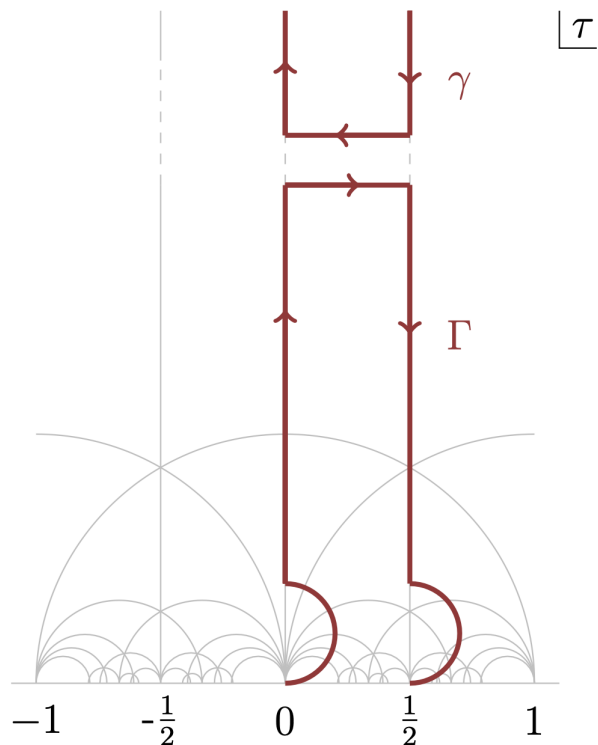


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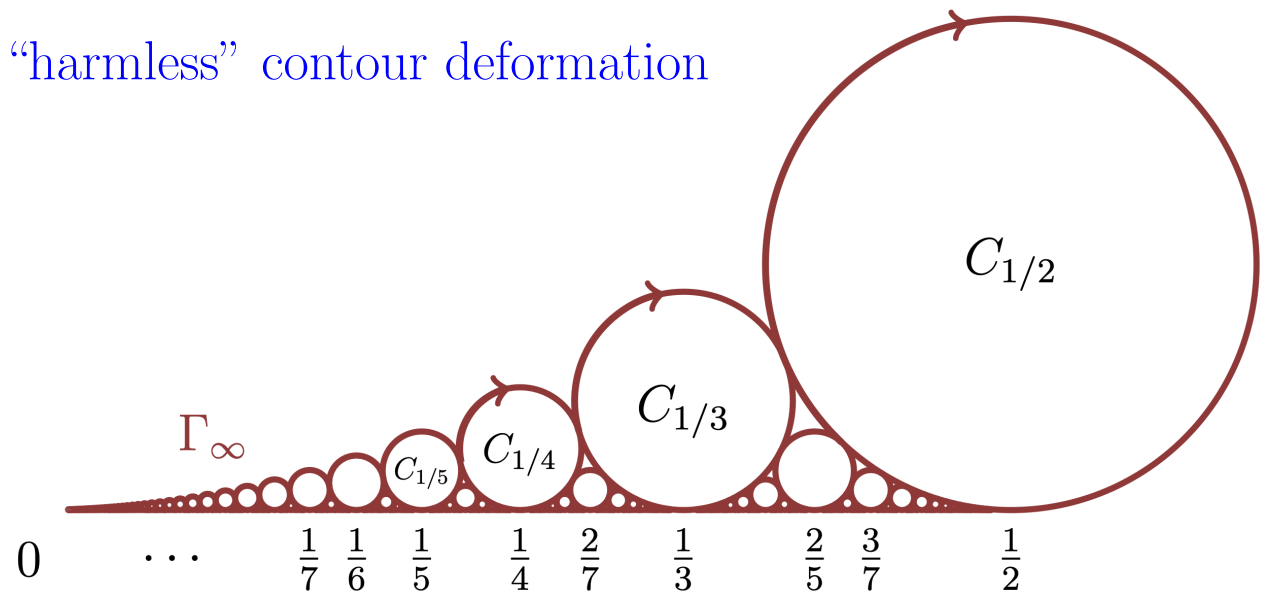


