



# Auxiliary mass flow and Feynman integrals

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# Outline

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# Introduction

## Physics at Large Hadron Collider

- improving requirements on theoretical predictions
- new NNLO and N3LO cross sections
- bottleneck problems
  - integrals reduction
  - master integrals calculation

# Introduction

## Methods

- Integrals reduction

- integration by parts

[Chetyrkin , Tkachov, 1981] [Laporta, 2000]

- syzygy equation

[Gluza , Kajda , Kosower , 2011] [Schabinger , 2012] [Larsen, Zhang, 2016]

- finite field interpolation

[Manteuffel , Schabinger , 2015] [Peraro, 2016]

- intersection numbers

[Mastrolia , Mizera , 2019] [Frellesvig , et al, 2019]

- block triangular systems

[Liu, Ma, 2019] [Guan, Liu, Ma, 2020]

- Master integrals calculation

- differential equation and its canonical form

[Kotikov, 1991] [Henn, 2013]

- Mellin Barnes representation

[Smirnov, 1999]

- sector decomposition

[Binoth, Heinrich, 2000]

- difference equation

[Tarasov, 1996] [Laporta, 2000] [Lee, 2009]

- numerical differential equation

[Caffo, et al, 2008] [Czakon, 2008] [Lee, et al, 2017]

- **auxiliary mass flow**

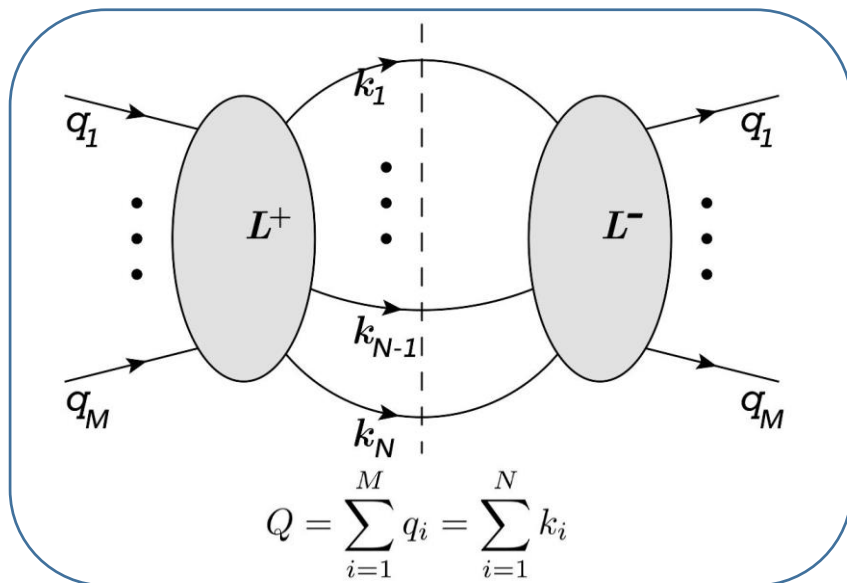
[Liu, Ma, Wang, 2018]



# Introduction

## General phase-space and loop integral

- form



$$F(\vec{\nu}; \vec{s}) \equiv \int \text{dPS}_N \prod_{\alpha} \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_{\alpha}^t)^{\nu_{\alpha}^t}}$$

$$\int \prod_{i=1}^{L^+} \frac{d^D l_i^+}{(2\pi)^D} \prod_{\beta} \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_{\beta}^+ + i0^+)^{\nu_{\beta}^+}}$$

$$\int \prod_{j=1}^{L^-} \frac{d^D l_j^-}{(2\pi)^D} \prod_{\gamma} \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_{\gamma}^- - i0^+)^{\nu_{\gamma}^-}}$$

$$\prod_{i,j} (l_i^+ \cdot l_j^-)^{-\nu_{ij}^{\pm}},$$

- $\vec{\nu} \equiv (\nu_1^t, \nu_2^t, \dots, \nu_1^+, \nu_2^+, \dots, \nu_1^-, \nu_2^-, \dots, \nu_{11}^{\pm}, \nu_{12}^{\pm}, \nu_{21}^{\pm}, \dots)$
- $\vec{s}$ : kinematical invariants (including  $Q^2$ )

