

# *Reduction and calculation of multiloop multiscale Feynman integrals*

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# Outline

I. Introduction

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# Era of precision physics

## ➤ Physics at Large Hadron Collider Amoroso et al, 2003.01700

- Increasing integrated luminosity → decreasing statistical errors
- Better understanding of detectors → decreasing systematic errors
- Improving requirements on theoretical predictions

## ➤ State-of-the-art

- $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes

$pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  at NNLO<sub>QCD</sub>

Catani et al, JHEP (2018); Cieri et al, JHEP(2015);  
Campbell et al, JHEP(2016)

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  at NNLO<sub>QCD</sub>

Czakon et al, Phys.Rev.Lett.(2016); Czakon et al, JHEP(2016)

$pp \rightarrow \gamma + j$  at NNLO<sub>QCD</sub>

Campbell, Phys.Rev.Lett.(2017)

...

- $2 \rightarrow 3$  process at NNLO<sub>QCD</sub>:  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$  (leading color) Chawdhry et al, JHEP(2020)

# Scattering amplitudes

## ➤ Scattering amplitudes

- amplitudes generation

Feynman diagrams, unitarity cuts

Ossola et al, Nucl.Phys.B(2007)

Giele et al, JHEP(2008)

Kosower, Larsen, Phys.Rev.D 85(2012)

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{O}(10^4)} f_i \times I_i$$

- scalar integrals reduction

integration-by-parts

$$I_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{O}(10^2)} c_{ij} \times \mathcal{I}_j$$

Chetyrkin and Tkachov, Nucl.Phys.B (1981)

Laporta, Int.J.Mod.Phys.A(2000)

- master integrals calculation

sector decomposition, differential equation

Binoth, Heinrich, Nucl.Phys.B(2000)

Kotikov, Phys. Lett. B(1991)

Henn, Phys.Rev.Lett. (2013)

$$\mathcal{I} = \sum_{n=-2L}^{n_0} a_n \epsilon^n$$

# Feynman integrals

## ➤ Multiloop multiscale Feynman integrals

- prohibitive algebraic complexity

non-planar contribution of  $pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$  missed    Chawdhry et al, JHEP(2020)

- “basis” of special functions not fully known

elliptic sectors in H+jet production in QCD

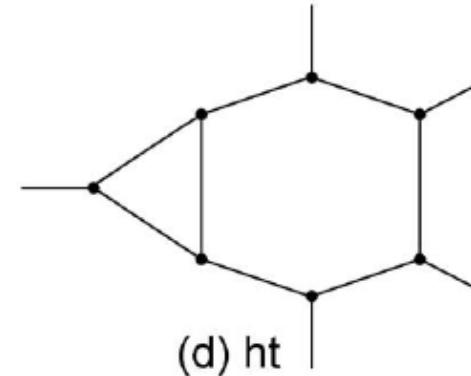
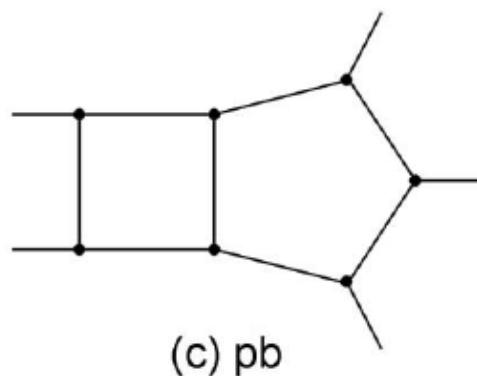
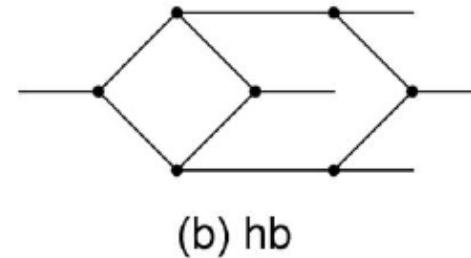
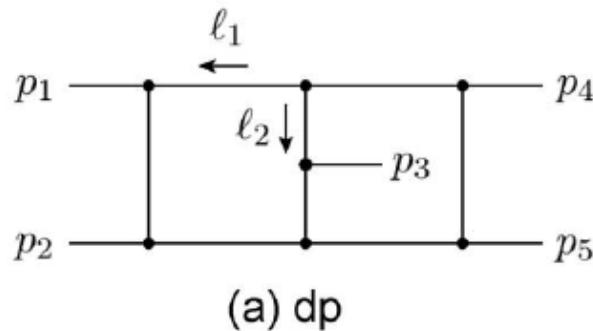
Bonciani et al, JHEP(2016)  
Bonciani et al, JHEP(2020)  
Frellesvig et al, JHEP(2020)

