



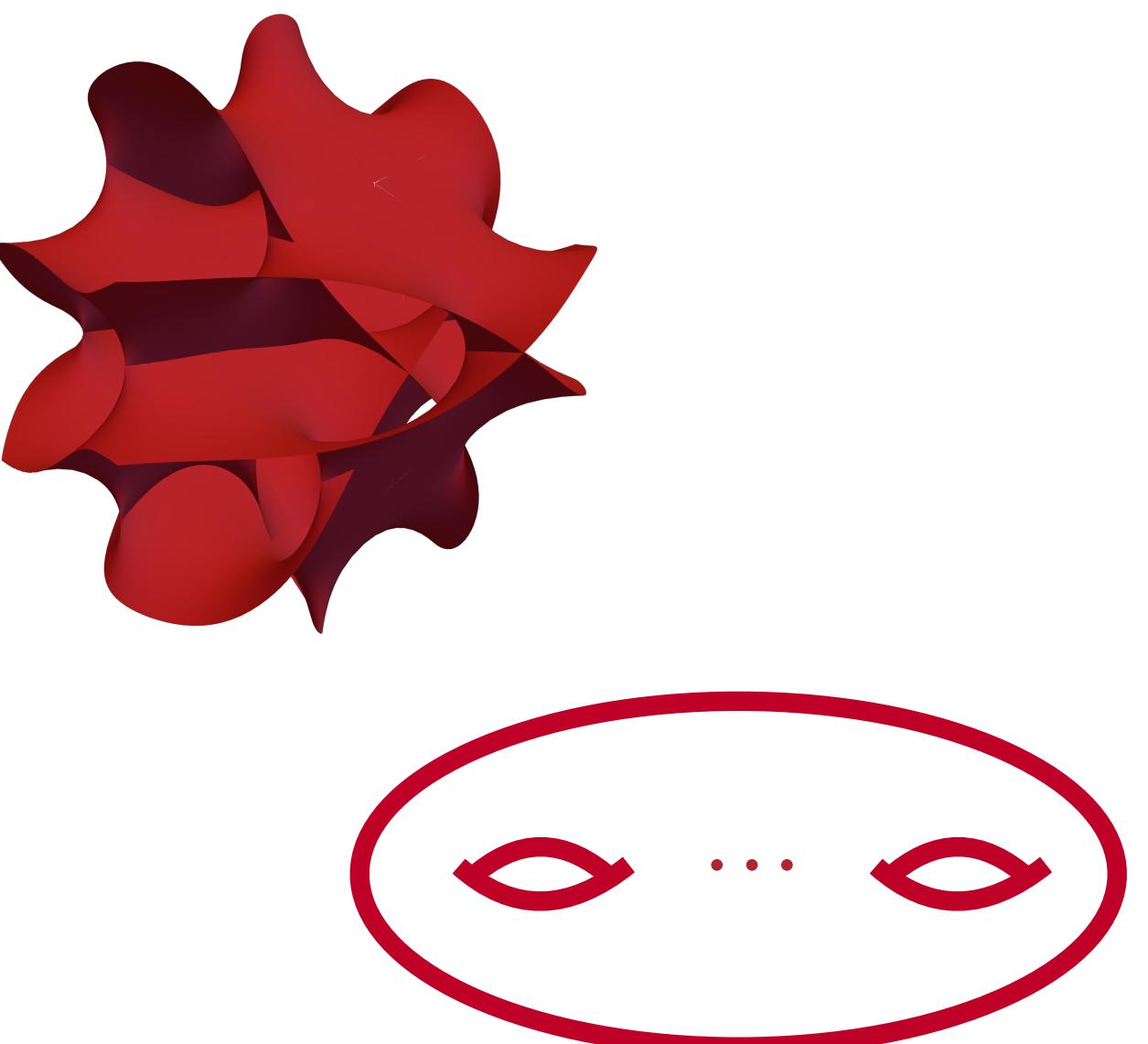
# Geometry in Feynman Integrals

Of Calabi–Yaus and Higher-Genus Curves

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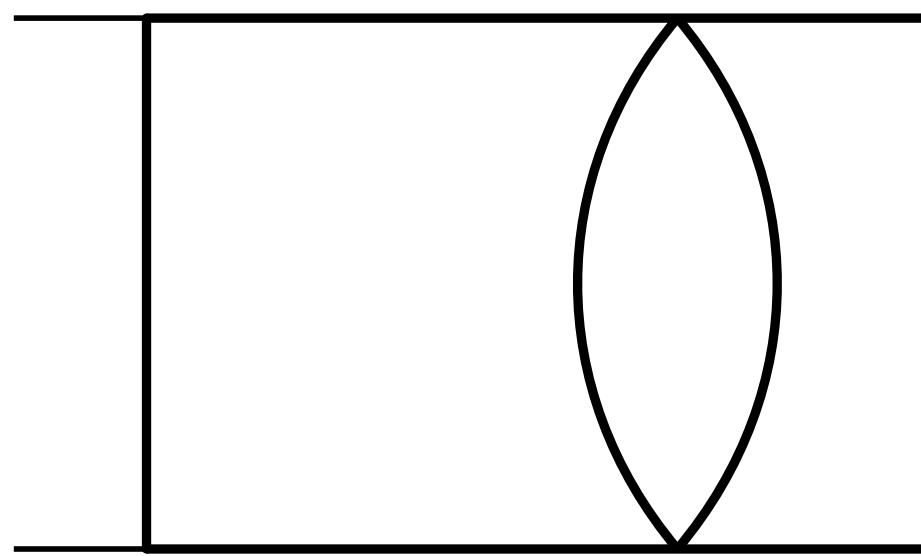
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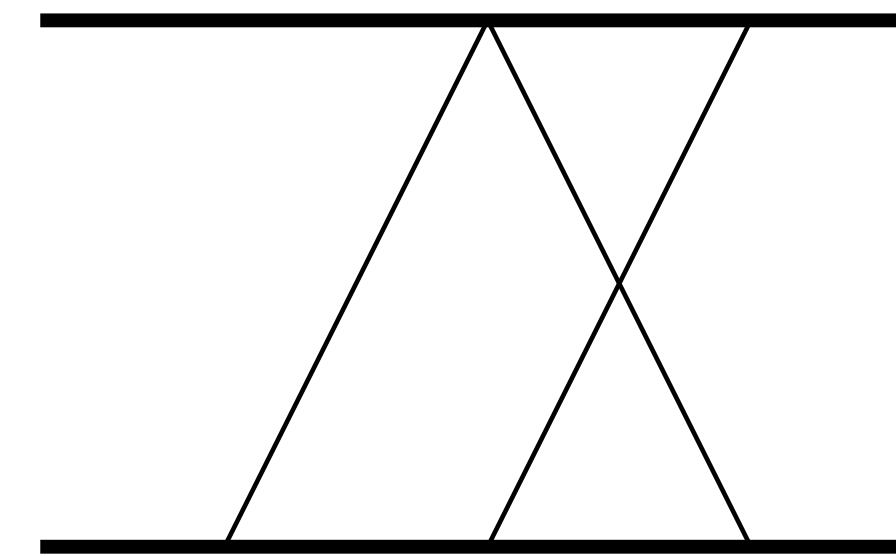


# Feynman Integrals

**QCD**



**Gravity**



**Theory independent building blocks capturing most loop-level information**

**Boil em,  
mash em,  
stick em in an amplitude**

**Integrals associated to geometries  
Determines suitable function space**

**Sphere**



**MPLs**

**Elliptic curve**



**Elliptic Integrals, modular forms, EMPLs**

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**What is there  
beyond elliptics?**

# Feynman Integral Evaluation

## A How To

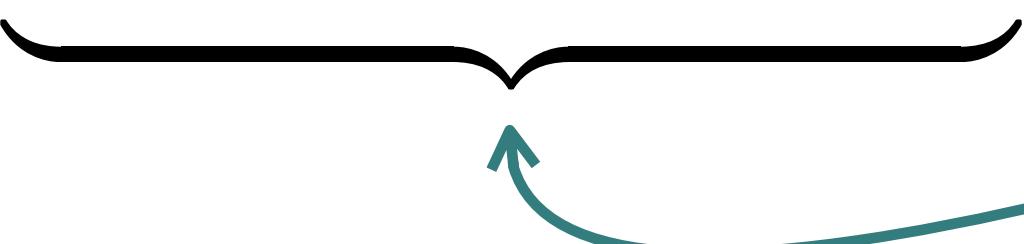
- 1 List all integrals appearing in your problem
- 2 Use identities (integration-by-parts, symmetries, etc.) to obtain basis integrals  $\vec{I}$  (“Master Integrals”)
- 3 Write down a differential equation  $d\vec{I} = A\vec{I}$
- 4 Solve differential equation (???)
- 5 Obtain expressions for Laurent series in  $\varepsilon$  of  $\vec{I}$

**Trick: Choose Master Integrals such that**

$$dI = \varepsilon AI \quad [\text{Henn '13}]$$

Find basis and variables, such that

- $A$  independent of  $\varepsilon$
- $A$  consisting of functions we “understand well”



Analytic understanding  
and/or  
fast numerical evaluation

Given boundary value  $I_0$

Can then trivially evaluated at any order in  $\varepsilon$ :  $I = \mathbb{P} \exp \left( \varepsilon \int A \right) I_0$

**Geometry associated to integral determines space of forms in A**

# Fantastic Geometries

and where to find them

**How do we identify geometry of integrals?**

**Graph Polynomial**

$$I \sim \int \prod d\alpha_i \alpha_i^{\nu_i - 1} \frac{U^{\nu - (l+1)D/2}}{F^{\nu - lD/2}}$$

**$U/F$  define projective variety**

**Extracting geometry is hard!**

**Maximal Cuts**

$$\text{MaxCut}(I) \sim \int \frac{\prod d\ell_j^D}{\prod_i D_i} / \cdot \{D_i \rightarrow \delta(D_i)\}$$

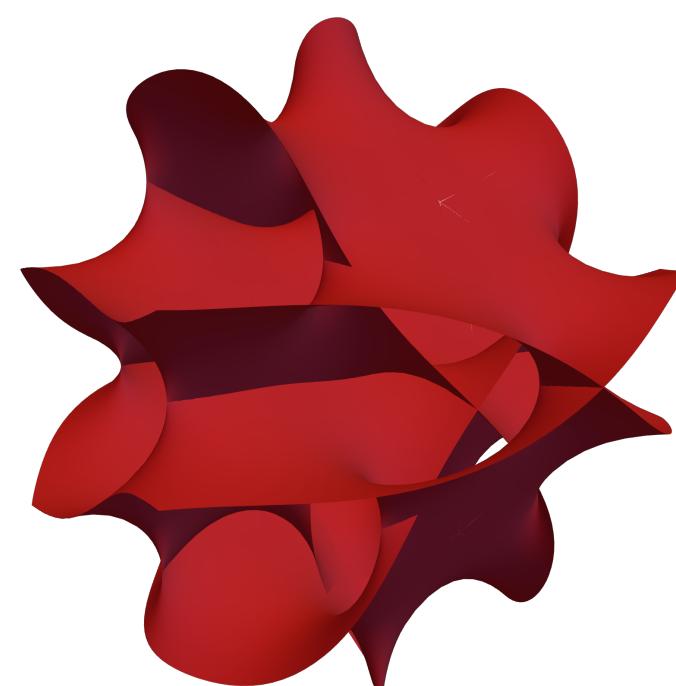
**Homogeneous solution to  
differential equation of full integral**

**Skeletonized version of integral  
Much simpler to extract geometry**

# How do we generalize from the elliptic integrals?

Elliptic Feynman integrals are phenomenological state of the art

**What else is there?**



Elliptic Curve



Dimension

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Genus

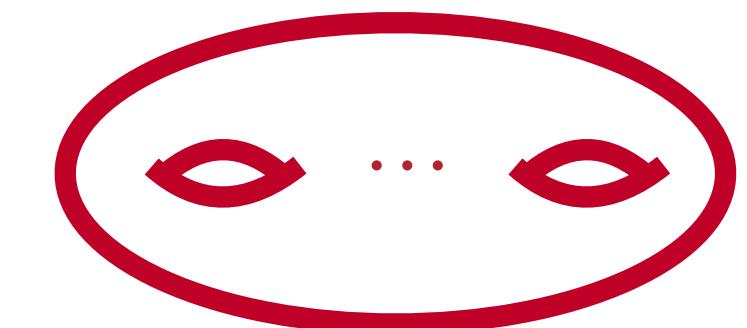
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Higher dimensional  
varieties

e.g. Calabi–Yaus

Curves of  
higher genus

e.g. Hyperelliptic curves



# **Part 1**

# **Calabi – Yaus**

# Calabi–Yaus in Feynman Integrals

Compute maximal cut  
and takes as many residues  
as possible

Hypersurface in weighted projective space

[Bourjaily, McLeod, Vergu, Volk, von Hippel, Wilhelm, '20]

$$\text{MaxCut } I \sim \int \frac{d\alpha_1 \dots d\alpha_n}{\sqrt{P(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)}}$$

$$[1 : \alpha_1 : \dots : \alpha_n : y] \in \mathbb{WP}^{1,1,\dots,1,(n+1)}$$

$$y^2 = P(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \quad \text{with} \quad \deg P = 2(n + 1)$$

