

# Dyck Words and Multi- Quark Amplitudes



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# In this talk

Properties of tree-level QCD primitive amplitudes with many quarks.

Melia, Phys.Rev. D to appear (2013), arXiv:1304.7809

Results useful for high multiplicity & unitarity based NLO QCD calculations involving quarks.

A couple of ‘new for RADCOR’ results which follow from this (new tree-level colour decompositions).

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Many jets: the LHC already sees  
some very high multiplicity jet  
events

(for quarks have to see past the gluons)

Pure jet production.

b-quark tagging.

Jet substructure to enhance light quark jets.

High pt from valence quark annihilation.

Electroweak boson(s) + jets.

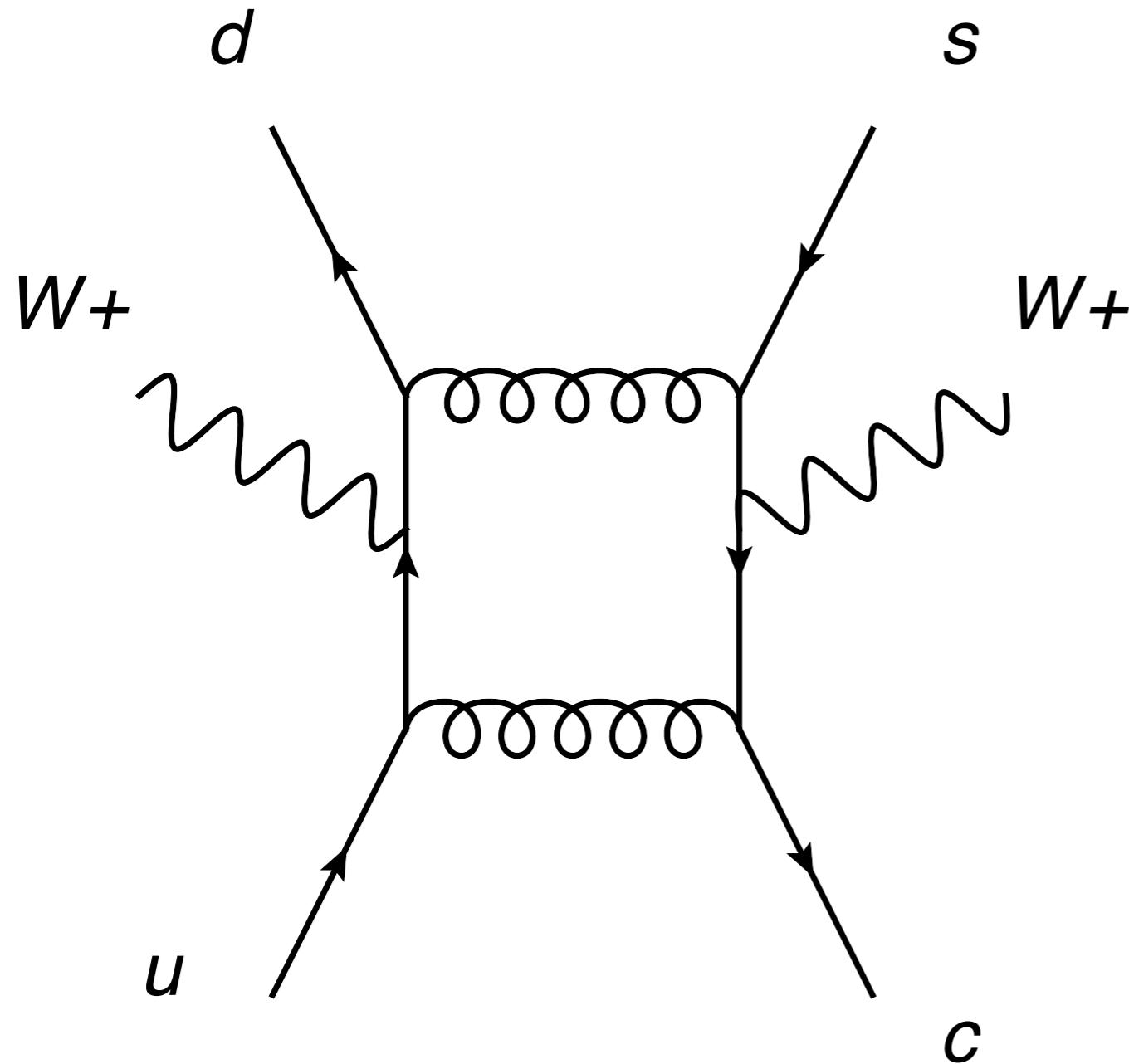
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## D-dimensional Generalised Unitarity

Bern, Dixon, Kosower; Cachazo, Britto, Feng; Ellis, Kunszt, Giele, Melnikov and more...



Pure kinematic  
1-loop primitive

Z. Bern, L. J. Dixon, and D. A. Kosower, Nucl.Phys. B437 , 259 (1995)  
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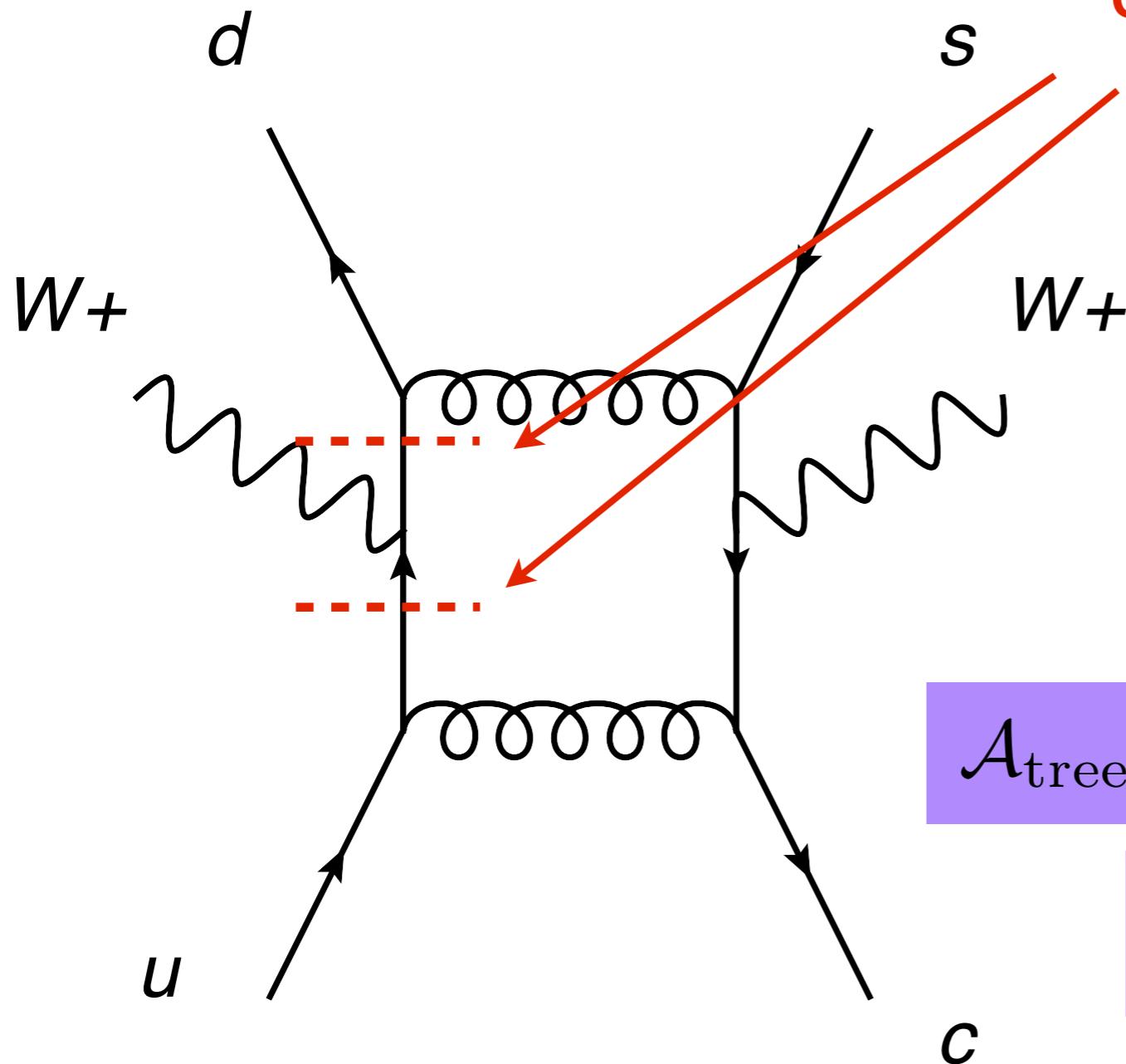
$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{loop}}(\bar{u}, W^+, d, \bar{s}, W^+, c)$$

