

# Progress on three-loop four-point integrals with one massive leg

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Based on [2410.19088], [2410.22465] and ongoing work with Cesare Carlo Mella and Petr Jakubčík

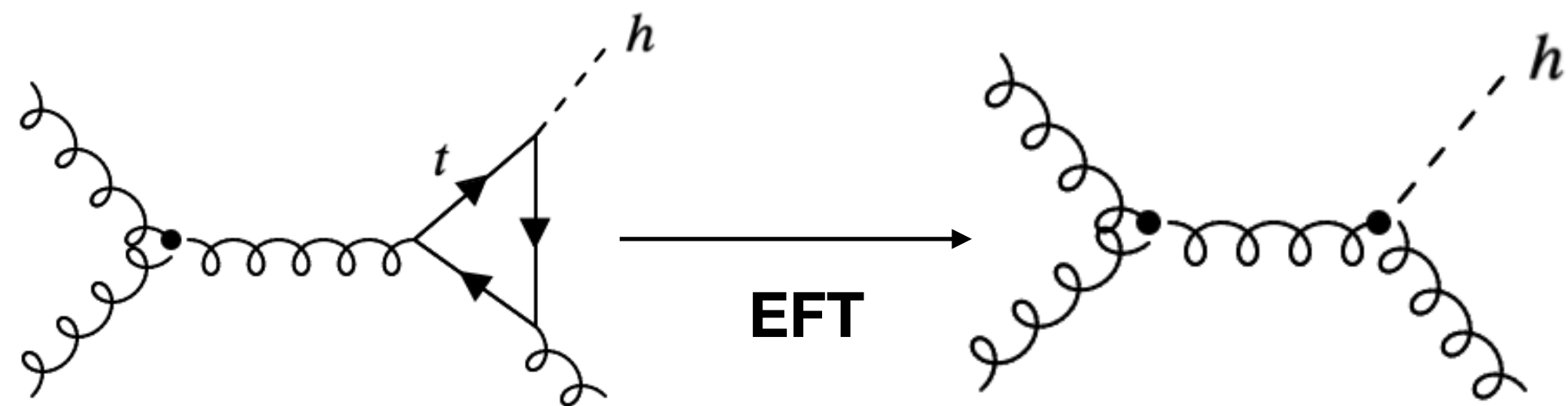
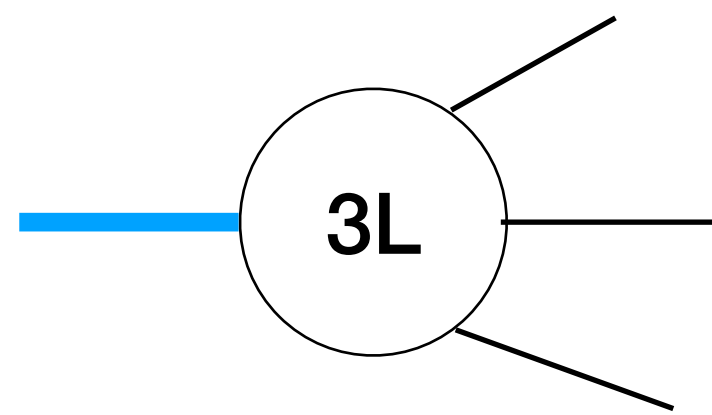
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# Motivation

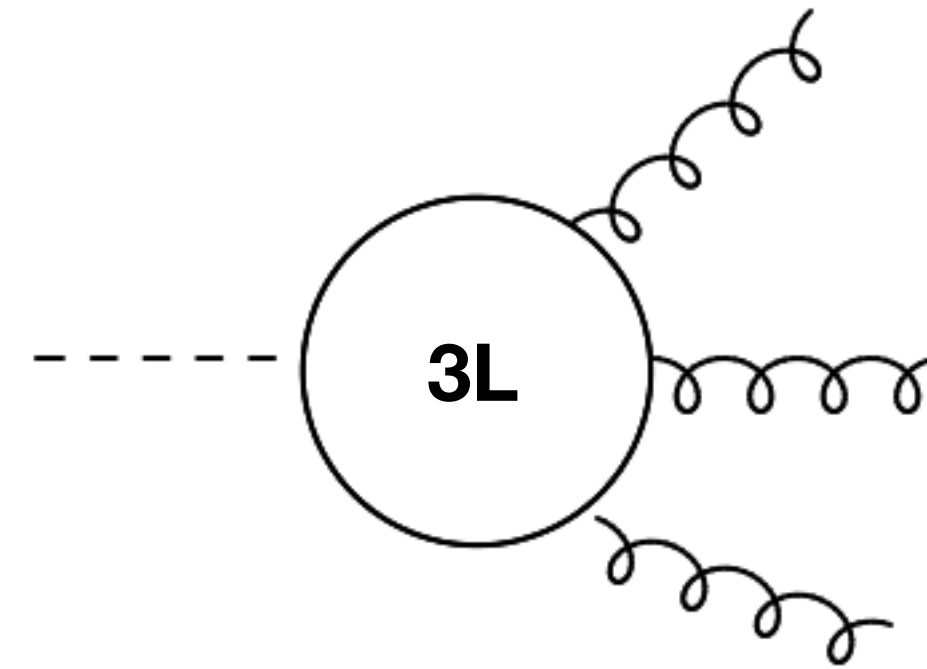
## (1) Phenomenology (Higgs plus jet)



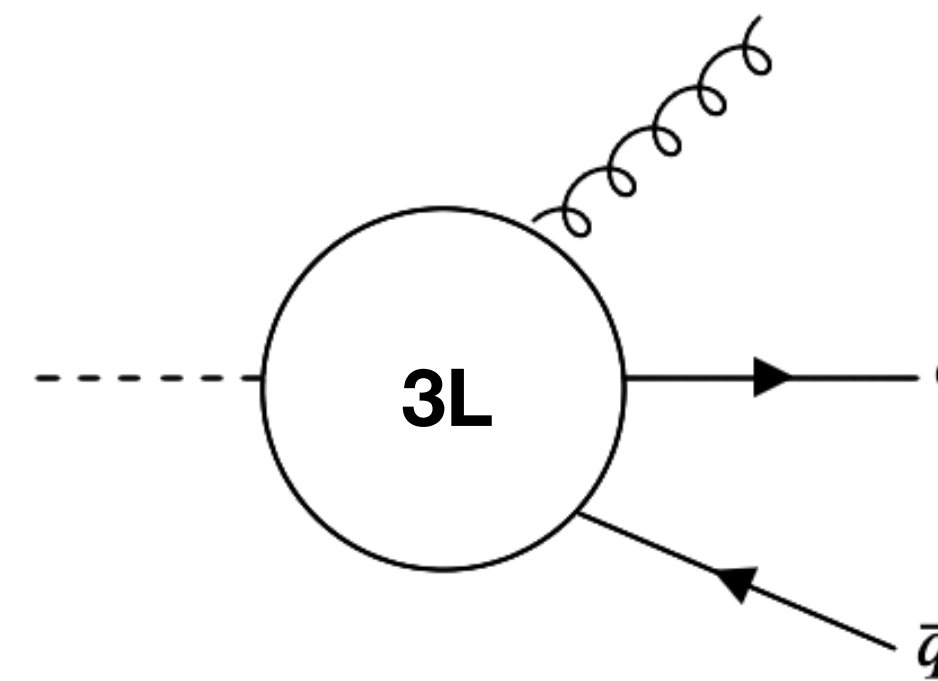
mediated by top quark

For percentage level precision, we need N3LO

$H_{ggg}$  amplitudes



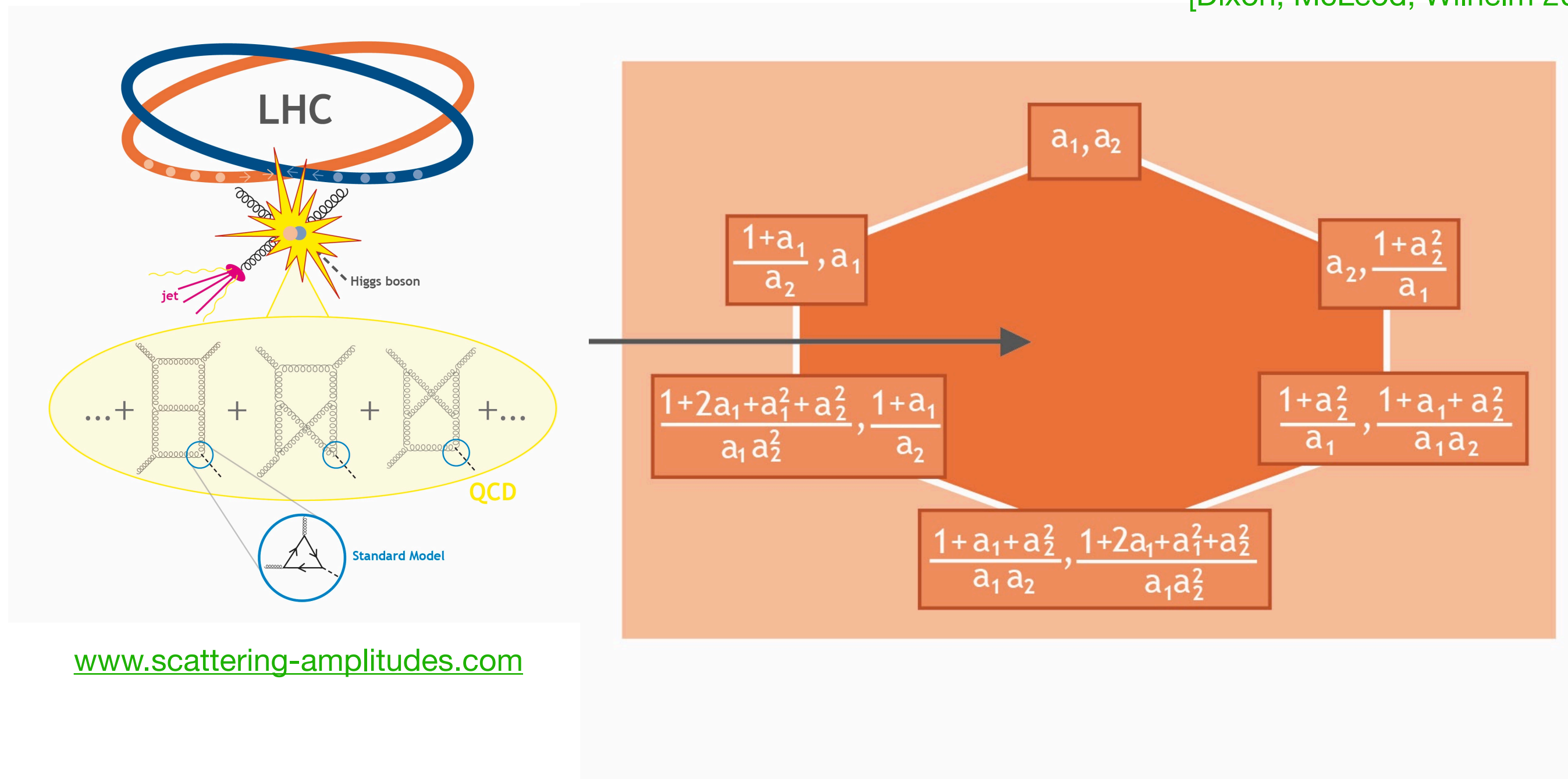
$H_{gq\bar{q}}$  amplitudes



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## (2) Hidden structure

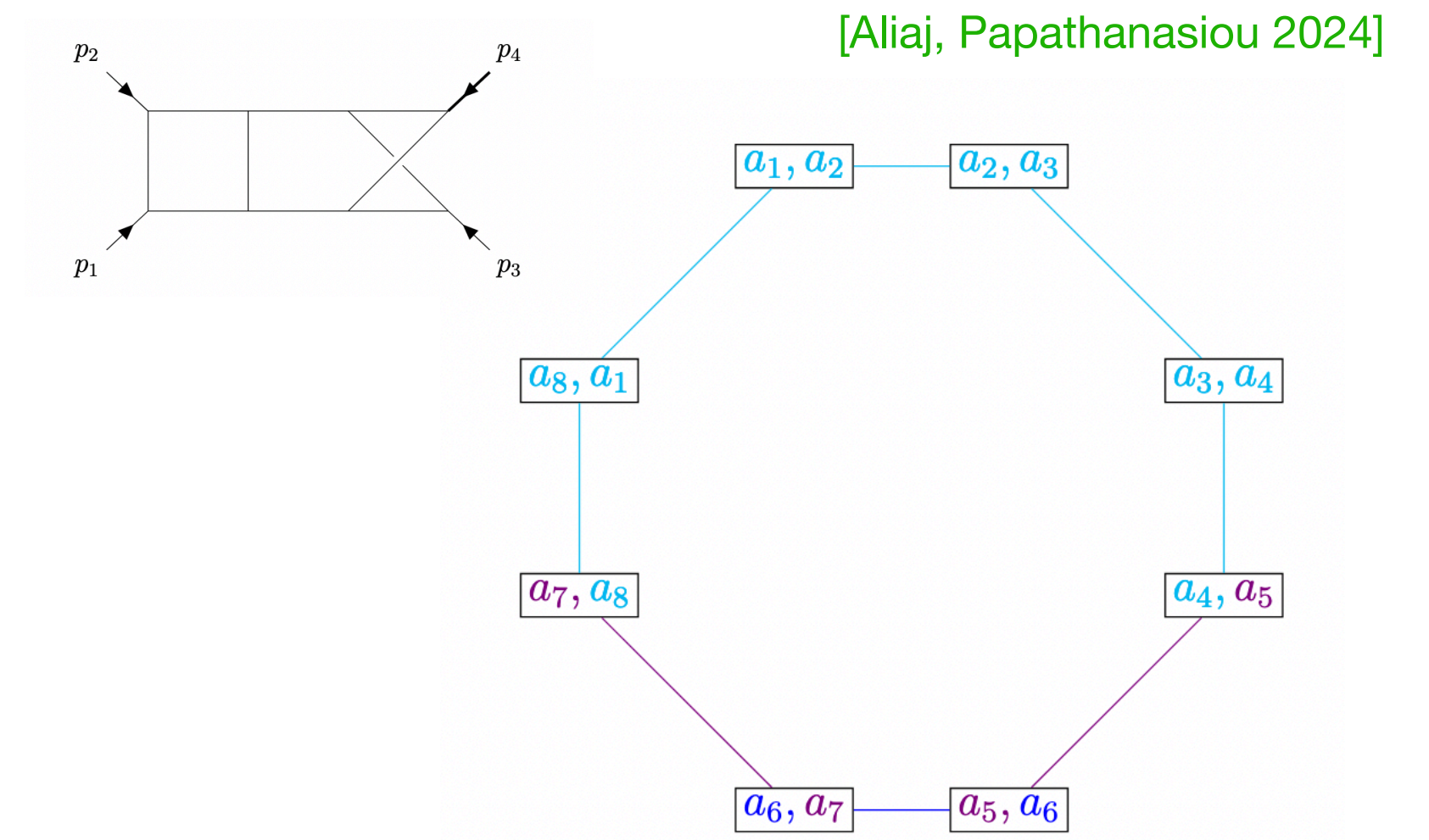
- $C_2$  cluster algebra, extended-Steinmann-like condition [Chicherin, Henn, Papathanasiou 2020]  
[Dixon, McLeod, Wilhelm 2020]



$$\alpha = \{z_1, z_2, 1 - z_1 - z_2, 1 - z_1, 1 - z_2, z_1 + z_2\}$$

$$\tilde{A}_i \cdot \tilde{A}_j = 0 \implies \dots \otimes \alpha_i \otimes \alpha_j \otimes \dots \text{ for } i, j \in \{4, 5, 6\} \text{ with } i \neq j$$