- phase-space

$$\text{dPS}_N \equiv (2\pi)^D \delta^D(Q - \sum_{i=1}^N k_i) \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{d^D k_i}{(2\pi)^D} (2\pi) \delta(\mathcal{D}_i^c) \Theta(k_i^0 - m_i)$$

# Auxiliary mass flow

## Examples: VRR of $\gamma^* \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X$

- notation:  $V^{L^+} R^{N-1} V^{L^-}$  to distinguish sub-processes

- (a) is the most complicated diagram
- (b) is (a)'s sub-diagram, take it as an example

- the phase-space integrals

$$\hat{F}(\{\nu_1^t, \nu_1^+, \nu_2^+\}; s) = \int \text{dPS}_3 \frac{1}{D_1^t \nu_1^t} \int \frac{d^D l_1^+}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{(D_1^+ + i0^+) \nu_1^+ (D_2^+ + i0^+) \nu_2^+}$$

- inverse propagators

$$D_1^t = (Q - k_2)^2 - m_t^2,$$

$$D_1^+ = (k_1 + l_1^+)^2 - m_t^2,$$

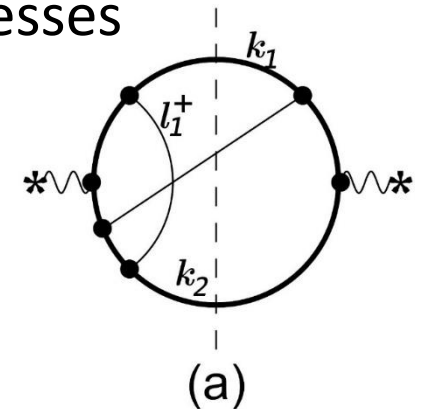
$$D_2^+ = (k_2 - l_1^+)^2 - m_t^2,$$

- take

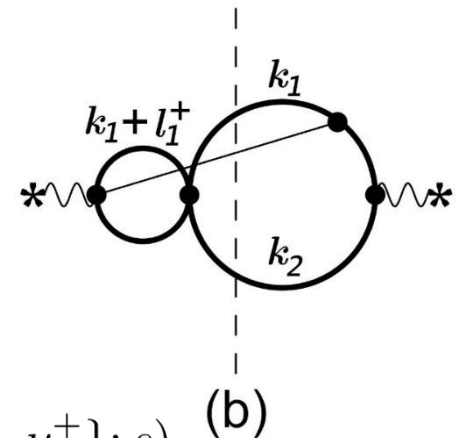
$$s = Q^2, \quad x = \frac{4m_t^2}{s}$$

- dimensionless integrals

$$\hat{F}(\{\nu_1^t, \nu_1^+, \nu_2^+\}; x) = s^{3 - \frac{3}{2}D + \nu_1^t + \nu_1^+ + \nu_2^+} \hat{F}(\{\nu_1^t, \nu_1^+, \nu_2^+\}; s) \quad (\text{b})$$



a typical Feynman diagrams



# Auxiliary mass flow

## Differential equations (DEs)

- Reverse unitarity relation

Anastasiou, Melnikov, *Nucl. Phys. B* **646** (2002), 220-256

$$(2\pi)\delta(\mathcal{D}_i^c) = \frac{i}{\mathcal{D}_i^c + i0^+} + \frac{-i}{\mathcal{D}_i^c - i0^+}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_i^c = k_i^2 - m_i^2$$

- map phase-space integrals onto pure loop integrals

- IBP reduction

Chetyrkin, Tkachov, *Nucl. Phys. B* **192**, (1981) 159-204

- set up DEs w.r.t  $x$  among MIs ( $\vec{I}(x)$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \vec{I}(x) = M(x) \vec{I}(x)$$