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Unitarity Cut

Product of tree  
level primitives

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{tree}}(\bar{u}, W^+, d) \times$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{tree}}(\bar{d}, d, \bar{s}, W^+, c, \bar{u}, u)$$

Higher # of quarks  
than the 1-loop primitive

These are fundamental QCD building blocks.  
 But their properties have not been studied in  
 detail when there are quarks present.

For instance - how many are independent?

### Pure Gluons tree-level

$$A^{\text{full}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-1}} \text{tr}(\lambda^1 \lambda^{\sigma_1} \lambda^{\sigma_2} \dots \lambda^{\sigma_{n-1}}) \mathcal{A}(1, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{n-1})$$

F. A. Berends and W. Giele, Nucl.Phys. B294 , 700 (1987).  
 M. L. Mangano, S. J. Parke, and Z. Xu, Nucl.Phys. B298 , 653 (1988).

$(n - 1)!$  amplitudes

$$A^{\text{full}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} [F^{\sigma_1} F^{\sigma_2} \dots F^{\sigma_{n-2}}]_2^1 \mathcal{A}(1, 2, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-2}) \quad [F^a]^b_c = i f^{bac}$$

V. Del Duca, A. Frizzo and F. Maltoni, Nucl. Phys. B 568 (2000) 211.  
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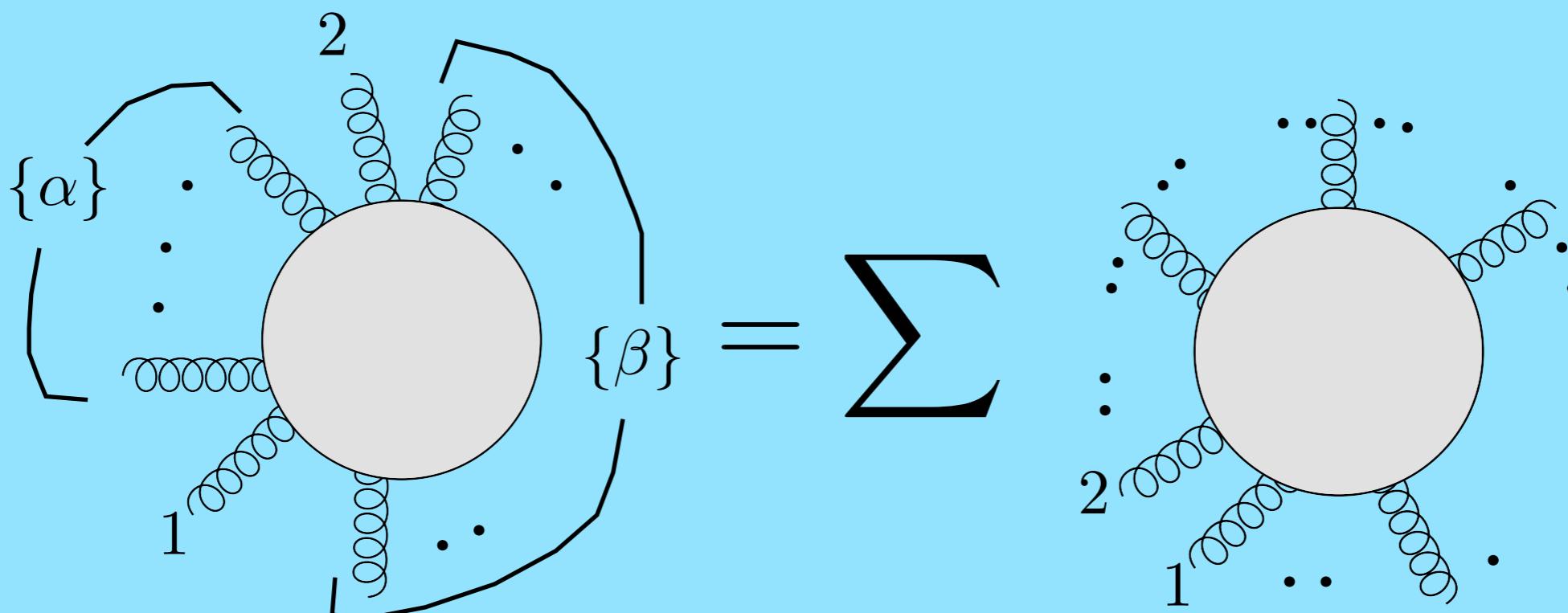
only  $(n - 2)!$  independent

(Not considering BCJ)

# This implies the Kleiss-Kuijf relations

R. Kleiss and H. Kuijf, Nucl.Phys. B312 , 616 (1989)

$$\mathcal{A}(1, \{\alpha\}, 2, \{\beta\}) = \sum_{\text{OP}\{\alpha\}\{\beta\}} \mathcal{A}(1, 2, \underbrace{\{\alpha^T\}}_A \underbrace{\{\beta\}}_B)$$



$$\{\alpha\} = \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 & 5 \end{matrix}$$

$$\{\beta\} = \begin{matrix} 6 & 7 \end{matrix}$$

$$\{\alpha^T\} = \begin{matrix} 5 & 4 & 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{OP } \{\alpha^T\}\{\beta\}$$

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Consider primitives with  $n/2$  quarks +  $n/2$  anti-quarks (put gluons back easily).