## ➤ Two new methods

- search algorithm for integrals reduction
- auxiliary-mass-flow method for masters calculation

# Massless two-loop five-point integrals

## ➤ Topologies



- 5 mass scales  $\vec{s} = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5\}$  and dimensional regulator  $\epsilon$
- degree-5 irreducible numerators

# Reduction: overview

## ➤ Integration-by-parts reduction

Chetyrkin and Tkachov, Nucl.Phys.B (1981)  
Laporta, Int.J.Mod.Phys.A(2000)

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{I} = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Gaussian Elimination}} \quad I_i = \sum_{j=1}^{108} C_{ij} \times \mathcal{I}_j$$

- $Q(\epsilon, \vec{s})$ :  $O(10^5)$  equations, coupled
- difficult to obtain
- $C_{ij}$ : huge expression size and hard to use

## ➤ Block-triangular relations

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{I} = \text{simpler integrals}$$

- much smaller size:  $O(10^2)$  in each block and  $O(10^3)$  in total
- much better structure: each block can be solved independently

# Reduction

## ➤ search algorithm

XL, Ma, Phys.Rev.D (2019)  
Guan, XL, Ma, Chin.Phys.C (2020)

1. use IBP system to express numerically all target integrals to master integrals

$$I_i \longleftrightarrow \{C_{i,1}, \dots, C_{i,108}\}$$

2. search for relations among integrals

$$\sum_{i=1}^N Q_i(\epsilon, \vec{s}) I_i(\epsilon, \vec{s}) = 0, \quad Q_i(\epsilon, \vec{s}) = \sum_{\kappa=0}^{\epsilon_{\max}} \sum_{\vec{\lambda} \in \Omega_{d_i}} \tilde{Q}_i^{\kappa \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_5} \epsilon^\kappa s_1^{\lambda_1} \dots s_5^{\lambda_5}$$

- number of unknowns: finite
- numerical IBP at 1 point → at most 108 constraints
- $\tilde{Q}_i^{\kappa \lambda_1 \dots \lambda_5}$  can be determined after finite number of numerical IBP evaluations

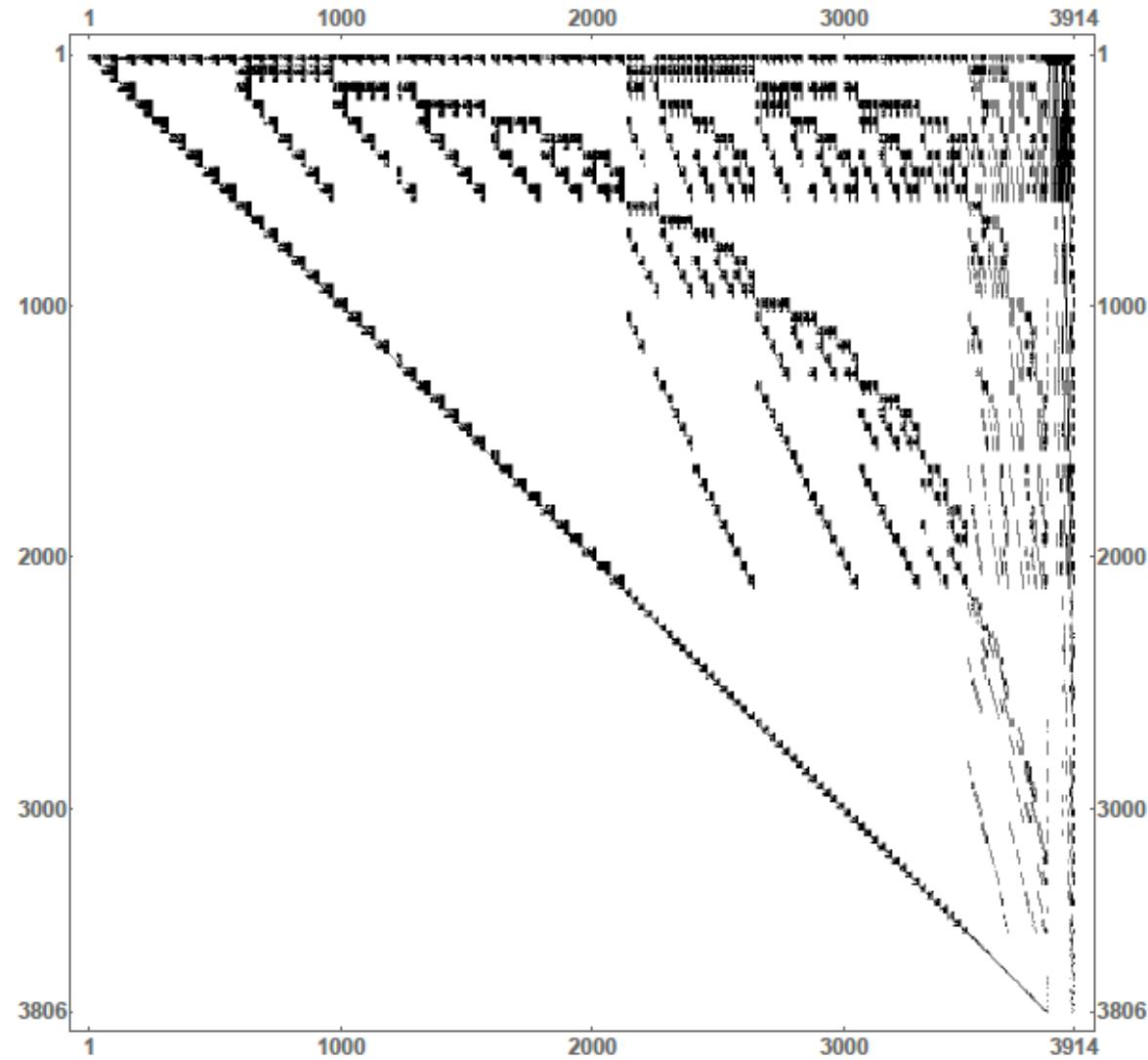
Equipped with a carefully designed reduction scheme, block-triangular relations can be obtained finally.