## $G_2$ cluster algebra



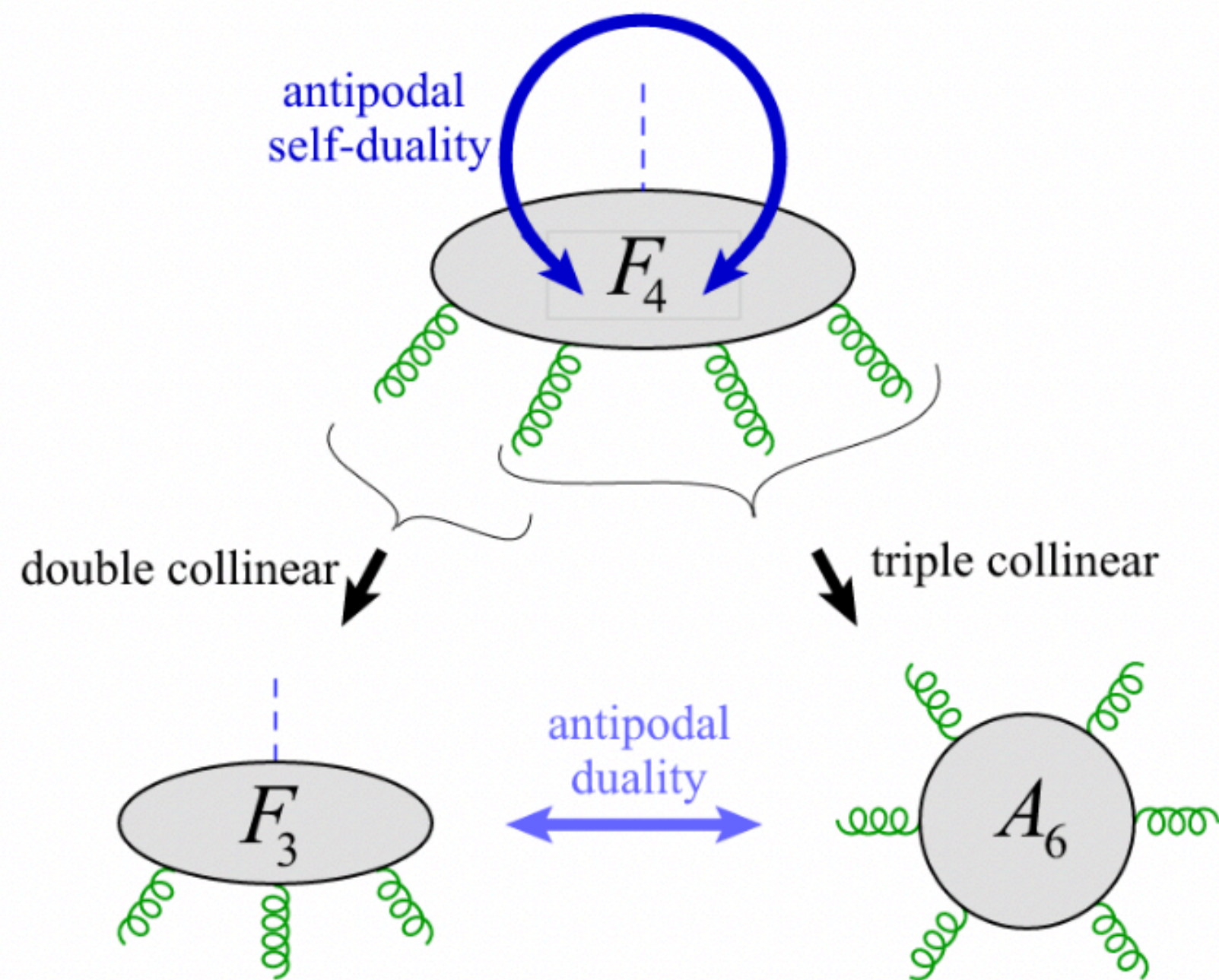
$$\alpha = \{z_1, z_2, 1 - z_1 - z_2, 1 - z_1, 1 - z_2, z_1 + z_2, 1 - 2z_1 + z_1^2 - z_2, z_1 - z_1^2 - z_2\}$$

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## (2) Hidden structure

- Antipodal duality

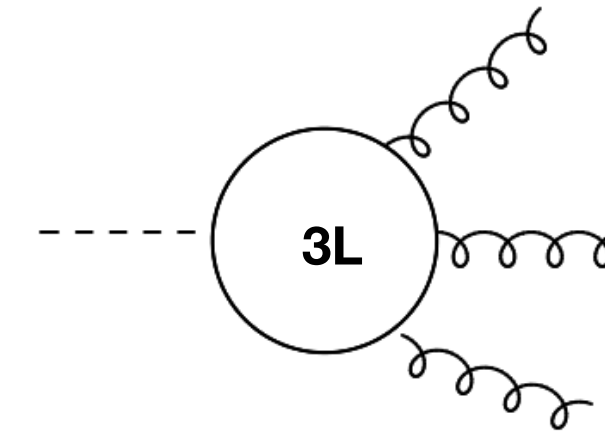
[Dixon, Gürdoğan, Liu, McLeod, Wihlem 2022]



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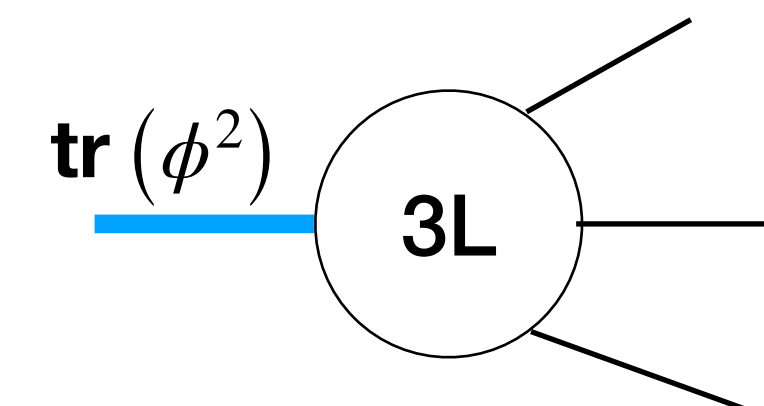
- Maximal transcendentality conjecture

$H_{ggg}$  amplitudes



Maximally  
transcendental part

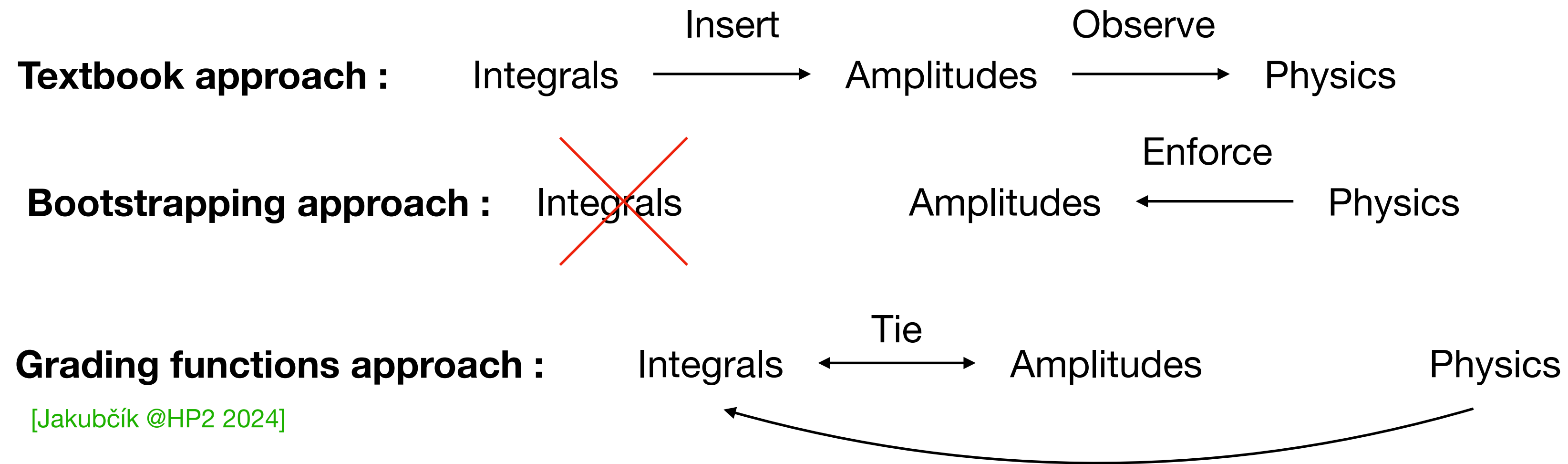
3-point  $\text{tr}(\phi^2)$  form factor in N=4 SYM



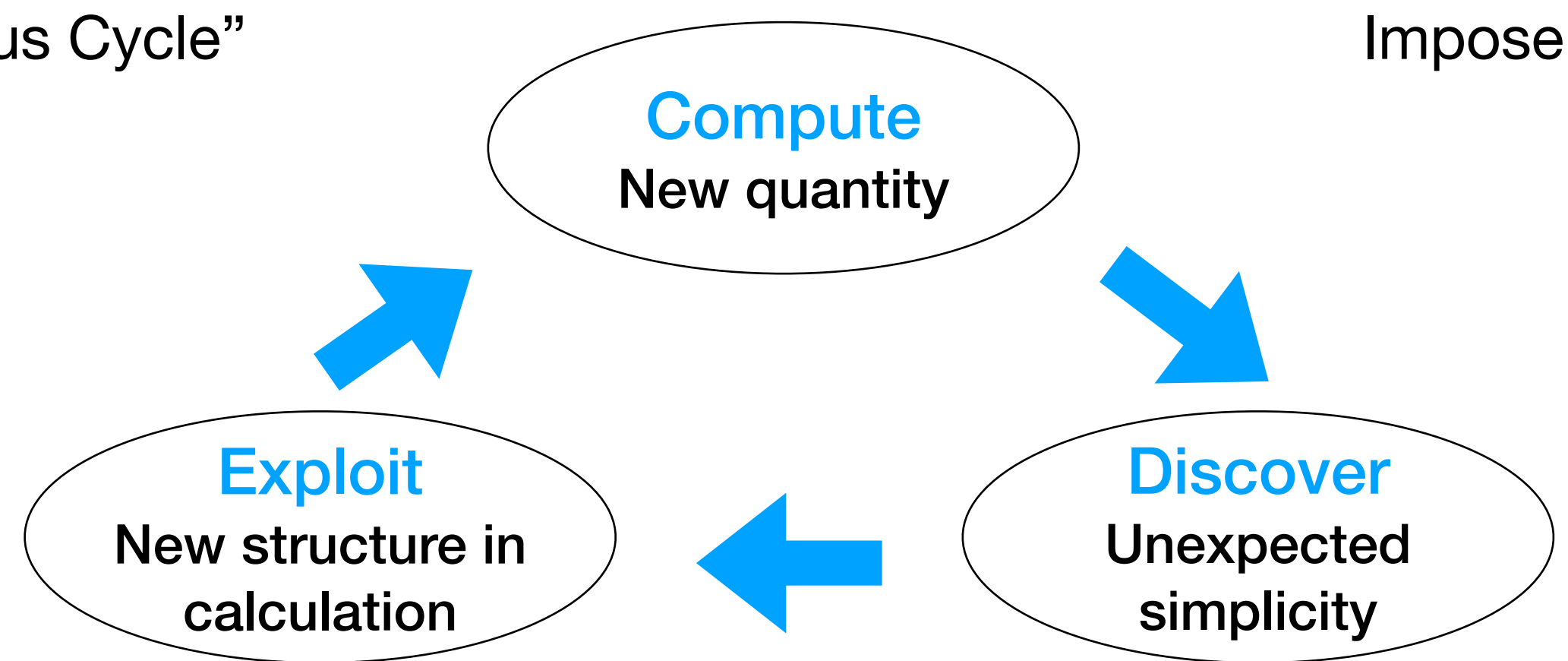
[Brandhuber, Travaglini, Yang 2012]

# Motivation

## (2) Hidden structure



The “Virtuous Cycle”



