



New version of NeatIBP

A novel tool for Feynman integral computation

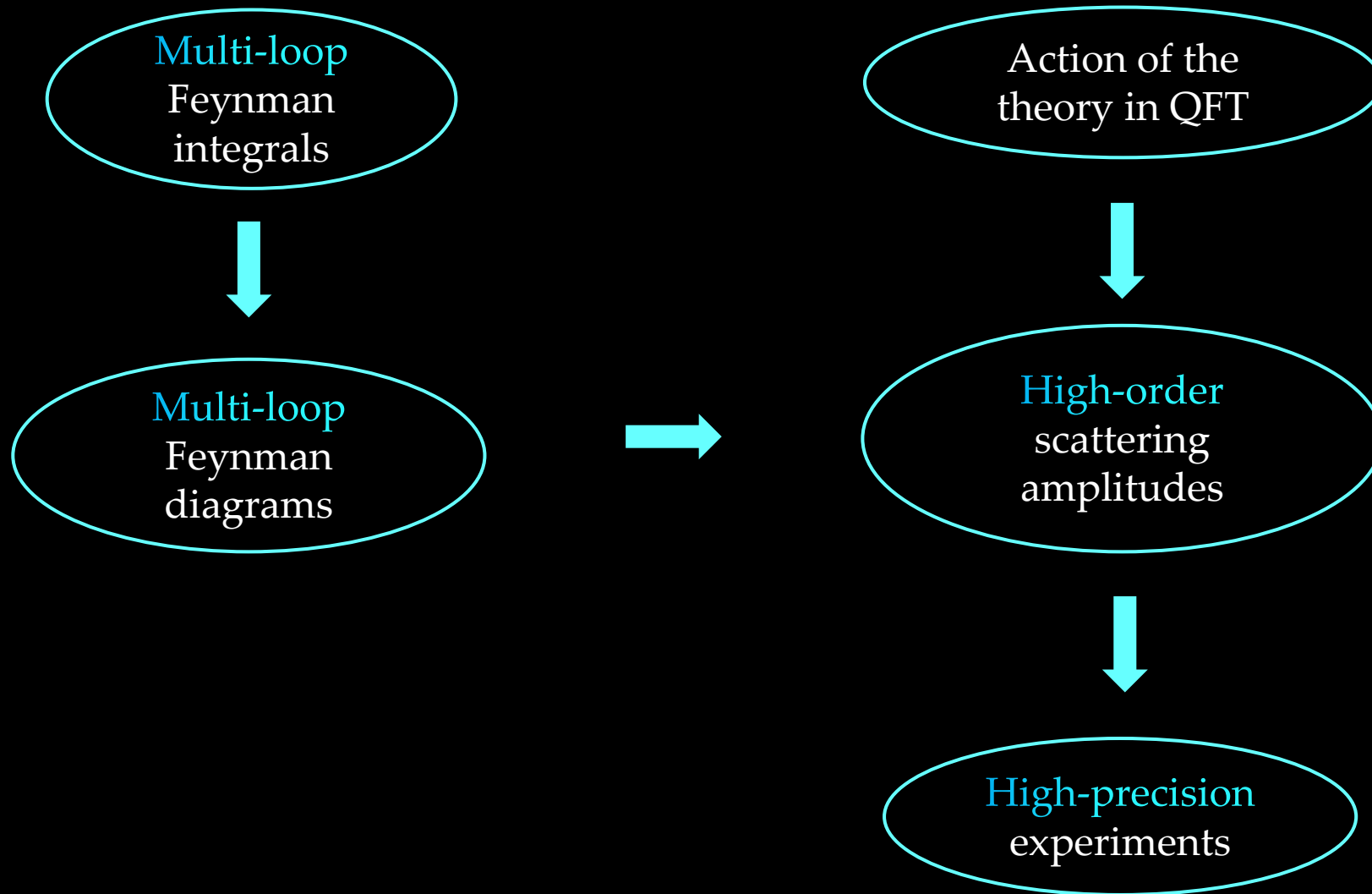
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Based on:

NeatIBP 1.1: ZW, Janko Boehm, Rourou Ma, Johann Usovitsch, Yingxuan Xu, Yang Zhang, arXiv: 2502.20778

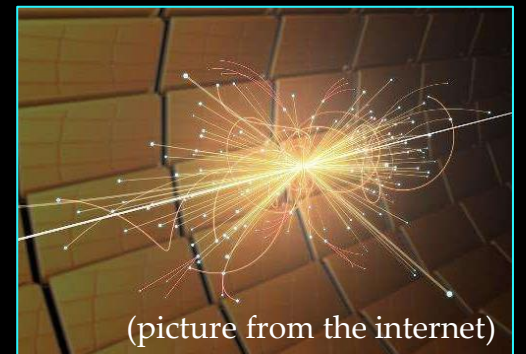
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Multi-loop Feynman integrals in particle physics



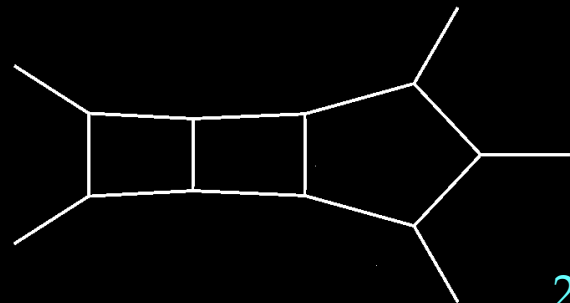
A Feynman diagram showing a central gray circle representing an interaction vertex. Two incoming particles with momenta \vec{k}_1 and \vec{k}_2 enter from the left. Multiple outgoing particles with momenta $\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \dots, \vec{p}_i$ exit to the right. The diagram is associated with the expression:

$$\text{out } \langle \vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \cdots | \vec{k}_1 \vec{k}_2 \rangle_{\text{in}}.$$

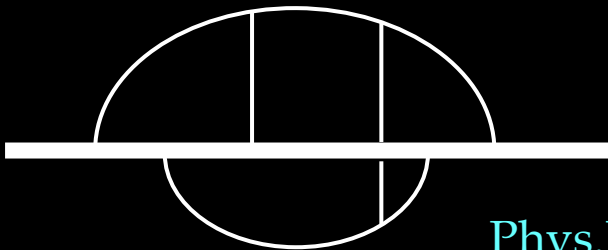


Multi-loop Feynman integrals, frontiers

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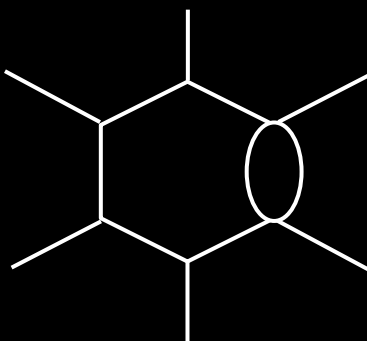
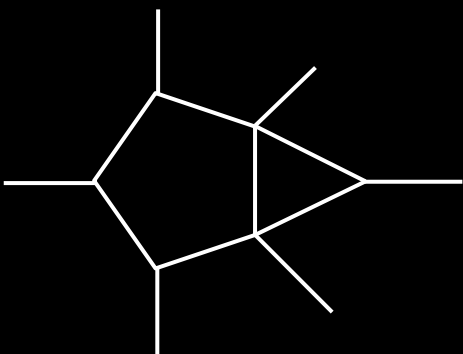
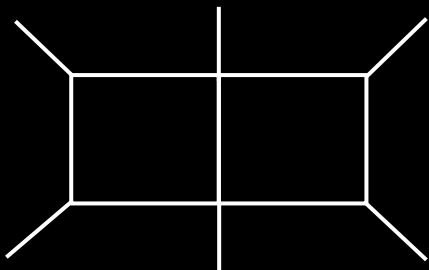