# Results

top.	#int.	#MIs	$t_{\text{search}}$ (h)	$t_{\text{solve}}$ (s)	size(MB)
(a)	3914	108	112	0.17	66
(b)	3584	73	31	0.090	40
(c)	3458	61	56	0.075	31
(d)	2634	28	8	0.035	11

- explicit result:
  - topology (a) up to degree-4, 2GB; **Bendle et al, JHEP(2020)**
  - topology (b) up to degree-4, 0.8GB; **Böhm et al, JHEP(2018)**
  - all integrals in topology (c), over 20GB. **Chawdhry et al, Phys.Rev.D(2019)**
- much more efficient for practical usage

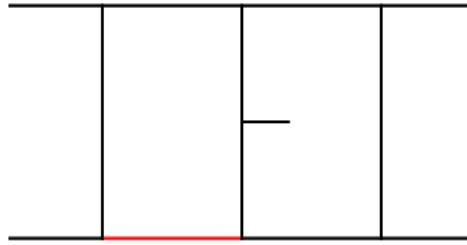
# Results



# Master integrals

## ➤ Auxiliary mass flow

XL, Ma, Wang, Phys.Lett.B(2018)  
XL, Ma, in preparation



- the red line:  $\frac{1}{(\ell_1+p_1+p_2)^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(\ell_1+p_1+p_2)^2 + \eta}$
- $\vec{s} \rightarrow \vec{s}_0 = \left\{ 4, -\frac{113}{47}, \frac{281}{149}, \frac{349}{257}, -\frac{863}{541} \right\}$
- set up differential equation with respect to  $\eta$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \vec{\mathcal{I}}(\epsilon, \vec{s}_0, \eta) = A(\epsilon, \eta) \vec{\mathcal{I}}(\epsilon, \vec{s}_0, \eta)$$

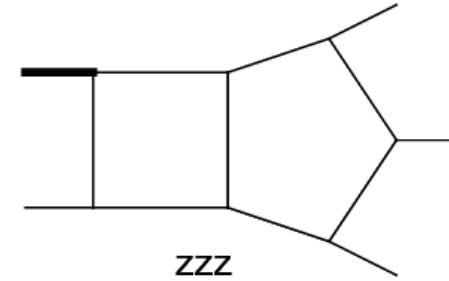
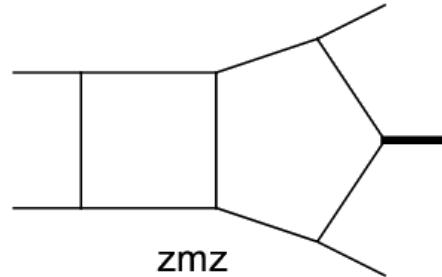
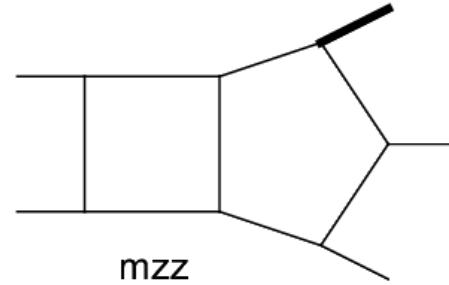
- boundary condition:  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$
- numerically solve via power series to obtain:  $\eta = i 0^+$