Calabi–Yau n-fold

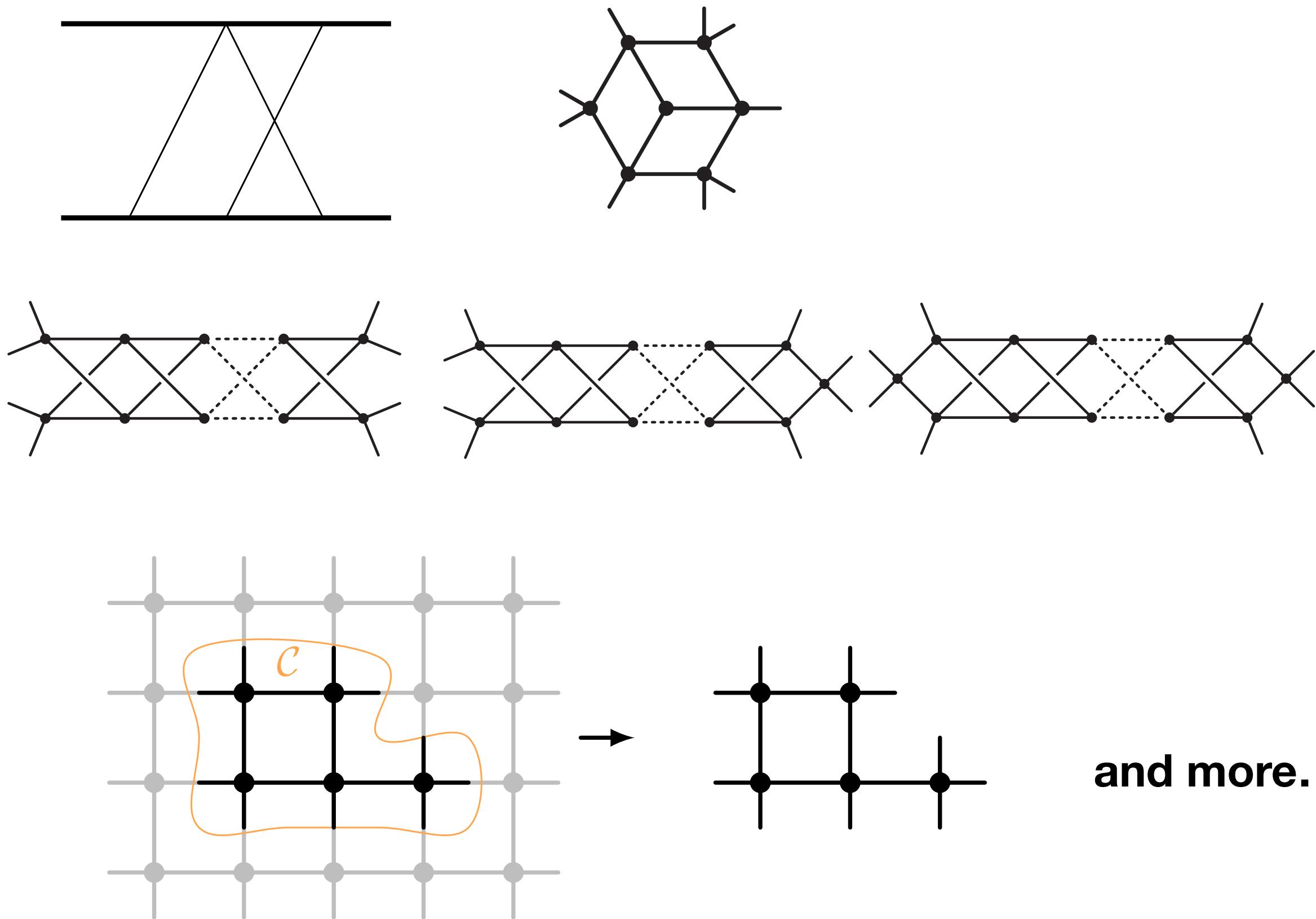
Codimension 1 = Dimension n

MaxCut( $I$ ) is a so-called period of the Calabi–Yau

# Calabi-Yaus: “A (bounded) bestiary”

[Bourjaily, McLeod, von Hippel, Wilhelm, '19]

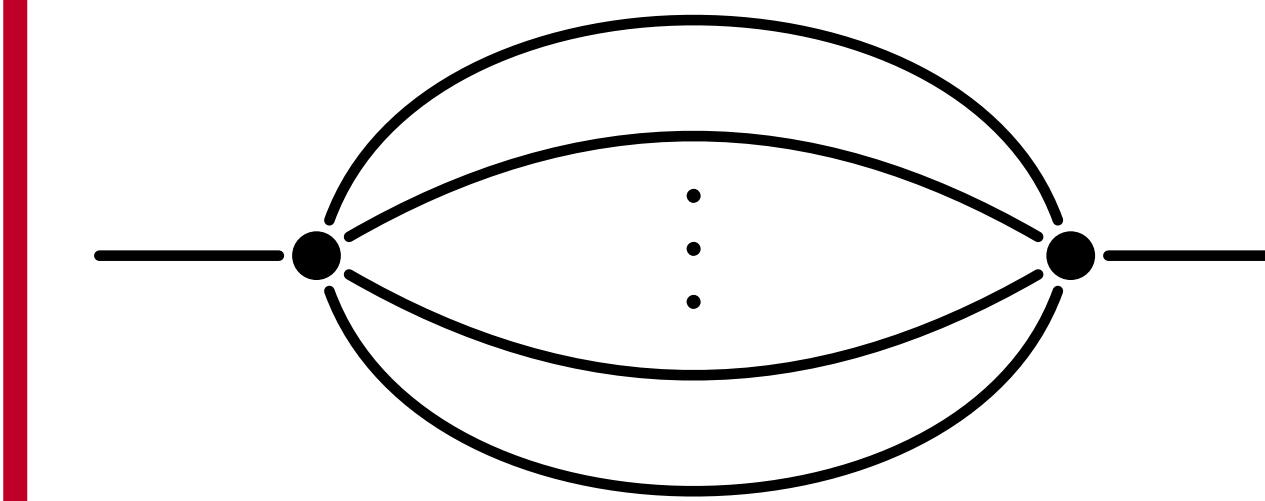
[Duhr, Klemm, Loebbert, Nega, Porkert, Tancredi, '22, '23]



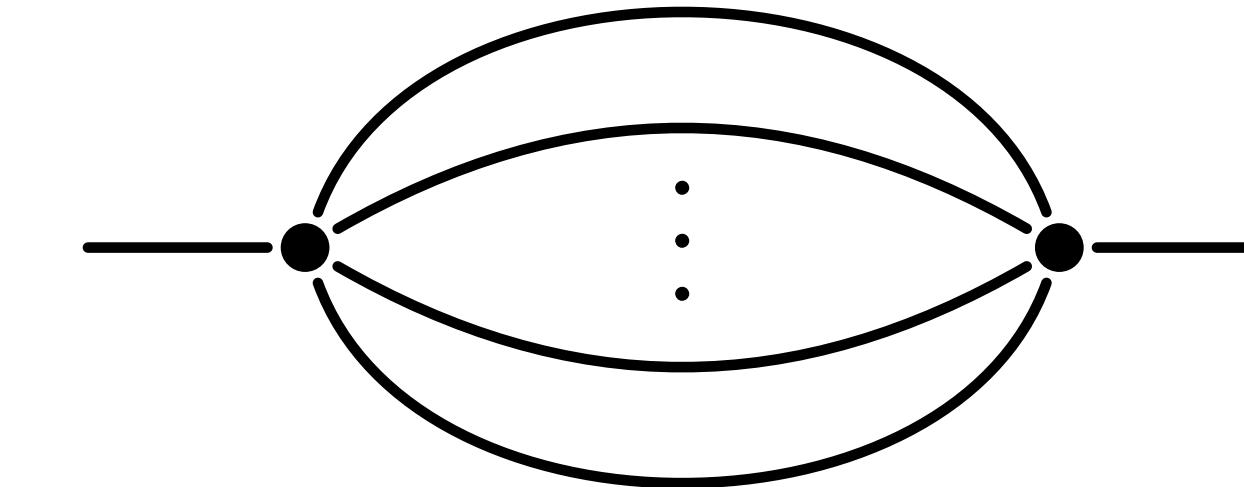
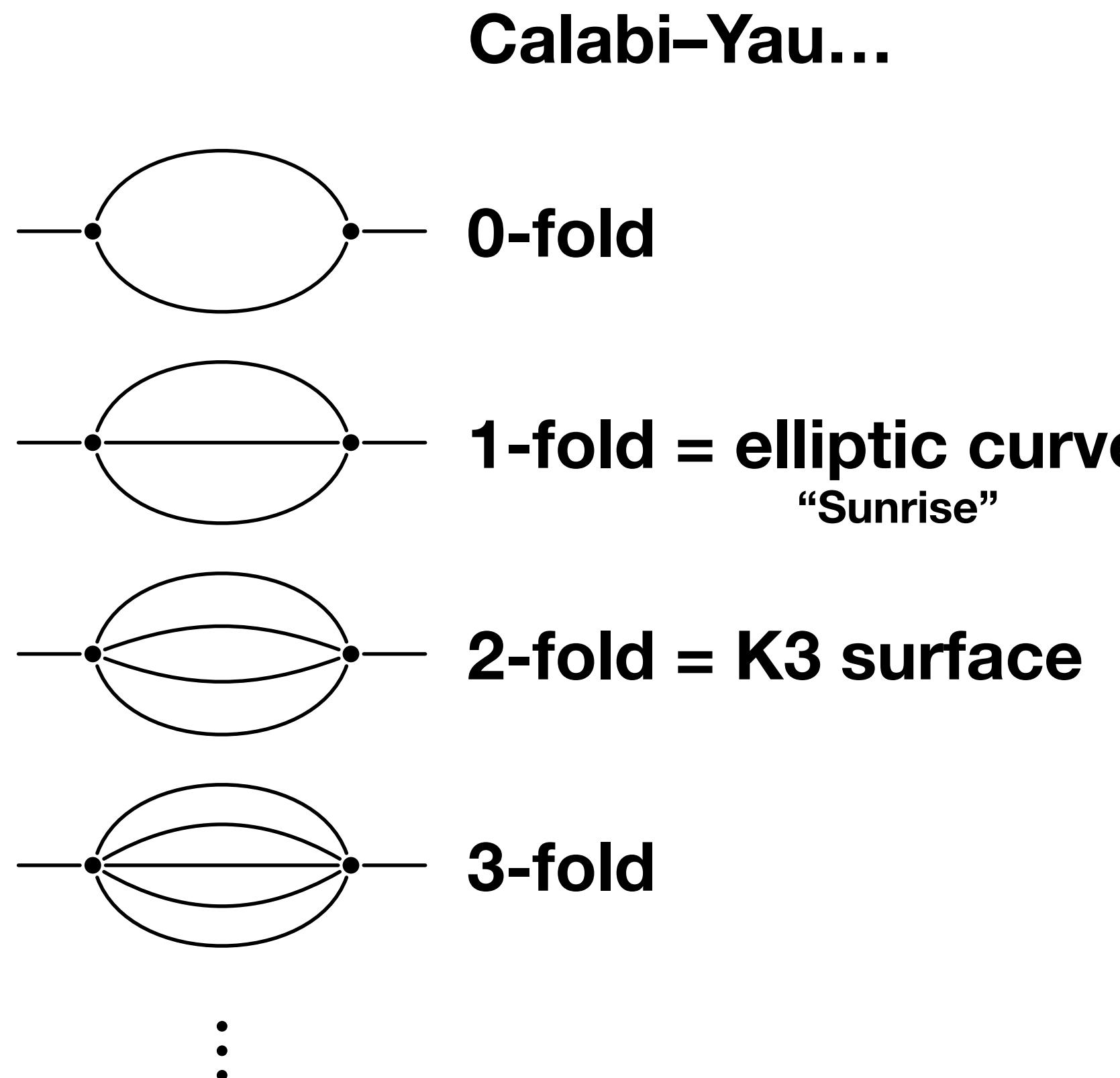
and more...

## Simplest Example: Banana Integrals

in  $D = 2 - 2\epsilon$



# Bananas: A Calabi–Yau Prototype



$\ell$ -loop Banana integral

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$(\ell - 1)$ -fold Calabi–Yau manifold

$\ell$ -loop banana program [Bönisch, Duhr, Klemm, Nega, Safari; Kreimer; Forum, von Hippel]

Simplification: Equal-mass  $\rightarrow$  single scale

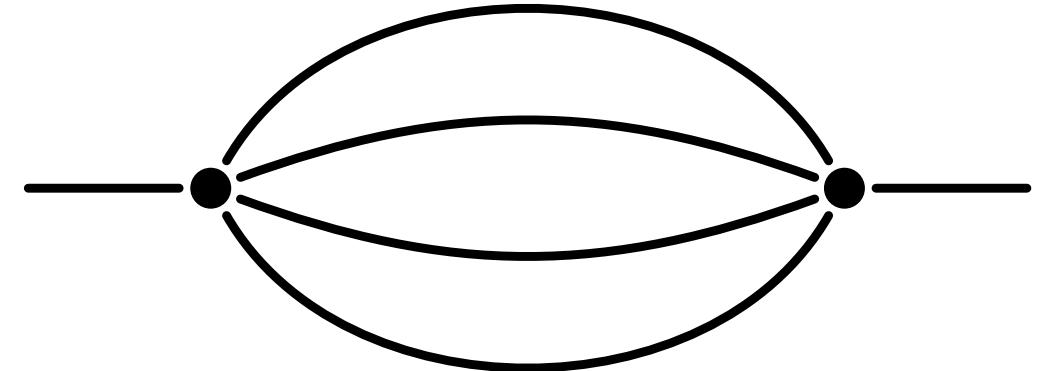
Kinematic variable

$$x = \frac{p^2}{m^2} \quad y = -\frac{m^2}{p^2}$$

## “Trivial” Calabi–Yaus

*Essentially elliptic*

Three-loop Banana

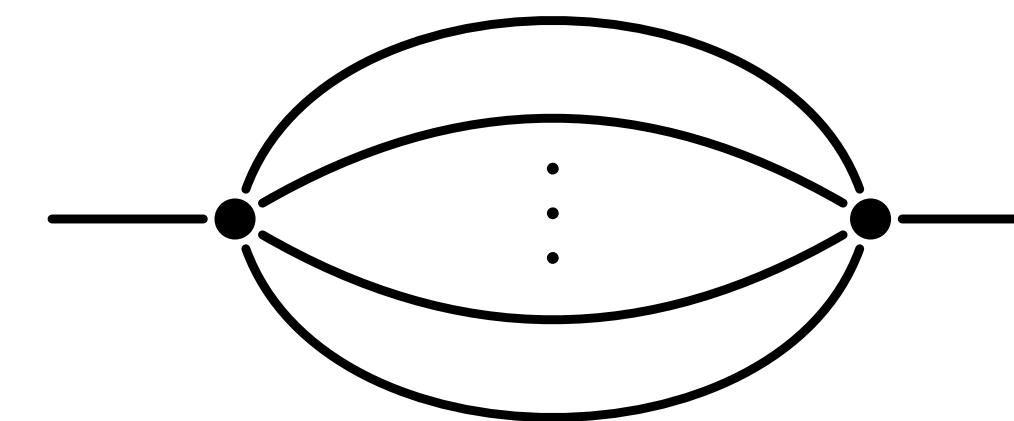


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## “Non-trivial” Calabi–Yaus

**Non-elliptic**

( $\geq$ Four)-loop Banana



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# The Three-Loop Banana Integral

Simplest example of Feynman integral **beyond elliptic**:

**Calabi–Yau 2-fold**

**Equal-mass case: closely connected to **sunrise integral****

**Extensively studied in the past:**

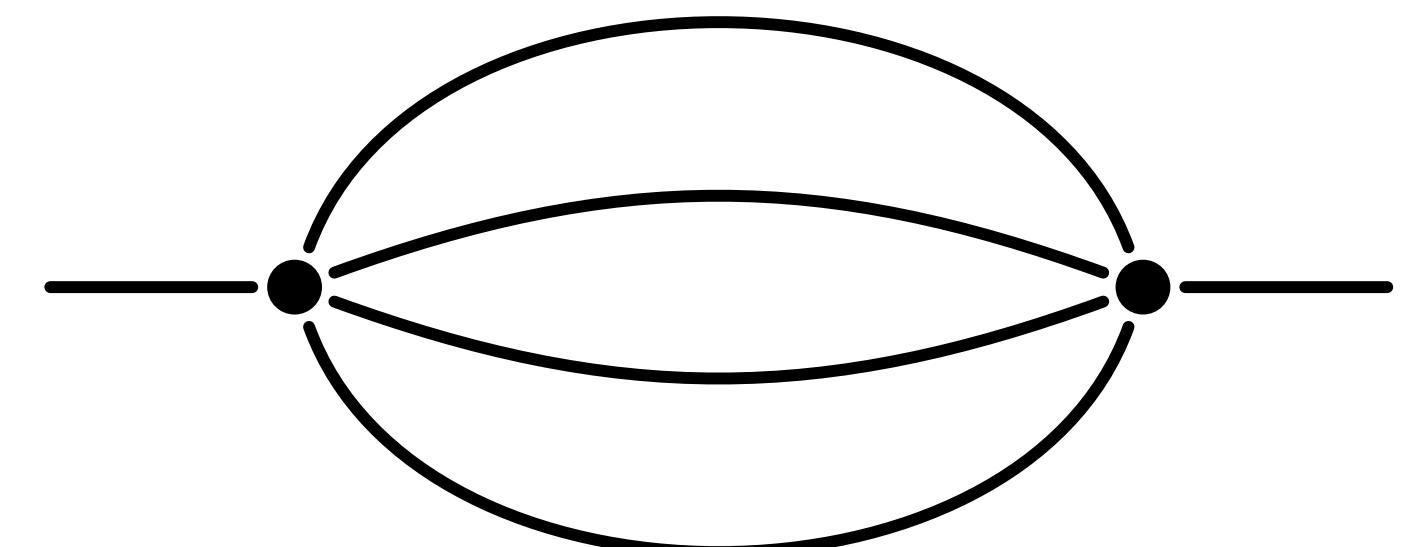
Leading term in  $\varepsilon$  [Bloch, Kerr, Vanhove, 14']

$\varepsilon$ -factorized form [Primo, Tancredi, 17']

Master integrals in  $d = 2$  in terms of eMPLs  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  [Broedel, Duhr, Dulat, Marzucca, Penante, 19']

DEQ with meromorphic modular forms [Broedel, Duhr, Matthes, 21']

$\ell$ -loop banana program [Bönisch, Duhr, Klemm, Nega, Safari; Kreimer; Forum, von Hippel]



**Singularities:**

$$x = \frac{p^2}{m^2} = 0, 4, 16, \infty$$

# Picard-Fuchs Differential Operator

**Annilates**  $\text{MaxCut}(I)$  (periods of Calabi-Yau)



**3-loop banana in  $D = 2$ :**

$$\mathcal{L}_3^{(0)} = \frac{d^3}{dx^3} + \left[ \frac{3}{x} + \frac{3}{2(x-4)} + \frac{3}{2(x-16)} \right] \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{7x^2 - 68x + 64}{x^2(x-4)(x-16)} \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{1}{x^2(x-16)}.$$

with solutions  $\mathcal{L}_3^{(0)} \omega_i = 0$  where  $\omega_i = \text{MaxCut}(I_{1111})|_{\gamma_i}$  on three independent contours  $\gamma_i$

$\mathcal{L}_3^{(0)}$  is a symmetric square

[Verrill, 96'; Joyce, 72']

**There exists an operator**

$$\mathcal{L}_2^{(0)} = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \left[ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2(x-4)} + \frac{1}{2(x-16)} \right] \frac{d}{dx} + \frac{(x-8)}{4x(x-4)(x-16)}$$



with solutions  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \mathcal{L}_2^{(0)} \psi_i = 0$  such that

$$\omega_i \in \langle \psi_1^2, \psi_1 \psi_2, \psi_2^2 \rangle$$

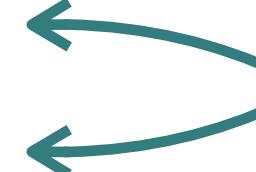
# $\varepsilon$ -Factorization: Sunrise

Make the ansatz

$$I_1 = \varepsilon^2 I_{110},$$

$$I_2 = \varepsilon^2 \frac{\pi}{\psi_1} I_{111},$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_2 + F_{32} I_2,$$

$$\tau = \frac{\psi_2}{\psi_1}$$


Periods of elliptic curve

$$dI = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \boxed{\eta_2 & 1} \\ \eta_3 & \eta_4 & \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} I$$

*A organised by modular weight*



$\eta_k$  : Modular forms of  $\Gamma_1(6)$  of weight  $k$ , independent of  $\varepsilon$

- ✓  $A$  independent of  $\varepsilon$
- ✓  $A$  consists of modular forms  
“well understood”

# $\varepsilon$ -Factorization: Three-loop Ansatz

Make the ansatz

$$I_1 = \varepsilon^3 I_{1110},$$

$$I_2 = \varepsilon^3 \frac{1}{\omega} I_{1111},$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_2 + F_{32} I_2,$$

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_3 + F_{42} I_2 + F_{43} I_3.$$

No assumptions for  $\omega$  and  $\tau$  required



$$dI = \tilde{A}I$$

Requiring  $\tilde{A} = \varepsilon A \rightarrow$  constraints on  $\omega, J, F_{32}, F_{42}, F_{43}$

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau}$$

# Eliminate Non- $\varepsilon$ -Factorized Pieces

$$dI = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{2,2} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{3,2} & \tilde{A}_{3,3} & 1 \\ \tilde{A}_{4,1} & \tilde{A}_{4,2} & \tilde{A}_{4,3} & \tilde{A}_{4,4} \end{pmatrix} I$$

Already  $\varepsilon$ -factorized

$\tilde{A}_{4,k}$  contains term  $\varepsilon^{-4+k}$  through  $\varepsilon$

**Five variables, six constraints**

$$\omega, J, F_{32}, F_{42}, F_{43}$$

→ **One non-trivial constraint!**

**Satisfied for**  $\omega = (x\psi_1^{\text{sun}})^2 \quad \tau = \frac{\psi_2^{\text{sun}}}{\psi_1^{\text{sun}}}$

Periods of elliptic curve

$$\frac{dI}{d\tau} = (2\pi i)\varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -f_{2,a} - f_{2,b} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & f_{4,b} & -f_{2,a} + 2f_{2,b} & 1 \\ f_{4,a} & f_6 & f_{4,b} & -f_{2,a} - f_{2,b} \end{pmatrix} I$$

Alphabet:  $\mathcal{A} = \{1, f_{2,a}, f_{2,b}, f_{4,a}, f_{4,b}, f_6\}$ .

Constraints allow symmetry

## Function space of Alphabet

Meromorphic modular forms  $+$  Special function  $F_2$



$$I_2 = \varepsilon^3 \left( \frac{4}{3} \zeta_3 + I(1, 1, f_{4,a}; \tau) \right) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^4)$$

Iterated integral of meromorphic modular form of weight 6

$$F_2 = I(1, g_6; \tau) \quad g_6 = \frac{x(x-8)(x+8)^3}{864(4-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}(16-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left( \frac{\psi_1}{\pi} \right)^6$$

Obtained expressions for all masters up to  $\varepsilon^6$

Numerics via q-expansion

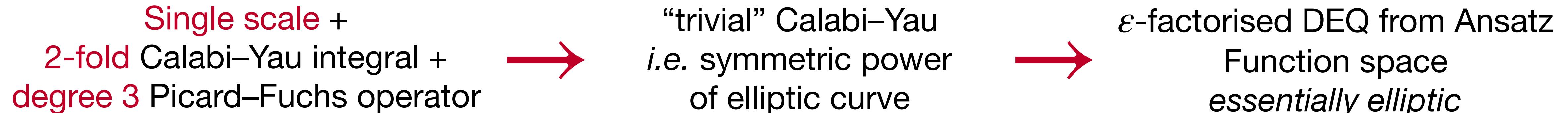
# “Trivial” Calabi–Yau Summary

**$\varepsilon$ -factorized form:** Ansatz, then solve constraints algorithmically

**Symmetric square:** Three-loop banana integral related to **elliptic curve**

**Function space:** Meromorphic modular forms, plus iterated integrals thereof ( $F_2$ )

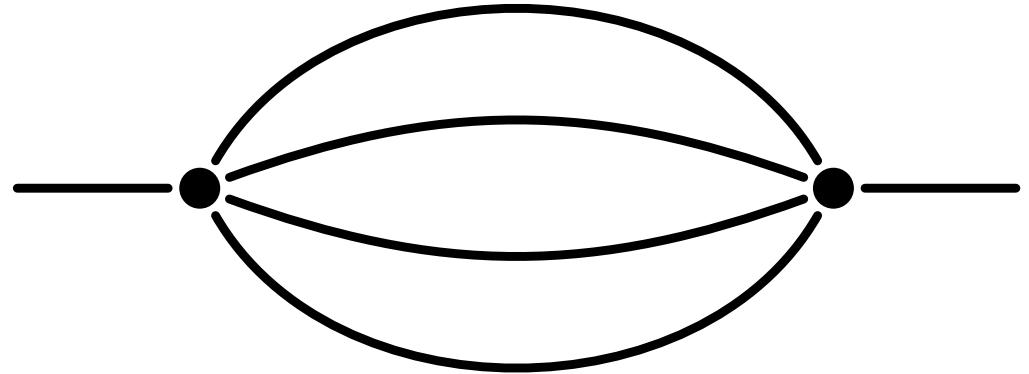
**Expectation: This generalizes beyond the banana!**



## “Trivial” Calabi–Yaus

*Essentially elliptic*

Three-loop Banana

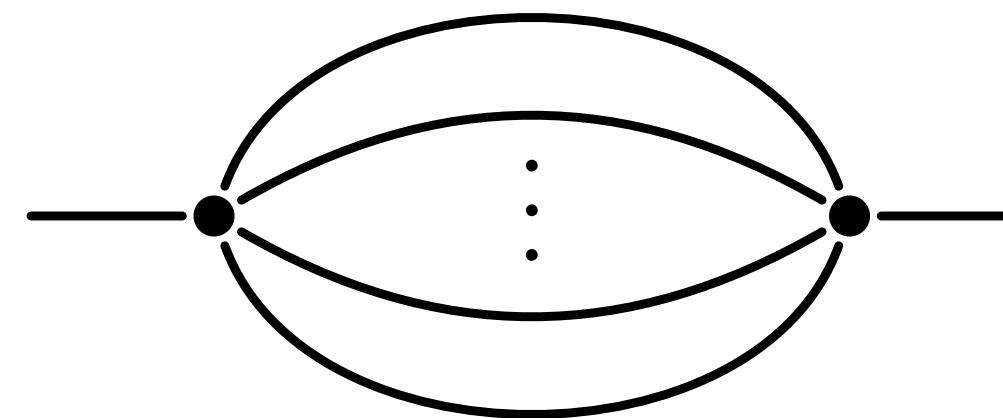


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## “Non-trivial” Calabi–Yaus

**Non-elliptic**

( $\geq$ Four)-loop Banana



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# The Four-Loop Banana Integral

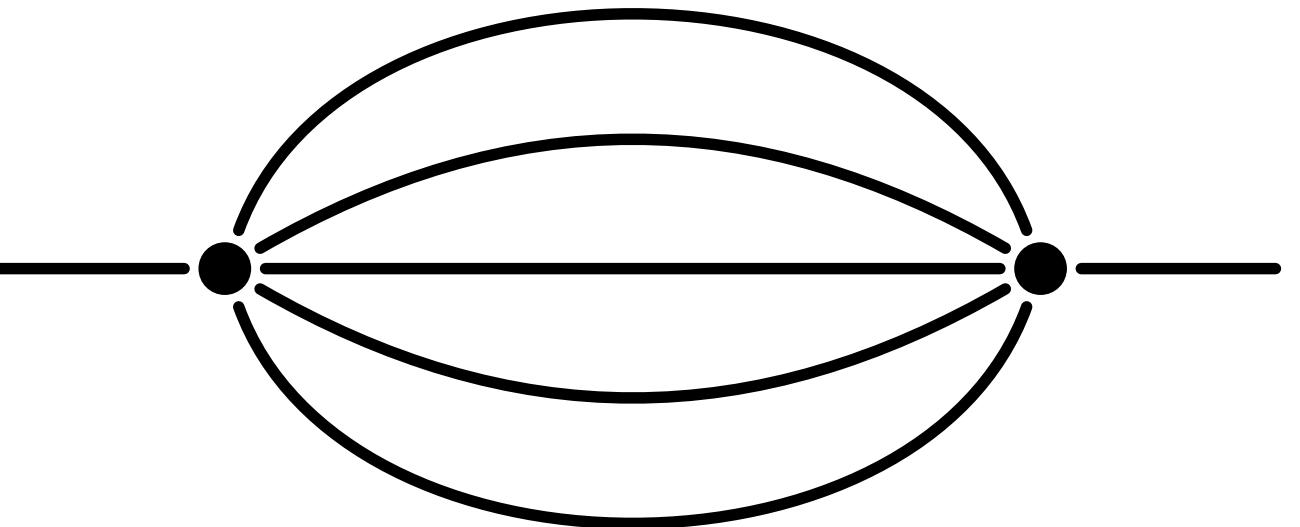
First banana integral with “non-trivial” Calabi–Yau:

Not related to elliptic curves

Integral already studied in the past

$\ell$ -loop banana program [Bönisch, Duhr, Klemm, Nega, Safari; Kreimer; Forum, von Hippel]

Algebraic Variety from graph polynomial  
Hypersurface in  $\mathbb{CP}^4$  with



**Singularities:**

$$y = -\frac{m^2}{p^2} = 0, -1, -\frac{1}{9}, -\frac{1}{25}, \infty$$

$$1/y = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5) \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_1} + \frac{1}{\alpha_2} + \frac{1}{\alpha_3} + \frac{1}{\alpha_4} + \frac{1}{\alpha_5} \right)$$

Calabi–Yau very well known

Studied in [Hulek, Verrill, 05'; ...]

Known as AESZ34 [Almkvist, van Enckevort, van Straten, Zudilin]

# $\varepsilon$ -Factorization: Four-loop Ansatz

Guess the pattern?

$$I_1 = \varepsilon^4 I_{11110},$$

$$I_2 = \varepsilon^4 \frac{1}{\omega} I_{11111},$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_2 + F_{32} I_2,$$

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_3 + F_{42} I_2 + F_{43} I_3$$

$$I_5 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_4 + F_{52} I_2 + F_{53} I_3 + F_{54} I_4.$$

?