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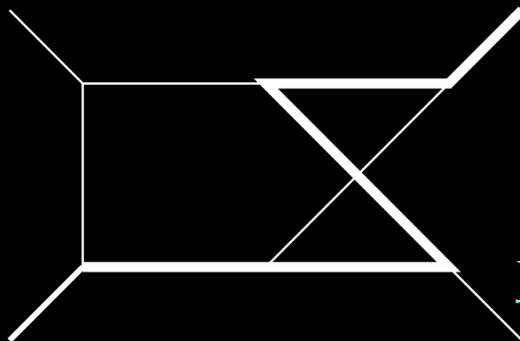
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More legs:

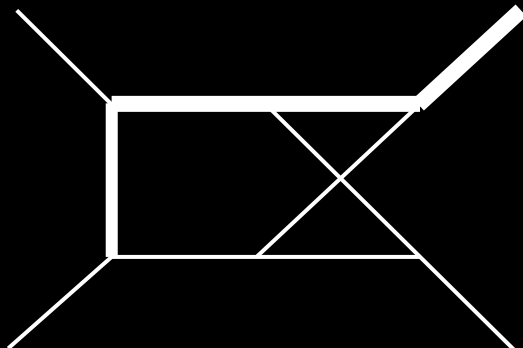


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More masses:



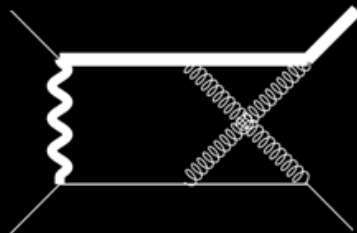
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Feynman integral reduction

Feynman diagrams



Feynman rules

Feynman integrals

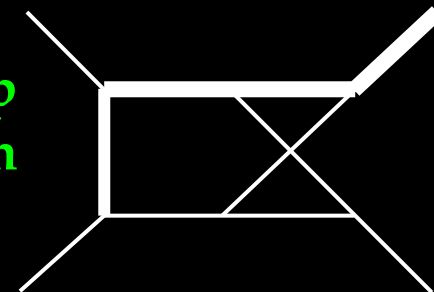
$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\mathcal{N}}{D_1^{\delta_1} \cdots D_m^{\delta_m}}.$$

Tensor reduction

Scalar integrals

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

**Scalar integrals keep
only the information
of propagators**



Integration-by-parts
(IBP) reduction

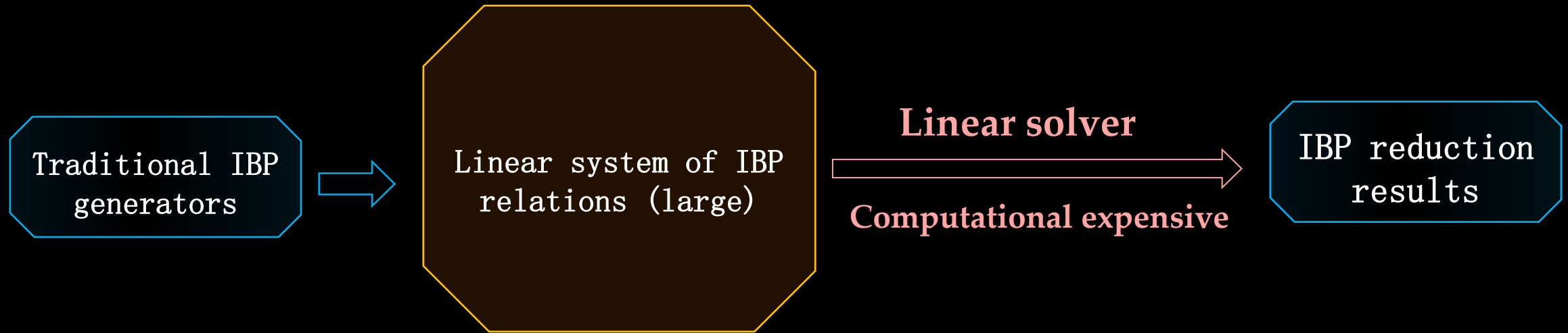
Master Integrals

Analytic functions

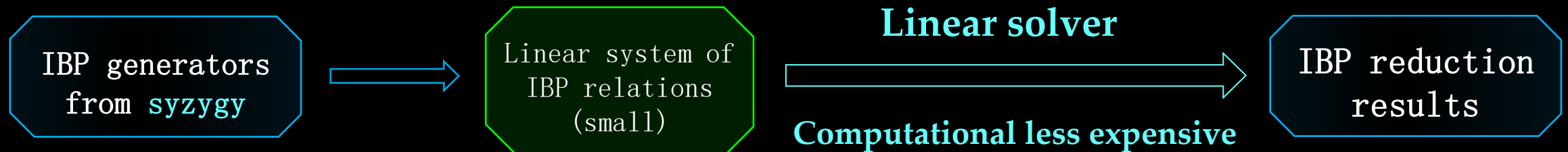
A linear independent basis
of the scalar integrals

Analytic evaluation
methods including
differential equations

Traditional IBP algorithm

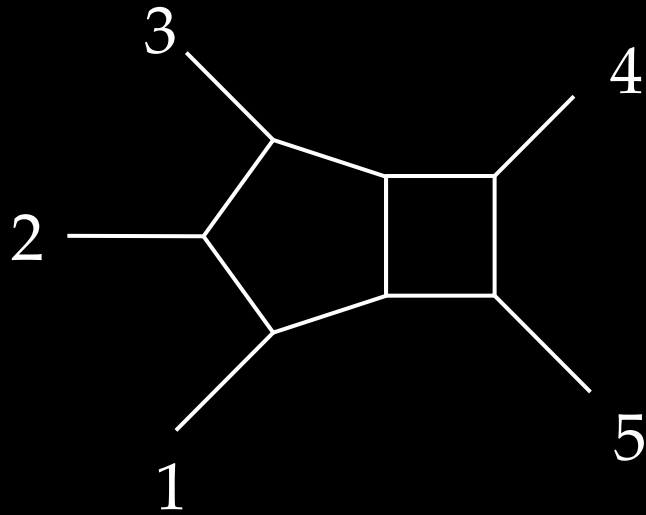


NeatIBP:



Performance of NeatIBP

2L5P Example



Target integrals:

Max numerator degree: 5

Max denominator power: 1

Quantity: 2483

of IBP (FIRE6): **11207942**

of IBP (NeatIBP): **14120**

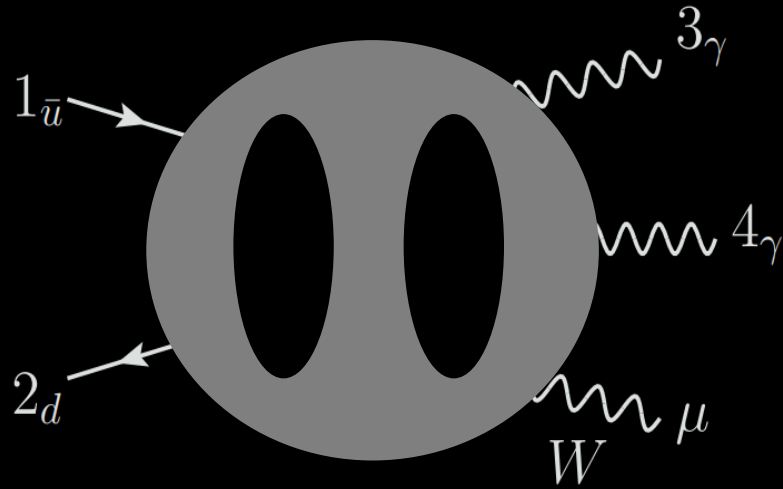
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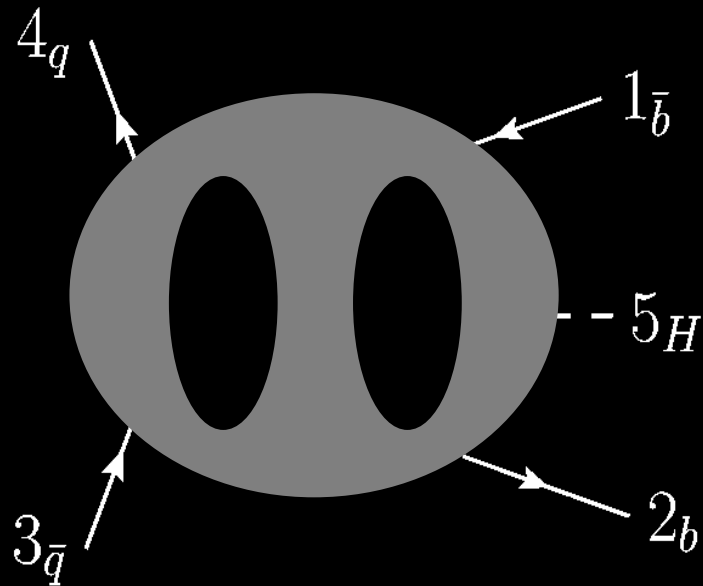
CPU threads: 20
RAM: 128GB

Application of NeatIBP:

Two-loop-five-point diagrams in phenomenology processes



Simon Badger, Heribertus Bayu Hartanto, ZW, Yang Zhang and Simone Zoia, *JHEP* 03 (2025) 066

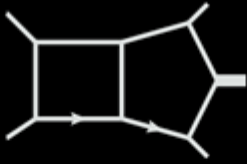


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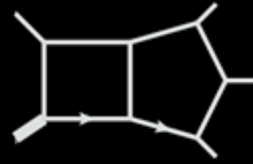
Relevant Feynman diagrams



PBmzz



PBzmm



PBzzz



HBmzz



HBzmm



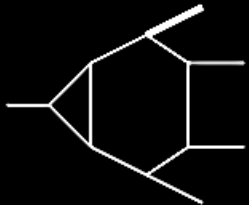
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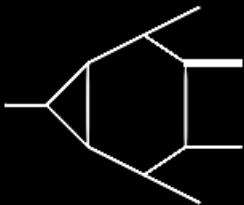
DPmz



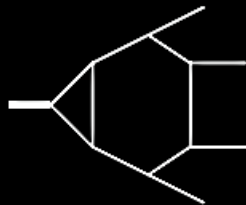
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HTmzzz



HTzmmz



HTzzzz

NeatIBP generated IBP relations within hours for each diagram

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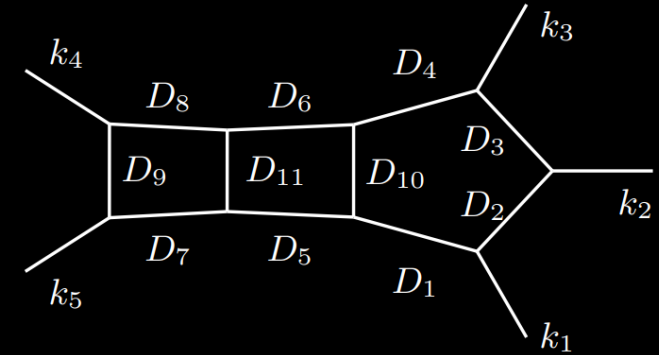
*“This (using NeatIBP) improves the evaluation of the solution to the IBP relations, resulting in both a **speed up** in the finite-field sampling of the rational coefficients of the amplitudes and in a **reduction of its memory** footprint (by around **8 times** and **3 times**, respectively, for the leading colour two-loop five-particle amplitudes).”*

Application of NeatIBP: Three-loop-five-point diagrams

Yuanche Liu, Antonela Matijašić, Julian Miczajka, Yingxuan Xu, Yongqun Xu, Yang Zhang, 2411.18697

Analytic evaluation of the master integrals for the
Pentagon-box-box diagram via differential
equations

Target integrals: integrals needed for DE of master
integrals



“On a laptop, NeatIBP finds about 85000 IBP identities in full kinematics dependence within several hours. These relations are sufficient to derive the differential equation. As a comparison, standard IBP tools would generate three orders of magnitude more IBP relations, which make the reduction computation impossible.”

See also Yongqun Xu’s talk

NeatIBP applications

Studies that used NeatIBP	Reference	Date
Two-loop QCD helicity amplitudes for $g g \rightarrow g t \bar{t}$ at leading color	<i>JHEP</i> 03 (2025) 070	2025.3.11
Full-color double-virtual amplitudes for $q \bar{q} \rightarrow b \bar{b} H$	<i>JHEP</i> 03 (2025) 066	2025.3.11
Three-loop five-point pentagon-box-box Feynman diagram	arXiv: 2411.18697	2024.11.27
Two-loop QCD corrections for $p p \rightarrow t \bar{t} j$	arXiv: 2411.10856	2024.11.16
Two-loop amplitudes for $W \gamma \gamma$ production at LHC	<i>JHEP</i> 12 (2025) 221	2024.12.30
NLO corrections to $J/\Psi c \bar{c}$ photoproduction	<i>Phys.Rev.D</i> 110 (2024) 9, 094047	2024.11.11
Two-loop five-point two-mass planar integrals	<i>JHEP</i> 10 (2024) 167	2024.10.23
Two-loop integrals for $t \bar{t} j$ production at hadron colliders in the leading color approximation	<i>JHEP</i> 07 (2024) 073	2024.7.9