# Integral Families

QCD Higgs+jet N3LO  
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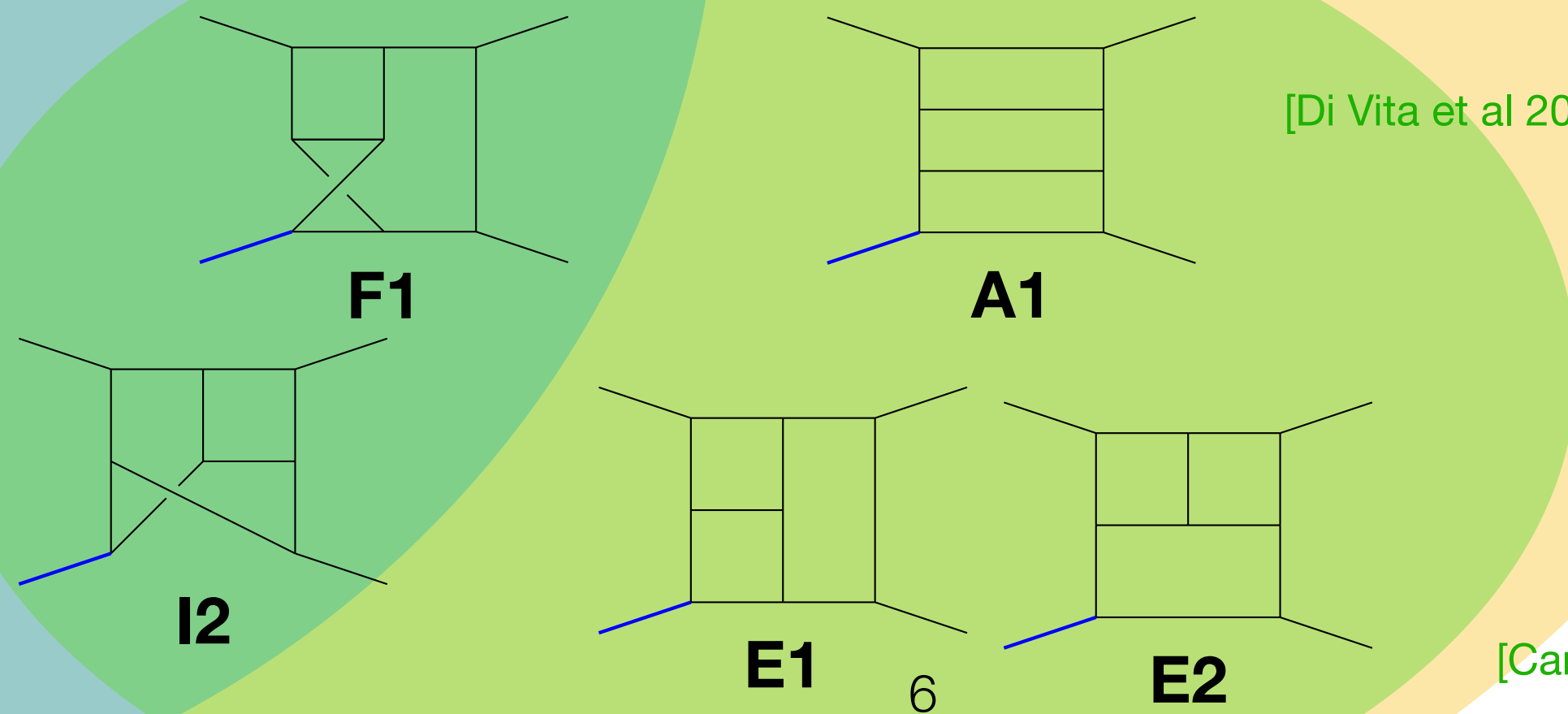
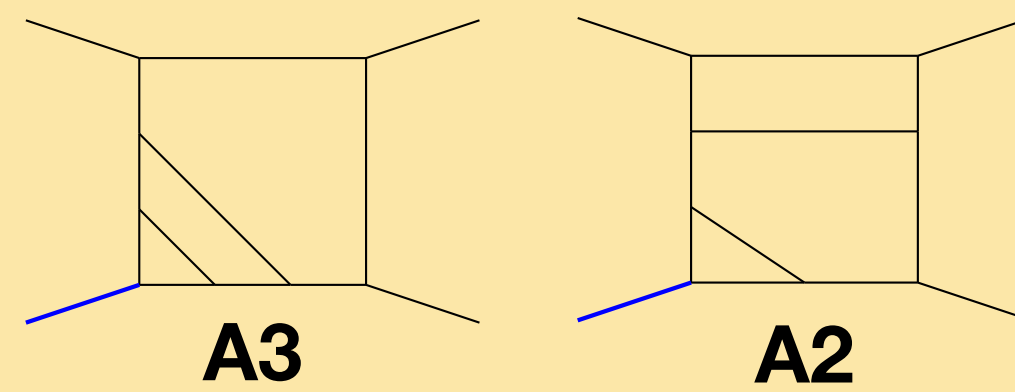
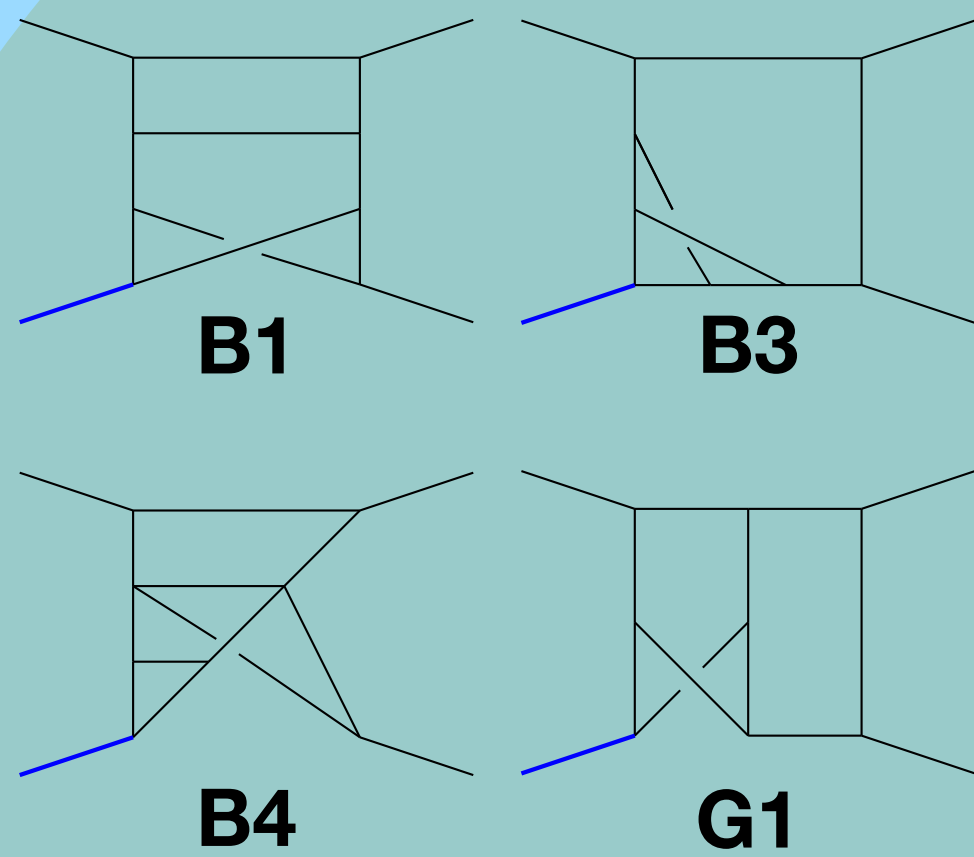
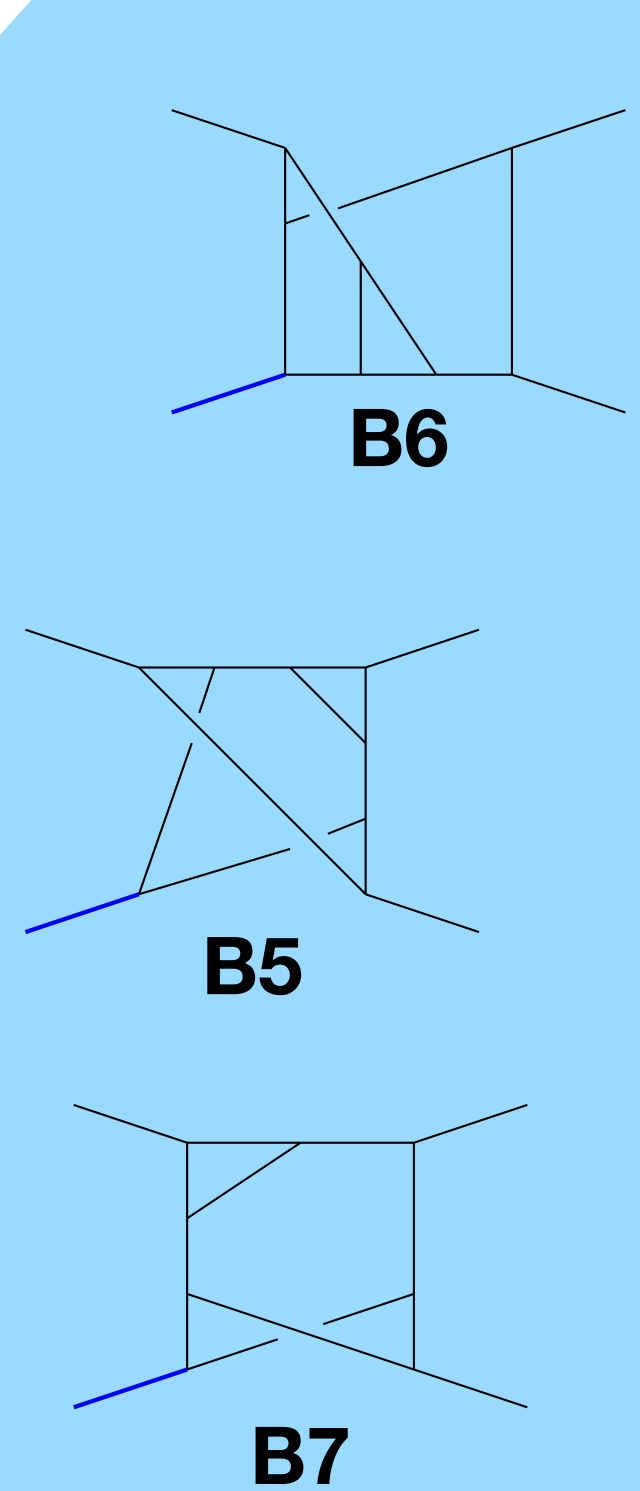
[Henn, JL, Torres Bobadilla 2023]

N=4SYM three-point  $\text{tr}\phi^2$  form factor  
(Leading color)

N=4SYM three-point  $\text{tr}\phi^3$  form factor

[Di Vita et al 2014]

[Canko & Syrrakos 2021]



	# MI
A1	83
A2	100
A3	80
B1	150
B3	90
B4	143
B5	70
B6	150
B7	89
E1	166
E2	117
F1	214
G1	254
I2	305

(Family : reducible top sector)

# Differential equation method

## Building canonical differential equations

[Henn 2013]

Good choice of basis for Feynman integrals can significantly simplify the computation of differential equation.

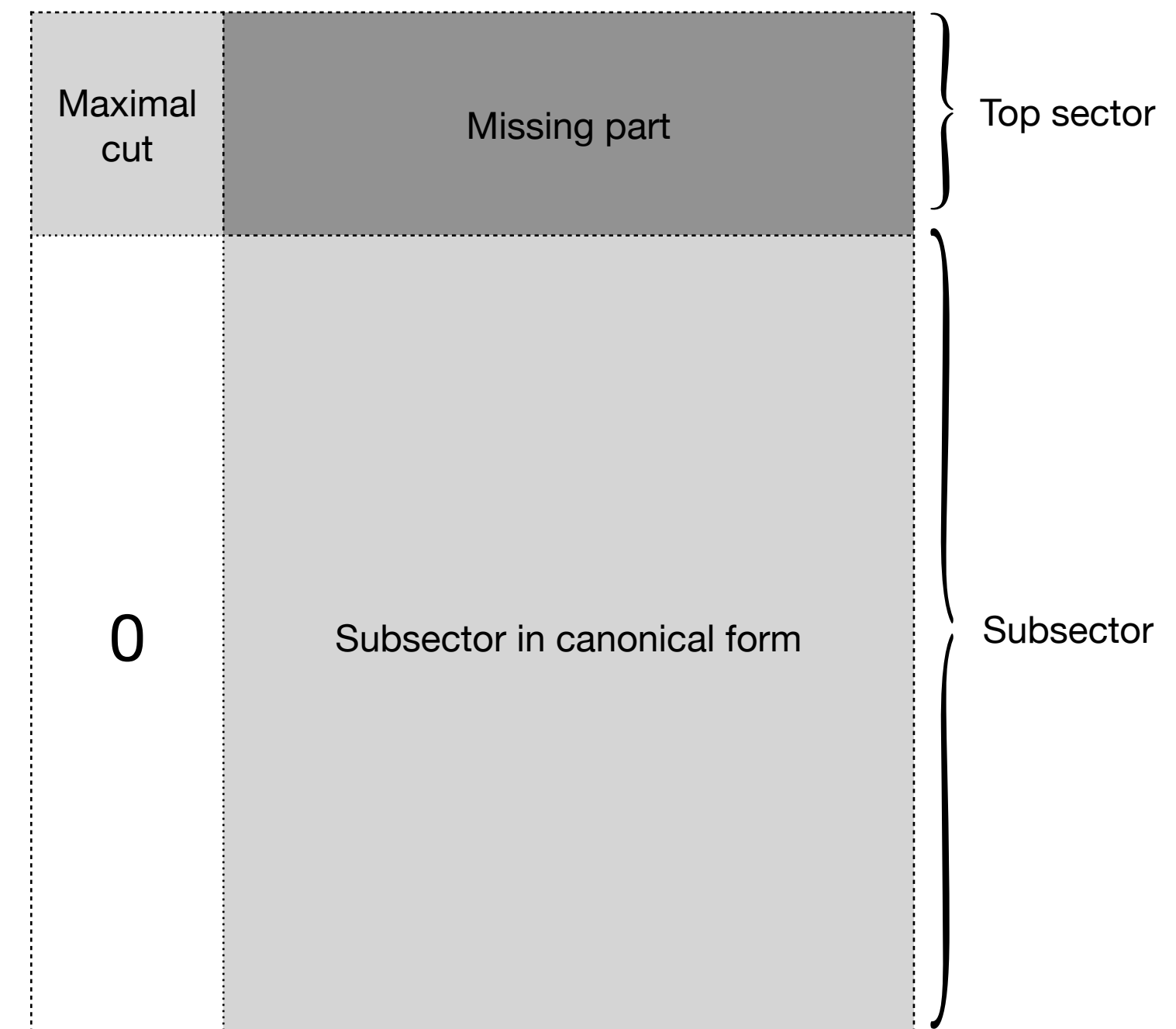
$$d\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \epsilon) = \epsilon (d\tilde{A}) \vec{f}(\vec{x}; \epsilon), \text{ with } \tilde{A} = \left[ \sum_k A_k \log \alpha_k(x) \right]$$

- Subsector : DlogBasis, Mapping from other families, loop-by-loop approach

[Wasser 2022]

[Flieger, Torres Bobadilla, 2022]

- Topsector : Matrix rotation, loop-by-loop approach



By FiniteFlow, Kira

[Peraro, 2019]

[Klappert, Lange, Maierhöfer, Usovitsch, 2020]

# Iterated integrals

$$\vec{f}(\vec{x}, \epsilon) = \mathbb{P} \exp \left[ \epsilon \int_{\gamma} d\tilde{A} \right] \vec{f}_0(\epsilon) \quad \text{where } \vec{f}_0(\epsilon) \text{ is a boundary vector}$$

$\gamma^*(\omega_i) = k_i(t) dt$  function  $k_i$  are defined by pulling back the 1-form  $\omega_i$  to the interval  $[0,1]$

An ordinary line integral is given by  $\int_{\gamma} \omega_1 = \int_{[0,1]} \gamma^*(\omega_1) = \int_0^1 k_1(t_1) dt_1$

Iterated integral of  $\omega_1 \dots \omega_n$  along  $\gamma$  is defined by  $\int_{\gamma} \omega_1 \dots \omega_n = \int_{0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_n \leq 1} k_1(t_1) dt_1 \dots k_n(t_n) dt_n$

[Chen 1977]

If the alphabet is rational functions, one can write the answer in terms of Goncharov polylogarithms

$$G(\vec{a}_n; z) \equiv G(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_{n-1}; z) \equiv \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G(\vec{a}_{n-1}; t)$$

$$\text{with } G(a_1; z) = \int_0^z \frac{dt}{t - a_1} \text{ and } G(\vec{0}_n; z) \equiv \frac{1}{n!} \log^n(z)$$