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For open strings, full  $A_{\text{open}}^{1\text{-loop}}$  (both Re & Im) most conveniently evaluated on “Rademacher contour”  $\Gamma_{\infty}$  ( $\infty$  collection of circles at  $\mathbb{Q}+i\mathbb{Q}$  centers)



this time, two pictures related by  
“harmless” contour deformation



→ analytical checks & numerical control at finite  $\alpha'$ , say  $(k_1+k_2)^2 \sim \frac{10}{\alpha'}$

[Eberhardt, Mizera 2302.12733; figures taken from the reference]

## III. 2 Checks and applications

Simplified formulae for imaginary parts of loop amplitudes at all energies

$$\text{Im} \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \times \quad \times 3 \\ \text{---} \text{---} \\ 2 \times \quad \times 4 \end{array} \right) = \sum_{\substack{(n_1, n_2) \\ \sqrt{s} \geq \sqrt{n_1} + \sqrt{n_2} \\ \text{polarizations}}} \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \times \quad \times \\ \text{---} \text{---} \\ 2 \times \quad \times \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \text{---} n_1 \text{---} \\ \text{---} n_2 \text{---} \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{c} \times \quad \times 3 \\ \text{---} \text{---} \\ \times \quad \times 4 \end{array} \right)$$

[Eberhardt, Mizera 2208.12233; figure taken from the reference]

- low-energy expansions of  $\text{Im } M_{\text{closed}}^{1\text{-loop}}$  &  $\text{Im } A_{\text{open}}^{1\text{-loop}}$  match “log( $s$ )-part” of

[D’Hoker, Green 1906.01652; Edison, Guillen, Johansson, OS, Teng 2107.08009]

- at high-energies, Regge limit sometimes dominated by imaginary part

[Banerjee, Eberhardt, Mizera 2403.07064]

Similarly: new integration contours identified for  $n$ -point tree amplitudes

$\implies$  convergent integral representations, numerical control at finite  $\alpha'$

[Eberhardt, Mizera 2403.07051]

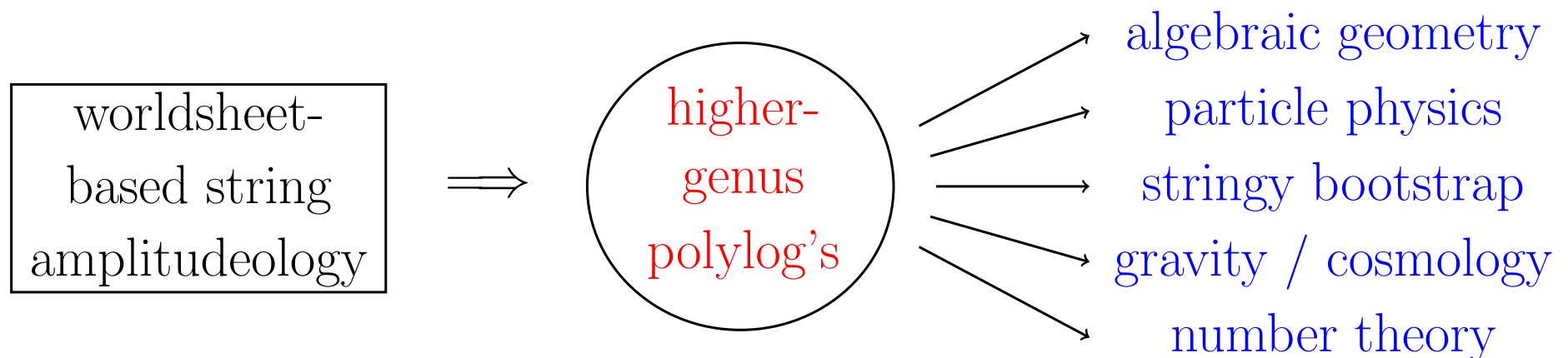
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Example that string-theoretic objectives / techniques are useful for other fields



[e.g. talks of Bern, Hansen, McLeod, Lee, Porkert, Sturmfels, Tancredi]

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→ genus zero:  $d \log(z-a)$  kernels of multiple polylogarithms resonate with Parke-Taylor basis for string tree amplitudes in arbitrary theories

→ genus one: Kronecker-Eisenstein kernels  $g^{(k)}(z|\tau)$  or  $f^{(k)}(z|\tau)$  are unified language for elliptic polylogs, modular forms, 1-loop string amp's

→ now: higher-genus generalization of  $f^{(k)}$  [D'Hoker, Hidding, OS 2306.08644]