$dI = \varepsilon A I$  leads to inconsistent constraints!  
→ No solution!

# $\varepsilon$ -Factorization: Four-loop Ansatz (fixed)

Modify ansatz!

$$I_1 = \varepsilon^4 I_{11110},$$

$$I_2 = \varepsilon^4 \frac{1}{\omega} I_{11111},$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_2 + F_{32} I_2,$$

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\boxed{\begin{matrix} 1 \\ K_1 \end{matrix}}}{\boxed{K_1}} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_3 + F_{42} I_2 + F_{43} I_3$$

$$I_5 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_4 + F_{52} I_2 + F_{53} I_3 + F_{54} I_4.$$

$\ell$ -loop Banana Integrals define  
special Calabi–Yau manifolds

Picard–Fuchs operators are  
**Calabi–Yau operators**

[Almkvist, van Enckevort, van Straten, Zudilin, 05']  
[M. Bogner, 13']

**$K_1$  is a Y-invariant of  
Calabi–Yau operator**

Start appearing at 3-fold

$dI = \varepsilon A I$  leads to consistent constraints!

No prior knowledge of  $K_1$  required!

Fixed by constraints (up to rescaling)

What is the function space of “non-trivial” Calabi–Yaus to solve constraints?

**Currently unknown**

**But for fast numerics, imitate elliptics:**  
**q-expansion**

### Four-Loop solutions

$q(y) = \exp(2\pi i \omega_2/\omega_1)$ $\omega = \omega_1$ $K_1 = d^2/d\tau^2(\omega_3/\omega_1)$ $J$ ..... $F_{32}$ $F_{42}$ $\vdots$	$y - 8y^2 + 92y^3 - 1288y^4 + 20398y^5 + \mathcal{O}(y^6)$ $q + 3q^2 + q^3 + 23q^4 - 101q^5 + \mathcal{O}(q^6)$ $1 - q + 17q^2 - 253q^3 + 3345q^4 - 43751q^5 + \mathcal{O}(q^6)$ $q + 16q^2 + 108q^3 + 672q^4 + 2570q^5 + \mathcal{O}(q^6)$ ..... $c_{32} + 8q - 32q^2 + 512q^3 - 5872q^4 + 70008q^5 + \mathcal{O}(q^6)$ $c_{42} + 8q - 240q^2 + 4816q^3 - 90448q^4 + 1444008q^5$ $+ c_{32}(-9q + 176q^2 - 2956q^3 + 44568q^4 - 611106q^5)$ $+ c_{32}^2(q - 16q^2 + 220q^3 - 2600q^4 + 30018q^5)$ $+ \mathcal{O}(q^6)$	{ Predictable from just Picard–Fuchs operator  { Need to solve constraints
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**Expansion point**  
 $y = -m^2/p^2 = 0$  (MUM-point)

**Frobenius basis:**  
 $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4$

**Expansion coordinate:**  
 $q = \exp(2\pi i \tau), \tau = \omega_2/\omega_1$

**Canonical variables for Calabi–Yau operators**

Generalization of  $\tau$  (ratio of periods)  
 $q$  ( nome)  
from elliptic case  $\ell = 2$

Remaining freedom  $c_{32}, c_{42}$ , etc.  
→ can impose symmetry on  $A$

**Fast numerical evaluation**  
(Within convergence radius)

# Five-, Six-, All-Loop Ansatz

$$I_1 = \varepsilon^\ell I_{1\dots 10},$$

$$I_2 = \varepsilon^\ell \frac{1}{\omega} I_{1\dots 1},$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_2 + F_{32} I_2,$$

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\boxed{K_1}} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_3 + F_{42} I_2 + F_{43} I_3$$

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:

$$I_{\ell-1} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\boxed{K_2}} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_{\ell-2} + \sum_{i=2}^{\ell-2} F_{\ell-1,i} I_i$$

$$I_\ell = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\boxed{K_1}} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_{\ell-1} + \sum_{i=2}^{\ell-1} F_{\ell,i} I_i$$

$$I_{\ell+1} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{d}{d\tau} I_\ell + \sum_{i=2}^{\ell} F_{\ell+1,i} I_i$$

**Checked up to seven loops**

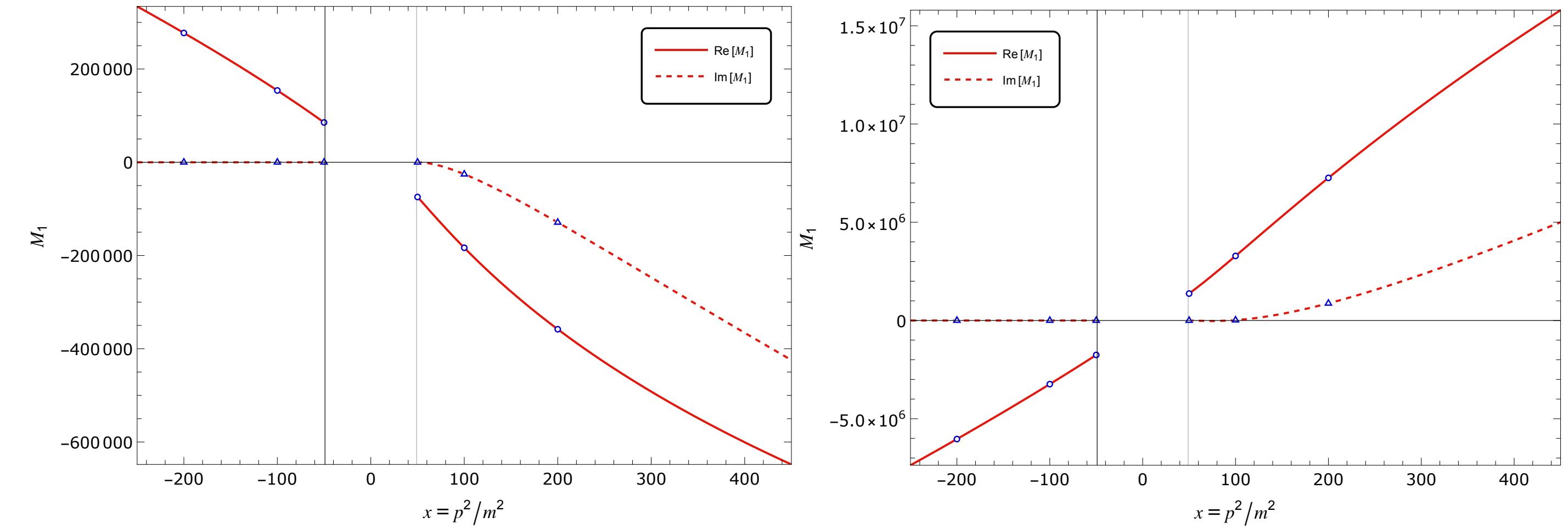
Ansatz with  $K_i$  being Y-invariants leads to consistent constraints

**Checked up to six loops**

Analytic expressions for Masters in terms of iterated integrals

$$I_2 = [I(1, K_1, K_2, K_1, 1, A_{71}; \tau) + \text{boundary}] \varepsilon^7 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^8) \quad \text{etc.}$$

Numeric evaluation using q-expansion: agrees with SecDec



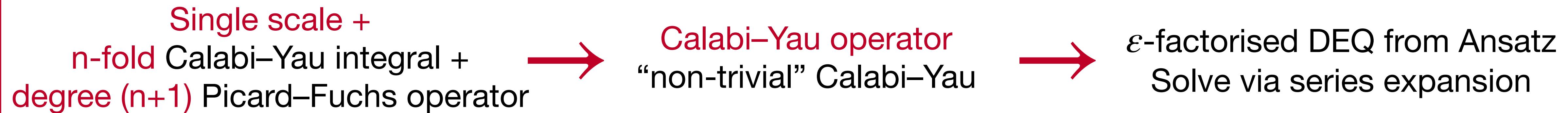
# “Non-Trivial” Calabi–Yau Summary

**$\varepsilon$ -factorized form:** Ansatz with information from Calabi–Yau operators  
→ Solve constraints algorithmically

**Function space:** currently unknown

**Numerics:** can obtain fast converging q-expansion

**Expectation: Generalizes to other Calabi–Yau integrals**

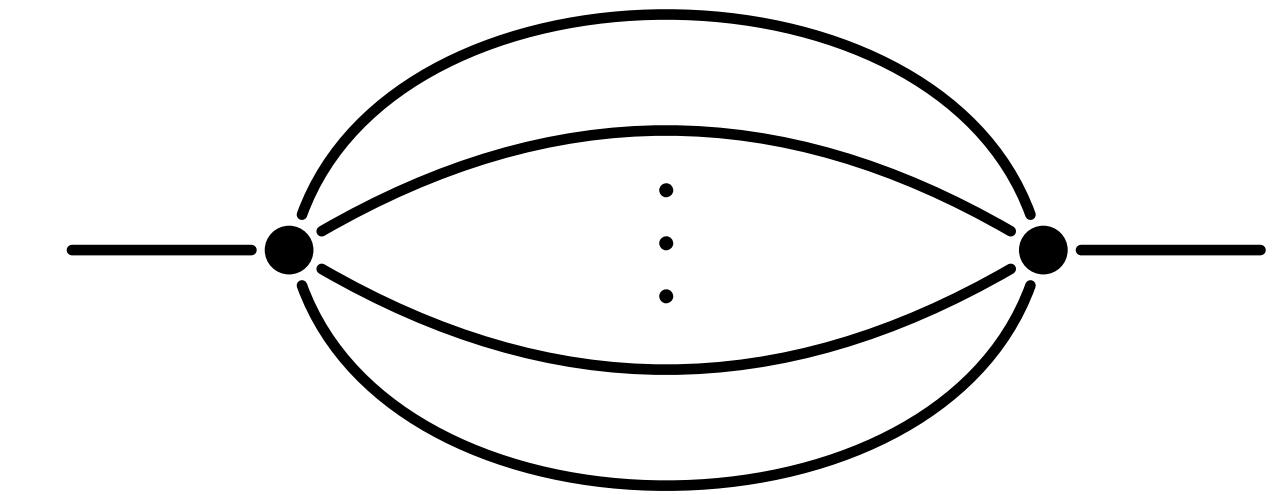


# Part 1 Conclusions

## Banana integrals: Simplest example of Calabi–Yau integrals

Simplification: Equal-mass = single scale

Single scale integral  
n-fold Calabi–Yau,  
degree (n+1) Picard–Fuchs operator



Ansatzing allows to find  $\varepsilon$ -factorised form algorithmically

Use information from theory of Calabi–Yau operators

### Calabi–Yau 2-fold

Picard–Fuchs is symmetric square  
of elliptic curve

Modular forms

### Calabi–Yau ( $>3$ )-fold

Not relatable to elliptics  
Function space unknown

q-expansion

# Part 2

# Higher-Genus Curves

# Algebraic Curves

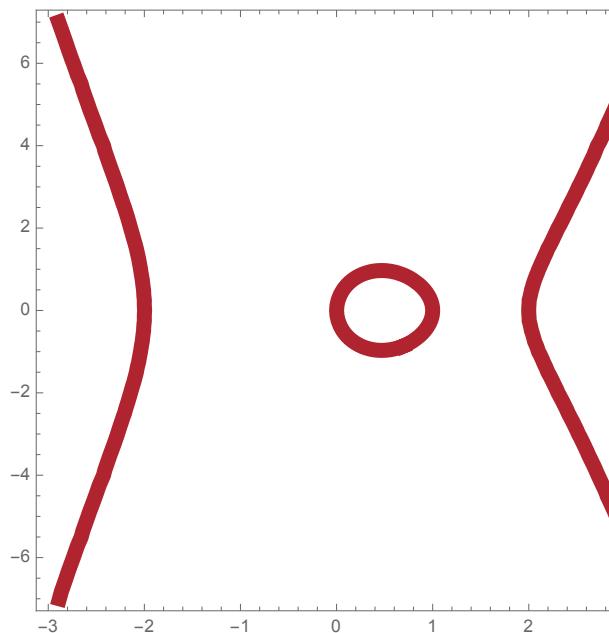
**Algebraic Curve:**

$$f \in \mathbb{C}[y, z] \quad y, z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } f(y, z) = 0$$

**Simplest Example:  
Elliptic Curves**

$$f(y, z) = y^2 - (z - a_1)(z - a_2)(z - a_3)(z - a_4) = 0$$

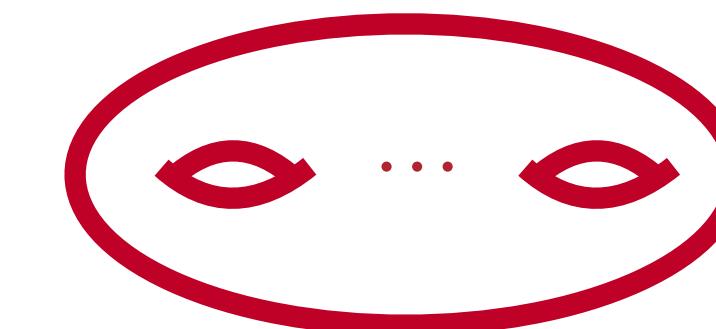
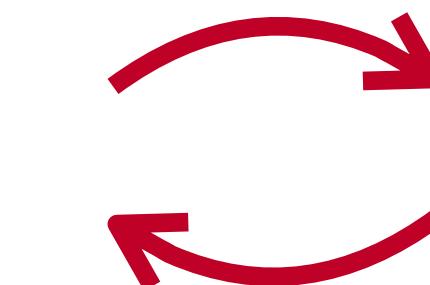
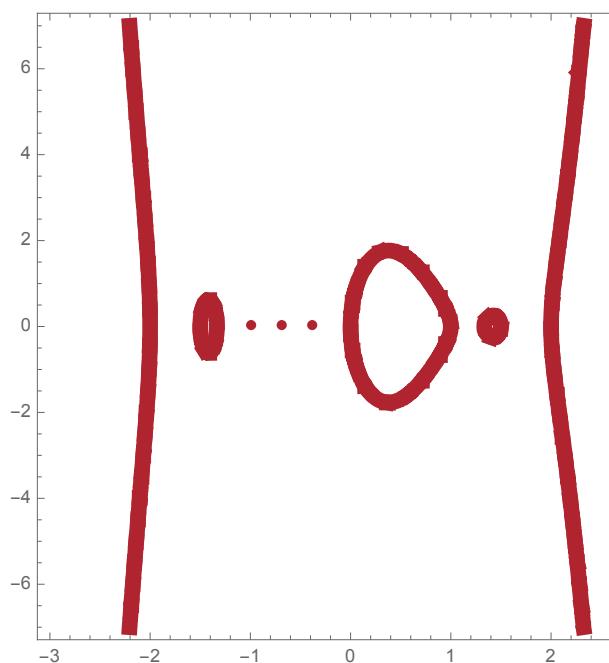
**Genus 1**