# Function space of 3loop integrals

$$\vec{\alpha} = \{p_4^2, s, t, p_4^2 - s - t, p_4^2 - s, p_4^2 - t, s + t, \frac{(p_4^2 - s - t)s - R}{(p_4^2 - s - t)s + R}, \frac{st - R}{st + R}, p_4^4 - t(p_4^2 + s), p_4^4 - s(p_4^2 + t), t^2 + p_4^2(s - t), s^2 - p_4^2(s - t), -p_4^2 t + (p_4^2 - s)^2\}$$

with  $R = \sqrt{-p_4^2 s(p_4^2 - s - t)t}$

**➔ 20 letters (including kinematic crossings)**

## Simple planar letters

$$\{x, y, z, 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z\}$$

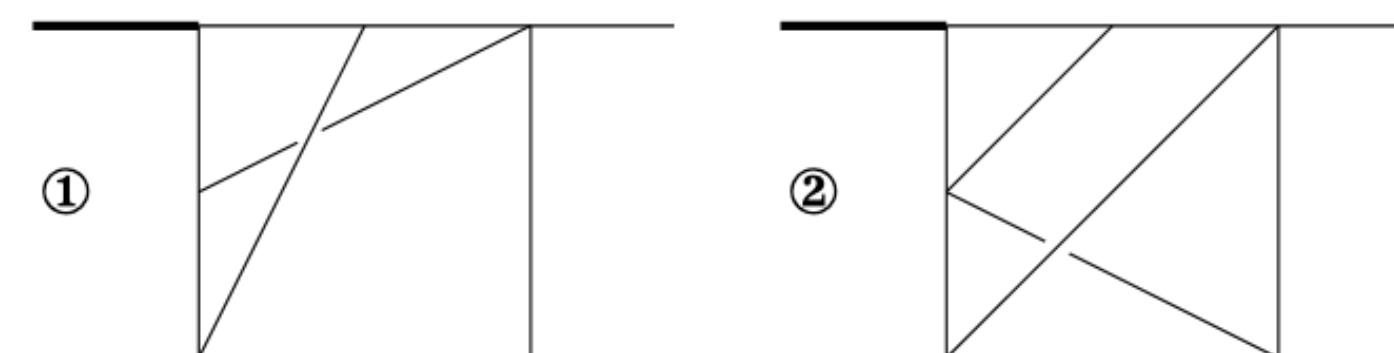
→  $l_{1-6}$

## New letter types

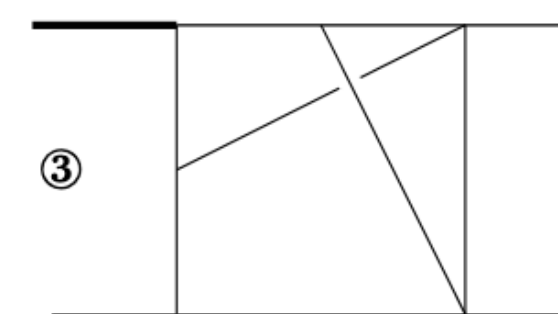
- Square root letter :  $\frac{xy - \sqrt{xyz}}{xy + \sqrt{xyz}}$   $l_{7-8}$
- Hyperbolic letter :  $x^2 + xy + y$   $l_{9-10}, l_{17-20}$
- Parabolic letter :  $x^2 - x + y$   $l_{11-16}$

$$x = \frac{-s}{-p_4^2}, y = \frac{-t}{-p_4^2}, z = \frac{-p_4^2 + s + t}{-p_4^2}$$

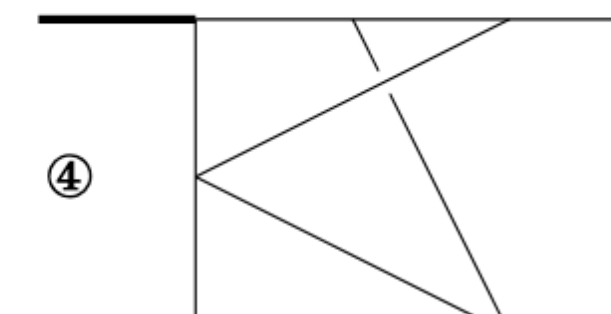
square roots



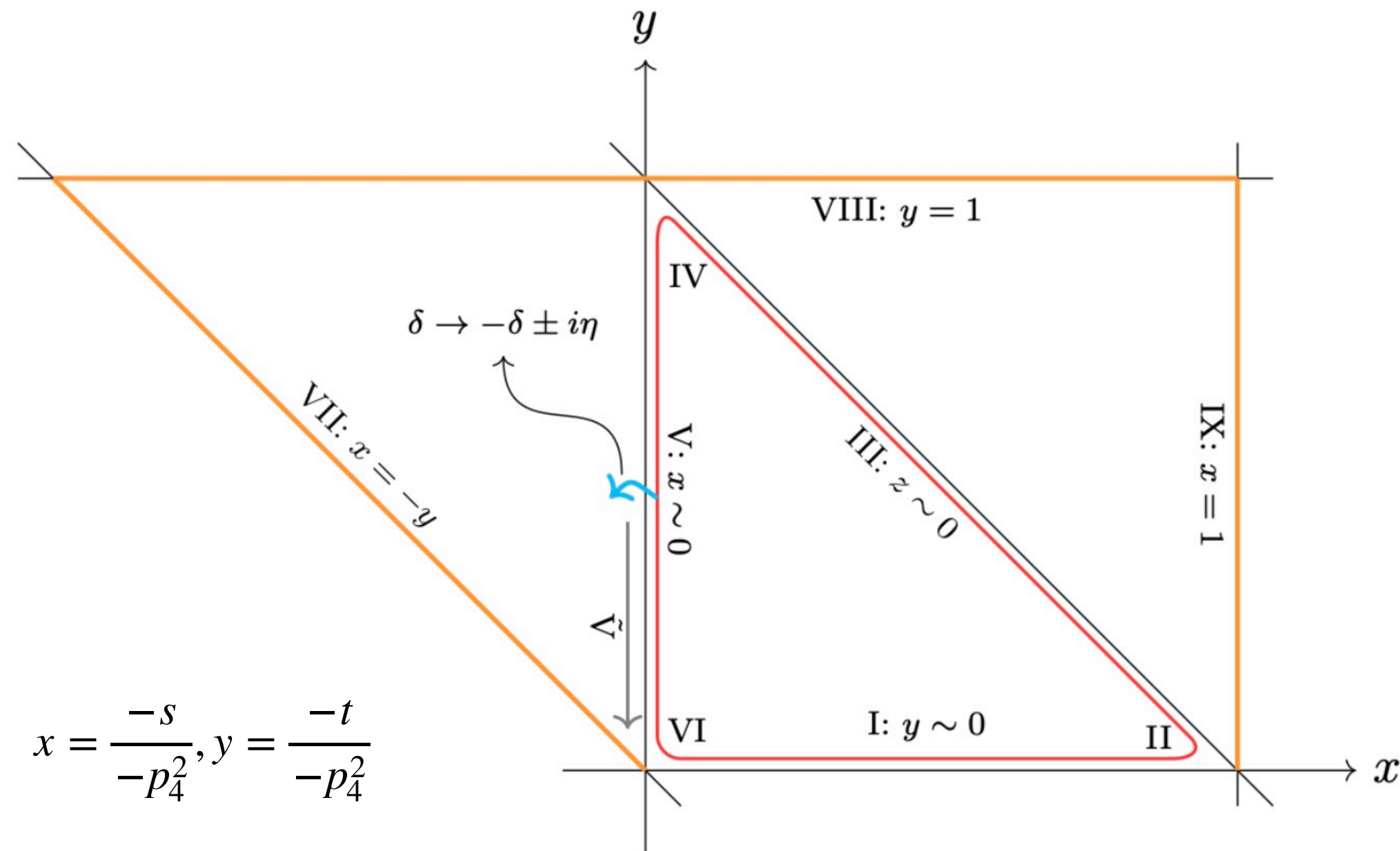
hyperbolic



parabolic



# Fixing boundary constants



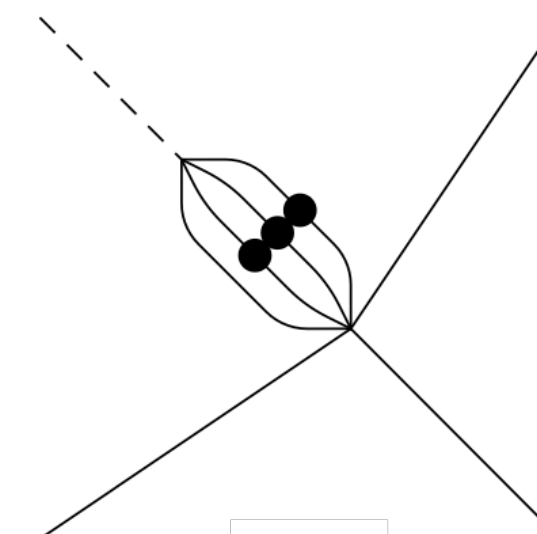
segment	start-/end-point	$x(\delta, t)$	$y(\delta, t)$
I	$P_1 \rightarrow P_2$	$t$	$\delta$
II	$P_2 \rightarrow P_3$	$1 - \delta [(1 - t)^2 + t^2]$	$\delta t^2$
III	$P_3 \rightarrow P_4$	$1 - t - \delta$	$t$
IV	$P_4 \rightarrow P_5$	$\delta(1 - t)^2$	$1 - \delta [(1 - t)^2 + t^2]$
V	$P_5 \rightarrow P_6$	$\delta$	$1 - t$
VI	$P_6 \rightarrow P_7$	$\delta t^2$	$\delta(1 - t)^2$
VII	$P_7 \rightarrow P_8$	$-t(1 - \delta)$	$t$
VIII	$P_8 \rightarrow P_9$	$(-1 + t) \cup t$	$1 - \delta$
IX	$P_9 \rightarrow P_{10}$	$1 - \delta$	$1 - t$

At each segment, your “effective” alphabet is only rational.  $\vec{\alpha}_t = \{t, t - \frac{1}{2}, t - 1, t - \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{t}}, t - \frac{e^{-i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{t}}\}$

At each segment, one can impose the constraint with the information of singularities.

By matching, one can relate the boundary vector in one segment to another.

**➔** Fix all the boundary constants up to one integral.



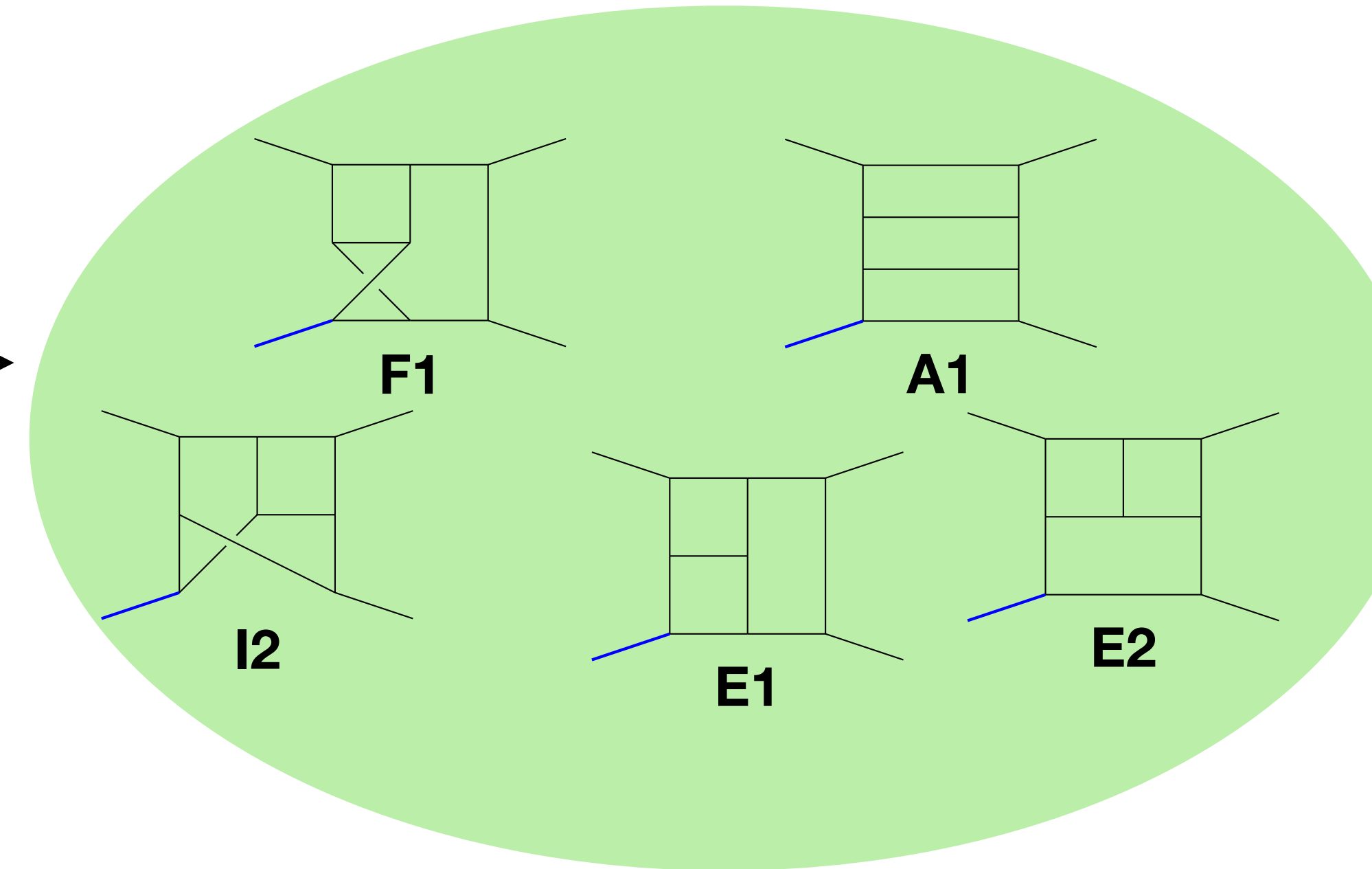
# Computing $\text{tr}\phi^3$ form factor

[Henn, JL, Torres Bobadilla 2024]

$$\mathcal{G}_3^{(3)} = \mathcal{I} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_2 \\ \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_3 \\ \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_4 \end{array} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_5 \\ \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_9 \\ \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_{11} \end{array} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_{21} \\ \text{Diagram } \mathcal{N}_{22} \end{array} \right) + \text{perms}(p_1, p_2, p_3),$$

[Lin, Yang, Zhang 2021]

IBP reduction  
[Peraro, 2019]



$$\mathcal{G}_3^{(3)} = c_1 \text{ut}[Ax123,1] + c_2 \text{ut}[Ax123,2] + \dots$$

$c_1, c_2, \dots$  are rational numbers!