## ➤ Auxiliary mass flow

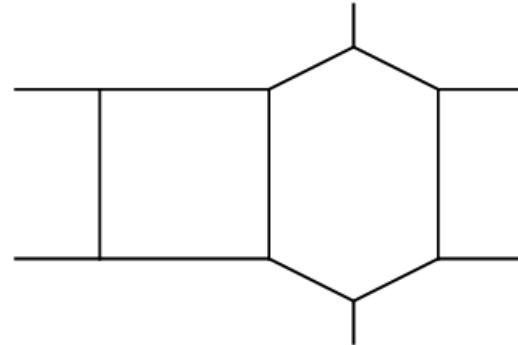
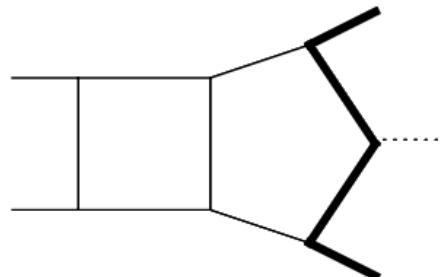
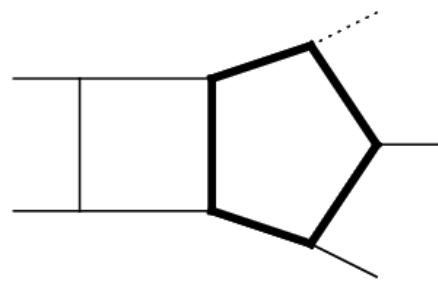
- master integrals: 108 → 176
- set up differential equation (finite field interpolation): 70 CPU hours
- numerical solution: 9 CPU hours
- $I_{11111111000}(\epsilon, \vec{s}_0) = -0.06943562517263776 \epsilon^{-4}$   
 $+ (1.162256636711287 + 1.416359853446717 i) \epsilon^{-3}$   
 $+ (37.82474332116938 + 15.91912443581739 i) \epsilon^{-2}$   
 $+ (86.2861798369034 + 166.8971535711277 i) \epsilon^{-1}$   
 $+ (-4.1435965578662 + 333.0996040071305 i)$   
 $+ (-531.834114822928 + 1583.724672502141 i) \epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$
- fully agreement with analytic results [Chicherin, Gehrmann, Henn et al. Phys.Rev.Lett.123\(2019\)](#)  
[Chicherin, Sotnikov, 2009.07803](#)
- sector decomposition: cannot obtain results within reasonable time

# Master integrals

## ➤ Other examples



Abreu, Ita, Moriello et al. 2005.04195



# Summary and outlook

- We present search algorithm to reduce multiloop multiscale integrals to master integrals and auxiliary-mass-flow method to calculate these master integrals.
- These methods are systematic and efficient by definition.
- In future, we will apply these methods to more physically interesting processes:  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ ,  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}j$ , ...

**Thank you!**

# Feynman integrals

## ➤ Dimensional regulated integral family

$$I(\epsilon, \vec{s}, \eta) \equiv \int \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{d^{4-2\epsilon} \ell_i}{i\pi^{2-\epsilon}} \prod_{\alpha=1}^N \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_\alpha + \eta)^{\nu_\alpha}}$$

- $\{D_1, \dots, D_N\}$  with  $N = \frac{L(L+1)}{2} + L E$
- $\vec{s} = \{p_i^2, p_i \cdot p_j, m_i^2\}$
- $\eta$ : the auxiliary mass parameter

$$I_{\text{phy}}(\epsilon, \vec{s}) \equiv \lim_{\eta \rightarrow i0^+} I(\epsilon, \vec{s}, \eta)$$