You may also try NeatIBP in your projects

<https://github.com/yzhphy/NeatIBP>

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Integration by parts reduction

Feynman integral family

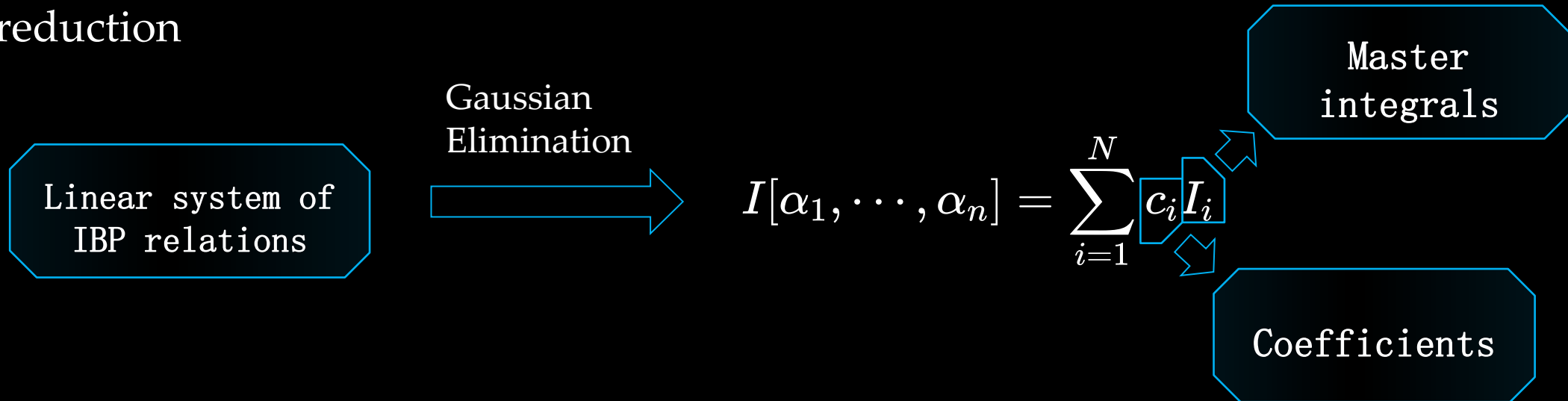
$$I[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n] = \int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

IBP relations

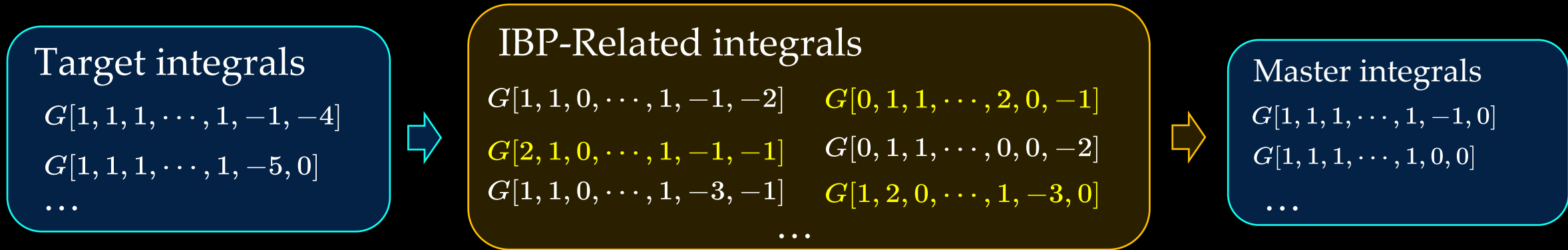
$$0 = \int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial l_k^\mu} \frac{v^\mu}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

$$0 = \sum_{\{\alpha_i\}} c_{\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n}^i I[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]$$

IBP reduction



IBP relations in with multiple propagators



Contains **redundant integrals** with denominator indices lifted

$$0 = \int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial l_k^\mu} \frac{v^\mu}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}} = \int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\frac{\partial v^\mu}{\partial l_k^\mu} - v^\mu \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial D_i}{\partial l_k^\mu} \frac{\alpha_k}{D_i}}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

Introducing multiple propagators

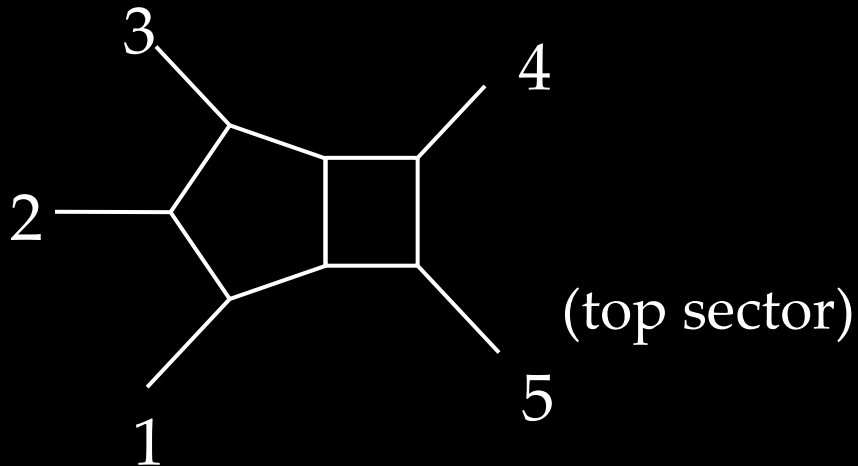
IBP relations from syzygy method

$$0 = \int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial l_k^\mu} \frac{v^\mu}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}} = \int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{\frac{\partial v^\mu}{\partial l_k^\mu} - v^\mu \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial D_i}{\partial l_k^\mu} \frac{\alpha_k}{D_i}}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

Introducing multiple propagators

Janusz Gluza, Krzysztof Kajda, David A. Kosower, Phys.Rev.D 83 (2011) 045012

What if we find a good combination of v such that the additional D_i cancels?