Kotikov, *Phys. Lett. B* **254**, (1991) 158-164

Gehrmann, Remiddi, *Nucl. Phys. B* **580**, (2000) 485-518

- DEs w.r.t. kinematical invariants

- auxiliary mass flow (AMF) : DEs w.r.t. auxiliary mass

- Boundary conditions of DEs

- At singularity: analyze regions

- At regular point: auxiliary mass flow



# Auxiliary mass flow

## Add auxiliary mass to inverse propagators

- general form

$$\vec{\eta} \equiv (\eta_1^t, \eta_2^t, \dots, \eta_1^+, \eta_2^+, \dots, \eta_1^-, \eta_2^-, \dots)$$

- direction choice of  $\vec{\eta} \rightarrow 0$ 
  - Rule of Feynman prescription for Feynman propagators  
take  $\eta_\beta^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  and  $\eta_\gamma^- \rightarrow 0^+$
  - $\eta_\alpha^t \rightarrow 0^+$  or  $\eta_\alpha^t \rightarrow 0^-$  are both fine  
take  $\eta_\alpha^t \rightarrow 0^+$  for convenient
- choice of finite  $\vec{\eta}$ 
  - either related to each others or completely independent
- our choice: either  $0^+$  or  $\eta$ 
  - if  $\{\mathcal{D}_\beta^+\}$  or  $\{\mathcal{D}_\gamma^-\}$  depend on  $\vec{s}$ , choose  $\eta_\alpha^t \rightarrow 0^+$  and  $\eta_\beta^+ = \eta_\gamma^- = \eta$
  - else, choose  $\eta_\alpha^t = \eta$

$$F(\vec{\nu}; \vec{s}, \vec{\eta}) \equiv \int d\text{PS}_N \prod_\alpha \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_\alpha^t + \eta_\alpha^t)^{\nu_\alpha^t}}$$

$$\int \prod_{i=1}^{L^+} \frac{d^D l_i^+}{(2\pi)^D} \prod_\beta \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_\beta^+ + i\eta_\beta^+)^{\nu_\beta^+}}$$

$$\int \prod_{j=1}^{L^-} \frac{d^D l_j^-}{(2\pi)^D} \prod_\gamma \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_\gamma^- - i\eta_\gamma^-)^{\nu_\gamma^-}}$$

$$\prod_{i,j} (l_i^+ \cdot l_j^-)^{-\nu_{ij}^\pm}$$





# Auxiliary mass flow

## VRR: sub-diagram (b)

- take  $y = \eta/s$
- define dimensional integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_1^t &= (Q - k_2)^2 - m_t^2, \\ \mathcal{D}_1^+ &= (k_1 + l_1^+)^2 - m_t^2, \\ \mathcal{D}_2^+ &= (k_2 - l_1^+)^2 - m_t^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{\nu_1^t, \nu_1^+, \nu_2^+\}; x, y) = s^{3 - \frac{3}{2}D + \nu_1^t + \nu_1^+ + \nu_2^+} \int \text{dPS}_3 \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_1^t \nu_1^t} \int \frac{\text{d}^D l_1^+}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{(\mathcal{D}_1^+ + i\eta)^{\nu_1^+} (\mathcal{D}_2^+ + i\eta)^{\nu_2^+}}$$

- after reduction, 7 MIs for finite  $\eta$  (or  $y$ )

$$\left\{ \hat{F}(\{0, 0, 1\}; x, y), \hat{F}(\{-1, 0, 1\}; x, y), \hat{F}(\{0, 1, 1\}; x, y), \hat{F}(\{-1, 1, 1\}; x, y), \right. \\ \left. \hat{F}(\{0, 1, 2\}; x, y), \hat{F}(\{1, 1, 1\}; x, y), \hat{F}(\{1, 1, 2\}; x, y) \right\},$$

- 6 MIs for  $\eta \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\left\{ \hat{F}(\{0, 0, 1\}; x, 0^+), \hat{F}(\{-1, 0, 1\}; x, 0^+), \hat{F}(\{0, 1, 1\}; x, 0^+), \right. \\ \left. \hat{F}(\{0, 1, 2\}; x, 0^+), \hat{F}(\{1, 1, 1\}; x, 0^+), \hat{F}(\{1, 1, 2\}; x, 0^+) \right\}.$$

# Auxiliary mass flow

## VRR: sub-diagram (b)

- choose  $x = 1/2$  (regular point) and set up DEs

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \hat{F}(\{\nu_1^t, \nu_1^+, \nu_2^+\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) =$$