## IV. 1 Double-life of Kronecker-Eisenstein kernel

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- backbone of **elliptic polylogs** in formulation of **[Brown, Levin 1110.6917]**
- function space for **1-loop string integrands** (or  $g^{(k)}(z|\tau)$  before  $\int d^D\ell$ )  
**[Broedel, Mafra, OS 1412.5535; Gerken, Kleinschmidt, OS 1811.02548]**
- $f^{(k)}(z|\tau)$  at **rational pt's**  $z \in \mathbb{Q} + \tau\mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow$  modular forms of congruence  
**subgroups**  $\Gamma(N) \Rightarrow$  symbol alphabet for elliptic polylogs at rational pt's  
**[Broedel, Duhr, Dulat, Penante, Tancredi 1803.10256]**
- convolutions of  $f^{(k)}$ 's  $\Rightarrow$  **modular graph forms & sv elliptic polylog's**  
**[Gerken, Kleinschmidt, OS 1911.03476; D'Hoker, Kleinschmidt, OS 2012.09198]**

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Alternatively construction via bosonic (Arakelov) Green function on  $T^2(\tau)$

$$\mathcal{G}(z|\tau) = -\log \left| \frac{\theta_1(z|\tau)}{\eta(\tau)} \right|^2 + 2\pi \frac{(\text{Im } z)^2}{\text{Im } \tau}$$

- base case is derivative:  $f^{(1)}(z|\tau) = -\partial_z \mathcal{G}(z|\tau) = \partial_z \log \theta_1(z|\tau) + 2\pi i \frac{\text{Im } z}{\text{Im } \tau}$
- higher  $k \geq 2$  kernels recursively obtained from convolutions with  $\mathcal{G}$

$$f^{(k)}(x|\tau) = \int_{T^2(\tau)} \frac{d^2 z}{\text{Im } \tau} \partial_x \mathcal{G}(x-z|\tau) f^{(k-1)}(z|\tau)$$

## IV. 2 Higher-genus generalization of $f^{(k)}$ and elliptic polylog's

Instead of  $\theta_1$ -representation of  $f^{(k)}$ , generalize their construction from  $\mathcal{G}$ :

Arakelov Green function  $\mathcal{G}(x, y)$  on higher-genus surface  $\Sigma$  depending on

2 pt's  $x, y \in \Sigma$  is uniquely defined by symmetry  $\mathcal{G}(x, y) = \mathcal{G}(y, x)$  and

- Laplace eq:  $\partial_x \partial_{\bar{x}} \mathcal{G}(x, y) = \pi \kappa(x) - \pi \delta^2(x, y)$  “locally behaves like log”
- absence of zero mode  $\int_{\Sigma} d^2x \kappa(x) \mathcal{G}(x, y) = 0$

with  $\kappa(x)$  the Kähler form on  $\Sigma$  with unit normalization  $\int_{\Sigma} d^2x \kappa(x) = 1$ .

[Faltings '84; Alvarez-Gaumé, Moore, Nelson, Vafa, Bost '86]

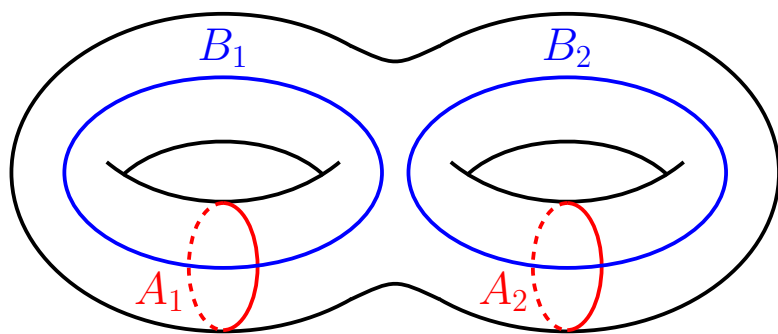
- also  $\exists$  representation in terms of the “prime form” (higher-genus  $\theta$ -fct's)
- separating and non-separating degenerations of  $\mathcal{G}(x, y)$  well studied

[D'Hoker, Green, Pioline 1712.06135]

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Instead of  $\theta_1$ -representation of  $f^{(k)}$ , generalize their construction from  $\mathcal{G}$ :