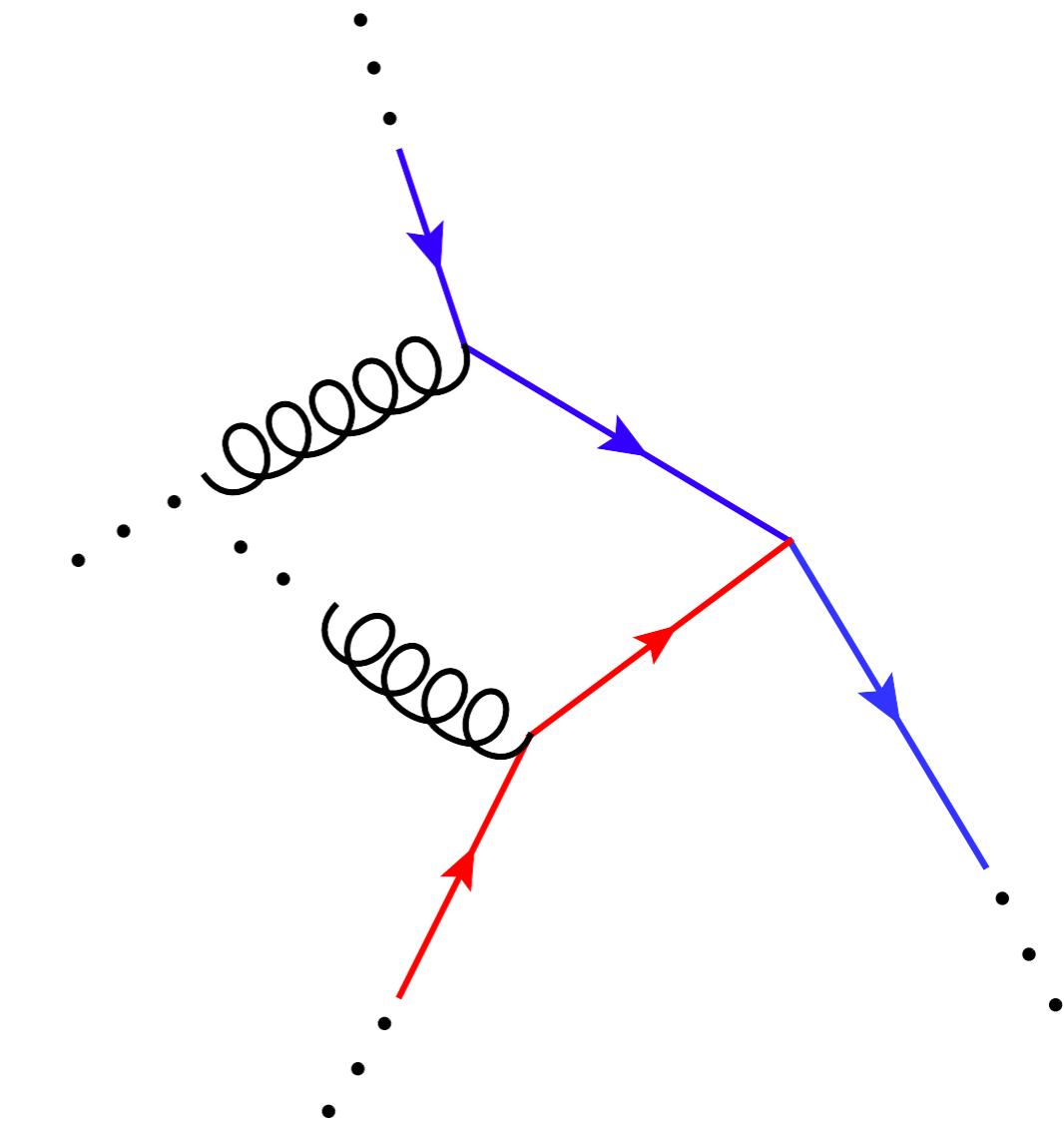
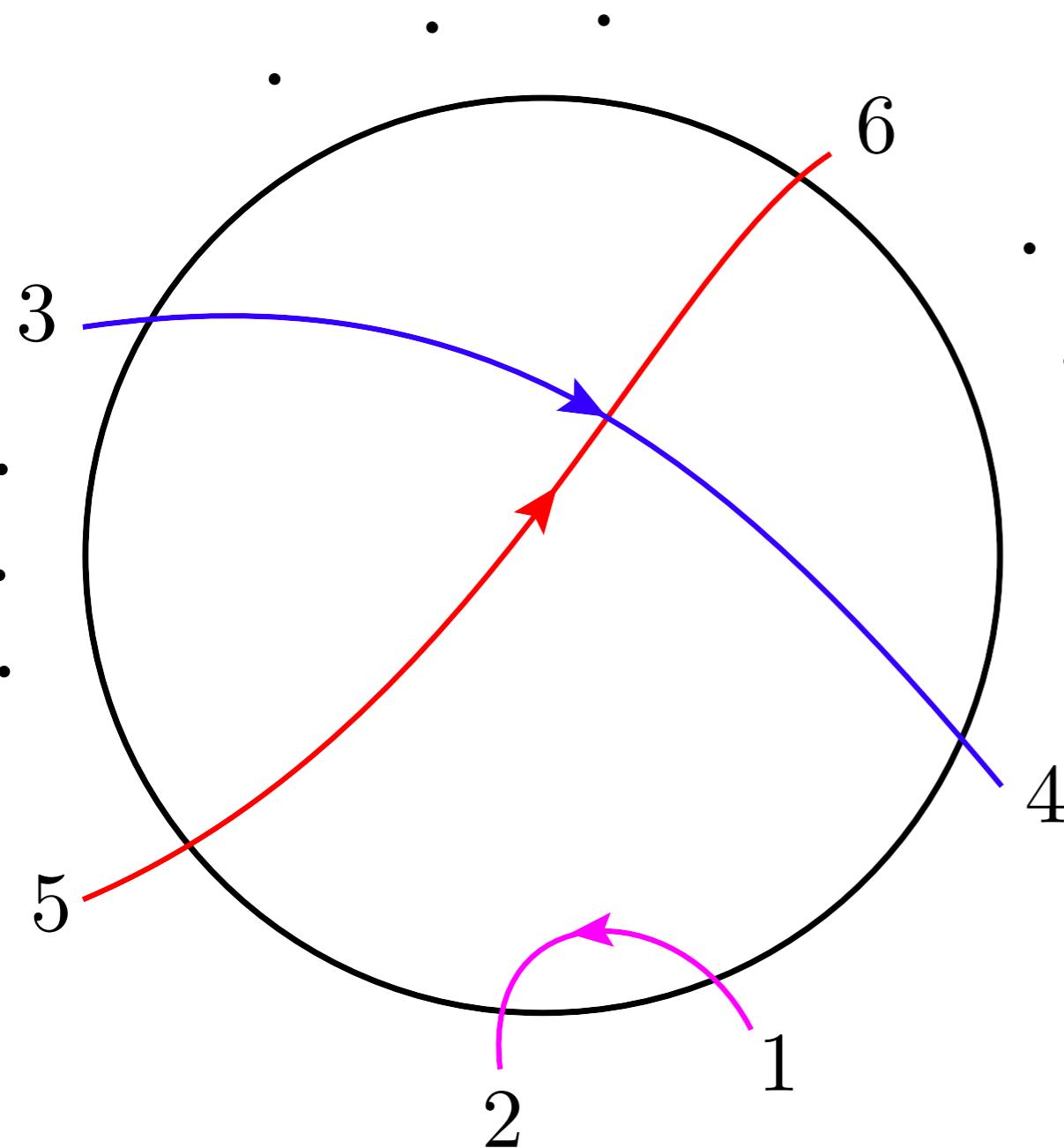
All distinct flavour. Use labeling convention:

$$(1 \rightarrow 2), (3 \rightarrow 4), (5 \rightarrow 6), \dots, (n-1 \rightarrow n)$$