# Expansion

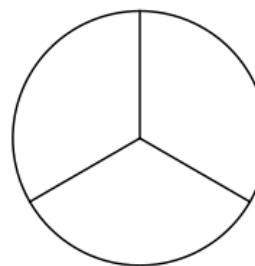
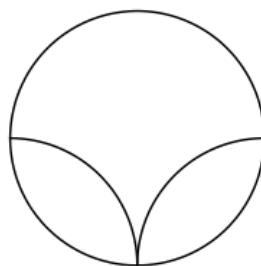
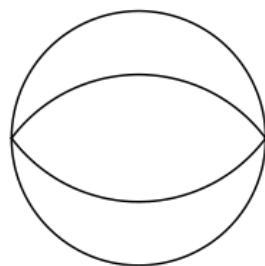
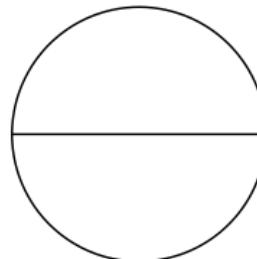
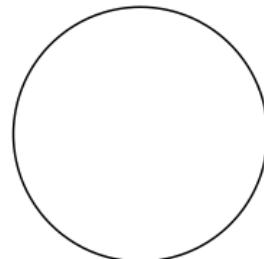
## ➤ Expansion near $\eta = \infty$

- integration region:  $\ell_i \sim \sqrt{\eta}$
- $\frac{1}{(\ell+p)^2 - m^2 + \eta} = \frac{1}{\ell^2 + \eta} + \dots$

Smirnov, Commun. Math. Phys. 134(1990)  
Smirnov, Mod. Phys. Lett. A 10 (1995)

$$I(\epsilon, \vec{s}, \eta) = \eta^{(2-\epsilon)L - \sum \nu_\alpha} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} M_n(\epsilon, \vec{s}) \eta^{-n}$$

XL, Ma, Phys. Rev. D 99 (2019)  
Wang, Li, Basat, Phys.Rev.D 101(2020)



Davydychev,Tausk, Nucl.Phys.B 397(1993)  
Broadhurst, Eur.Phys.J.C8 (1999)  
Kniehl, Pikelner, Veretin, JHEP 08(2017)  
Pikelner Comput.Phys.Commun. 224 (2018)

# Auxiliary mass flow

## ➤ Differential equation method

Kotikov, Phys. Lett. B 254 (1991)  
Bern, Dixon, Kosower, Phys.Lett.B302(1993)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \vec{\mathcal{I}}(\epsilon, \vec{s}_0, \eta) = A(\epsilon, \eta) \vec{\mathcal{I}}(\epsilon, \vec{s}_0, \eta)$$

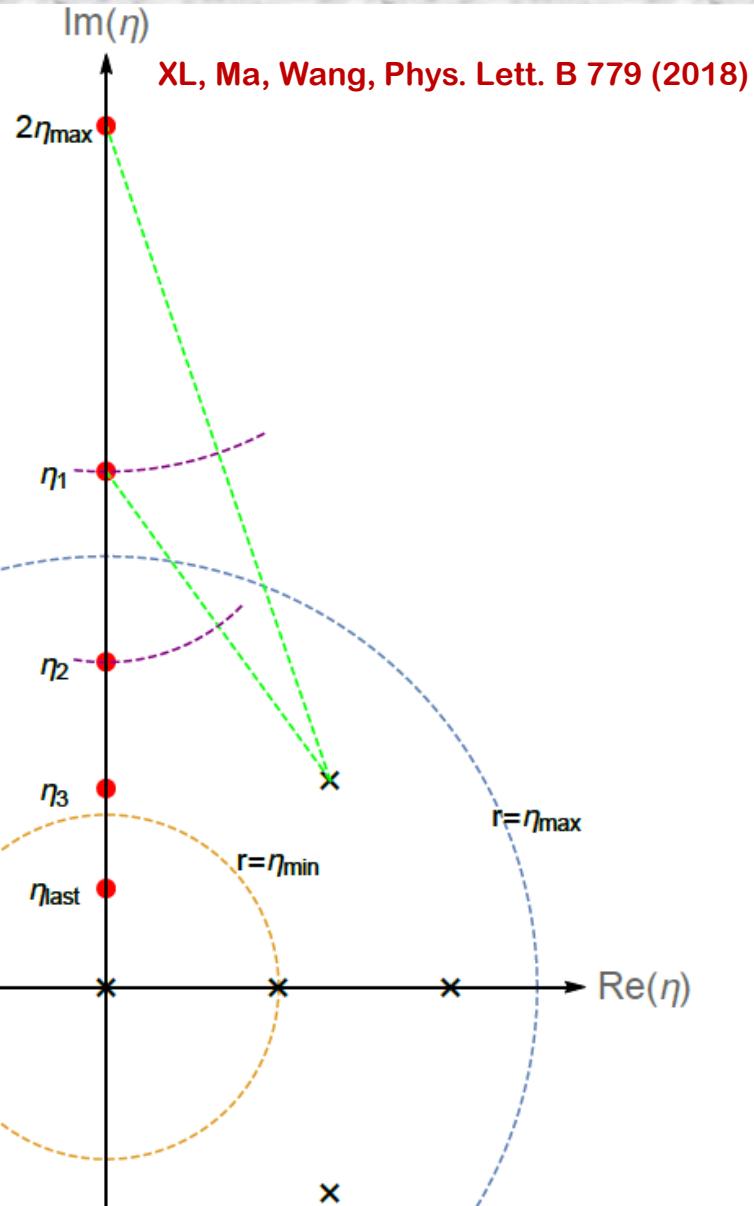
- $\vec{s} = \vec{s}_0$
- power series expansion near singular and regular points