Syzygy equations

Indeed decreases the number of equations a lot

NeatIBP: syzygy method in Baikov representation

Feynman integrals in momentum space:

$$I[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n] = \int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$



Variable transformation

Baikov representation: integrates directly over propagators z_i

$$I[\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n] = C \int dz_1 \cdots dz_n P(z)^\alpha \frac{1}{z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

IBP relations in Baikov representation

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \int dz_1 \cdots dz_n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \left(a_i(z) P^\alpha \frac{1}{z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_n^{\alpha_n}} \right) \\
 &= \int dz_1 \cdots dz_n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial z_i} P^\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i a_i \boxed{\frac{\partial P}{\partial z_i} P^{\alpha-1}} - P^\alpha \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \boxed{\frac{a_i}{z_i}} \right) \frac{1}{z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_n^{\alpha_n}}
 \end{aligned}$$

dimension shift

multiple propagators

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i(z) \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_i} \right) + b(z) P = 0$$

$$a_i(z) = b_i(z) z_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{j | \alpha_j > 0\}$$

$$0 = \int dz_1 \cdots dz_n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial z_i} - \alpha_i b_i \right) + \alpha b \right) P^\alpha \frac{1}{z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

Without multiple
propagators

Polynomial equations in Baikov IBP relations

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i(z) \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_i} \right) + b(z)P = 0$$

$$a_i(z) = b_i(z)z_i \quad \text{for } i \in \{j | \alpha_j > 0\}$$

Syzygy Equations



Generators of the solution module

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_i \\ b \end{pmatrix} \in M = \langle f_1, f_2, \dots \rangle$$

Syzygy generator

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_i \\ b \end{pmatrix} \in M$$



Symbolic IBP relation

$$0 = \int dz_1 \cdots dz_n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial a_i}{\partial z_i} - \alpha_i b_i \right) + \alpha b \right) P^\alpha \frac{1}{z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_n^{\alpha_n}}$$



Seeding

$$\vec{\alpha} \rightarrow (1, \cdots, 1, -2, -3)$$

$$\vec{\alpha} \rightarrow (1, \cdots, 1, 0, -5)$$

\vdots

Specific IBP relation

$$(\# \text{ generators}) \times (\# \text{ seeds}) = (\# \text{ IBP relations})$$

IBP relation selection

An enough IBP system $0 = \sum_j c_{ij} I_j$



Column reduction (numeric + finite field)

Linearly independent system $0 = \sum_j \tilde{c}_{ij} I_j$

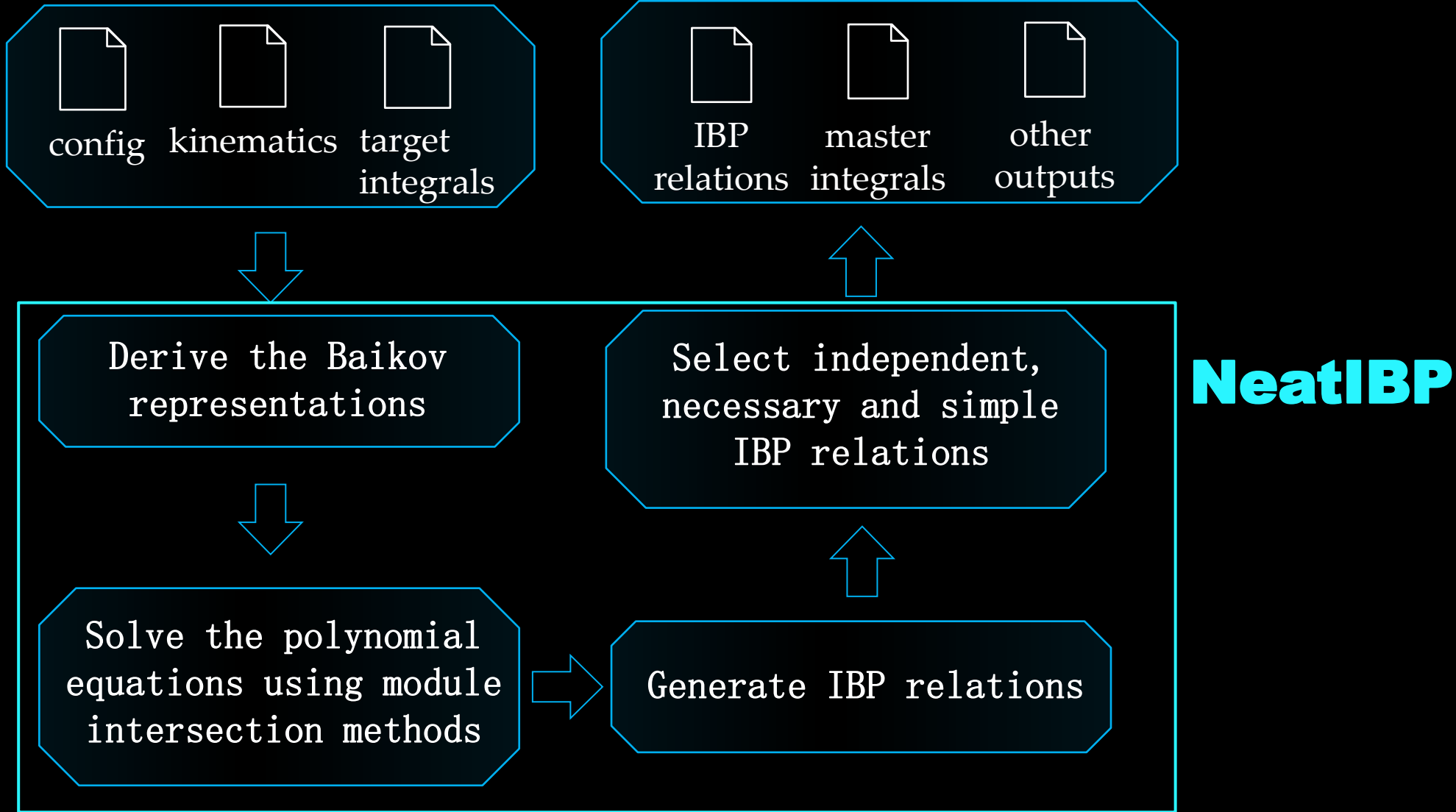


Row reduction (numeric + finite field) $R_{ik} = L_{ij} \tilde{c}_{jk}$

Remove the unneeded relations for reducing the targets

Small-size IBP system minimally needed

The work flow and program package

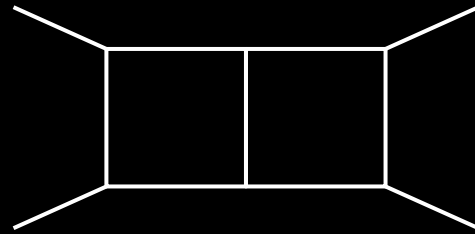


Parallelization between sectors

$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

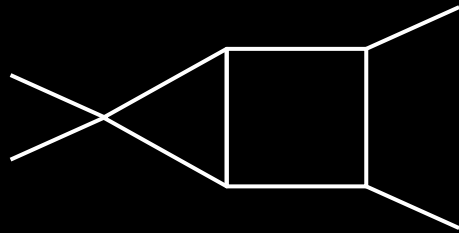
Tail mask strategy

current sector:

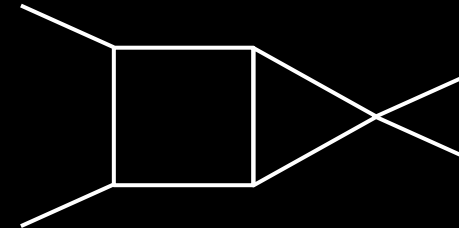


$$0 = \sum_j c_{ij}^h I_j^h + \sum_k c_{ik}^t I_k^t$$

sub sectors:



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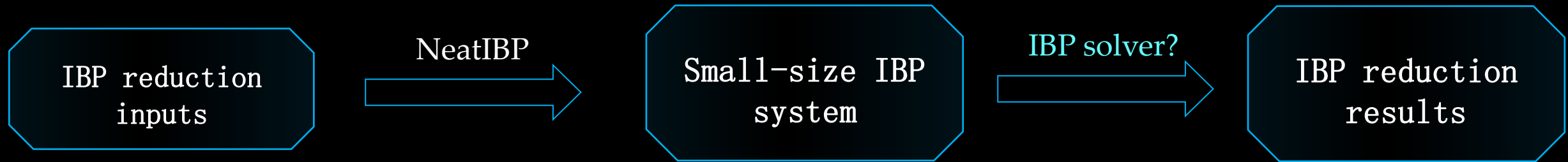
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Currently, NeatIBP itself dose not perform IBP reduction

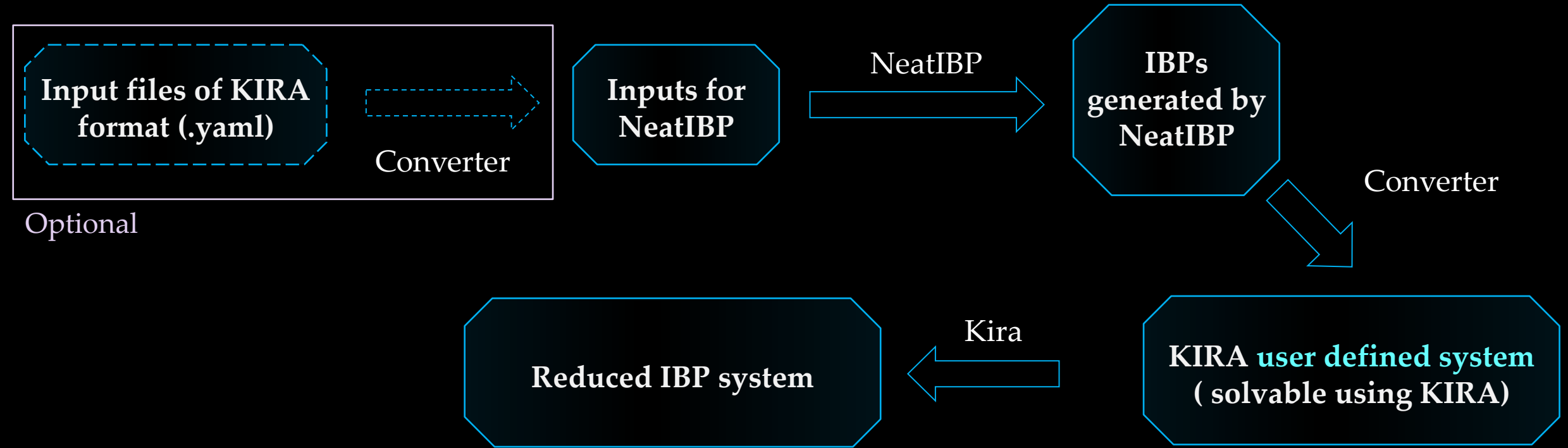


KIRA [Comput.Phys.Commun. 230 \(2018\) 99-112](#), [Comput.Phys.Commun. 266 \(2021\) 108024](#), etc.
as a popular integral reduction software, is a very nice IBP solver for NeatIBP output.

Kira allows user to feed in linear systems of IBP relations (called [user defined system](#)) and then reduce them .

The [Kira+NeatIBP interface](#) is included in NeatIBP 1.1

The Kira+NeatIBP interface (normal mode)



In NeatIBP 1.1, to use Kira to reduce the IBP generated by NeatIBP, add the following commands into NeatIBP “config.txt”

```
PerformIBPReduction=True;
IBPReductionMethod="Kira";
KiraCommand="/some/path/kira"
FermatPath="/some/path/fer64"
```


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Generalized unitarity cuts in Baikov representation

$$I_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n} |_{\mathcal{C}-\text{cut}} \propto \oint_0 \prod_{i \in \mathcal{C}} dz_i \int \prod_{i \notin \mathcal{C}} dz_i P^\alpha \frac{1}{z_1^{\alpha_1} \dots z_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

Cuts change the integrals but preserve IBP relations

$$\sum_i c_i I_i = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_i c_i (I_i |_{\mathcal{C}-\text{cut}}) = 0$$

Cuts increases the number of *zero sectors* in a family

$$\mathcal{C} \not\subseteq S \Rightarrow I|_{\mathcal{C}-\text{cut}} = 0, \forall I \in \text{Sector } S$$

Spanning cuts method

A spanning cuts $\{\mathcal{C}_i\}$ is defined so that for all nonzero sector S in a family, $\exists \mathcal{C}_i$, such that $\mathcal{C}_i \subseteq S$

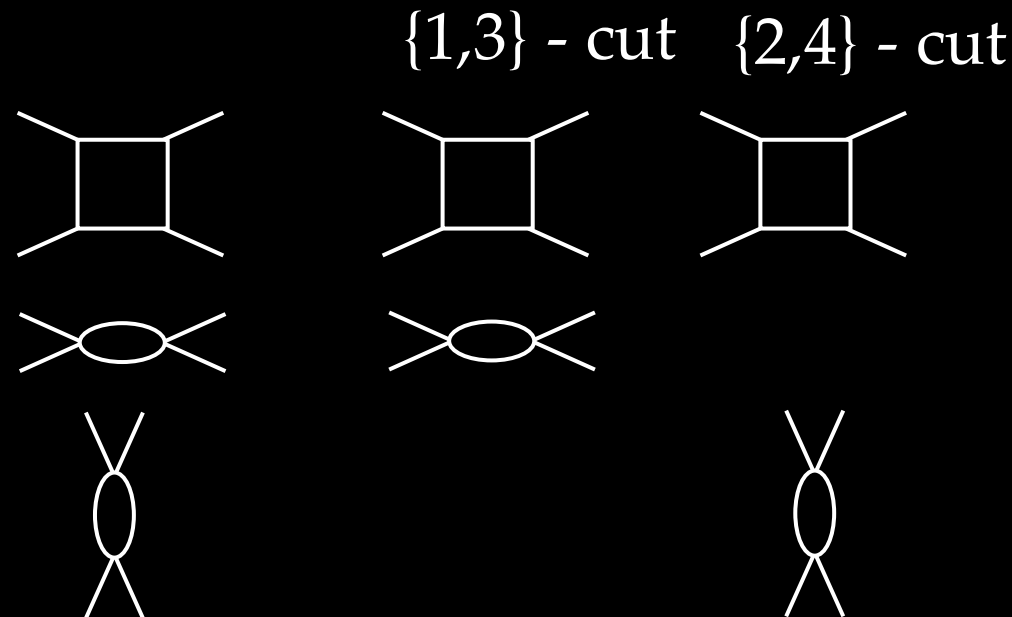
Step 1: Run NeatIBP on each cut

Current version of NeatIBP avoids cutting multiple propagators.
Thus, for integrals such that $\alpha_i = 1, i \in \mathcal{C}$, \mathcal{C} -cut means

$$P \rightarrow P|_{z_i \rightarrow 0, i \in \mathcal{C}}$$

Step 2: Reduce the IBP system on each cut Kira

Step 3: Merge the reduced IBP system of all cuts



Benefit:

1. Split a difficult problem into simpler pieces
2. Parallelizable

Merging the spanning cut systems

$$I|_{\{1,3\}\text{-cut}} = \sum_i c_{\{1,3\},i}^{1234} I_i^{1234}|_{\{1,3\}\text{-cut}} + \sum_i c_{\{1,3\},i}^{13} I_i^{13}|_{\{1,3\}\text{-cut}}$$

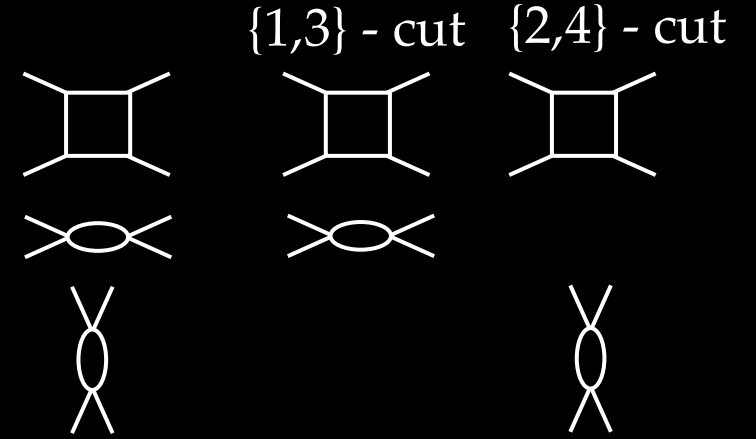
$$I|_{\{2,4\}\text{-cut}} = \sum_i c_{\{2,4\},i}^{1234} I_i^{1234}|_{\{2,4\}\text{-cut}} + \sum_i c_{\{2,4\},i}^{24} I_i^{24}|_{\{2,4\}\text{-cut}}$$



$$I = \sum_i c_i^{1234} I_i^{1234} + \sum_i c_i^{13} I_i^{13} + \sum_i c_i^{24} I_i^{24}$$

Currently, NeatIBP uses a “direct” merging strategy:

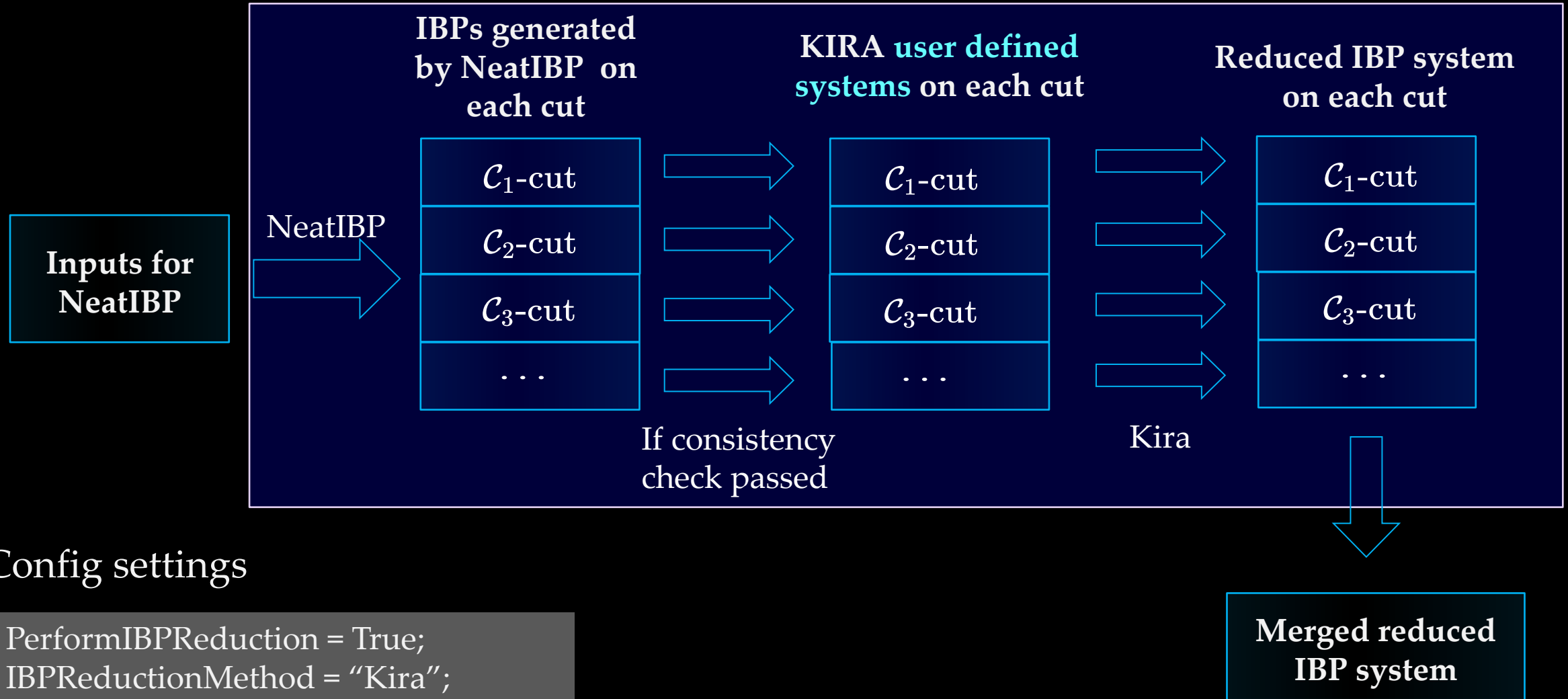
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_i^{13} = c_{\{1,3\},i}^{13} \\ c_i^{24} = c_{\{2,4\},i}^{24} \\ c_i^{1234} = c_{\{1,3\},i}^{1234} = c_{\{2,4\},i}^{1234} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{Consistency condition}$$



NeatIBP checks consistency conditions before merging the spanning cut systems. This step cannot be omitted because the condition is **NOT** always guaranteed according to our observation. Inconsistency often observed in integrals **with massive propagators**.