Imagine they are charged under adjoint  $SU(3)$ .  
Kinematic part unaffected.

$$\mathcal{A}(1, 2, \sigma) \text{ Basis?}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(1, 2, \dots, 5, \dots, 3, \dots, 6, \dots, 4, \dots) = 0$$



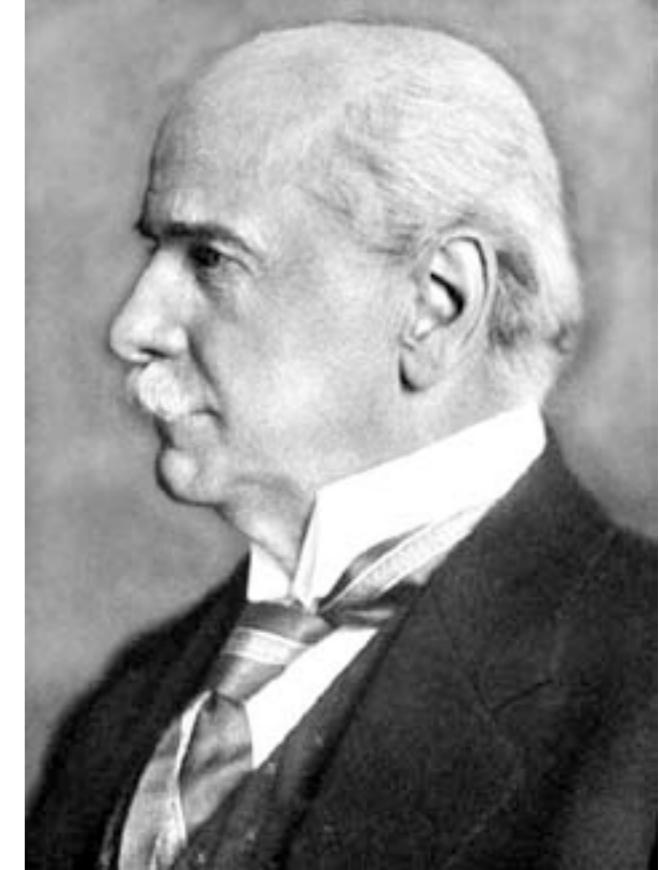
No crossing quark lines.

# Dyck Words

XY      r=1

XXYY    XYXY      r=2

XXXYYY    XXYXYY    XXYYXY    XYXXYY    XYXYXY  
r=3



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String of r Xs and r Ys such that the number of Xs is always greater than or equal to the number of Ys in any initial segment of the string.

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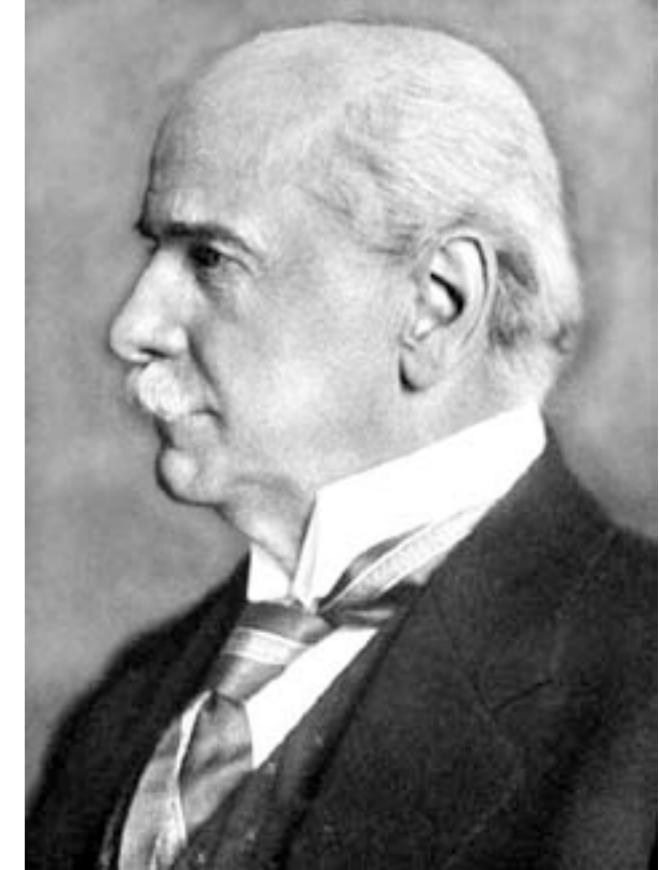
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# of Dyck words  
of length 2r

$$C_r = \frac{(2r)!}{r!(r+1)!}$$



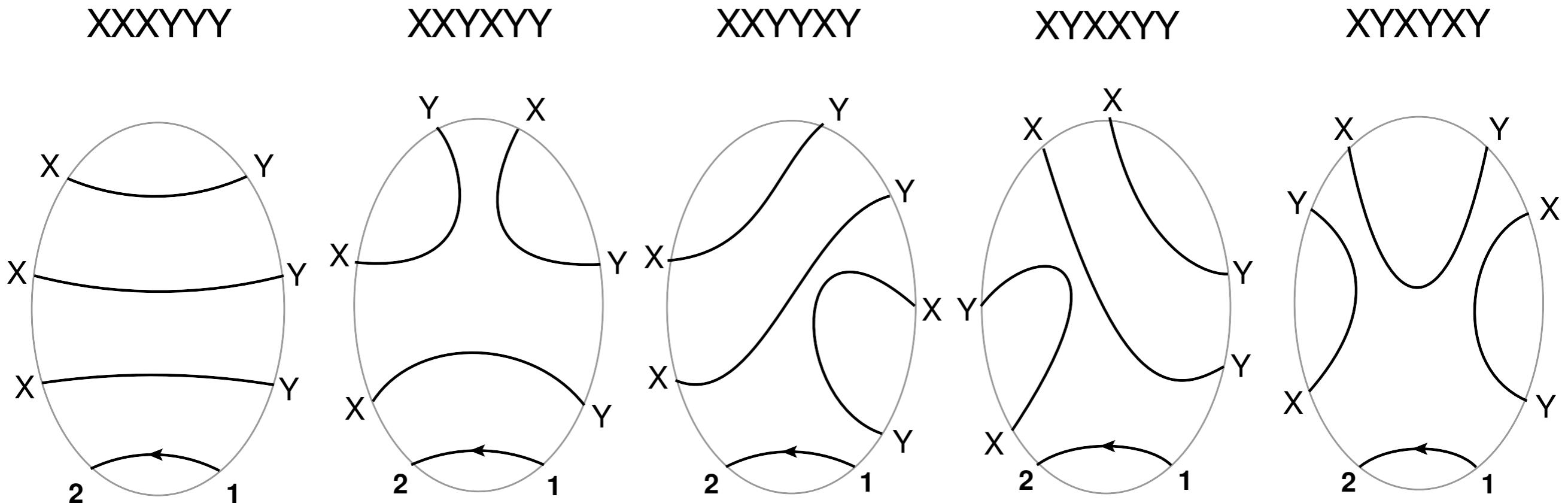
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No. of topologies:  $\frac{(2r)!}{r!(r+1)!}$  = #Non-zero

