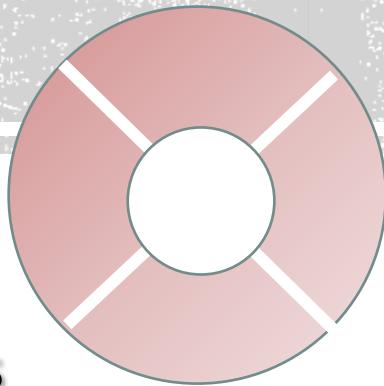


= Four-loop scattering amplitudes through  
the loop-tree duality =

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# Outline

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# Motivation

Improve theoretical predictions

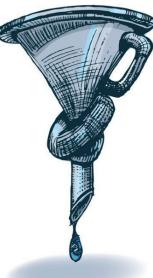


Achieve higher perturbative orders

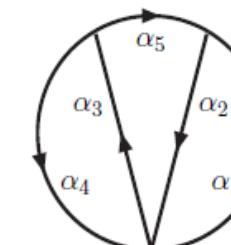
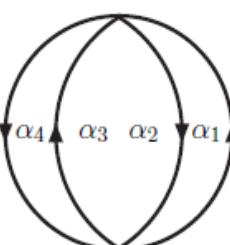
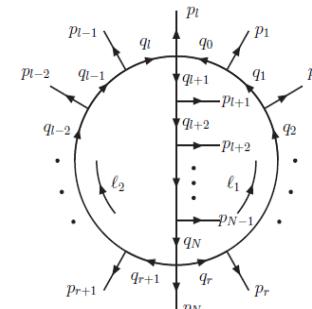
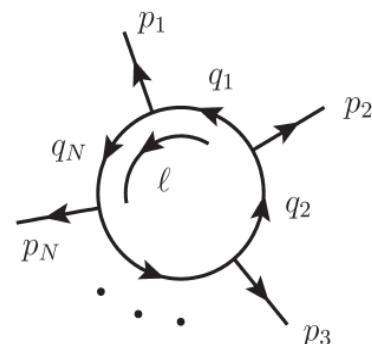


Quantum fluctuations at high-energy scattering processes

= Multiloop scattering amplitudes =



Loop diagrams



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- S. Catani, T. Gleisberg, F. Krauss, G. Rodrigo and J. C. Winter, “From loops to trees by-passing Feynman’s theorem,” JHEP 0809 (2008) 065.

## □ What does LTD do?

Opens any loop diagram to a forest of non-disjoint trees.

## □ How does it do?

Exploits the Cauchy residue theorem to reduce the dimension of the integration domain by one unit:

$$\int_{\mathbf{q}} \int dq_0 \prod_{j=1}^N G_F(q_j) = -2\pi i \int_{\vec{q}} \sum_i Res_{\{Im q_{\{i,0\}} < 0\}} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^N G_F(q_j) \right]$$

Minkowski space



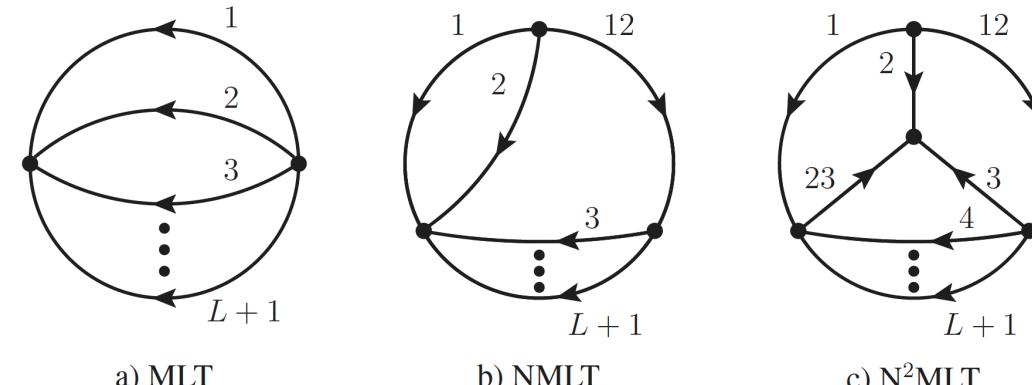
Euclidean space

## Reformulation of LTD to all orders

- Aguilera, Driencourt, Hernández, Plenter, Ramírez, Rodrigo, Sborlini, Torres, Tracz, “Open loop amplitudes and causality to all orders and powers from the loop-tree duality”, Phys. Rev. Lett. 124 (2020) no.21, 211602