Family	Ordering						Total
	123	132	213	231	312	321	
A	78	73	46	71	44	40	352
E1	12	10	11	10	11	10	64
E2	23	20	18	19	18	14	112
F1	32	26	28	22	23	19	150
I2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2

# Computing $\text{tr}\phi^2$ form factor

[Gehrmann, Henn, Jakubčík, JL, Mella, Syrrakos, Tancredi, Torres Bobadilla 2024]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_2^{(3)} = & \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_1 \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_2 \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_3 \right) \\ & + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_4 \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_8 \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{14} \right) \\ & + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{15} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{16} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{19} \right) \\ & + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{20} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{21} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{23} \right) \\ & + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{24} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{25} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{26} \right) \\ & + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{27} \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( \text{diagram } \mathcal{N}_{28} \right) + \text{perms} (p_1, p_2, p_3) \end{aligned}$$

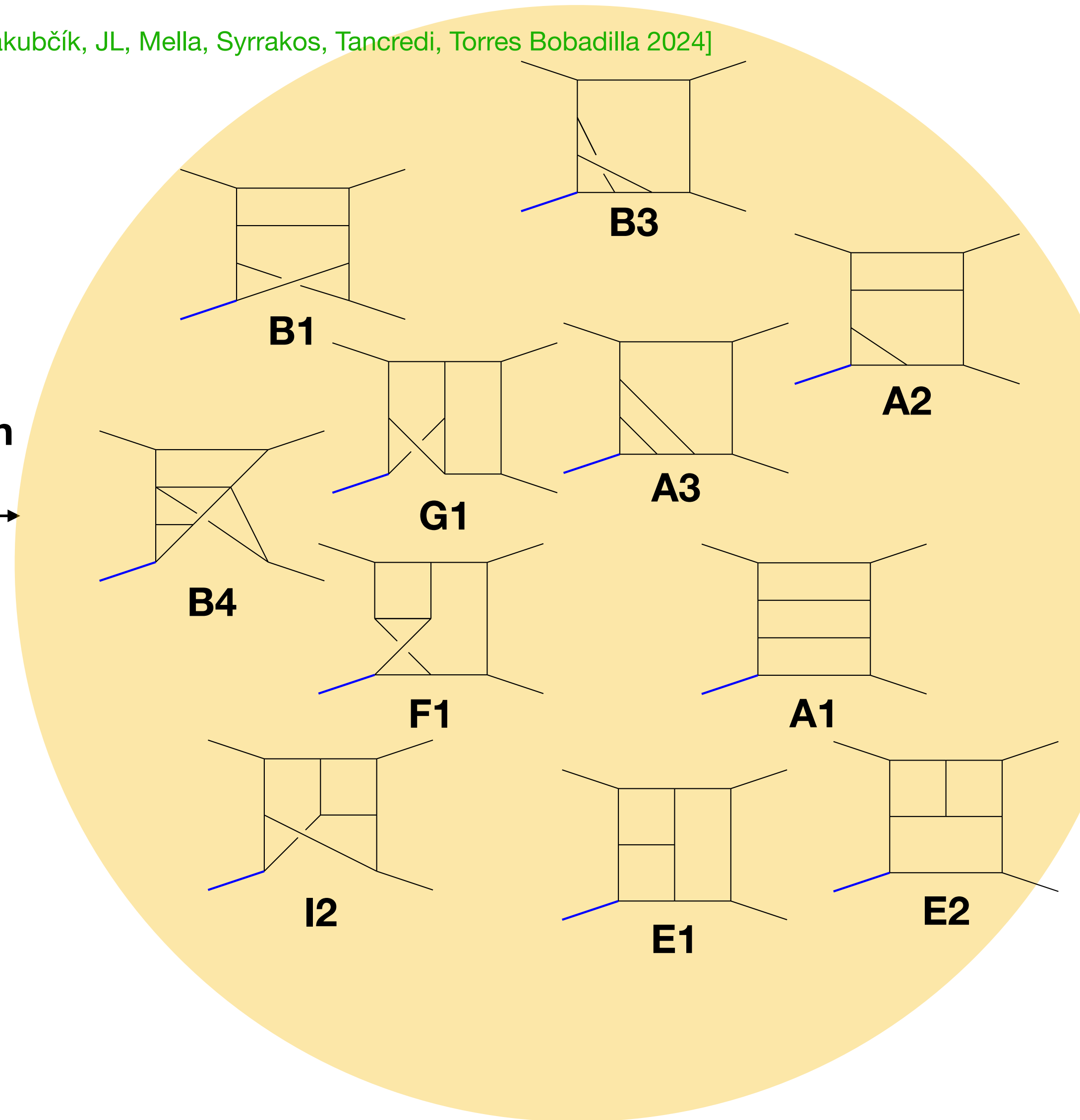
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**IBP reduction**

[Peraro, 2019]



# Minimal space and grading the functions

## Our function space is the vector space of transcendental function

We solve differential equations in canonical form and the solution can be expressed by Chen iterated integrals

$$I(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n; \vec{x}) = \int_{\gamma} \omega_1 \omega_2 \cdots \omega_n, \quad I(; \vec{x}) = 1,$$

where  $\omega_i = \omega_i(\vec{x})$  are differential forms in the kinematic invariants and

$\gamma = \gamma(\vec{1}_0, \vec{x})$  is a curve connecting the base point  $\vec{1}_0$  to a generic kinematic point  $\vec{x}$ .

—————> **Length n iterated integral has transcendental weight n**

Same definition can be extended to transcendental number  $\xi_n = \pi^2, \zeta_n, \dots$ , which correspond to special values of the iterated integrals, and we also assign weight  $-1$  to  $\epsilon$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex) } st^2 J_{E1;1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,-1,0,0,0,0} \\ = \frac{2}{9} + \epsilon \left( -\frac{2}{3} I(\omega_1) - \frac{2}{3} I(\omega_2) \right) + \epsilon^2 \left( \frac{8\pi^2}{27} - \frac{2}{3} I(\omega_1, \omega_4) + 2I(\omega_1, \omega_1) + 2I(\omega_1, \omega_2) + 2I(\omega_2, \omega_1) - \frac{2}{3} I(\omega_2, \omega_5) + 2I(\omega_2, \omega_2) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \end{aligned}$$

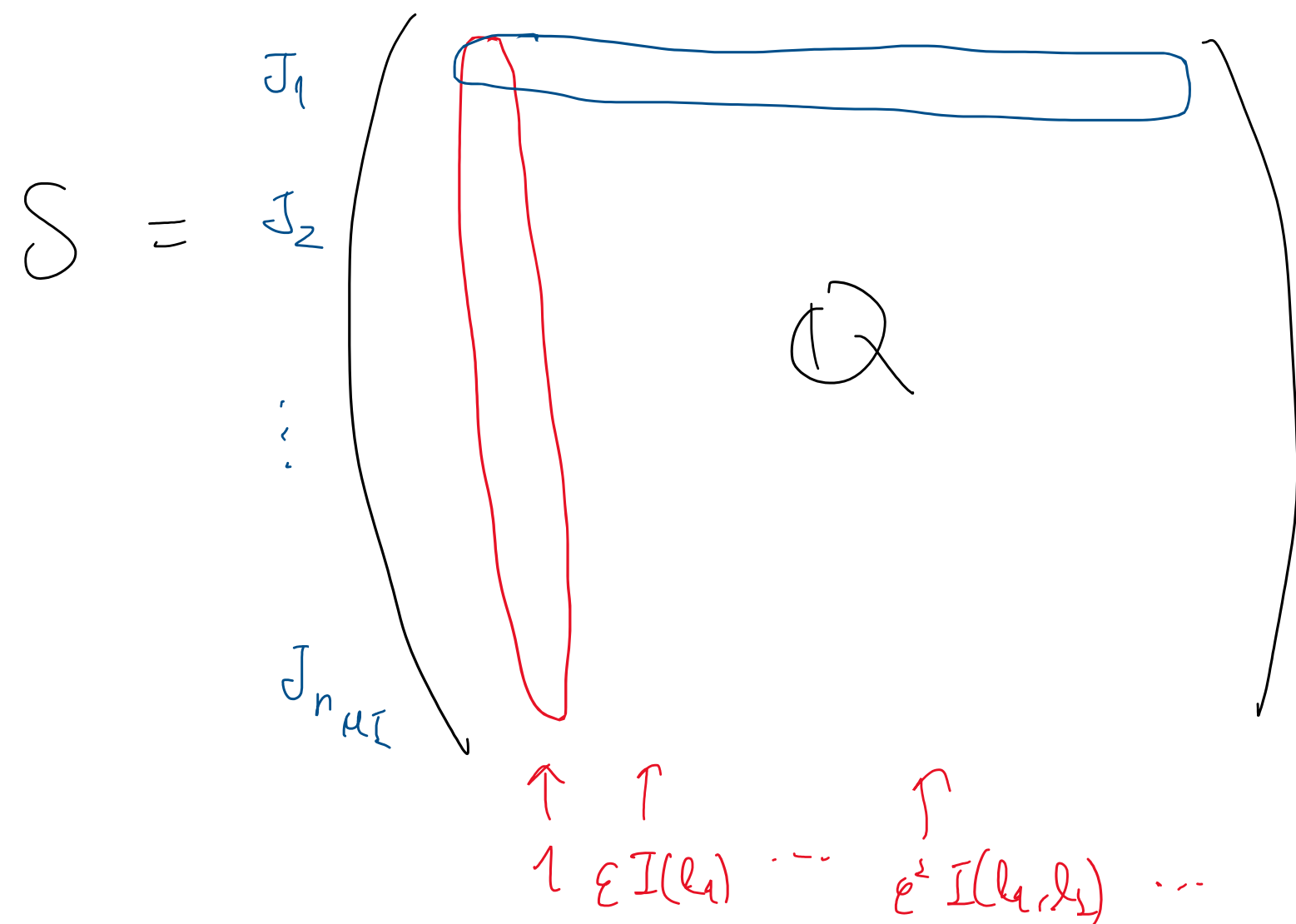
# Minimal space and grading the functions

## Master integrals are not the minimal basis

The basis of our space is  $b_{\mathcal{T}_\omega} = \{\epsilon^{-a} \xi_n^b I(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_c; \vec{x})\}$ , with weight  $w = a + nb + c$

Scattering amplitudes truncated at an  $\epsilon$  order containing functions of weight at most  $w$  are combinations of some set of transcendental functions with algebraic functions as prefactors,

$$A_\omega = \sum a(\vec{x}) \cdot b_{\mathcal{T}_\omega}.$$



Not all the master integrals are independent

$$\longrightarrow \text{Rank}(S) \leq n_{MI} \leq \dim(\mathcal{T}_\omega)$$

We can write the full transformation  $T'$  as an invertible matrix over numbers,

$$\vec{J}_\omega = T' \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{\mathcal{M}_\omega} \\ \vec{0}_\omega \end{pmatrix}$$

$b_{\mathcal{M}_\omega}$ : Rank( $S$ ) vector

# Minimal space and grading the functions

## Further minimization using physical properties

$$\vec{J}_\omega = T' \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{\mathcal{M}_\omega} \\ \vec{0}_\omega \end{pmatrix} \quad b_{\mathcal{M}_\omega} : \text{Rank}(S) \text{ vector}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_\omega = A_{\parallel, \omega} \oplus A_{\perp, \omega}$$

Physical    Unphysical

**Grading :** Organizing the functions in  $\mathcal{M}_\omega$  so that  $A_{\parallel, \omega}$  and  $A_{\perp, \omega}$  does not mixed

All the components of  $b_{\mathcal{M}_\omega}$  are independent.  $\longrightarrow$  No further cancellation between the functions.

We can remove the component that violates the constraints from physics.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{\psi}_\omega \\ \vec{0}_\omega \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} T'' & \\ & \mathbb{I} \end{pmatrix} \cdot (T')^{-1} \cdot \vec{J}_\omega \\ \equiv T \cdot \vec{J}_\omega,$$

# Minimal space and grading the functions

## Higgs plus jet amplitudes in leading color

13812 seemingly different canonical combination



1282 unique combination of functions

- The leading color terms in the color expansion are

$$N^3, N_f N^2, N_f^2 N \text{ and } N_f^3$$

- The terms proportional to  $N_f^2$  and  $N_f^3$  contain only planar letter  $l_{1-6}$

→ The function space can be simplified to

$$\psi_{94-1282}$$

	$\psi_1$ $-\psi_3$	$\psi_4$ $-\psi_9$	$\psi_{10}$ $-\psi_{18}$	$\psi_{19}$ $-\psi_{24}$	$\psi_{25}$ $-\psi_{36}$	$\psi_{37}$ $-\psi_{51}$	$\psi_{52}$ $-\psi_{63}$	$\psi_{64}$ $-\psi_{93}$	$\psi_{94}$ $-\psi_{111}$	$\psi_{112}$ $-\psi_{1281}$	$\psi_{1282}$
equals FF in sYM violates (3.13)			*	*		*	*		✓		✓
satisfies (3.14, 3.16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$l_{7-20}$ appears	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
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# Minimal space and grading the functions

## Higgs plus jet amplitudes in leading color

- The  $N^3$ ,  $N_f N^2$  terms contain non-planar topologies.

→ We tried the numerical reduction to see the function space to all functions  $\psi_{1-1282}$  (with 8 propagators cut)

### Ex) Hggg amplitudes

$$\alpha^{(3)}|_{N^3} = \epsilon^{-6} \left[ + \frac{1746}{48841} \epsilon^2 \psi_4 + \frac{22}{289} \epsilon^2 \psi_6 + \frac{10}{169} \epsilon^2 \psi_7 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{11}{18} \left( \frac{37}{3} \epsilon \psi_{25} + 5\epsilon \psi_{26} + 6\epsilon \psi_{27} + \frac{11}{2} \epsilon \psi_{28} + 8\epsilon \psi_{29} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - 7\epsilon \psi_{30} - 5\epsilon \psi_{31} - \frac{5}{2} \epsilon \psi_{32} + 2\epsilon \psi_{33} - \frac{22}{3} \epsilon \psi_{34} + 2\epsilon \psi_{35} \right) \right]$$

+ terms with letters  $l_{1-6}$  only

+  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ .

	$\psi_1$ $-\psi_3$	$\psi_4$ $-\psi_9$	$\psi_{10}$ $-\psi_{18}$	$\psi_{19}$ $-\psi_{24}$	$\psi_{25}$ $-\psi_{36}$	$\psi_{37}$ $-\psi_{51}$	$\psi_{52}$ $-\psi_{63}$	$\psi_{64}$ $-\psi_{93}$	$\psi_{94}$ $-\psi_{111}$	$\psi_{112}$ $-\psi_{1281}$	$\psi_{1282}$
equals FF in sYM											✓
violates (3.13)			*	*		*	*		✓		
satisfies (3.14, 3.16)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
$l_{7-20}$ appears	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
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# Result

## Higgs plus jet amplitudes in leading color

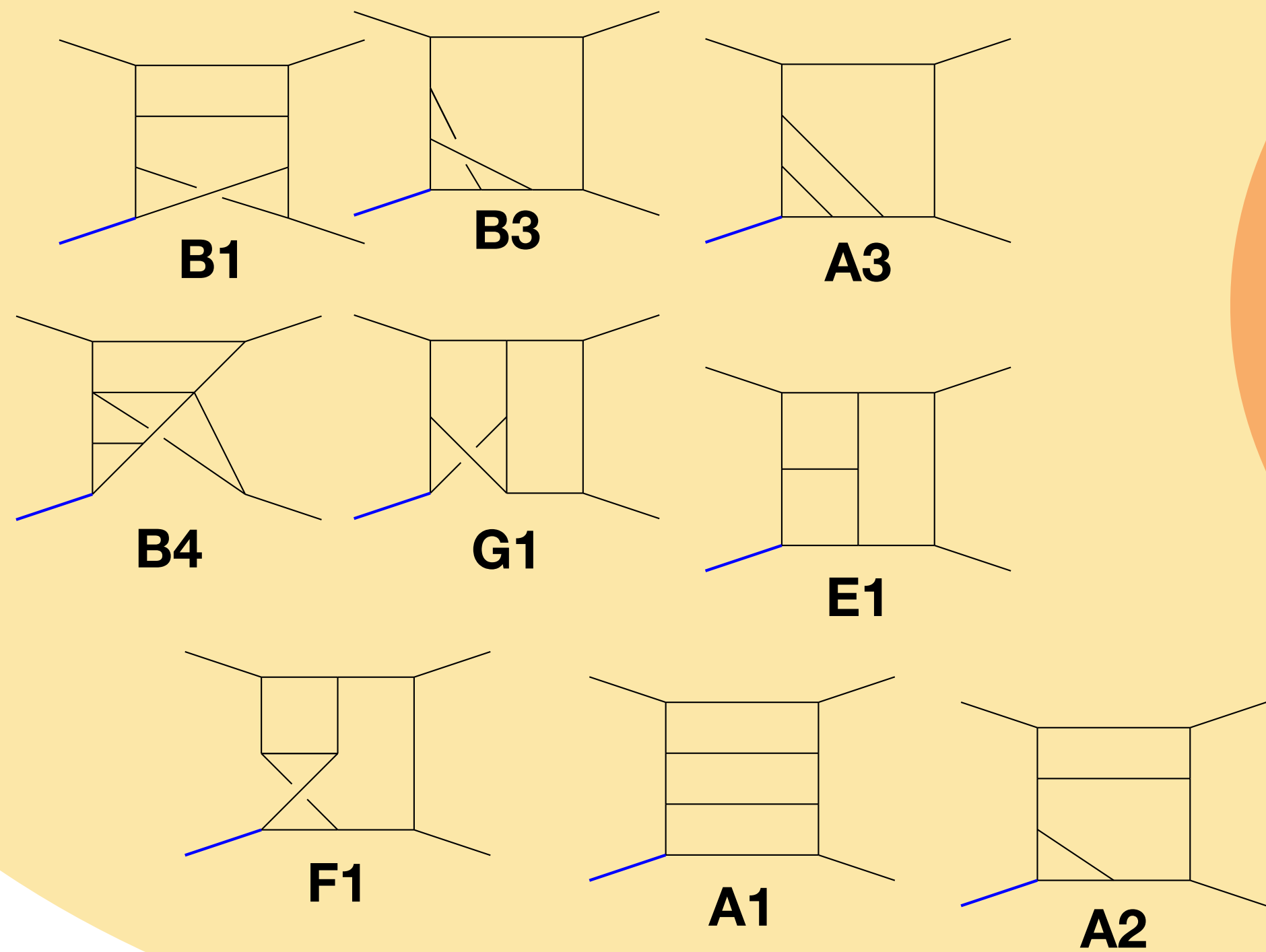
- New letters  $\omega_{\text{new}}$  shouldn't appear in order less than  $\epsilon^{2L}$   $\longrightarrow$  **Checked and later can be used for reconstruction**
- We also checked the square root letter and hyperbolic letter drops out in the finite remainder
- Only six parabolic letters survive among the new letters
- In  $Hggg$  amplitude, no new letter appears at weight 6 (only appears at weight 4 & 5)  
 $\longrightarrow$  **Hint to maximal transcendentality conjecture**

$$\alpha^{(3)} \Big|_{N^3} = \mathcal{G}_2^{(3)} + \sum_{i=1}^{1281} c_i \psi_i \text{ with } c_i = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