Allocate flavours:  $\times r!$   $\mathcal{A}(1, 2, \sigma)$

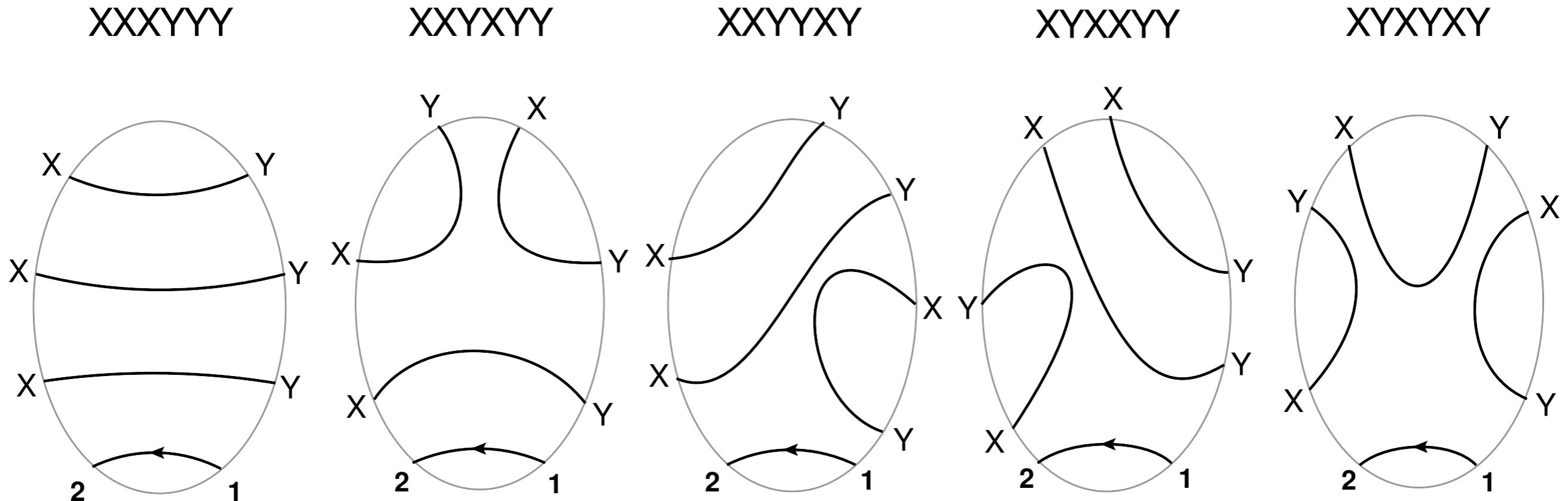
Draw in quark arrow:  $\times 2^r$

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One arrow configuration  
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an SU(3) group theory  
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Conclusion for this part (putting gluons back is simple: see proceedings)

# of independent tree-level QCD primitives with  $k$  distinct quarks,  $k$  antiquarks, and  $n-2k$  gluons is  $(n - 2)!/k!$ .

An explicit basis has a quark line structure given by

$$\mathcal{A}(1, 2, \text{Dyck}_{k-1}(X_{\tau_1}, \dots, X_{\tau_{k-1}}, Y, \dots, Y))$$

for all Dyck topologies with  $r=k-1$ , and where antiquarks are assigned to the  $X$ , for all  $(k-1)!$  flavour permutations  $\tau$ , and the  $Y$ s are assigned depending on the Dyck topology.

+ all gluons insertions except between 1 and 2.

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$6q + n$  gluons

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## Unique Feynman Diagram (UFD) Method

Use knowledge of basis:

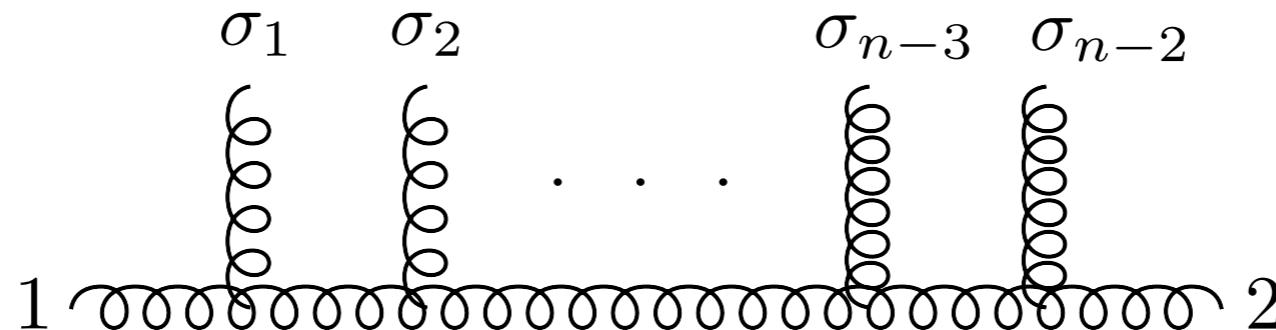
If  $D_k$  is a UFD to the primitive  $\mathcal{A}_i$  then

$$C_i^{\text{Amp}} = C_k$$

# n gluons

Basis:  $\mathcal{A}(1_g \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{n-3} \sigma_{n-2} 2_g) \quad \sigma \in S_{n-2}$

UFD:



$$(F^{\sigma_1} F^{\sigma_2} \dots F^{\sigma_{n-3}} F^{\sigma_{n-2}})_2^1 \equiv [\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{n-3} \sigma_{n-2}]_2^1$$