**Next-to-Simplest Example:  
Hyperelliptic Curves**

$$f(y, z) = y^2 - (z - a_1) \dots (z - a_{2g+2}) = y^2 - P_{2g+2}(z) = 0$$

**Genus g**

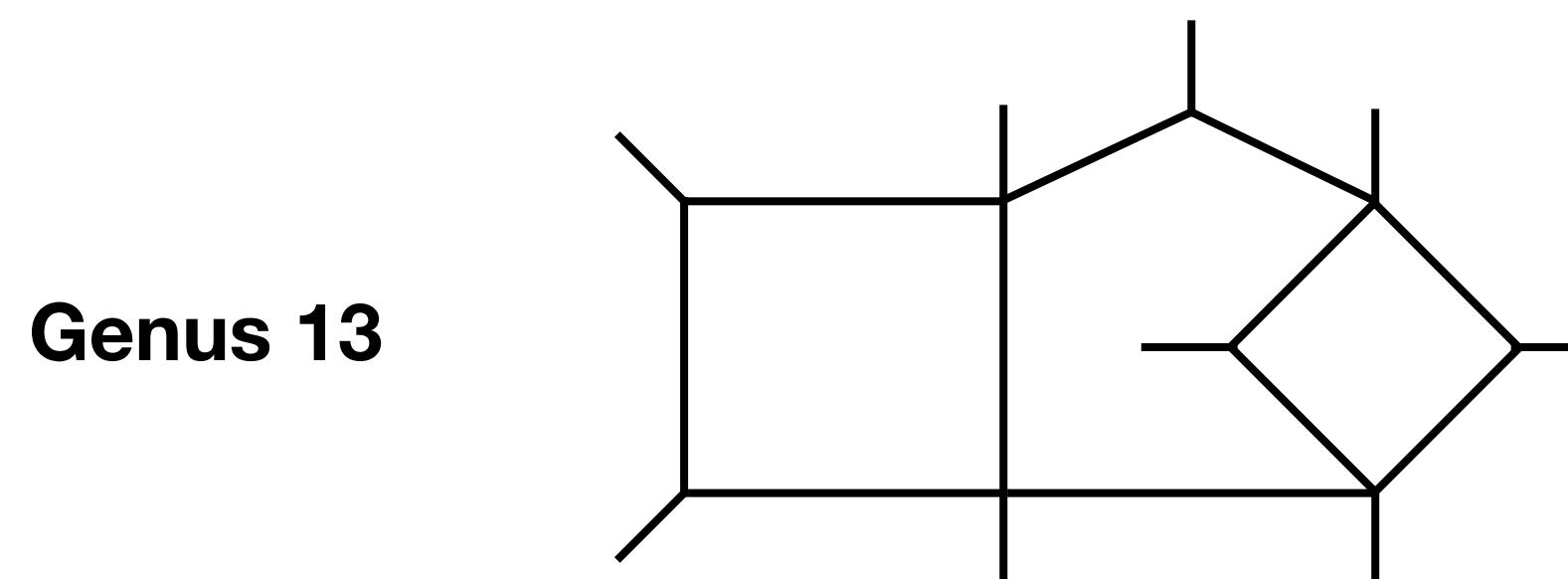
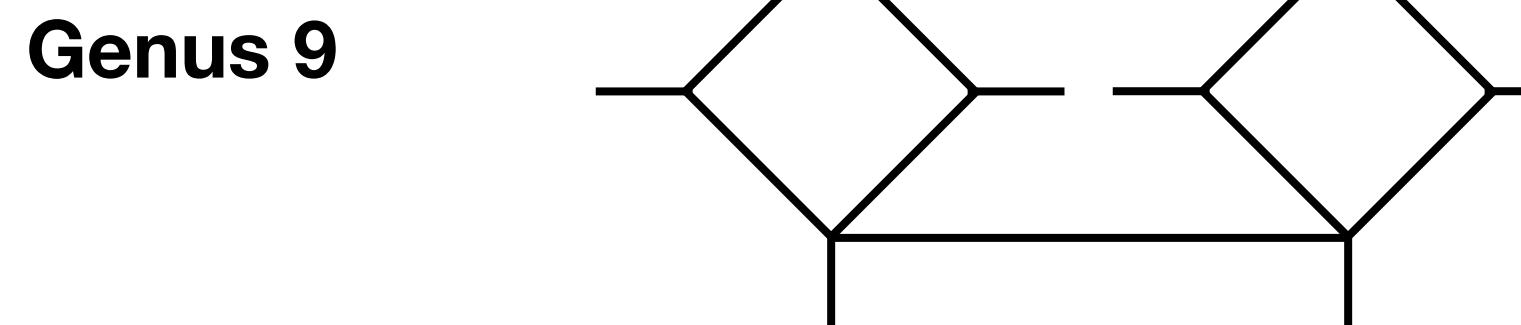
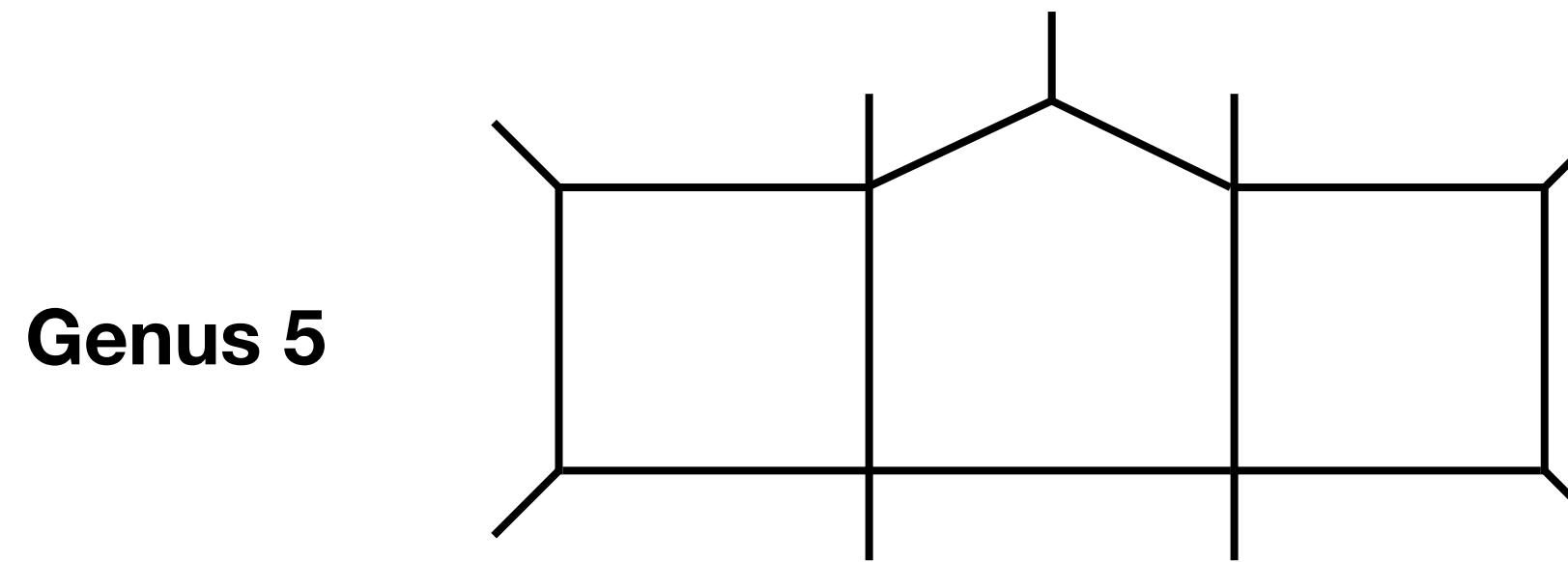


# Higher-Genus Feynman Integrals

Feynman Integrals related to curves with genus >1 are known, but poorly studied

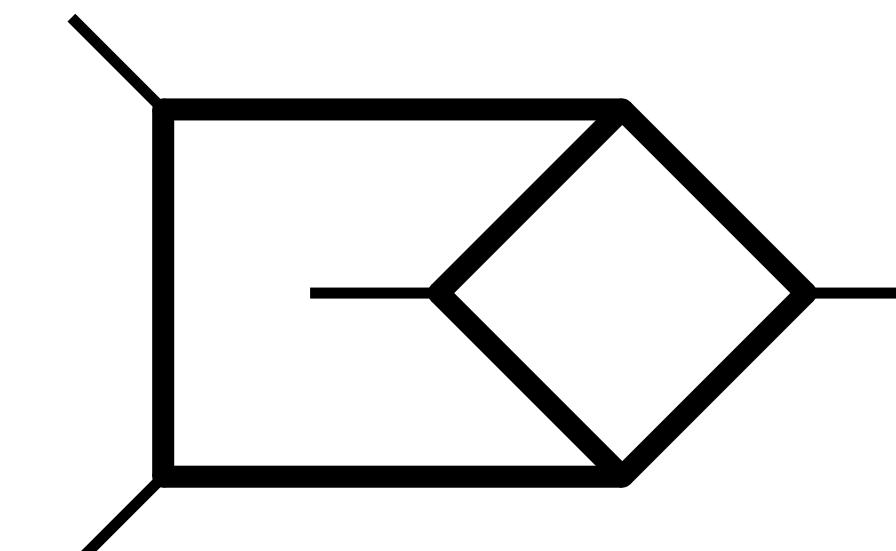
[Huang, Zhang, '13]

[Hauenstein, Huang, Mehta, Zhang, '15]



**Simplest Example:**  
**Non-planar Crossed Box**

in  $D = 4$



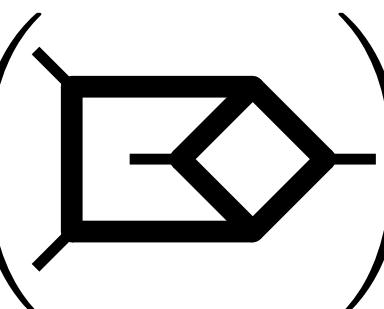
**Genus 3**

[Zhang, Georgoudis, '15]

# Genus and Curve Representations

Extract curve via maximal cut

MaxCut  
in  $D = 4$



Momentum  
Representation  
[Georgoudis, Zhang, 15']

$$\int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{P_8(z)}}$$

with  
 $z = \text{tr}_-(p_4 p_2 \ell_1 p_1)/s^2$

Hyperelliptic curve of genus 3

Loop-by-loop  
Baikov  
Representation

$$\int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{P_6(z)}}$$

with  
 $z = (\ell_1 \cdot p_3)$

Hyperelliptic curve of genus 2

Which one is it?  
Why the discrepancy?

# Curves with Automorphisms

**Hyperelliptic curve of genus g**  $\mathcal{H} : y^2 = P_{2g+2}(z)$  **with automorphism group**  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{H})$

Consider transformations  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PGL}_2(\mathbb{C})$   $z = \gamma[\hat{z}] \equiv \frac{a\hat{z} + b}{c\hat{z} + d}, \quad y = \hat{y} \frac{1}{(c\hat{z} + d)^{2g+2}}$



Any  $\mathcal{H}$  has **hyperelliptic involution**

$$e_0 : y \rightarrow -y$$

If there is a  $\gamma$  such that  $\mathcal{H} : \hat{y}^2 = \hat{P}_{2g+2}(\hat{z}) = Q_{g+1}(\hat{z}^2) \equiv c(\hat{z}^2 - \hat{\alpha}_1^2) \dots (\hat{z}^2 - \hat{\alpha}_{g+1}^2)$

then  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_g)$  contains the **extra involution**  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}) \ni e_1 : \hat{z} \rightarrow -\hat{z}$

There are then two curves  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  with genus  $\lfloor g/2 \rfloor$  and  $\lceil g/2 \rceil$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : v_1^2 = Q_{g+1}(w) = c(w - \hat{\alpha}_1^2) \dots (w - \hat{\alpha}_{g+1}^2),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_2 : v_2^2 = wQ_{g+1}(w) = cw(w - \hat{\alpha}_1^2) \dots (w - \hat{\alpha}_{g+1}^2)$$

Recover  $\mathcal{H}$  via  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_1 : (v_1, w) \rightarrow (\hat{y}, \hat{z}^2) \\ \rho_2 : (v_2, w) \rightarrow (\hat{y}\hat{z}, \hat{z}^2) \end{array} \right\}$  invariant under  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} e_1 \\ e_0 \circ e_1 \end{array} \right\}$

# Example: Genus 3

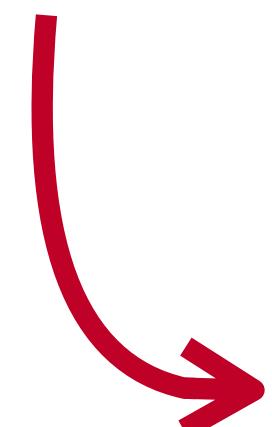
$$P_8(z) = 25z(z-2)(2z-1)(4z-3)(7z-4)(8z-1)(11z-2)(14z-3)$$



$$z = \gamma[\hat{z}]$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -3 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{P}_8(\hat{z}) &= (\hat{z}+1)(\hat{z}-1)(\hat{z}+2)(\hat{z}-2)(\hat{z}+3)(\hat{z}-3)(\hat{z}+4)(\hat{z}-4) \\ &= (\hat{z}^2 - 1)(\hat{z}^2 - 4)(\hat{z}^2 - 9)(\hat{z}^2 - 16)\end{aligned}$$