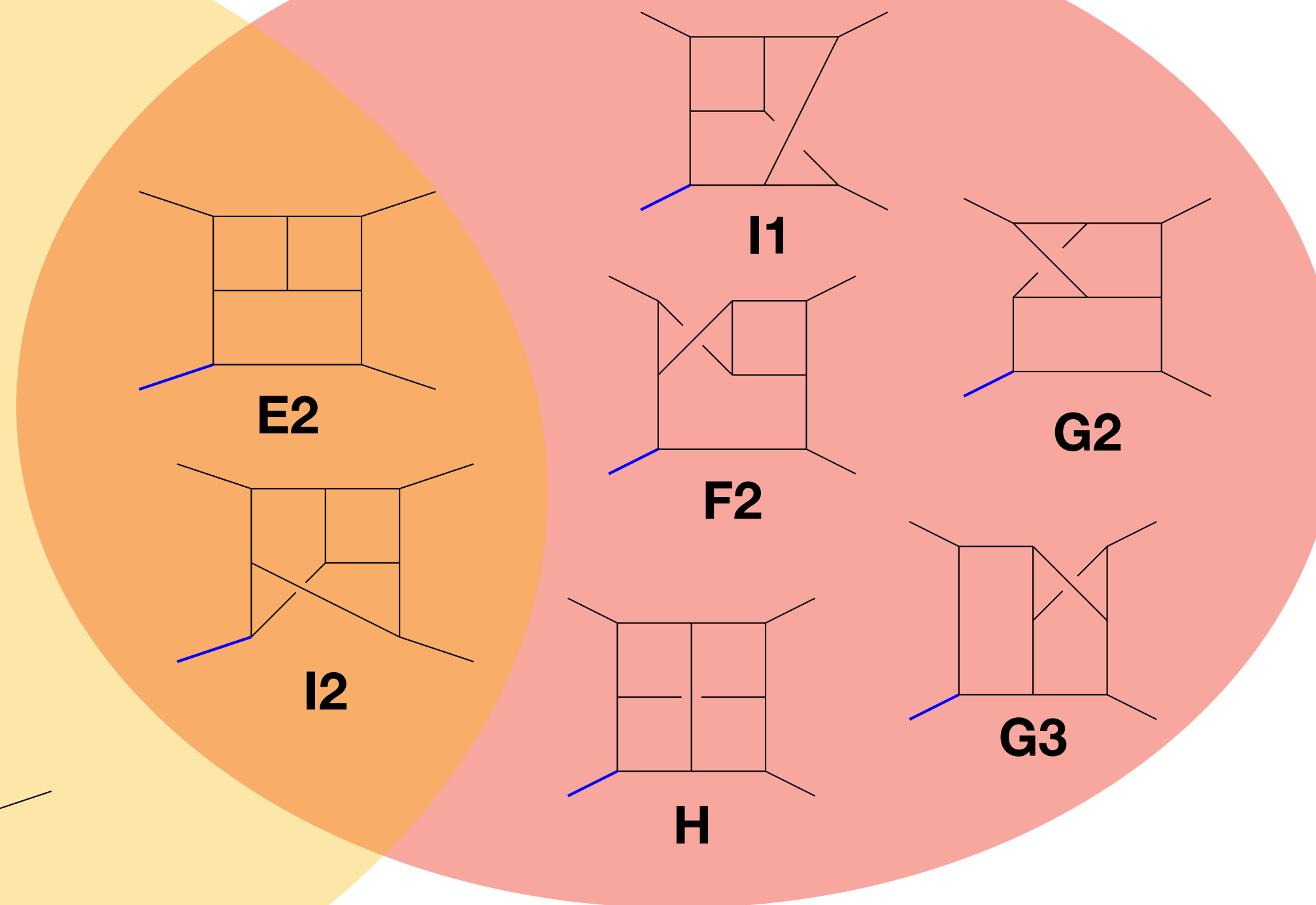
- In  $Hgq\bar{q}$  amplitudes, the new parabolic letter appears also at weight 6
- Adjacency conditions hold at least for the functions containing the new letters  $M_i \cdot M_j = M_j \cdot M_i = 0, \quad i, j \in \{4, 5, 6\}$ .  
 $\longrightarrow$  **Potential for bootstrap approach?**