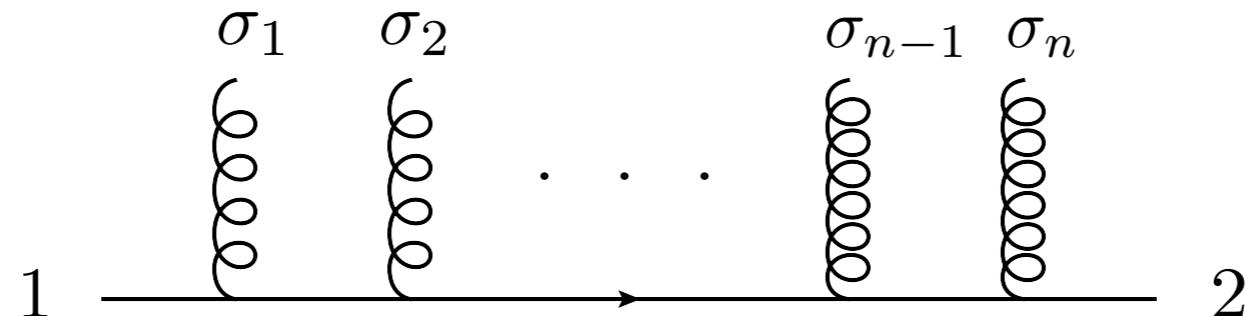
Colour decomposition:

$$A^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{\sigma \in S_{n-2}} [\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{n-2}]_2^1 \mathcal{A}(1 \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{n-2} 2)$$

# 2q+n gluons

Basis:  $\mathcal{A}(1\sigma_1\sigma_2\dots\sigma_{n-1}\sigma_n2)$   $\sigma \in S_n$

UFD:



$$(\lambda^{\sigma_1} \lambda^{\sigma_2} \dots \lambda^{\sigma_{n-1}} \lambda^{\sigma_n})^1{}_2 \equiv (\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_{n-1} \sigma_n)^1{}_2$$

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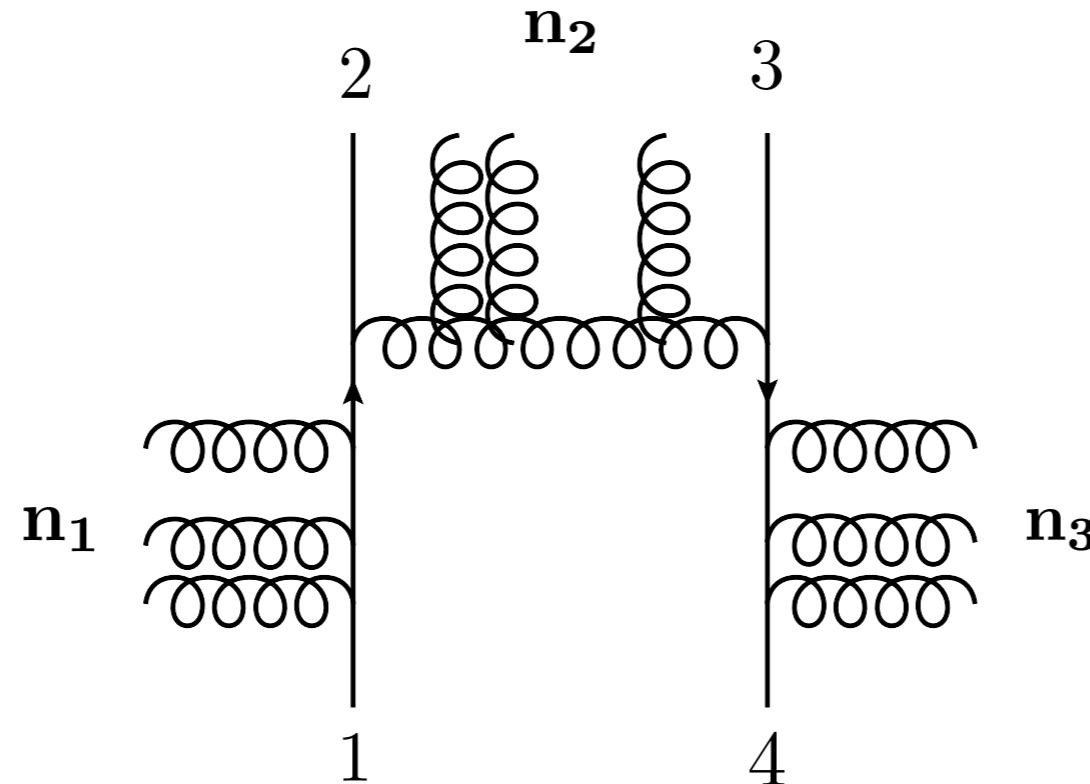
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M. Mangano, Nucl. Phys. B309, 461 (1988);

# 4q+n gluons

Basis:  $\mathcal{A}(1, \mathbf{n}_1, 2, \mathbf{n}_2, 3, \mathbf{n}_3, 4)$

$$\{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3\} = \mathbf{n} = \{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n\}_{\sigma \in S_n}$$

UFD:



$$(\lambda^{n_1^1} \lambda^{n_1^2} \dots \lambda^{n_1^{|n_1|}} \lambda^a)^1{}_2 [F^{n_2^1} F^{n_2^2} \dots F^{n_2^{|n_2|}}]^a{}_b (\lambda^b \lambda^{n_3^1} \lambda^{n_3^2} \dots \lambda^{n_3^{|n_3|}})^3{}_4$$