$\frac{-8(-1+\epsilon)}{i+8y}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	$\frac{-8(-1+\epsilon)}{i+8y}$	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	-2i	0	0
$\frac{8(-1+\epsilon)}{i+8y}$	0	$i(-1+2\epsilon)$	0	$\frac{1}{2(-i+8y)}$	0	0
$-16 \frac{5i+20y-11i\epsilon-52y\epsilon+6i\epsilon^2+32y\epsilon^2}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)^2}$	$\frac{192i(-1+\epsilon)^2}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)^2}$	$\frac{2(1-2\epsilon)(5-20iy-6\epsilon+40iy\epsilon)}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	$\frac{8(1-2\epsilon)(-3+4\epsilon)}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	$\frac{(1+16iy+128y^2-2\epsilon-16iy\epsilon-384y^2\epsilon)}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	-2i
$\frac{-64(5-11\epsilon+6\epsilon^2)}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	$\frac{768(-1+\epsilon)^2}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	$\frac{8(1-2\epsilon)(5-4iy-6\epsilon+8iy\epsilon)}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	$\frac{32(1-2\epsilon)(-3+4\epsilon)}{y(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	$\frac{-4(-i+4y)(-1+2\epsilon)}{y(-i+8y)}$	$\frac{16i(1-2\epsilon)(3\epsilon-1)}{(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$	$\frac{4(i+8y-4i\epsilon-64y\epsilon)}{(-i+8y)(i+8y)}$

$$\hat{F}(\{\nu_1^t, \nu_1^+, \nu_2^+\}; \frac{1}{2}, y)$$

- take boundaries at  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$



# Auxiliary mass flow

## Expansion for tree propagators at $\eta \rightarrow \infty$

- scalar products among external momenta and cut momenta are finite

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^t + \eta} \stackrel{\eta \rightarrow \infty}{=} \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \left( \frac{-\mathcal{D}_\alpha^t}{\eta} \right)^j$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^t} \stackrel{\eta \rightarrow \infty}{=} \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^t},$$

- If  $\eta$  is introduced, tree propagators are removed
- else, tree propagators remain

# Auxiliary mass flow

## Expansion for loop propagators at $\eta \rightarrow \infty$

- loop momenta can be any large value
- at  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ , linear combinations of loop momenta can be either at the order of  $|\eta|^{1/2}$  or much smaller than it

- decompose  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha^+$  into two parts

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha^+ = \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ + K_\alpha$$

- $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+$ : only including the part at order  $|\eta|$
- $K_\alpha$ : other parts



# Auxiliary mass flow

## Expansion for loop propagators at $\eta \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^+ + i\eta} \xrightarrow{\eta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ + i\eta} \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \left( \frac{-K_\alpha}{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ + i\eta} \right)^j,$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^+ + i0^+} \xrightarrow{\eta \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ + i0^+} \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} \left( \frac{-K_\alpha}{\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ + i0^+} \right)^j & \text{if } \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ \neq 0, \\ \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^+ + i0^+} & \text{if } \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ = 0, \end{cases}$$

- expansion for  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha^-$  are similar
- propagators ( $\eta$  exits and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_\alpha^+ = 0$ ) removed
- decouple some loop momenta at order  $|\eta|^{1/2}$   
—→ single-scale vacuum integrals factored eg:  $l_\alpha^+ \cdot k_i, l_\alpha^+ \cdot q_i$

# Auxiliary mass flow

## Expansion at $\eta \rightarrow \infty$

- $F(\vec{\nu}; \vec{s}, \eta)$  is simplified to a linear combination of integrals with fewer inverse propagators

$$F(\vec{\nu}; \vec{s}, \eta) \longrightarrow \sum c \times F^{\text{cut}} \times F^{\text{bub}}$$

- $c$  are rational functions of  $\vec{s}$  and  $\eta$
- $F^{\text{bub}}$ : single-scale vacuum bubble integrals
  - studied up to five-loop order
- $F^{\text{cut}}$ : basal phase-space integrations with the integrands being polynomials of scalar products between cut momenta.
  - also studied for  $m_i = 0$  or  $m$  (no more than 2)