$$\mathcal{I}_i(\epsilon, \vec{s}_0, \eta) = \sum_{\mu \in S} (\eta - \eta_0)^\mu \sum_{k=0}^{k_\mu} \log(\eta - \eta_0)^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{i,\mu,k,n} (\eta - \eta_0)^n$$

- regular:  $S = \{0\}, k_0 = 0$
- singular:  $S = \{-2\epsilon, 1 + \epsilon, \dots\}, k_\mu \geq 0$
- only valid locally

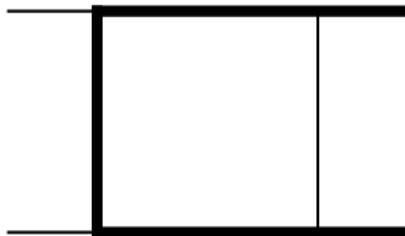
# Auxiliary mass flow

- physical singularities (branch points): Real
- $\frac{1}{(\ell+p)^2-m^2+\text{Re}(\eta)+i\text{Im}(\eta)}$  off-shell for  $\text{Im}(\eta) > 0$
- singularities far from real axis: may also affect the convergence of solution
- estimation at  $\eta_{\text{next}}$ :  $(\eta_{\text{next}} - \eta_0) \sim \frac{r}{2}$
- error  $\sim \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n_0}$



# Infrared Divergences

## ➤ Example: one-loop four-point integral



$$s = 10, t = -3, m^2 = 1$$

- $\eta$  reg:  $-0.1309 i \sqrt{\eta} + (0.0665971 - 0.101394 i) \log(\eta) - (0.29347 - 0.0201092 i)$
- dim-reg:  $\eta^{-\epsilon} f_1(\epsilon) + f_2(\epsilon) + \eta^{\frac{1}{2}-\epsilon} f_3(\epsilon)$
- $f_1(\epsilon) = (-0.0665971 + 0.101394 i)\epsilon^{-1} + (-0.280099 - 0.267748 i)$
- $f_2(\epsilon) = (0.0665971 - 0.101394 i)\epsilon^{-1} + (-0.0133705 + 0.287857 i)$
- $f_1(\epsilon) = -0.1309 i$
- take  $\eta \rightarrow 0$ , only  $f_2(\epsilon)$  survives

## ➤ Advantages

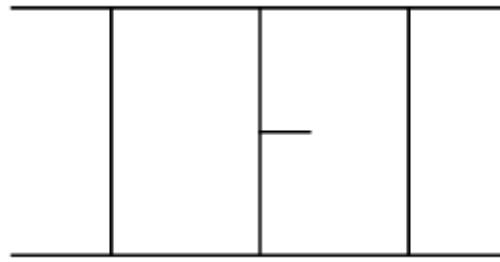
- extremely systematic
- precision is totally proportional to time consumption
- not sensitive to the choice of  $\vec{s}_0$

## ➤ Problems

- effect of extra mass scale: many more master integrals, hard to set up differential equation for complicated problems
- develop much more powerful integral reduction method
- reduce the effect of extra mass scale

# Strategy to introduce $\eta$

## ➤ Example: two-loop double-pentagon



- before introducing  $\eta$  : 108
- all: 476
- loop: 305, 319
- branch: 233, 234
- propagator: 176, 178, 220
- propagator mode seems to be the cheapest