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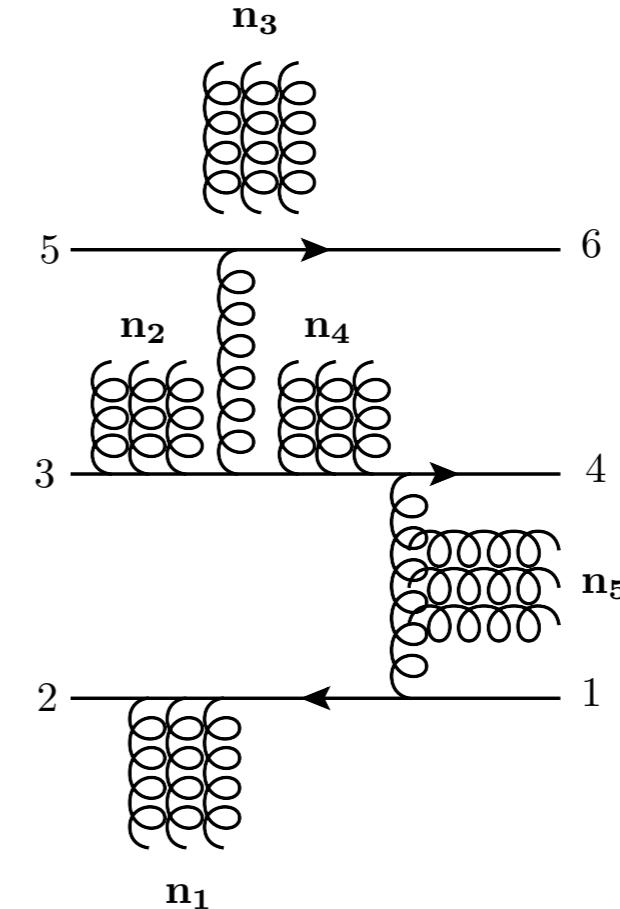
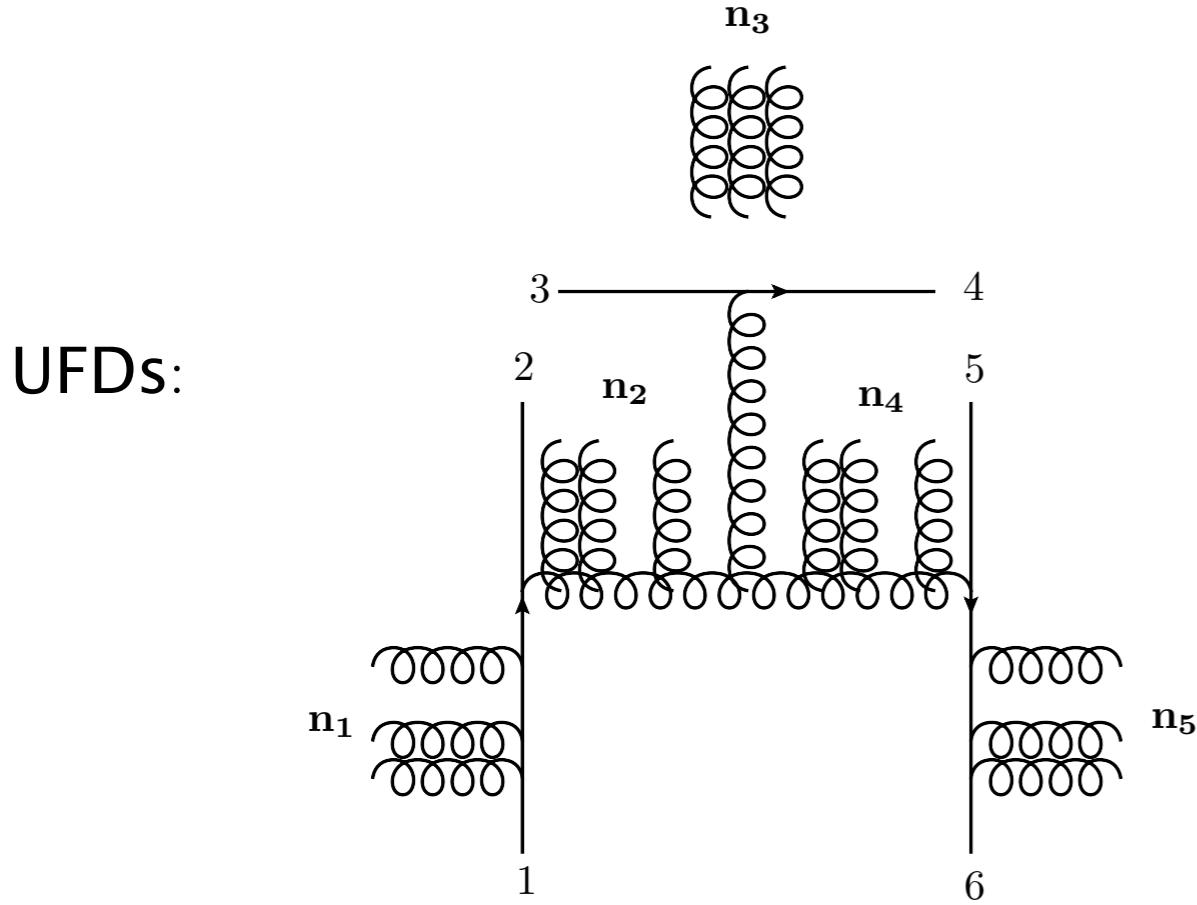
$$A^{\text{tree}} = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in S_n} \sum_{\{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3\} = \mathbf{n}} (\mathbf{n}_1 a)^1{}_2 [\mathbf{n}_2]^a{}_b (b \mathbf{n}_3)^3{}_4 \mathcal{A}(1, \mathbf{n}_1, 2, \mathbf{n}_2, 3, \mathbf{n}_3, 4)$$

NEW!

# 6q+n gluons

$$\{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{n}_3, \mathbf{n}_4, \mathbf{n}_5\} = \mathbf{n} = \{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_n\} \quad \sigma \in S_n$$

Basis:  $\mathcal{A}(1, \mathbf{n}_1, 2, \mathbf{n}_2, 3, \mathbf{n}_3, 4, \mathbf{n}_4, 5, \mathbf{n}_5, 6)$  ,  $(\mathcal{A}(1, \mathbf{n}_1, 2, 3, \mathbf{n}_2, 5, \mathbf{n}_3, 6, \mathbf{n}_4, 4, \mathbf{n}_5) \text{ & cyclic } (12), (34), (56))$



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where  $\mathcal{T}_g(\mathbf{n}, \bar{q}, q)^a{}_b = \sum_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \in \text{ord.subsets } \mathbf{n}} (as_1)^q{}_{\bar{q}} [as_2]^a{}_b \quad \mathcal{T}_q(\mathbf{n}, \bar{q}, q)^i{}_j = \sum_{\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \in \text{ord.subsets } \mathbf{n}} (as_1)^q{}_{\bar{q}} (as_2)^i{}_j$  NEW!

# New understanding of general tree-level primitives in QCD

Interesting mathematical structure.

Basis for all k and all n QCD  $g^{n-2k}(q\bar{q})^k$  primitive amplitudes using Dyck word quark line structure.

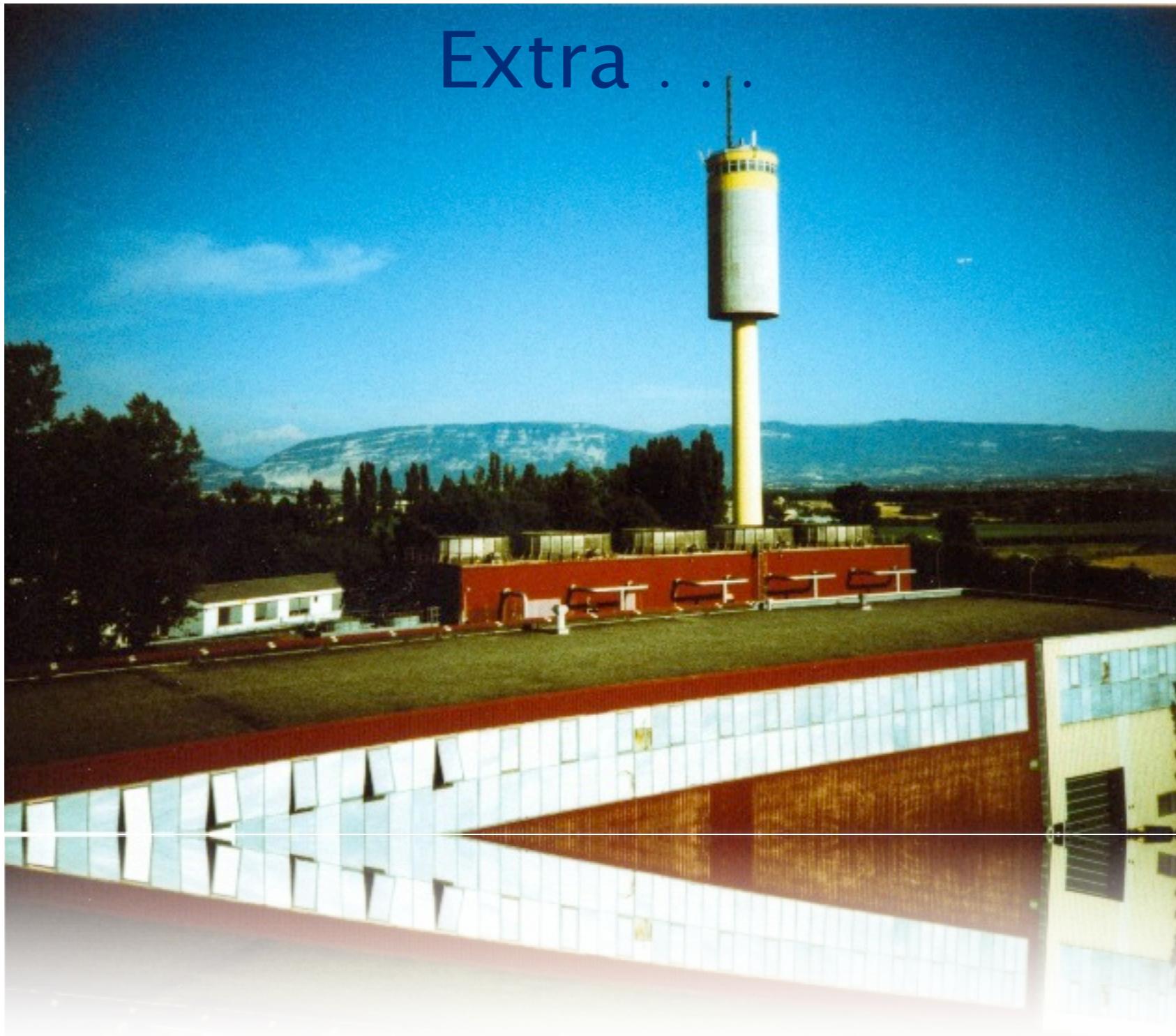
Organising NLO high jet multiplicity calculations.