# 3-point $\text{tr}(\phi^2)$ form factor sub-leading color

Leading Color



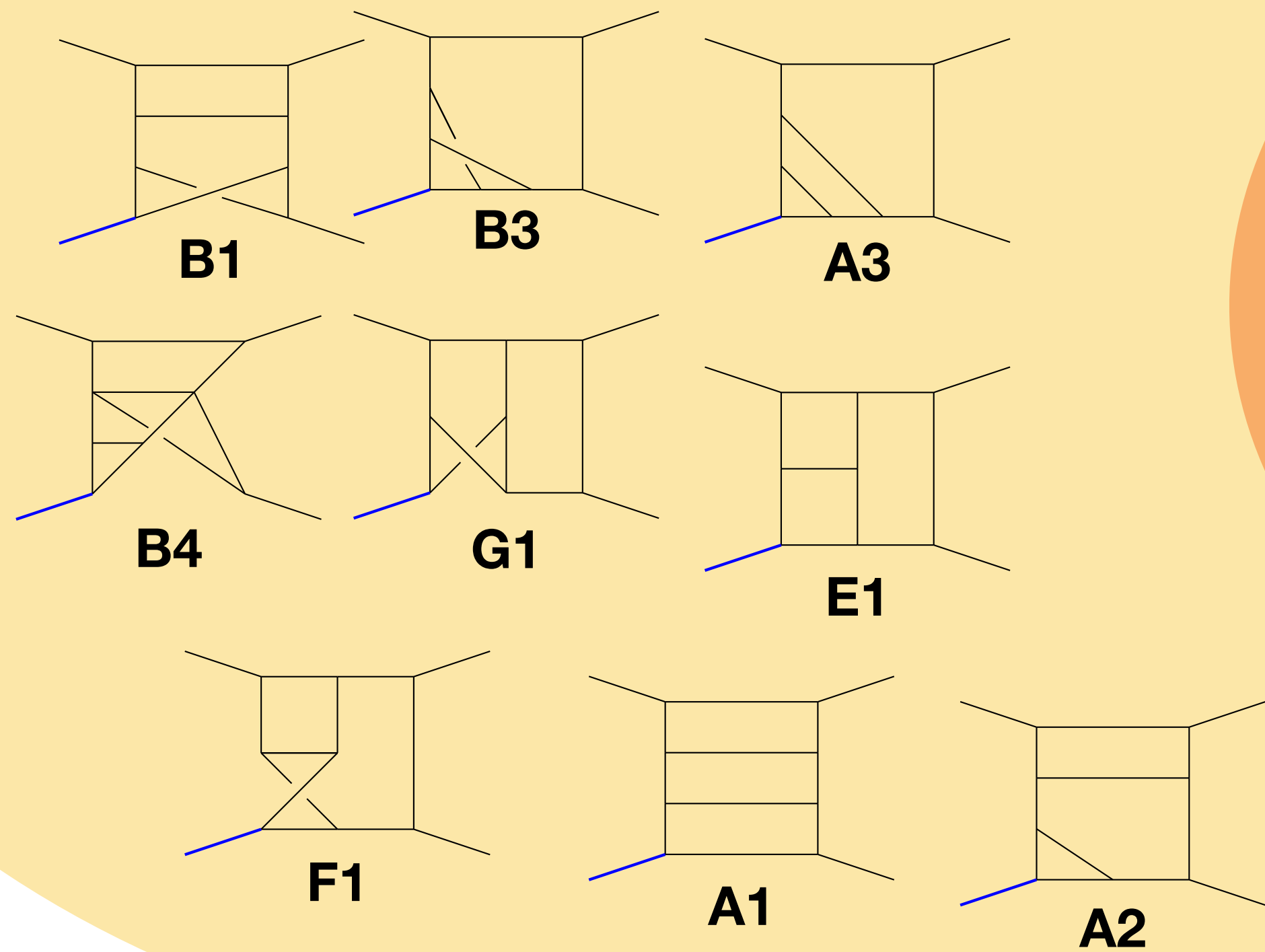
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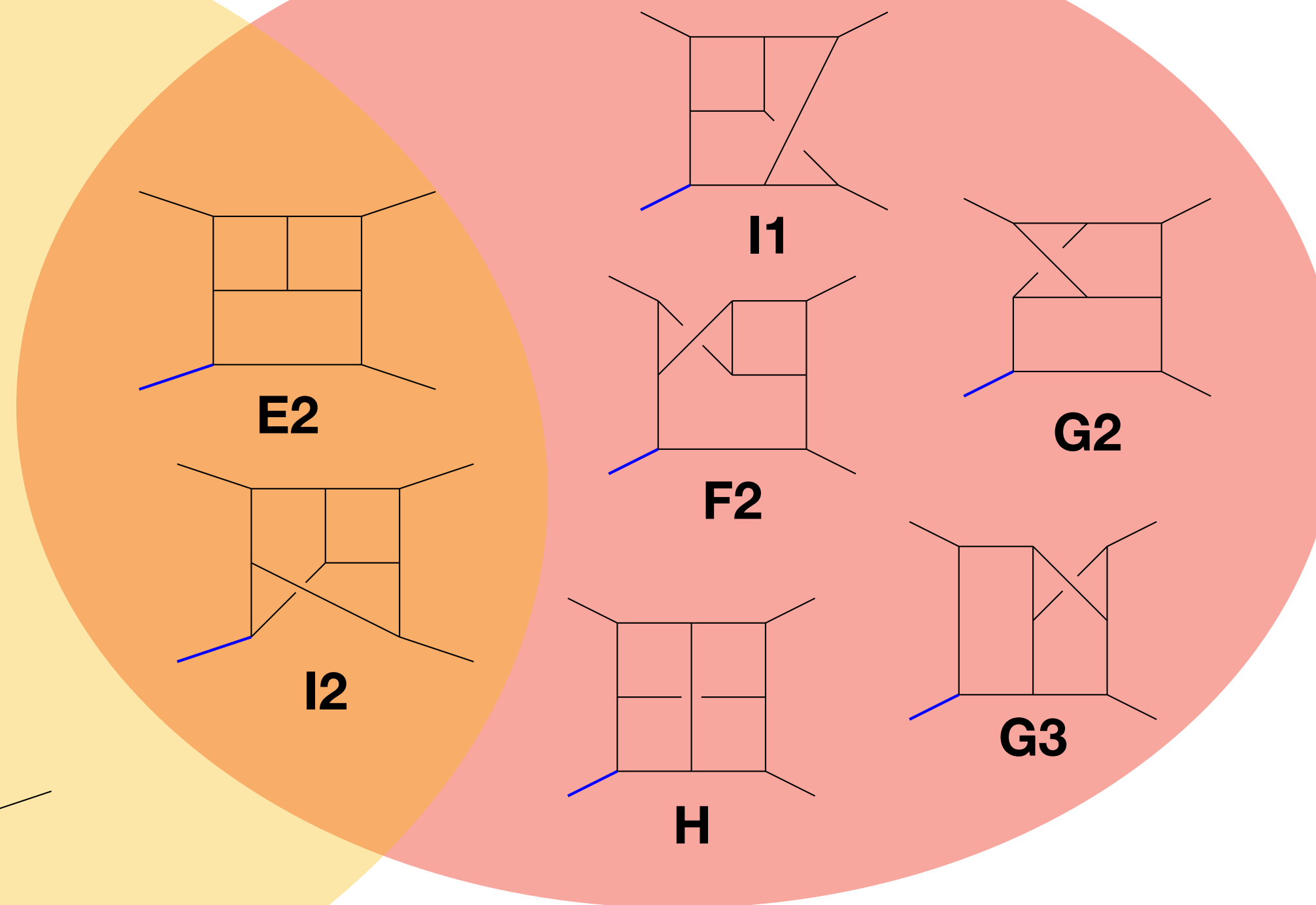
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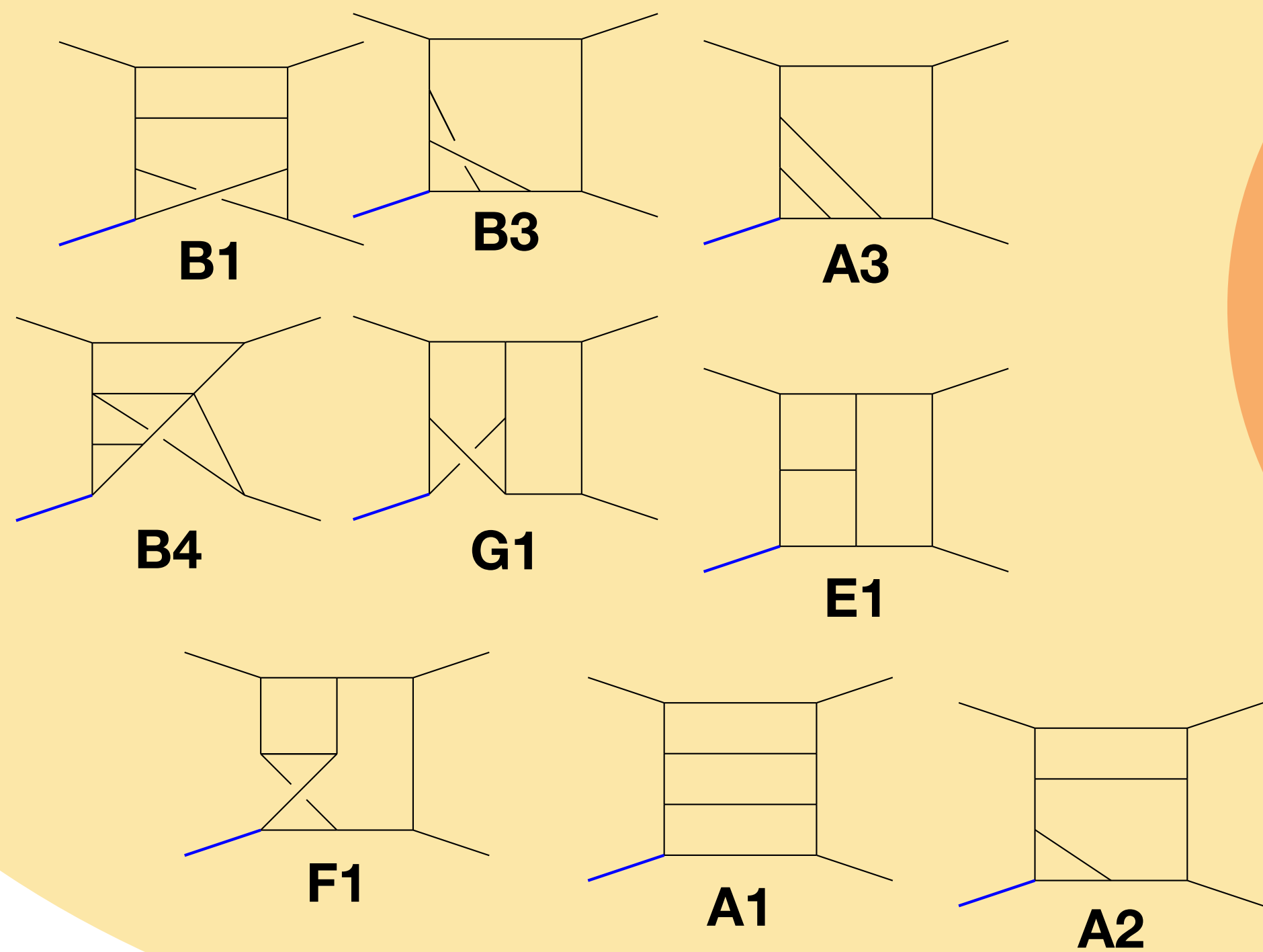
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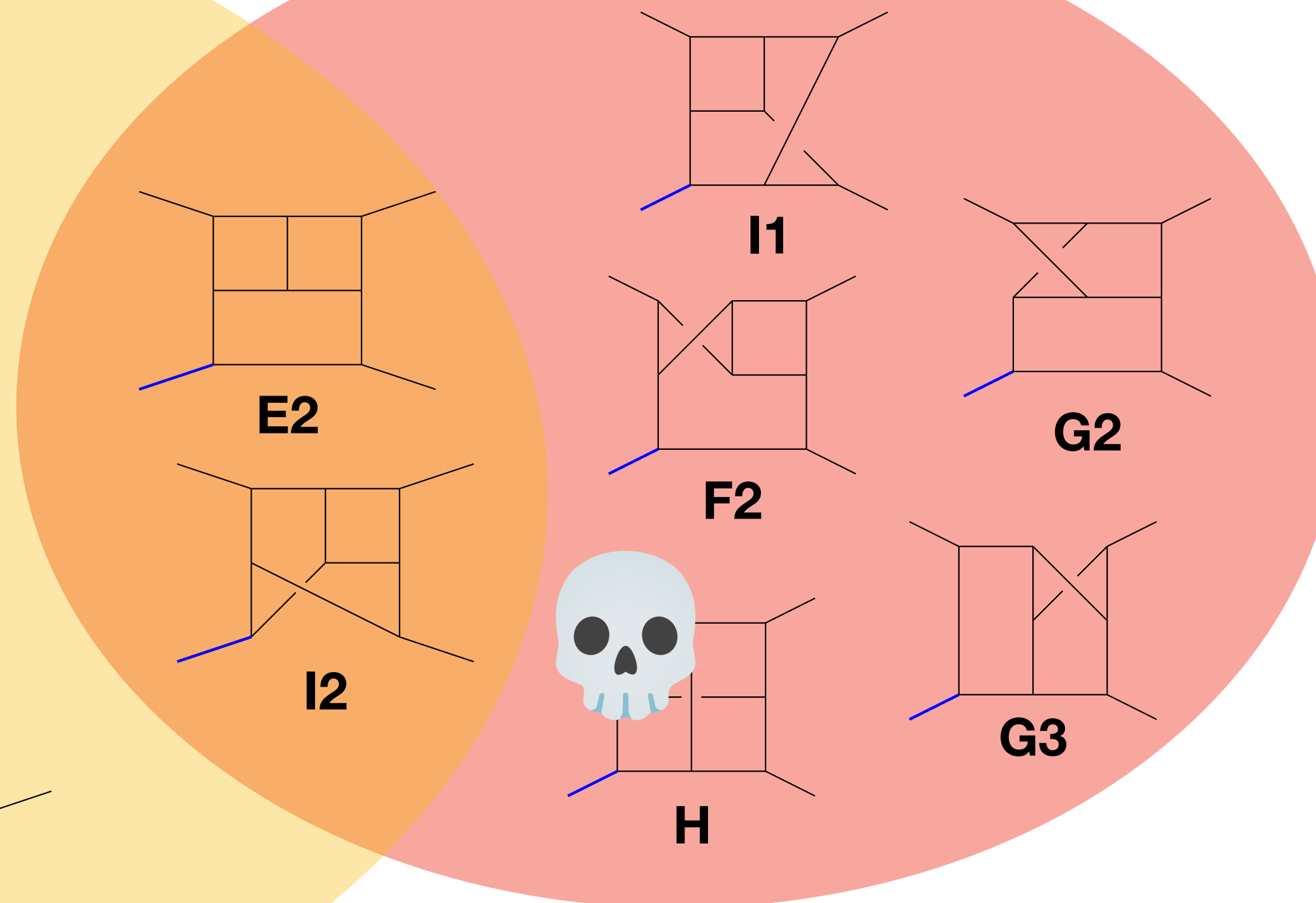
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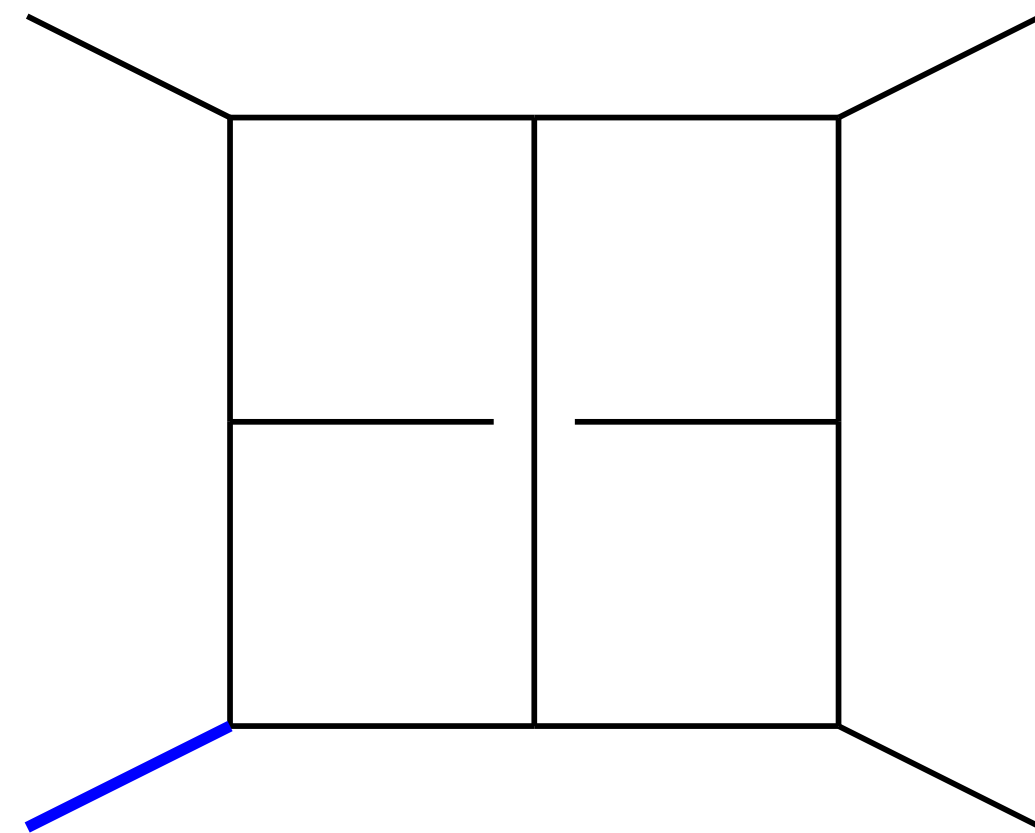


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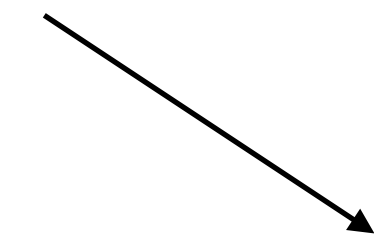
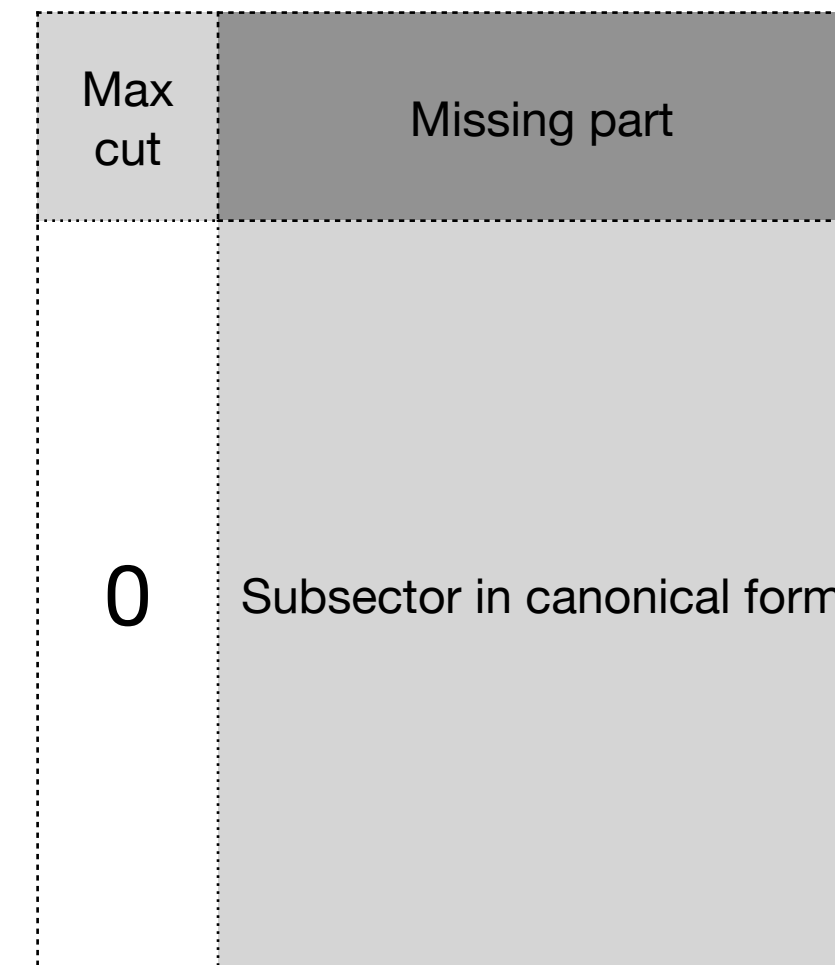
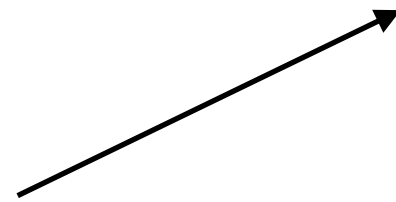