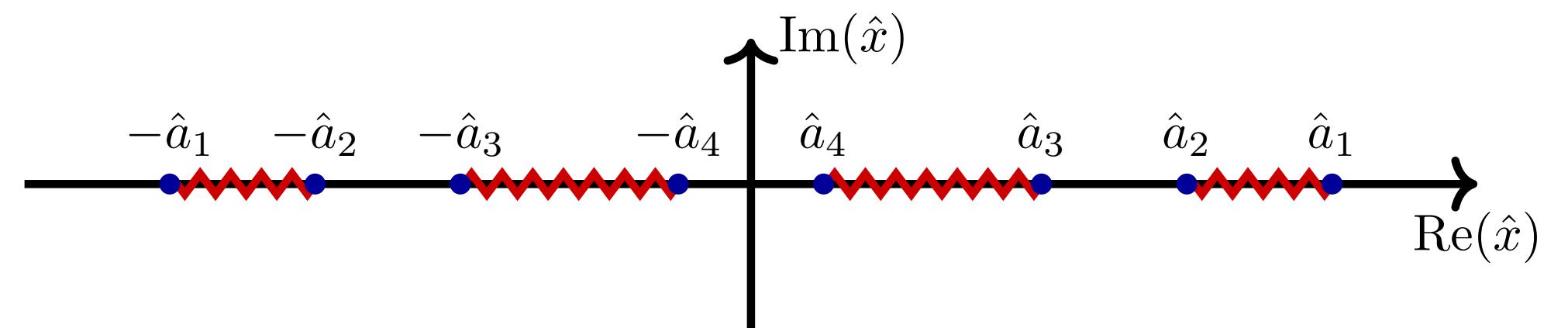
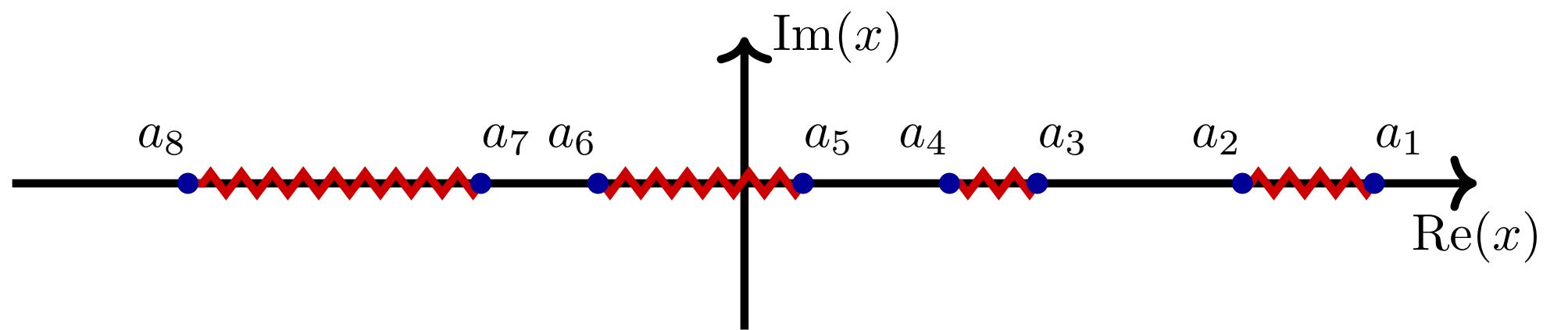


**Genus 1**  $\mathcal{H}_1$

$$v^2 = (w-1)(w-2^2)(w-3^2)(w-4^2)$$

**Genus 2**  $\mathcal{H}_2$

$$v^2 = w(w-1)(w-2^2)(w-3^2)(w-4^2)$$



# Period Matrix

(Symplectic)  
Basis of contours

$$\Gamma_j \in (a_1, \dots, a_g, b_1, \dots, b_g)$$

Basis of holomorphic  
differentials

$$\frac{z^{i < g} dz}{\sqrt{P_{2g+2}(z)}}$$

pairing

Period matrix

$$\mathcal{P}_{ij} = \int_{\Gamma_j} \frac{z^i dz}{\sqrt{P_{2g+2}(z)}}$$

Extra involution leads to  
Relations between periods

Can find  $M_\Gamma \in \mathbb{Z}^{2g \times 2g}$   
 $M_\omega \in \mathbb{C}^{g \times g}$  such that

Period matrix of  $\lfloor g/2 \rfloor$  curve

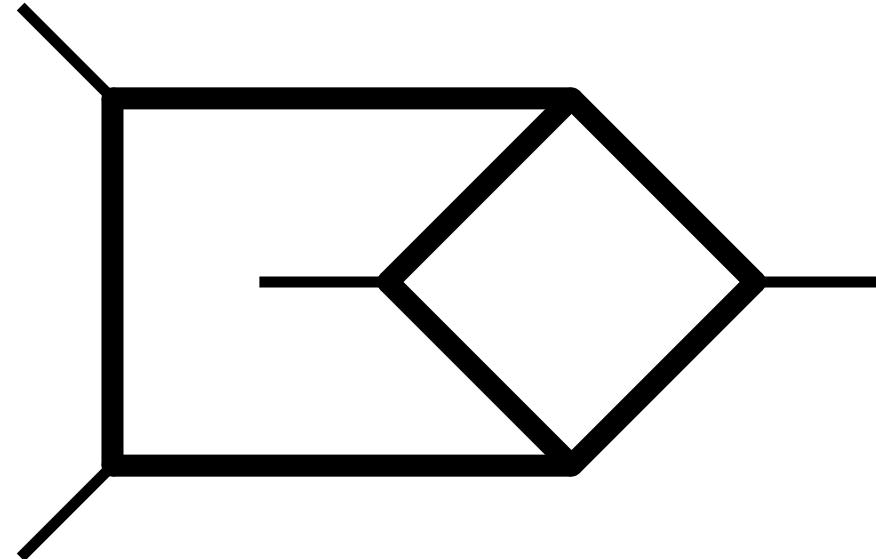
$$M_\omega^t \mathcal{P} M_\Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{P}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{P}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Period matrix becomes block  
diagonal

Period matrix of  $\lceil g/2 \rceil$  curve

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of a genus  $g$  curve into two curves of genus  $\lfloor g/2 \rfloor$  and  $\lceil g/2 \rceil$ . On the left, there is a large oval containing three small ovals, each with a self-intersection point. This is followed by an equals sign. To the right of the equals sign is a large oval containing one small oval with a self-intersection point, followed by a times sign. To the right of the times sign is another large oval containing two small ovals, each with a self-intersection point.

# Feynman Integrals with Automorphisms



$$\begin{aligned}
 & r = \sqrt{s^3/(m^2 t(s+t))} \\
 & z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\hat{z} - 1}{\hat{z} + 1}, \\
 P_8(z) & \xrightarrow{\quad} Q_4(\hat{z}^2) = \hat{P}_8(\hat{z}) \\
 \text{Loop} \\
 \text{Momentum} \\
 \text{Representation} & \\
 w &= \pm \sqrt{\hat{z}} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} Q_4(w) \\
 & \quad \text{Genus 1} \\
 & \quad (\text{generically } \lfloor g/2 \rfloor) \\
 w &= \pm \sqrt{\hat{z}} \times w \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} wQ_4(w) = Q_5(w) \xrightarrow{\sim} P_6(z) \\
 & \quad \text{Genus 2} \\
 & \quad (\text{generically } \lceil g/2 \rceil) \\
 & \quad \text{Baikov} \\
 & \quad \text{Representation}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Maximal cut picks  
genus 2 curve**

$$\int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{P_8(z)}} = r^2 \int \frac{dw(w-1)}{\sqrt{wQ_4(w)}} = * \int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{P_6(z)}} + * \int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{P_6(z)}}$$

Linear combination of genus 2 periods

Variable in  
[Georgoudis, Zhang]  
parametrisation:  
 $z = \text{tr}_-(p_4 p_2 \ell_1 p_1)/s^2$

How does extra involution act on  
variable?

$$e_1 [\text{tr}_-(p_4 p_2 \ell_1 p_1)] = \text{tr}_+(p_4 p_2 \ell_1 p_1)$$

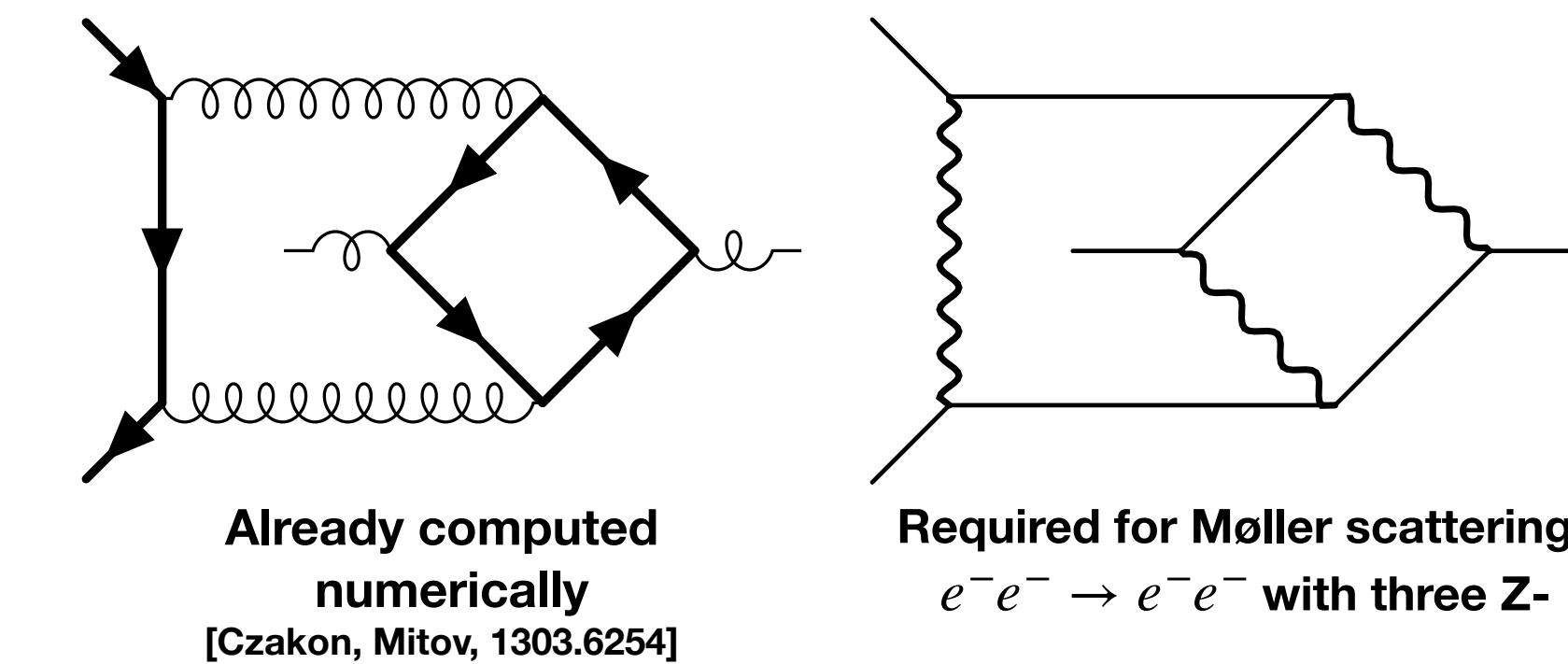
**Extra involution is discrete  
Lorentz transformation**

Choosing loop-momentum parametrisation invariant under  
(discrete) Lorentz transformations leads directly to genus  
2 curve

# Phenomenology and More Examples

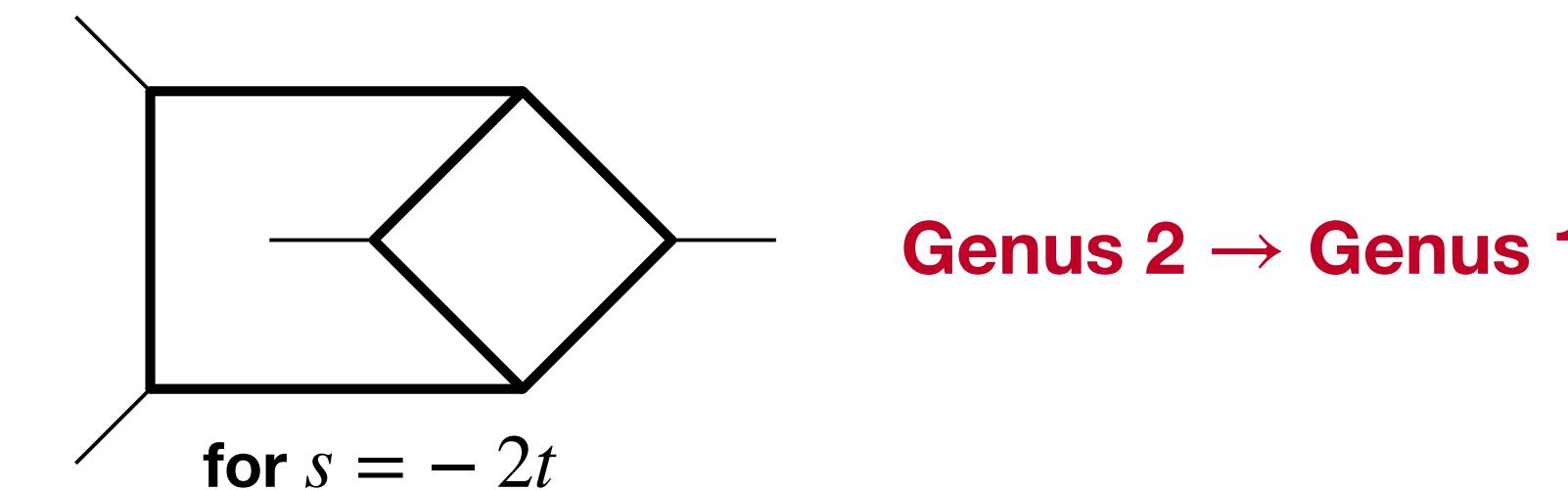
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Genus drop present in phenomenologically relevant integrals:



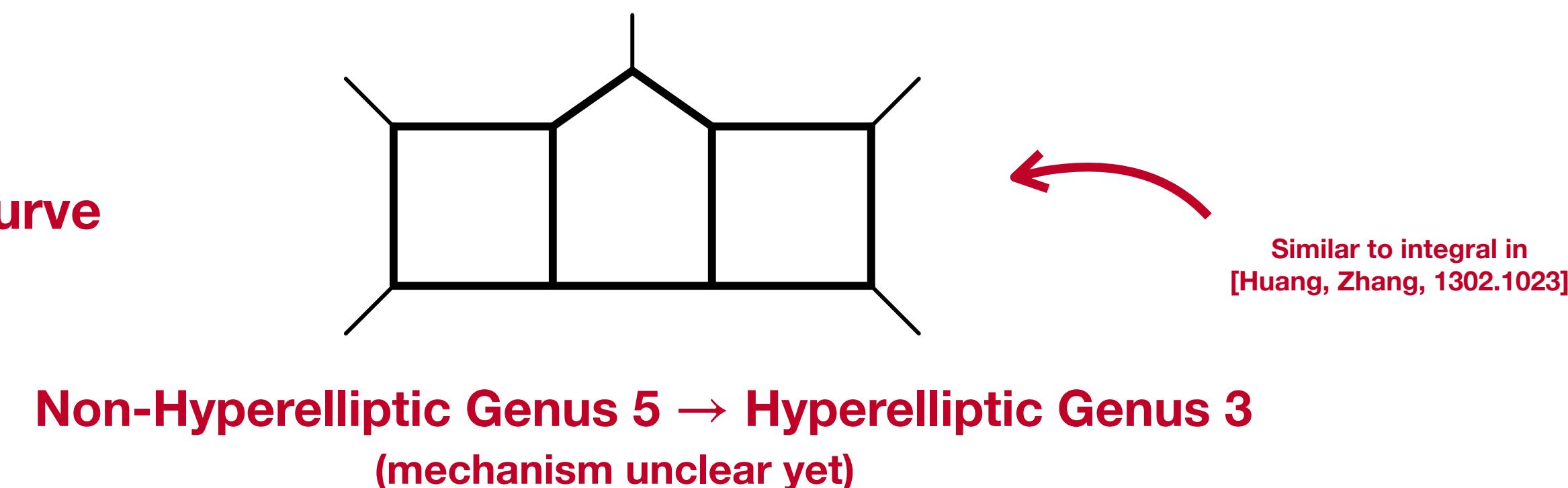
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Genus drop appears in kinematic limits:



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Genus drop for non-hyperelliptic curve



# Conclusions

- Beyond polylogs, control of geometry is crucial for evaluation of Feynman Integrals
- Integrals beyond elliptic ones are relevant to collider phenomenology today!
- Identification of “simplest” geometry not trivial (see genus reduction)
- There exists a wealth of mathematical knowledge for geometries associated that can be applied to Feynman integrals (algebraic curves studied since 19th century)

# Backup

# Calabi–Yau Operators

$\ell$ -loop Banana Integrals define special Calabi–Yau manifolds  
Picard–Fuchs operator are called **Calabi–Yau operators**

Canonical coordinate:  
**q-coordinate or mirror-map**

$$q = \exp(2\pi i\tau) \quad \tau = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}$$

For  $\ell = 2$   
(i.e. sunrise/elliptic curve)  
 $\tau$  = ratio of periods  
 $q$  = nome,

Picard–Fuchs operator in q-coordinate

**Special Local Normal Form:**  
[M. Bogner, 13']

$$\mathcal{L}^{(2)} = \Theta_q^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(3)} = \Theta_q^3$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(4)} = \Theta_q^2 \frac{1}{Y_1} \Theta_q^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(\ell)} = \Theta_q^2 \frac{1}{Y_1} \Theta_q \frac{1}{Y_2} \Theta_q \dots \Theta_q \frac{1}{Y_2} \Theta_q \frac{1}{Y_1} \Theta_q^2$$

For  $\ell = 4$ :  
 $Y_1$  known as  
Yukawa coupling  
in string theory

$Y_i$ : **Y-invariants of operator**

Logarithmic derivative

$$\Theta_q = q \frac{d}{dq} = \frac{d}{d \log q} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{d}{d\tau}$$

# Calabi-Yau 3-fold from graph polynomial

$$F_{11111}^{(4)} = e^{4\epsilon\gamma_E} \cdot \Gamma(1 + 4\epsilon) \cdot \int\limits_{\alpha_i \geq 0} d^5\alpha \delta\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^5 \alpha_i\right) \frac{\mathcal{U}(\alpha)^{5\epsilon}}{\mathcal{F}(\alpha)^{1+4\epsilon}}$$

$$\mathcal{U}(\alpha) = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_5 \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_1} + \frac{1}{\alpha_2} + \frac{1}{\alpha_3} + \frac{1}{\alpha_4} + \frac{1}{\alpha_5} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{F}(\alpha) = x\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_5 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5)\mathcal{U}(\alpha)$$

$$\text{CY}_3 = \left\{ [\alpha_1 : \alpha_2 : \alpha_3 : \alpha_4 : \alpha_5] \in \mathbb{CP}^4 \mid x\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4 \alpha_5 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5)\mathcal{U}(\alpha) = 0 \right\}$$

# Frobenius Basis

$$\omega_1 = \Sigma_1$$

$$\omega_2 = \log y \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2$$

$$\omega_3 = \frac{1}{2} \log y^2 \Sigma_1 + \log y \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3$$

$$\omega_4 = \frac{1}{3!} \log y^3 \Sigma_1 + \frac{1}{2} \log y \Sigma_2 + \log y \Sigma_3 + \Sigma_4$$

$$\Sigma_i \in \mathbb{Q}[[y]]$$

# Eliminating Non-Factorized Pieces

$$dI = \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & A_{1,2} & A_{1,3} & A_{1,4} \\ A_{2,1} & A_{2,2} & A_{2,3} & A_{2,4} \\ A_{3,1} & A_{3,2} & A_{3,3} & A_{3,4} \\ A_{4,1} & A_{4,2} & A_{4,3} & A_{4,4} \end{pmatrix} I$$

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Remove  $\varepsilon^2$  from  $A_{4,2}$ :

$$L_3 \omega = 0$$

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$$\frac{d \ln J}{dx} = \frac{d \ln \omega}{dx} + \frac{2(x^2 - 15x + 32)}{x(x-4)(x-16)}$$

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Remove  $\varepsilon^{-1}$  from  $\textcolor{red}{A}_{4,3}$  (plus previous):

$$\frac{1}{\omega} \frac{d^2\omega}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{d\omega}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{2(x^2 - 15x + 32)}{x(x-4)(x-16)} \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{d\omega}{dx} + \frac{(x-8)}{2x(x-4)(x-16)} = 0$$

# Eliminating Non-Factorized Pieces

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Remove  $\varepsilon^{-1}$  from  $A_{4,2}$ :

$$\frac{d^2 F_{32}}{dx^2} + \left[ \frac{d \ln \omega}{dx} + \frac{2(x^2 - 15x + 32)}{x(x-4)(x-16)} \right] \frac{dF_{32}}{dx} + \frac{3J}{2\pi i} \left[ -\frac{(x-10)}{(x-4)(x-16)} \left( \frac{d \ln \omega}{dx} \right)^2 \right.$$
$$\left. - \frac{2(x^3 - 30x^2 + 228x - 640)}{x(x-4)^2(x-16)^2} \frac{d \ln \omega}{dx} - \frac{(x^3 - 28x^2 + 168x - 384)}{x^2(x-4)^2(x-16)^2} \right] = 0$$

# Eliminating Non-Factorized Pieces

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Remove  $\varepsilon^0$  from  $A_{4,2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dF_{42}}{dx} - 3F_{32} \frac{dF_{32}}{dx} + \frac{3J}{2\pi i} \frac{2(x-10)}{(x-4)(x-16)} \frac{dF_{32}}{dx} \\ + \frac{3J}{2\pi i} \left[ \frac{2(x-10)}{(x-4)(x-16)} \frac{d\ln\omega}{dx} + \frac{2(x^3 - 30x^2 + 228x - 640)}{x(x-4)^2(x-16)^2} \right] F_{32} \\ + \frac{J^2}{(2\pi i)^2} \left[ -\frac{(11x+16)}{x^2(x-16)} \frac{d\ln\omega}{dx} - \frac{(11x-14)}{x^2(x-4)(x-16)} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Eliminating Non-Factorized Pieces

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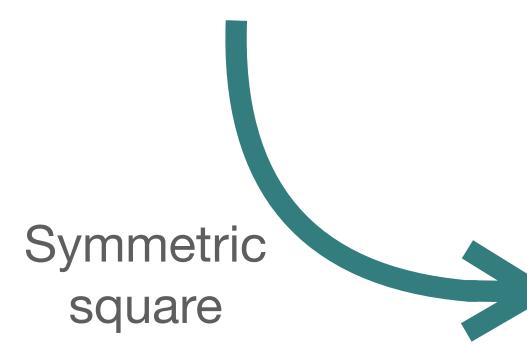
Remove  $\varepsilon^0$  from  $A_{4,3}$ :

$$\frac{dF_{43}}{dx} + 2\frac{dF_{32}}{dx} + \frac{3J}{2\pi i} \left[ -\frac{2(x-10)}{(x-4)(x-16)} \frac{d \ln \omega}{dx} - \frac{2(x^3 - 30x^2 + 228x - 640)}{x(x-4)^2(x-16)^2} \right] = 0$$

# Solution for Normalisation $\omega$

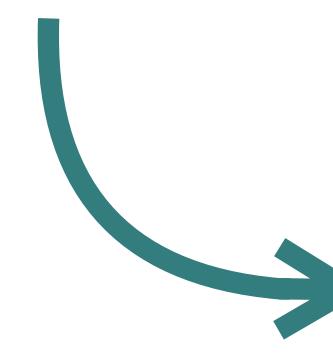
First constraint is just Picard-Fuchs operator

$$L_3 \omega = 0$$


$$\omega_i \in \langle \psi_1^2, \psi_1\psi_2, \psi_2^2 \rangle$$

Second constraint is non-linear

$$\frac{1}{\omega} \frac{d^2\omega}{dx^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{d\omega}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{2(x^2 - 15x + 32)}{x(x-4)(x-16)} \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{d\omega}{dx} + \frac{(x-8)}{2x(x-4)(x-16)} = 0$$


$$\omega_i \in \langle \psi_1^2, \psi_2^2, \cancel{\psi_1\psi_2} \rangle$$

We choose:  $\omega = \psi_1^2$

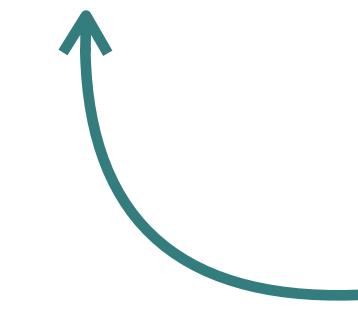
# Next, Fix Kinematic Variable $\tau$

With  $\omega = \psi_1^2$  the constraint for  $\tau$  is

$$\frac{d \ln J}{dx} = \frac{d \ln \omega}{dx} + \frac{2(x^2 - 15x + 32)}{x(x-4)(x-16)}$$

As hoped, satisfied by

$$\tau = \frac{\psi_2}{\psi_1} = \frac{\psi_2^{\text{sun}}}{\psi_1^{\text{sun}}} \quad J = \frac{\psi_1^2}{W}$$



$$\text{Wronskian } W = \psi_1 \frac{d}{dx} \psi_2 - \psi_2 \frac{d}{dx} \psi_1$$

# Constraints for $F_{32}, F_{42}, F_{43}$

Remaining differential equations are fulfilled for

$$F_{32} = \boxed{F_2} - \frac{\pi i (x - 10)}{(x - 4)(x - 16) W} \left( \frac{\psi_1}{\pi} \right)^2$$

$$F_{42} = \frac{3}{2} \boxed{F_2^2} + \frac{\pi^2 (x + 8)^2 (x^2 - 8x + 64)}{8x^2 (x - 4)^2 (x - 16)^2 W^2} \left( \frac{\psi_1}{\pi} \right)^4$$

$$F_{43} = -2 \boxed{F_2} - \frac{\pi i (x - 10)}{(x - 4)(x - 16) W} \left( \frac{\psi_1}{\pi} \right)^2$$

All depend on one additional function  $\boxed{F_2}$

$F_2$  has to satisfy

$$\frac{d^2F_2}{dx^2} + \left[ \frac{2(x^2 - 15x + 32)}{x(x-4)(x-16)} + 2 \left( \frac{d \ln \psi_1}{dx} \right) \right] \frac{dF_2}{dx} = \frac{\pi i (x-8)(x+8)^3}{x^2 (x-4)^3 (x-16)^3 W} \left( \frac{\psi_1}{\pi} \right)^2$$

Solution: Iterated integral of meromorphic modular form of weight 6!

$$F_2 = (2\pi i)^2 \int_{i\infty}^{\tau} d\tau_1 \int_{i\infty}^{\tau_1} d\tau_2 \underbrace{\frac{x(x-8)(x+8)^3}{864(4-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}(16-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left( \frac{\psi_1}{\pi} \right)^6}_{g_6}$$

Properties:

- $\bar{q}$  expansion of  $g_6$  has only integer coefficients
- $\bar{q}^n$  coefficient of  $g_6$  divisible by  $n^2$
- Carrying out integration,  $F_2$  has simple poles at  $x = 4, 16$

# Basis of Modular Forms

Two classes

**Holomorphic:**

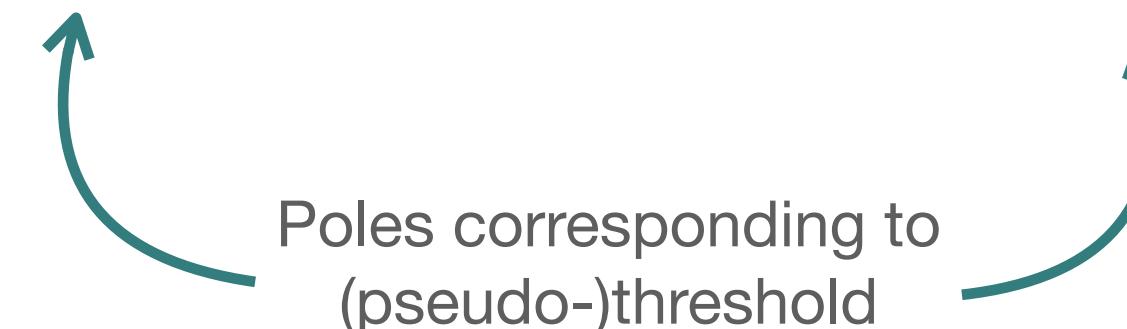
$$b_0 = \frac{\psi_1^{\text{sun}}}{\pi}$$

$$b_1 = y \frac{\psi_1^{\text{sun}}}{\pi}$$

**Meromorphic:**

$$b_3 = \frac{1}{(y-3)} \frac{\psi_1^{\text{sun}}}{\pi}$$

$$b_{-3} = \frac{1}{(y+3)} \frac{\psi_1^{\text{sun}}}{\pi}$$



Can use these to express all modular forms appearing

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Example: } f_{2,a} &= \left( \frac{1}{x-4} + \frac{1}{x-16} \right) \frac{\psi_1^2}{2\pi i W} \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{6}y^2 - \frac{5}{3}y + \frac{9}{2} - \frac{6}{y-3} - \frac{24}{y+3} \right] \left( \frac{\psi_1^{\text{sun}}}{\pi} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{6}b_1^2 - \frac{5}{3}b_0b_1 + \frac{9}{2}b_0^2 - 6b_0b_3 - 24b_0b_{-3}. \end{aligned}$$

Letter  $f_{2,b}$  is not a modular form, but iterated integral of one: **non-trivial transformation under  $\Gamma_1(6)$**   
 Path decomposition gives us