Caching procedures to take relations into account.

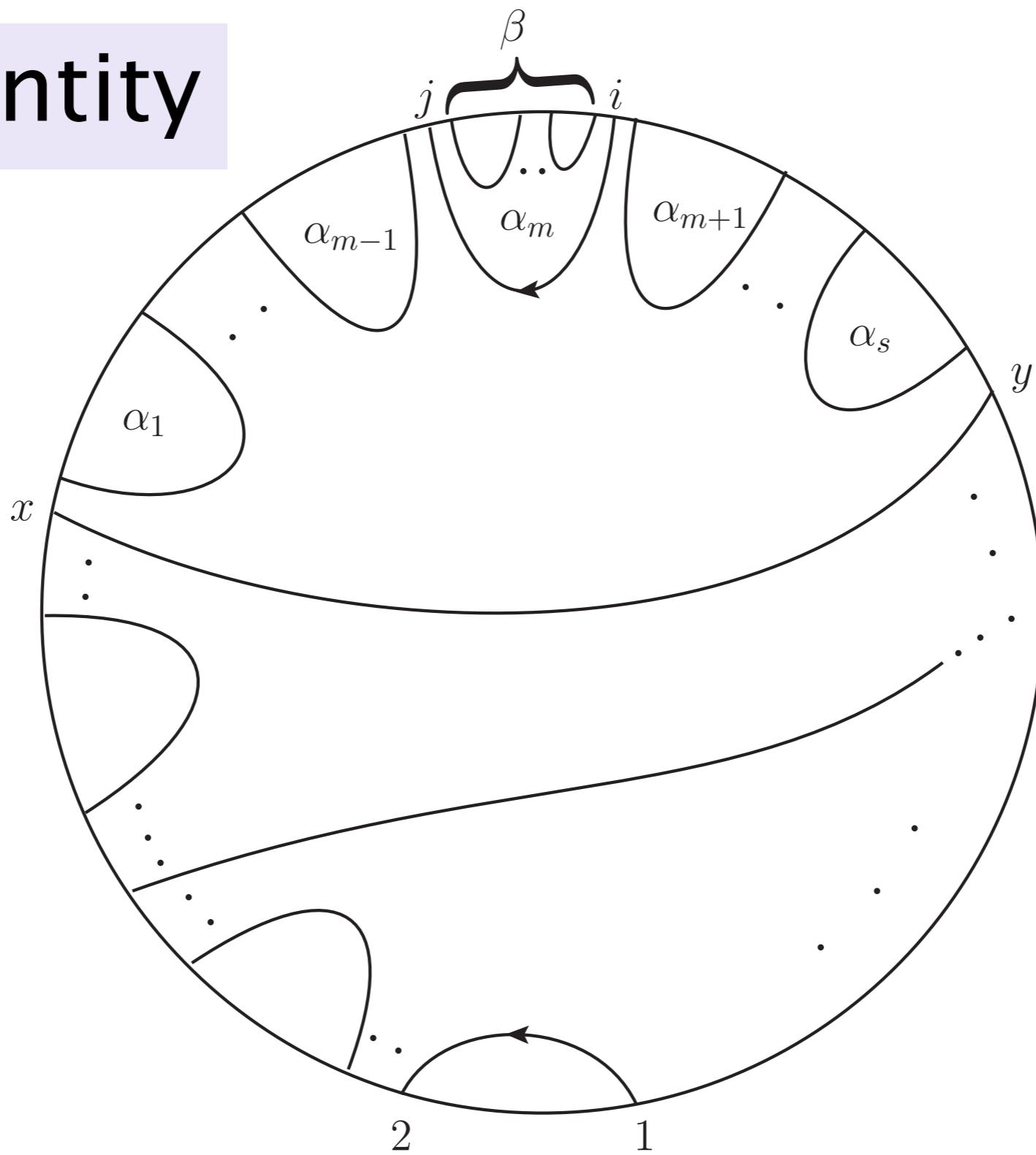
New (to be published RADCOR proceedings).

“All-n” 4q+ng and 6q+ng tree level colour decompositions.

Extra . . .



# SU(3) identity



$$\mathcal{A}(\dots x \{\alpha_1\}..\{\alpha_{m-1}\} j \{\beta\} i \{\alpha_{m+1}\}..\{\alpha_s\} y \dots) =$$

$$-\sum_{c=1}^m \left[ \sum_{\text{OP}\{D_c\}\{E\}} \left( \sum_{\text{OP}\{A_c\}\{B\}} \mathcal{A}(\dots x \{\alpha_1\}..\{\alpha_{c-1}\} i \underbrace{\{\alpha_c\}..\{\alpha_{m-1}\}}_{\{A_c\}} \underbrace{\{\beta^T\}}_{\{B\}} j \underbrace{\{\alpha_{m+1}\}..\{\alpha_s\}}_{\{E\}} y \dots) \right) \right]$$

# Independence

$$A_{n_e} = \sum_{\mathcal{P}(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{n_e})} (-1)^{\text{sgn}(\mathcal{P})} A_{n_e=0}$$

#(independent  $\mathcal{A}_{n_e=0} \geq (n-2)!/k!$

# Charge parity

$$\mathcal{A}(\dots i_{\bar{q}}^\pm \dots j_q^\mp \dots) = -\mathcal{A}(\dots i_q^\pm \dots j_{\bar{q}}^\mp \dots)$$

# A couple of KK relations