Convolute with Abelian differential  $\omega_{I=1,2,\dots,h}(x)$  on genus- $h$  surface  $\Sigma$



normalization  $\oint_{A_I} \omega_J(z) dz = \delta_{IJ}$

period matrix  $\oint_{B_I} \omega_J(z) dz = \Omega_{IJ}$

with cplx. conjugates  $\bar{\omega}^I(x) = [(\text{Im } \Omega)^{-1}]^{IJ} \bar{\omega}_J(x) @ I, J = 1, 2, \dots, h$

Even though  $\mathcal{G}(x, z)$  integrates to zero against  $\kappa(z) = \frac{1}{h} \bar{\omega}^I(z) \omega_I(z)$  obtain tensorial  $f^{(1)}$  kernel from remaining “traceless”  $h^2 - 1$  vol. forms  $\bar{\omega}^J(z) \omega_I(z)$

$$f^I_J(x, y) = \int_{\Sigma} d^2z \partial_x \mathcal{G}(x, z) \bar{\omega}^J(z) \omega_I(z) - \delta^I_J \partial_x \mathcal{G}(x, y)$$



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Kernels  $f^{I_1 \dots I_k}{}_J(x, y)$  at rank  $k \geq 2$  are regular throughout  $\Sigma \times \Sigma$ ,

only  $k = 1$  case has simple pole  $f^I{}_J(x, y) = \frac{\delta^I{}_J}{x-y} + \mathcal{O}((x-y)^0)$

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Assembly line for higher-genus polylogarithms [**D'Hoker, Hidding, OS 2306.08644**]

- combine  $f$ 's to flat connection  $\mathcal{J}(z, y) = -\pi d\bar{z} \bar{\omega}^I(z) b_I + dz \Psi_J(z, y) a^J$   
 where  $\Psi_J(z, y) = \omega_J(z) + \text{ad}_{b_I} f^I{}_J(z, y) + \text{ad}_{b_{I_1}} \text{ad}_{b_{I_2}} f^{I_1 I_2}{}_J(z, y) + \dots$
- expand homotopy-inv.  $\text{Pexp}(\int_y^x \mathcal{J}(z, y))$  in words in non-comm.  $a^J, b_I$

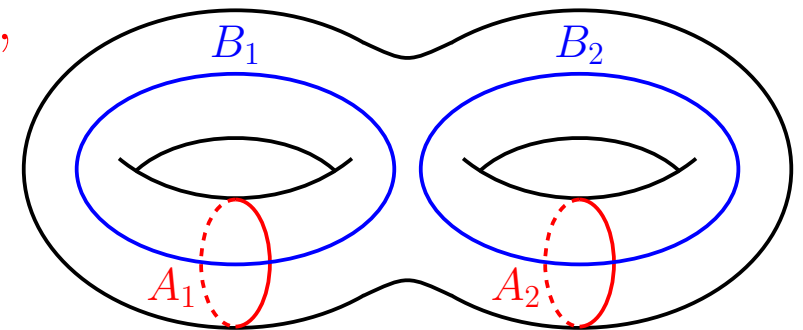
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and their summation over "spin structures  $\delta$ "

→  $2^{2h}$  configurations of  $\pm$  that 2dim fermions pick up under  $A_I, B_J$  shifts



Higher-genus  $f^{I_1 \dots I_k}{}_J(x, y)$ -kernels completely disentangle  $z_i$ -dependence

from  $\delta$ -dependence in cyclic products  $S_\delta(z_1, z_2) S_\delta(z_2, z_3) \dots S_\delta(z_n, z_1)$

- $\sum_\delta (S_\delta\text{-cycles})$  are essential parts of chiral amplitudes at  $h = 1, 2$  loops

[D'Hoker, Phong 0501197; D'Hoker, OS 2108.01104]

- part of recent proposal for 4pt chiral amplitude at  $h = 3$  loops

[Geyer, Monteiro, Stark-Muchão 2106.03968]

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with  $F_{IJK}^{(3)}(\vec{z}) = \omega_I(1) \omega_J(2) \omega_K(3)$  and