Luthe, Maier, Marquard et al., *JHEP* **03**, (2017) 020

Bernreuther, Bogner, Dekkers, *JHEP* **06**, (2011) 032  
Liu, Ma, Tao, Zhang, *Chin. Phys. C* **45**, (2021) 013115



# Auxiliary mass flow

## VRR: sub-diagram (b)

$$F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \equiv \int \frac{d^D l_1^+}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{l_1^{+2} + i}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{0, 0, 1\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) \stackrel{\eta \sim \infty}{=} s^{4 - \frac{3}{2}D} \eta^{\frac{D}{2} - 1} F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \left( \int d\text{PS}_3 \right)_{x=1/2}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{-1, 0, 1\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) \stackrel{\eta \sim \infty}{=} s^{3 - \frac{3}{2}D} \eta^{\frac{D}{2} - 1} F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \left( \int d\text{PS}_3 \mathcal{D}_1^t \right)_{x=1/2}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{0, 1, 1\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) \stackrel{\eta \sim \infty}{=} s^{5 - \frac{3}{2}D} \eta^{\frac{D}{2} - 2} \frac{i(D-2)}{2} F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \left( \int d\text{PS}_3 \right)_{x=1/2}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{-1, 1, 1\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) \stackrel{\eta \sim \infty}{=} s^{4 - \frac{3}{2}D} \eta^{\frac{D}{2} - 2} \frac{i(D-2)}{2} F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \left( \int d\text{PS}_3 \mathcal{D}_1^t \right)_{x=1/2}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{0, 1, 2\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) \stackrel{\eta \sim \infty}{=} s^{6 - \frac{3}{2}D} \eta^{\frac{D}{2} - 3} \frac{(4-D)(D-2)}{8} F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \left( \int d\text{PS}_3 \right)_{x=1/2}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{1, 1, 1\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) \stackrel{\eta \sim \infty}{=} s^{6 - \frac{3}{2}D} \eta^{\frac{D}{2} - 2} \frac{i(D-2)}{2} F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \left( \int d\text{PS}_3 \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_1^t} \right)_{x=1/2}$$

$$\hat{F}(\{1, 1, 2\}; \frac{1}{2}, y) \stackrel{\eta \sim \infty}{=} s^{7 - \frac{3}{2}D} \eta^{\frac{D}{2} - 3} \frac{(4-D)(D-2)}{8} F_{1,1}^{\text{bub}}(D) \left( \int d\text{PS}_3 \frac{1}{\mathcal{D}_1^t} \right)_{x=1/2}$$

# Auxiliary mass flow

## basal phase-space integrations

- $\int d\text{PS}_3(\mathcal{D}_1^t)^i$  can be reduced to two MIs of RR process
- $F_{r,N,n}^{\text{cut}}$  denote the  $n$ -th MI for  $N$ -particle-cut integrals with  $m_1 = \dots = m_r = m$  and  $m_{r+1} = \dots = m_N = 0$
- for  $N = 3$ , two MIs:  $F_{2,3,1}^{\text{cut}}$  and  $F_{2,3,2}^{\text{cut}}$
- definition

$$F_{2,N,n}^{\text{cut}} \equiv \int d\text{PS}_N \left( (k_1 + k_2)^2 \right)^{n-1}$$