The Kira+NeatIBP interface (spanning cuts mode)

Parallelized by default

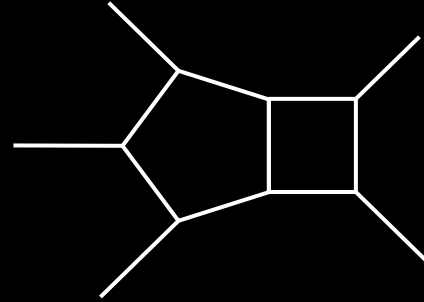


Config settings

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IBPReductionMethod = "Kira";  
KiraCommand = "/some/path/kira";  
FermatPath = "/some/path/fer64";  
SpanningCutsMode = True;
```

A baby example of Kira+NeatIBP performance (with spanning cuts)

Two-loop five-point, with numerator degree 4



CPU threads: 20
RAM: 128GB

Running NeatIBP + Kira in **spanning cuts** mode:

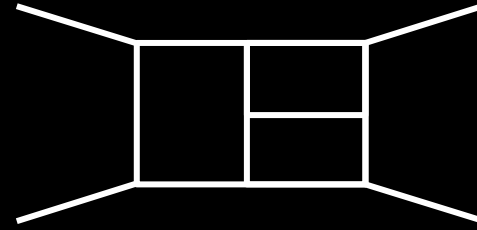
1. NeatIBP: Generates equations on **10** spanning cuts, time used: **8m**
2. Number of equations: vary from **310 ~ 1583**, on different cuts
3. Kira reduction time used: **5h**

Running NeatIBP + Kira in **normal** mode:

1. NeatIBP: Generates **3708** equations spanning cuts, using **18m**
2. Kira reduction time used: **24h**

Another example of Kira+NeatIBP performance (with spanning cuts)

Three-loop four-point, with numerator degree 5



CPU threads: 20
RAM: 128GB

Running NeatIBP + Kira in **spanning cuts** mode:

1. NeatIBP: Generates equations on **22** spanning cuts, time used: **1h22m**
2. Number of equations: **2k ~ 10k+** or so, at most **35k**, on different cuts
3. Kira reduction time used : **35m**

Running NeatIBP + Kira in **normal** mode:

1. NeatIBP: Generates **113k** equations spanning cuts, using **13h**
2. Kira reduction time used: **2h30m**

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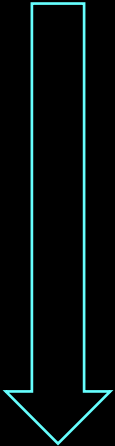
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Seeding

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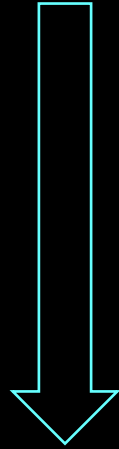
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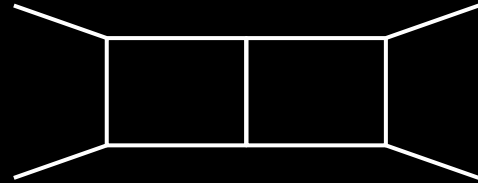
large combinatorial numbers

Seeding cost \uparrow

Idea of the algorithm (taking no-dot integrals as example)

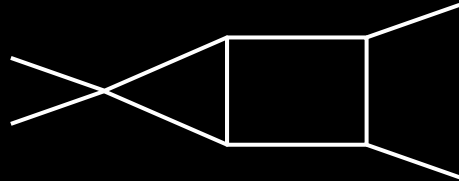
$$\int \frac{d^D l_1}{i\pi^{D/2}} \cdots \frac{d^D l_L}{i\pi^{D/2}} \frac{1}{D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

current sector:

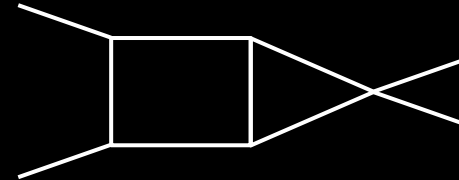


$$0 = \sum_j c_{ij}^h I_j^h + \sum_k c_{ik}^t I_k^t$$

sub sectors:



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Treating tail integrals as zeros:

1. IBP relations containing only sub sector integrals will be discarded
2. This is equivalent to maximal cut (mc):

$$\text{for } I \in \text{sector } S, \quad I|_{\text{mc}} := I|_{S\text{-cut}}$$

Simplification of syzygy generators via maximal cut

Delete generators that do not change the “maximal cut” module $M|_{\text{mc}}$ defined as

$$M|_{\text{mc}} := \langle f_1|_{\text{mc}}, f_2|_{\text{mc}}, \dots \rangle \quad \text{for} \quad M = \langle f_1, f_2, \dots \rangle$$

Step 1: Using “maximal cut” Groebner basis

$$G|_{\text{mc}} := \text{GB}(M|_{\text{mc}}) = \langle g_1, g_2, \dots \rangle \quad \text{lifting} \quad g_i = \sum_j c_{ij} f_j|_{\text{mc}}$$

Delete f_j in generators of M if $c_{ij} = 0, \forall i$

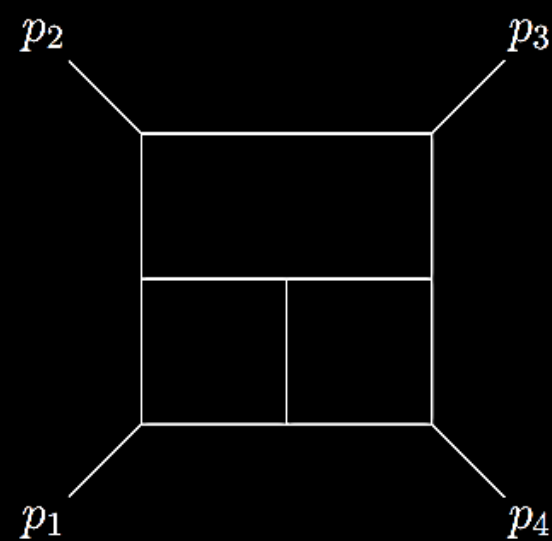
Because this means $f_j|_{\text{mc}}$ does not contribute to $M|_{\text{mc}}$

Step 2: Scanning

After step 1, sort the remaining generators from complex to simple $M' = \langle f'_1, \dots, f'_n \rangle$

Scanning i from 1 to n , if deleting f'_i does not change the GB of maximal cut module, then delete it.

Example



Degree-5 targets

	without syzygy simplification			with syzygy simplification		
sector	#gen	time used	memory used	#gen	time used	memory used
1023	666	1h8m	20.2G	16	15m	6.7G
1022	665	4h4m	31.2G	39	1h4m	18.8G
1021	536	1h21m	22.0G	25	13m	4.0G
1019	541	50m	14.6G	30	9m	2.9G
1015	654	1h17m	16.9G	21	16m	5.0G
1013	602	2h1m	17.1G	32	37m	11.3G
981	432	2h24m	11.8G	61	47m	9.2G
949	520	2h1m	13.6G	514	3h37m	20.1G
719	404	56m	5.3G	398	1h19m	5.6G
511	721	38m	10.8G	31	13m	4.4G
379	657	39m	8.4G	657	1h44m	8.9G
351	778	2h13m	13.4G	778	2h33m	14.0G
251	510	46m	6.8G	35	14m	4.1G
...

Summary

The integration-by-parts (IBP) reduction is one of the bottle-neck steps in the evaluation of multi-loop Feynman integrals.

NeatIBP is an automated program generating small-size IBP system. It helps to reduce the computation cost of IBP reduction.

NeatIBP has been successfully applied to frontier problems, including two-loop amplitude computation in phenomenology and three-loop five-point Feynman diagrams.

We have displayed some new features of NeatIBP of the new version. They include:

1. The spanning cuts method:
Splitting the hard problem into simpler pieces.
2. The Kira interface:
Providing automated IBP solver.
3. Simplification algorithm of syzygy generators

<https://github.com/yzhphy/NeatIBP>