$z_i$ -independent, govern  
SUSY decomposition

$$F_{JK}^{(2)}(\vec{z}) = \omega_I(1) f^I{}_J(2, 3) \omega_K(3) + \text{cycl}(1, 2, 3)$$

$$F^{(0)}(\vec{z}) = (\partial_1 \mathcal{G}(1, 3) - \partial_1 \mathcal{G}(1, 2)) \partial_2 \partial_3 \mathcal{G}(2, 3) - \frac{1}{\hbar} \omega_I(1) \partial_3 f^{IK}{}_K(2, 3)$$

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$$S_\delta(z_1, z_2) S_\delta(z_2, z_3) \dots S_\delta(z_n, z_1) = F^{(0)}(\vec{z}) + \sum_{r=2}^n F_{I_1 \dots I_r}^{(r)}(\vec{z}) C_\delta^{I_1 \dots I_r}$$

with  $F_{I_1 \dots I_r}^{(r)}(\vec{z})$  indep. on  $\delta$  & modular tensors  $C_\delta^{I_1 \dots I_r}$  indep. on  $z_i$

[D'Hoker, Hidding, OS 2308.05044]

Next steps:

- simplify integral representations of  $C_\delta^{I_1 \dots I_r}$  & rewrite via  $\theta$ -fct's
- extend to open chains  $S_\delta(x, z_1) S_\delta(z_1, z_2) \dots S_\delta(z_n, y)$  at  $x \neq y$

## IV. 4 Fay identities

Closure of polylogs under  $\int dz$  requires bilinear identities among kernels

- genus zero: partial fraction  $\frac{1}{(y-z)(z-x)} + \text{cycl}(x, y, z) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^u dz \frac{G(a_1, \dots, a_n; z)}{(y-z)(z-x)} &= \frac{1}{x-y} \int_0^u dz \left[ \frac{1}{z-x} - \frac{1}{z-y} \right] G(a_1, \dots, a_n; z) \\ &= \frac{1}{x-y} [G(x, a_1, \dots, a_n; u) - G(y, a_1, \dots, a_n; u)] \end{aligned}$$

- genus one: Fay identities among Kronecker-Eisenstein kernels

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(s)}(x-z)f^{(r)}(y-z) &= -(-1)^s f^{(r+s)}(y-x) \\ &+ \sum_{\ell=0}^s \binom{\ell+r-1}{\ell} f^{(s-\ell)}(x-y)f^{(r+\ell)}(y-z) \\ &+ \sum_{\ell=0}^r \binom{\ell+s-1}{\ell} f^{(r-\ell)}(y-x)f^{(s+\ell)}(x-z) \end{aligned}$$

no repeated appearance  
of  $z$  on right-hand side!

$\Rightarrow$  friendly to  $\int dz$

[Brown, Levin 1110.6917; Broedel, Mafra, Matthes, OS 1412.5535]

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Higher-genus kernels  $f^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$  obey **tensorial Fay identities** such as

$$f^I_J(x, y)f^J_K(y, z) + f^I_J(y, x)f^J_K(x, z) - f^I_J(x, z)f^J_K(y, z) \\ + \omega_J(x)f^{IJ}_K(y, x) + \omega_J(y)f^{JI}_K(x, z) + \omega_J(x)f^{JI}_K(y, z) = 0$$

- trace w.r.t.  $I, K$  yields **higher-genus uplift** of **partial-fraction identity**

$$\underbrace{\partial_x \mathcal{G}(x, y)\partial_y \mathcal{G}(y, z) + \partial_y \mathcal{G}(y, x)\partial_x \mathcal{G}(x, z) - \partial_x \mathcal{G}(x, z)\partial_y \mathcal{G}(y, z)}_{\text{non-singular}} + \text{non-singular} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{(x-y)(y-z)} + \frac{1}{(z-x)(x-y)} + \frac{1}{(y-z)(z-x)} + \text{non-singular}$$

- at genus one, translation invariance yields cyclic form

$$f^{(1)}(x-y)f^{(1)}(y-z) + f^{(2)}(x-z) + \text{cycl}(x, y, z) = 0$$

## IV. 4 Fay identities

Closure of polylogs under  $\int dz$  requires bilinear identities among kernels

Higher-genus kernels  $f^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$  obey tensorial Fay identities

