

# Blackhat - Efficient Calculation of NLO amplitudes for Higgs + many jets

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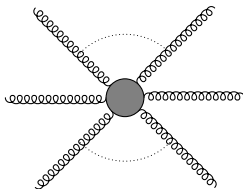
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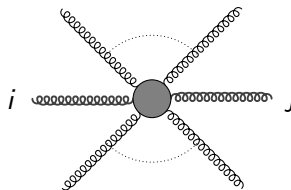
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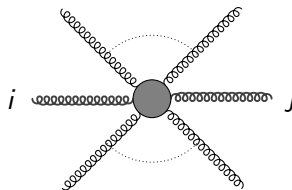


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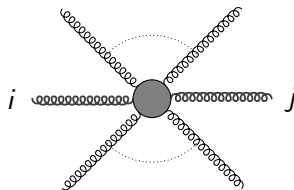
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$$A = \sum_{\substack{m,o,h: \\ i \in [m,o], j \notin [m,o]}} \hat{A}_{m,o-1}^h(z_{m,o}) \frac{1}{p_{m,o-1}^2} \hat{A}_{m,o-1}^{-h}(z_{m,o}) \Big|_{\hat{p}_{o,m-1}^2(z_{m,o})=0}$$

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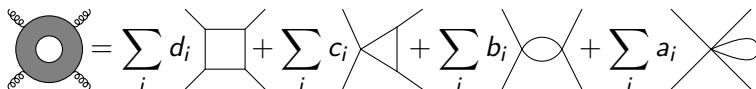
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The diagram shows a grey-shaded circle with four external wavy lines on the left. This is followed by an equals sign and a sum of four terms. Each term consists of a coefficient and a Feynman diagram:  $\sum_i d_i$  with a square box diagram,  $\sum_i c_i$  with a triangle diagram,  $\sum_i b_i$  with a bubble diagram, and  $\sum_i a_i$  with a tadpole diagram. All diagrams have four external wavy lines.

- Scalar basis functions: Boxes, Triangles, Bubbles & Tadpoles (I ignore tadpoles as I have massless internal particles)

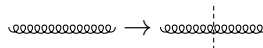
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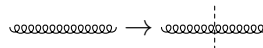
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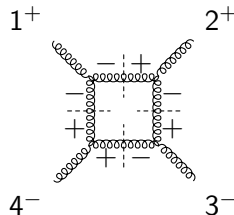
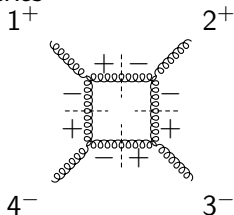


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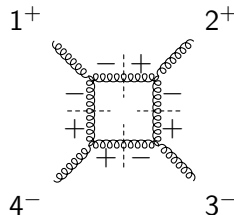
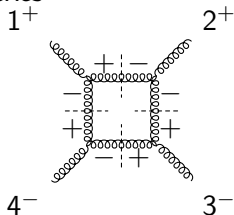
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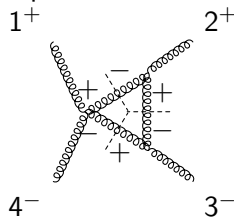
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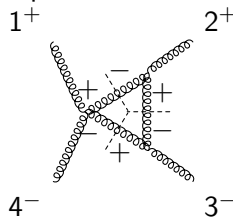
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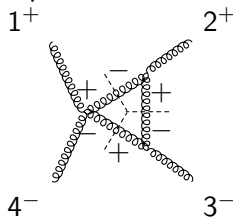
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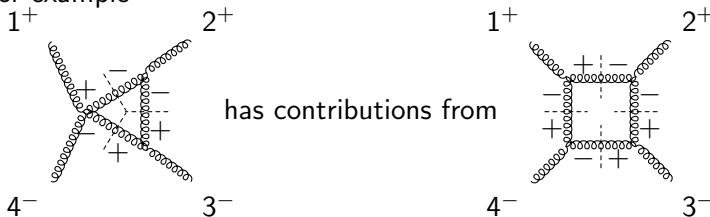
$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{dt}{t} C_3(t) = \frac{1}{2p+1} \sum_{j=-p}^p C_3(t_0 e^{2\pi i j / (2p+1)})$$

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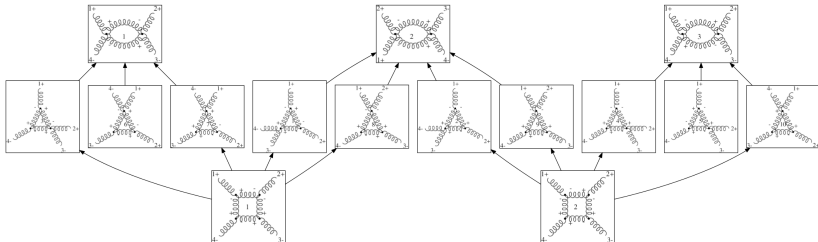


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