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f_{2,b}|_2\gamma)(\tau) &= f_{2,b}(\tau) \\
 &\quad - 6 \frac{c}{c\tau + d} \frac{1}{2\pi i} I(1, 1, g_6; \tau) + 18 \left( \frac{c}{c\tau + d} \right)^2 \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} I(1, 1, 1, g_6; \tau) \\
 &\quad - 24 \left( \frac{c}{c\tau + d} \right)^3 \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^3} I(1, 1, 1, 1, g_6; \tau) \\
 &\quad + \frac{C_{1,6}}{(c\tau + d)^2} - \frac{2\pi i C_6}{c(c\tau + d)^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Constants:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{1,6} &= I(1, g_6; i\infty, \frac{a}{c}) \\
 C_6 &= I(g_6; i\infty, \frac{a}{c})
 \end{aligned}$$

Defining “Quasi-Eichler” of weight  $k$ , depth  $p$ :

$$(f|_k\gamma)(\tau) = f(\tau) + \sum_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{c}{c\tau + d} \right)^j f_j(\tau) + \frac{P_\gamma(\tau)}{(c\tau + d)^p}$$

Singularities obstruct simple evaluation

E.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a/c = 1/6: \quad C_{1,6} &= 5 \\
 C_6 &= \frac{1620\zeta_3}{\pi^4} - i\frac{42}{\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

$f_{2,b}$  transforms “**Quasi-Eichler**” of modular weight 2 and depth 3

# Solution for Master Integrals

Initial condition of  $I_{1111}$  in limit  $1/x \rightarrow 0$  from Mellin-Barnes representation

Master integrals to arbitrary power in  $\varepsilon$  as iterated integrals over  $\{1, f_{2,a}, f_{2,b}, f_{4,a}, f_{4,b}, f_6\}$

e.g., with  $I_2 = \varepsilon^3 \frac{\pi^2}{\psi_1^2} I_{1111} = \varepsilon^3 I_2^{(3)} + \varepsilon^4 I_2^{(4)} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^5)$

$$I(f_1, \dots, f_n; \tau) = (2\pi i)^n \int_{i\infty}^{\tau} d\tau_1 \dots \int_{i\infty}^{\tau_{n-1}} d\tau_n f_1(\tau_1) \dots f_n(\tau_n)$$

$$I_2^{(3)} = \frac{4}{3} \zeta_3 + I(1, 1, f_{4,a}; \tau)$$

↙ Holomorphic, agrees with [Bloch, Kerr, Vanhove]

$$\begin{aligned} I_2^{(4)} = & 2\zeta_4 + \frac{4}{3}\zeta_3 \left[ \frac{11}{2} \ln(\bar{q}) - I(f_{2,a}; \tau) - I(f_{2,b}; \tau) \right] + \zeta_2 \ln^2(\bar{q}) - I(1, 1, f_{2,a}, f_{4,a}; \tau) \\ & - I(1, f_{2,a}, 1, f_{4,a}; \tau) - I(f_{2,a}, 1, 1, f_{4,a}; \tau) - I(1, 1, f_{2,b}, f_{4,a}; \tau) \\ & + 2I(1, f_{2,b}, 1, f_{4,a}; \tau) - I(f_{2,b}, 1, 1, f_{4,a}; \tau) \end{aligned}$$

Obtained explicit expressions for all master integrals up to  $\varepsilon^6$

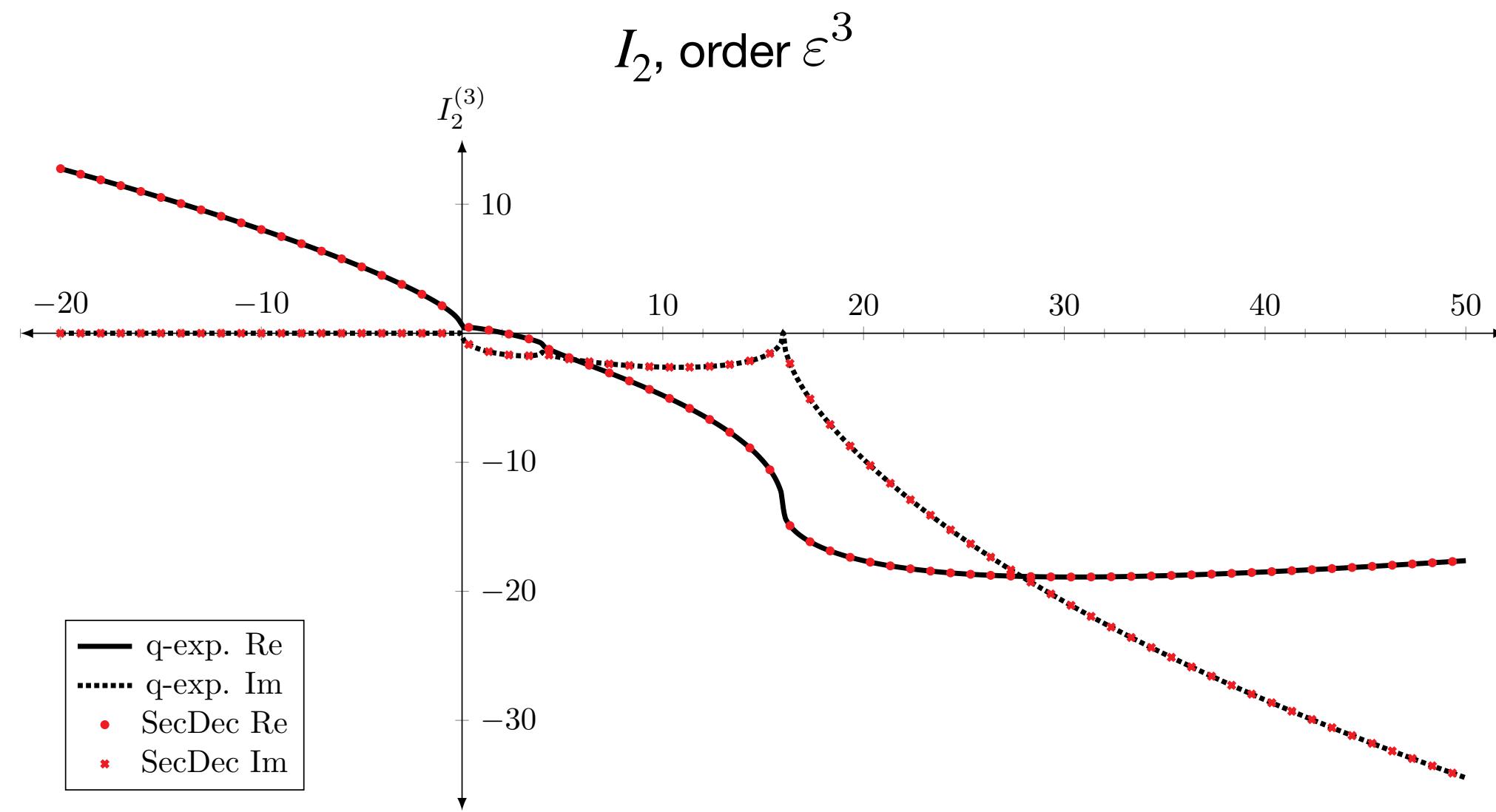
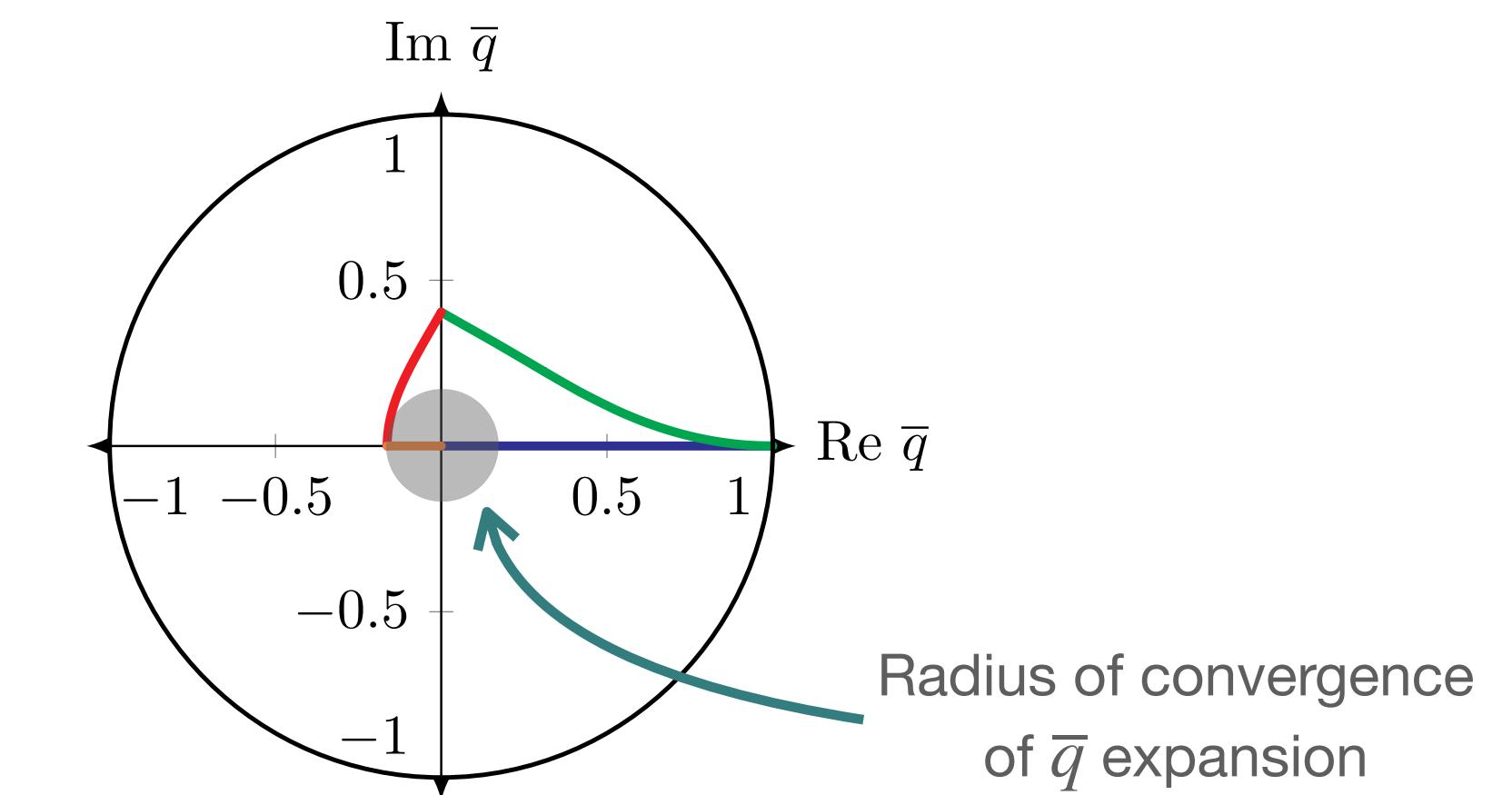
All integrals have uniform length

# Numeric Verification

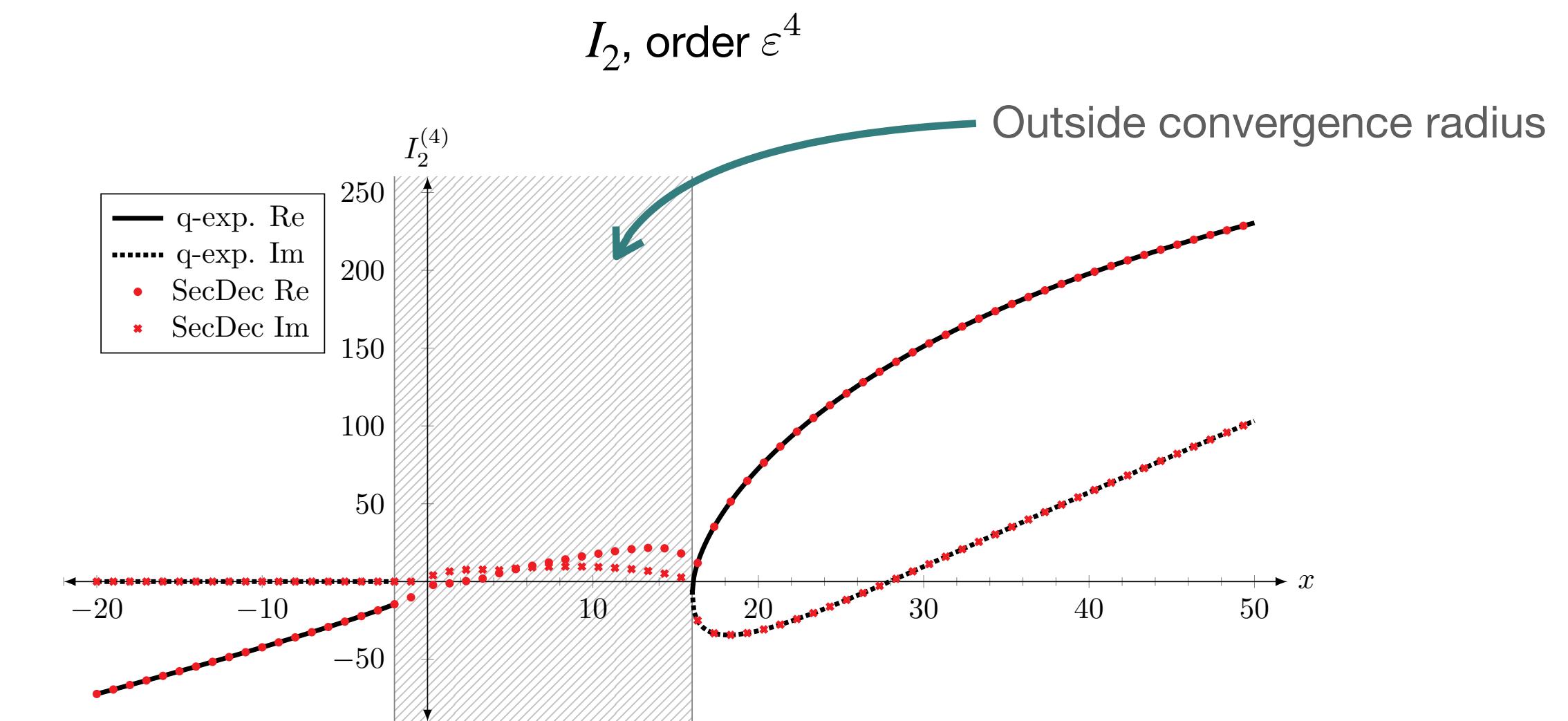
Numeric evaluation via  $\bar{q}$ -expansion

Singularities limit radius of convergence

Comparison against SecDec



Only  $f_{4,a}$ , therefore holomorphic



Also meromorphic  $f_{2,a}, f_{2,b}$