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{I_1 \dots I_r}_J(z, x) f^{P_1 \dots P_s J}_K(y, z) &= f^{I_1 \dots I_r}_J(z, x) f^{P_1 \dots P_s J}_K(y, x) \\
 &+ \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^{m-s-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^r f^{(P_s \dots P_{m+1} \sqcup I_1 \dots I_\ell)}_J(z, y) f^{P_1 \dots P_m J I_{\ell+1} \dots I_r}_K(y, x) \\
 &+ \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^{m-s-1} f^{P_1 \dots P_m}_J(y, x) \left[ f^{(P_s \dots P_{m+1} J \sqcup I_1 \dots I_{r-1}) I_r}_K(z, x) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \text{no repeated } z \text{ on RHS!} \quad + f^{(P_s \dots P_{m+1} \sqcup I_1 \dots I_r) J}_K(z, y) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

with shuffles such as  $f^{\dots (P \sqcup I) \dots}_J(x, y) = f^{\dots P I \dots}_J(x, y) + f^{\dots I P \dots}_J(x, y)$

[D'Hoker, OS 2406.abcde]



## IV. 5 Meromorphic kernels

How do **mero'** Kronecker-Eisenstein kernels  $g^{(k)}$  generalize beyond genus 1?

→ Enriquez implicitly defined **meromorphic but multi-valued connection** ...

... with **mero'** coefficients  $\omega^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$  multiplying  $\text{ad}_{b_{I_1}} \dots \text{ad}_{b_{I_k}} a^J$

... with monodromies  $\omega^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x + B_L, y) = \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{1}{\ell!} \delta_L^{I_1} \dots \delta_L^{I_k} \omega^{I_{\ell+1} \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$

generalizing  $g^{(k)}(x + \tau) = \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{1}{\ell!} (-2\pi i)^\ell g^{(k-\ell)}(x)$  to arbitrary genus

... including  $\omega_J(x) = \omega^\emptyset_J(x, y)$  as  $k = 0$  instance [Enriquez 1112.0864]

- in chiral splitting / before  $\prod_{J=1}^h \int d^D \ell_J$ , expect  $\omega^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$  to be suitable function space for chiral amplitudes  $\mathcal{F}_n(\epsilon, k, \ell | z, \Omega)$

- **expressing**  $\omega^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$  in terms of  $f^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$ : under investigation

[D'Hoker, Enriquez, OS, Zerbini: work in progress]

## IV. 5 Meromorphic kernels

Conjecture: Fay id's of  $f^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$  hold in identical form for  $\omega^{I_1 \dots I_k}_J(x, y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f^I_J(x, y) f^J_K(y, z) + f^I_J(y, x) f^J_K(x, z) - f^I_J(x, z) f^J_K(y, z) \\
 & + \omega_J(x) f^{IJ}_K(y, x) + \omega_J(y) f^{JI}_K(x, z) + \omega_J(x) f^{JI}_K(y, z) = 0 \\
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 & \omega^{I_1 \dots I_r} J(z, x) \omega^{P_1 \dots P_s} J_K(y, z) = \omega^{I_1 \dots I_r} J(z, x) \omega^{P_1 \dots P_s} J_K(y, x) \\
 & + \sum_{m=0}^s (-1)^{m-s-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^r \omega^{(P_s \dots P_{m+1} \sqcup I_1 \dots I_\ell)} J(z, y) \omega^{P_1 \dots P_m} J_{I_{\ell+1} \dots I_r} K(y, x) \\
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Alternative to meromorphic & multivalued connection of [Enriquez 1112.0864]:

meromorphic and single-valued connection with higher poles  $(x-y)^{\leq -2}$

[Enriquez, Zerbini 2110.09341, 2212.03119]

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 Del Duca, Druc, Drummond, Duhr, Dulat, Marzucca, Papathanasiou, Verbeek '16-19]
- genus-1 target: **non-holo “modular graph forms”**  $\ni$  closed-strings @1loop  
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. } G^{\text{sv}}(0, 0, 1, 1; z) = & G(0, 0, 1, 1; z) + \overline{G(1; z)}G(0, 0, 1; z) + \overline{G(1, 1; z)}G(0, 0; z) \\ & + \overline{G(1, 1, 0; z)}G(0; z) + \overline{G(1, 1, 0, 0; z)} + 2\zeta_3 \overline{G(1; z)} \end{aligned}$$