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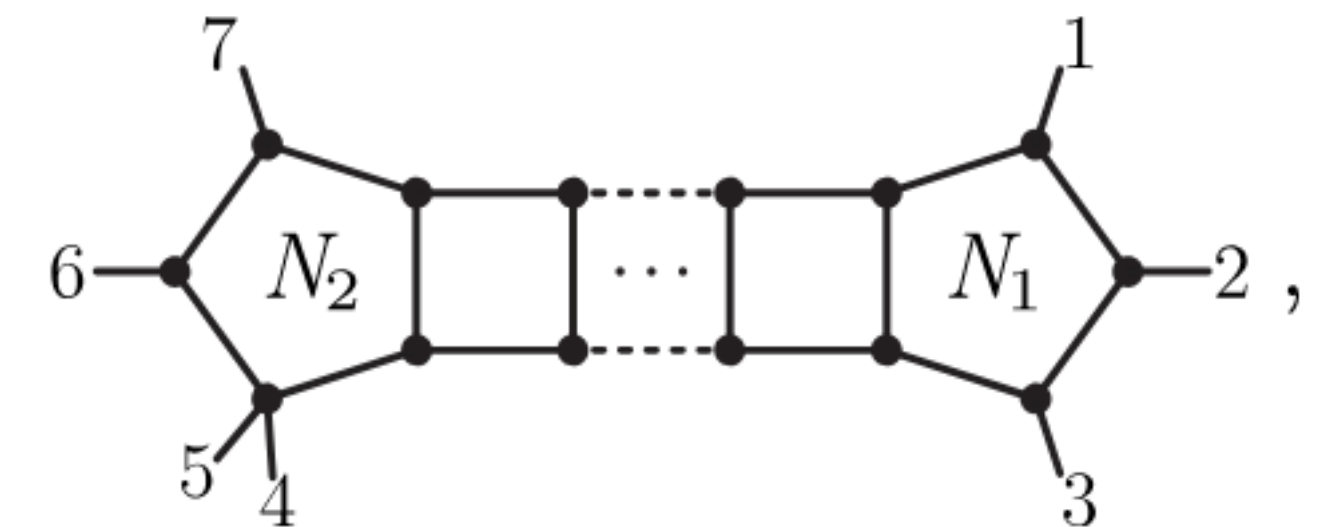
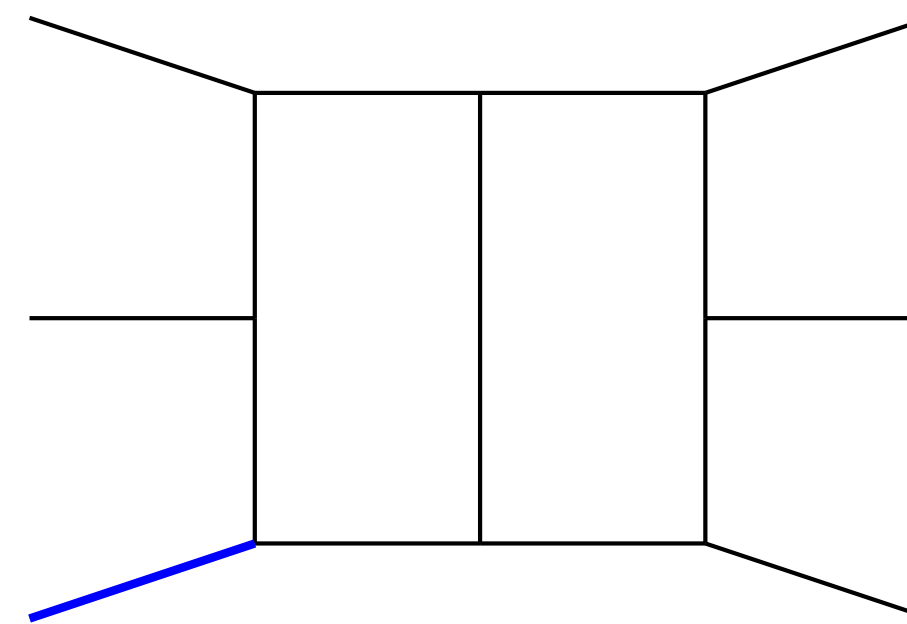
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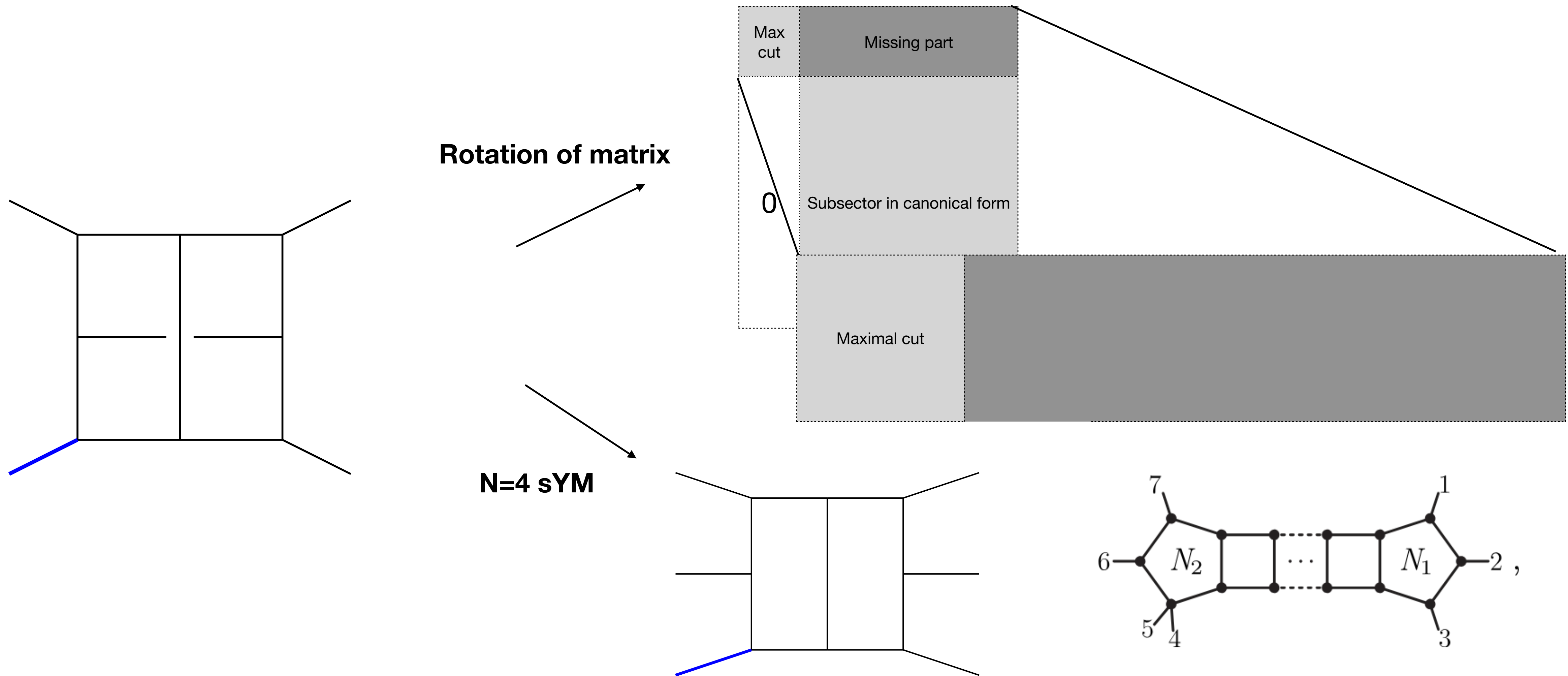
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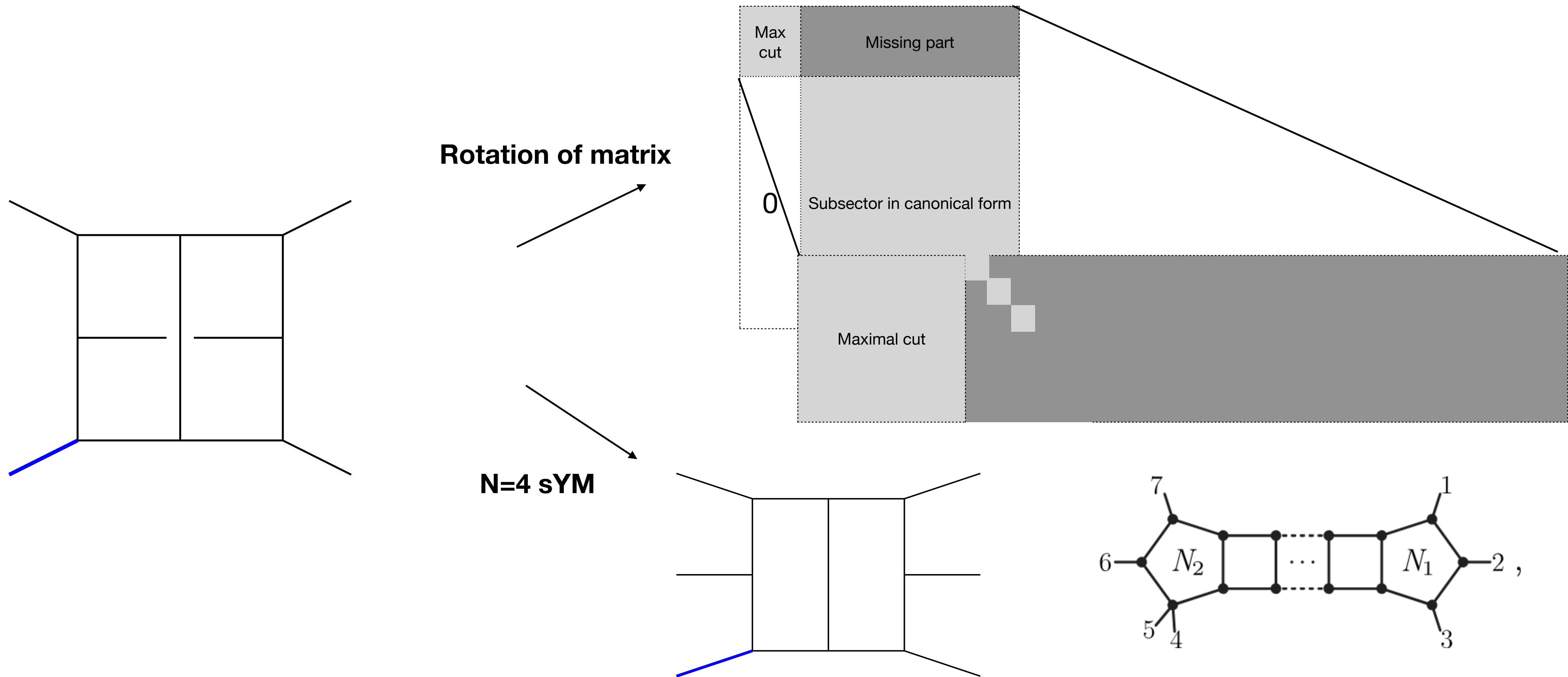
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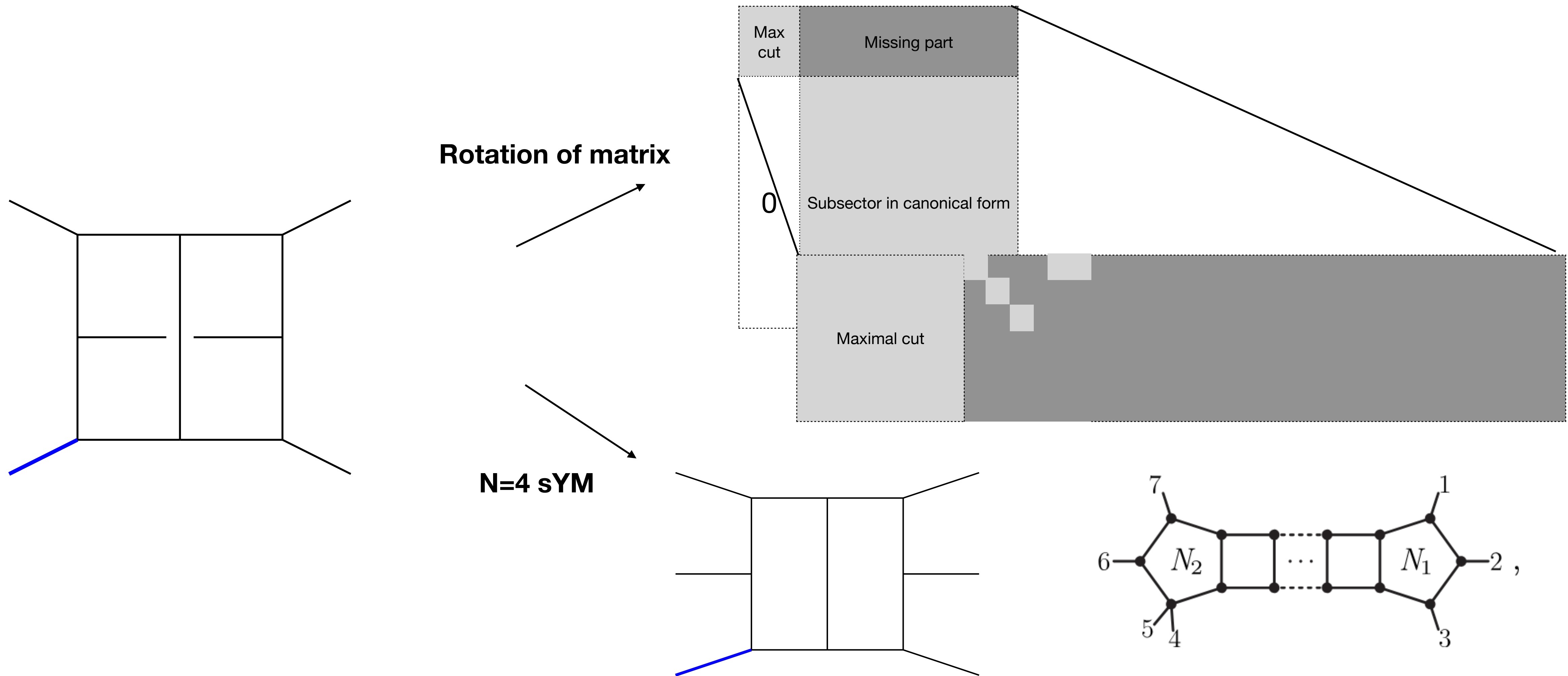


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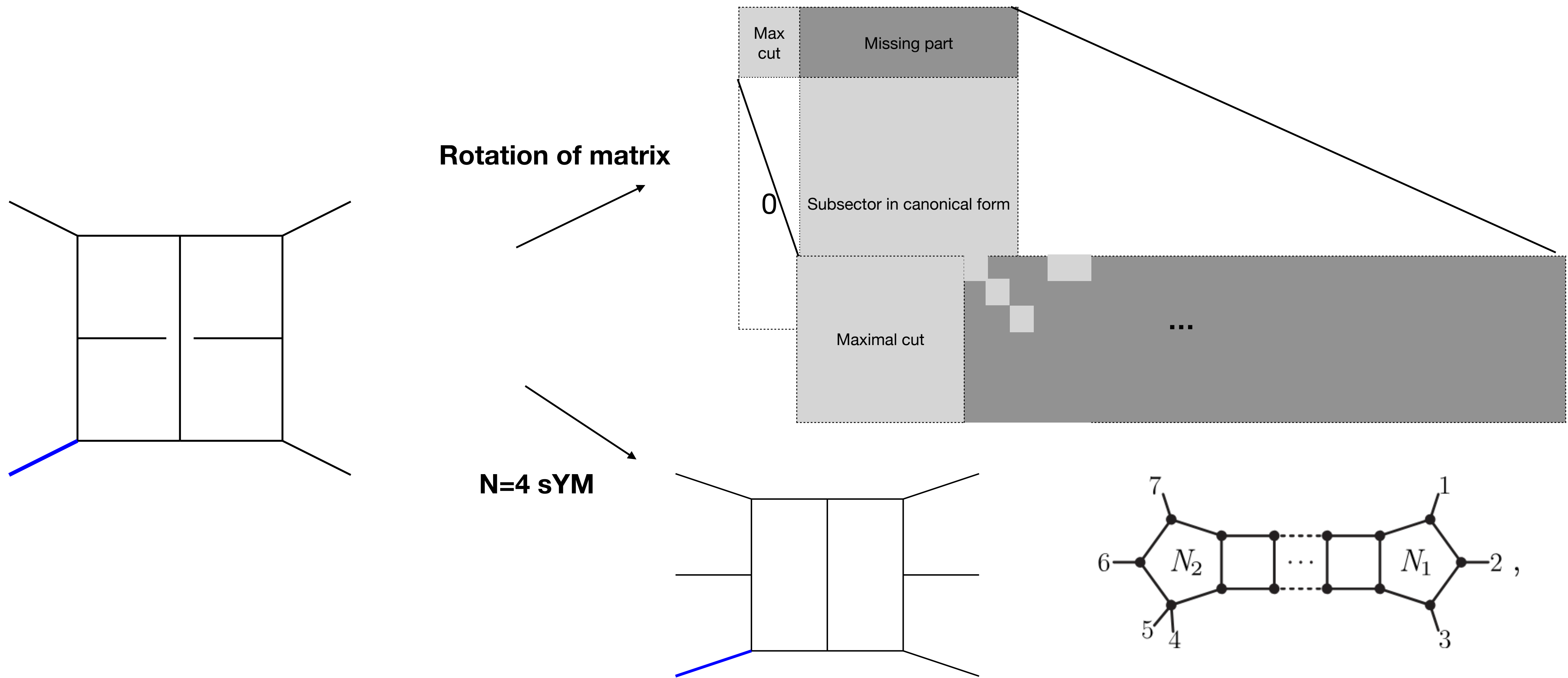




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# Summary & Outlook

- We compute three-loop  $\text{tr}\phi^2$  and  $\text{tr}\phi^3$  three-point form factor analytically with first-principle method computing Feynman integrals.
- By grading the functions, one can work with more compact basis.

## To do :

- Getting full expression of Higgs + jet amplitudes profited from the graded functions.
  - Bottleneck :** numerical IBP reduction off the cut  
Reconstruction of the coefficients (harder than form factor as it's not UT)
- Getting full expression of subleading three-loop three-point  $\text{tr}\phi^2$  form factor by completing the family H

**Thank You!**