# Auxiliary mass flow

## basal phase-space integrations

- MI result of RR

$$\begin{aligned} F_{2,N,n}^{\text{cut}} &\equiv \int d\text{PS}_N \left( (k_1 + k_2)^2 \right)^{n-1} = \frac{2^{5+2N(\epsilon-2)-2\epsilon} \pi^{3+N(\epsilon-2)-\epsilon} \Gamma(1+n-2\epsilon) \Gamma(1-\epsilon)^{N-1} \Gamma(n-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2-2\epsilon) \Gamma(n-1+N-N\epsilon) \Gamma(n-2+N+\epsilon-N\epsilon)} s^{n-3+N+\epsilon-N\epsilon} \\ &\times {}_3F_2 \left( \epsilon - \frac{1}{2}, 2-n-N+N\epsilon, 3-n-N-\epsilon+N\epsilon; 1-n+\epsilon, 2\epsilon-n; \frac{4m^2}{s} \right) \\ &+ \frac{2^{4+2N(\epsilon-2)} \pi^{\frac{7}{2}+N(\epsilon-2)-\epsilon} \Gamma(1-\epsilon)^{N-1} \Gamma(\epsilon-n)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}-n\right) \Gamma((N-1)(1-\epsilon)) \Gamma((N-2)(1-\epsilon))} s^{n-3+N+\epsilon-N\epsilon} \left( \frac{4m^2}{s} \right)^{n-\epsilon} \\ &\times {}_3F_2 \left( n - \frac{1}{2}, 3-N-2\epsilon+N\epsilon, 2-N-\epsilon+N\epsilon; 1+n-\epsilon, \epsilon; \frac{4m^2}{s} \right) \\ &+ \frac{2^{4+2N(\epsilon-2)} \pi^{\frac{7}{2}+N(\epsilon-2)-\epsilon} \Gamma(1-\epsilon)^{N-2} \Gamma(\epsilon-1) \Gamma(2\epsilon-1-n)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}-n+\epsilon\right) \Gamma((N-2)(1-\epsilon)) \Gamma((N-3)(1-\epsilon))} s^{n-3+N+\epsilon-N\epsilon} \left( \frac{4m^2}{s} \right)^{1+n-2\epsilon} \\ &\times {}_3F_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + n - \epsilon, 4-N-3\epsilon+N\epsilon, 3-N-2\epsilon+N\epsilon; 2+n-2\epsilon, 2-\epsilon; \frac{4m^2}{s} \right). \end{aligned}$$

# Comment

## basal phase-space integrations

- without  $\eta$ , MIs of RRR are not the basal phase-space integrations
- add  $\eta$  and make expansion at  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$  (see Page 11)
- all  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha^t$  come to the numerators
- then MIs are all basal phase-space integrations



# Auxiliary mass flow

## Flow of $\eta$ ( $y$ )

- Set up DEs w.r.t.  $y$  (as shown in page 10)
- boundary condition: fixed  $x = 1/2$  and  $y \rightarrow \infty$
- solve DEs with the flow of  $y$  from  $\infty$  to  $0^+$
- eg:  $\hat{F}(\{1,1,2\}; 1/2, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}\left(\{1,1,2\}; \frac{1}{2}, 0\right) = & (7.78790446721069262502850093774 \times 10^{-6} + 2.91319469772237394135356308348 \times 10^{-6}i) \\ & + (0.000130430373015787655604488198861 + 0.000068404169458201184291920092123i)\epsilon \\ & + (0.001077434813828191909787186362432 + 0.000750926876250745472210277589430i)\epsilon^2 \\ & + (0.00584278150920839062615612508136 + 0.00527570101382158661589031061691i)\epsilon^3 \\ & + (0.0233461280012444372334494219123 + 0.0270859736951617524563966282868i)\epsilon^4 \\ & + (0.0730918539437148667076104654800 + 0.1095165249743204252589933869672i)\epsilon^5 \\ & + (0.185975373883125986488613881520 + 0.366393770042708443331564801509i)\epsilon^6 \\ & + (0.393093986188519076512424694564 + 1.052172170765638116257825410632i)\epsilon^7 \\ & + (0.69775277299606861048706250047 + 2.67282546122008383022615104289i)\epsilon^8 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

# Summary

- Reverse unitarity relation transforms the delta function to inverse propagators on cut
- With IBP reduction, complex integrals can be reduced to linear combination of MIs
- set up DEs w.r.t. kinematical invariants
- use AMF to calculate the boundary conditions
  - add auxiliary mass on inverse propagators
  - set up DEs w.r.t.  $\eta$
  - at  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$ , integrals are reduced to a linear combination of basal phase-space integrals multiplied by single-scale vacuum bubble integrals
  - flow  $\eta \rightarrow \infty$  to  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  with DEs
- The method is systematic and efficient
- Its high-precision nature makes it possible to obtain analytical results with a proper ansatz



Thank you!