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e.g. generating series  $\mathbb{G}(e_0, e_1; z)$  &  $\mathbb{G}^{\text{sv}}(e_0, e_1; z)$  of mero' / sv polylogs

$$\mathbb{G}^{\text{sv}}(e_0, e_1; z) = \overline{\mathbb{G}(e_0, \widehat{e}_1; z)}^t \mathbb{G}(e_0, e_1; z), \quad \text{non-commutative } e_0, e_1$$

$$\widehat{e}_1 = \Phi^{\text{sv}}(e_0, e_1) e_1 \Phi^{\text{sv}}(e_0, e_1)^{-1} \quad \text{sv Drinfeld associator} \quad \text{[Brown '04]}$$

## V. 1 Zeta generators

Reformulated construction of sv polylogs in [Brown '04] (and multi-variable generalizations [1606.08807]) via “zeta generators”  $\sigma_{2k+1}$  with Lie brackets

$$[\sigma_{2k+1}, e_0] = 0, \quad [\sigma_3, e_1] = [[[e_1, e_0], e_0+e_1], e_1], \quad \text{etc.}$$

[Ihara '92; Furusho 0011261]

[Frost, Hidding, Kamlesh, Rodriguez, OS, Verbeek 2312.00697]

Clue: Reformulated construction smoothly extends beyond genus zero!

Above  $\sigma_{2k+1} = \sigma_{2k+1}^{(g=0)}$  acting on braid operators  $e_0, e_1$  have organic uplift

to zeta generators  $\sigma_{2k+1}^{(g=1)}$  at genus one acting on non-comm. variables  $\epsilon_k$

dual to holomorphic Eisenstein series  $G_k(\tau)$  at  $k = 0, 2, 4, \dots$

[Tsuongai '95; Enriquez 1003.1012; Brown 1504.04737; Schneps 1506.09050;

Hain-Matsumoto 1512.03975; Dorigoni, Doroudiani, Drewitt, Hidding,

Kleinschmidt, OS, Schneps, Verbeek (DDDHKSSV) 2406.05099]

## V. 1 Zeta generators

Combine  $\sigma_{2k+1}^{(g=0)}$  and  $\sigma_{2k+1}^{(g=1)}$  into **genus-agnostic generating series**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}}(\sigma_{2k+1}^{(g)}) &= 1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \zeta_{2k+1} \sigma_{2k+1}^{(g)} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \zeta_{2k+1} \zeta_{2\ell+1} \sigma_{2k+1}^{(g)} \sigma_{2\ell+1}^{(g)} + \text{higher depth} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_r=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\phi^{-1}_{\text{sv}}(f_{2k_1+1} \dots f_{2k_r+1})}_{\text{all single-valued MZVs}} \sigma_{2k_1+1}^{(g)} \dots \sigma_{2k_r+1}^{(g)} \end{aligned}$$

Then, obtain universal form for generating series of

- **single-valued polylogs**: zeta generators  $\sigma_{2k+1}^{(g=0)}$  acting on  $e_0, e_1$

$$\mathbb{G}^{\text{sv}}(e_0, e_1; z) = \mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}}(\sigma_{2k+1}^{(0)})^{-1} \overline{\mathbb{G}(e_0, e_1; z)}^t \mathbb{M}^{\text{sv}}(\sigma_{2k+1}^{(0)}) \mathbb{G}(e_0, e_1; z)$$

- **single-valued iterated Eisenstein integrals / modular graph forms**:

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[DDDHKSSV 2403.14816]

- concrete genus-one realization of general theory of single-valued periods

[Brown, Dupont 1810.07682]

- makes Brown's equivariant iterated Eisenstein integrals fully explicit

[Brown 1707.01230, 1708.03354]

- inspires  $\sigma_{2k+1}^{(1)}$ -based proposal for motivic coaction of elliptic MZVs

[Kleinschmidt, Porkert, OS: in progress]



## Conclusion & Outlook

- 2 flavors of one-loop double copy formulae à la KLT from intersection theory with complementary strengths and (? temporary ?) limitations
- new  $\int$  contours for string amplitudes  $\Rightarrow$  unprecedented control @ finite  $\alpha'$
- progress on construction & properties of integration kernels for higher-genus polylogarithms;  $\exists$  first links with Enriquez' meromorphic kernels
- zeta generators  $\Rightarrow$  generating series for sv periods in genus-agnostic form

**Thank you for your attention !**