Causality



External particles not shown

- We found explicit and more compact analytic expressions with the LTD formalism to **all orders**

- A generic  $L$ -loop scattering amplitude with  $N$  external legs,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_N^{(L)}(1, \dots, n) &= \int_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_L} \mathcal{A}_F^{(L)}(1, \dots, n) \\
 &\quad \xrightarrow{\mathcal{N}\left(\{\ell_i\}_L, \{p_j\}_N\right)} G_F(1, \dots, n) \\
 &\quad \xrightarrow{\prod_{i \in 1 \cup \dots \cup n} (G_F(q_i))^{a_i}} 1 \\
 &\quad \xleftarrow{\sqrt{\mathbf{q}_i^2 + m_i^2 - \iota 0}} \frac{1}{q_{i,0}^2 - (q_{i,0}^{(+)})^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- The LTD representation is written in terms of nested residues,

$$\mathcal{A}_D^{(L)}(1, \dots, r; r+1, \dots, n) = -2\pi i \sum_{i_r \in r} \text{Res}_{\text{Off-shell}} \left( \mathcal{A}_D^{(L)}(1, \dots, r-1; r, \dots, n), \text{Im}[\eta] \cdot q_{i_r} < 0 \right)$$

On-shell

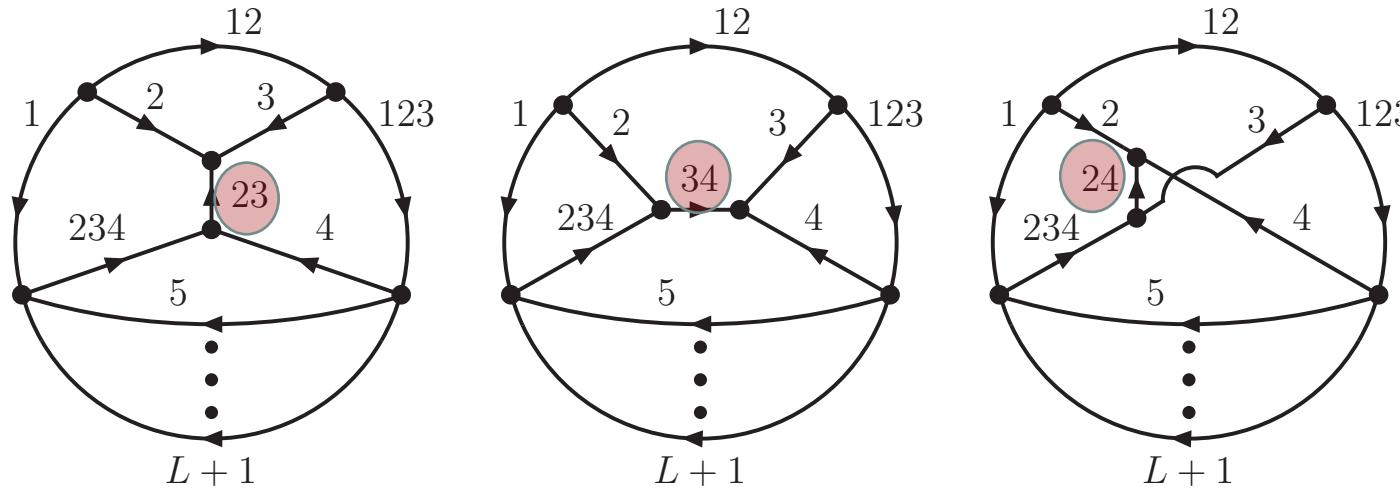
starting from

$$\mathcal{A}_D^{(L)}(1; 2, \dots, n) = -2\pi i \sum_{i_1 \in 1} \text{Res}_{\text{On-shell}} \left( \mathcal{A}_F^{(L)}(1, \dots, n), \text{Im}[\eta] \cdot q_{i_1} < 0 \right)$$

$$\eta^\mu = (1, \mathbf{0})$$

# $N^4MLT$ universal topology

○ S. Ramírez-Uribe, R. J. Hernández-Pinto, G. Rodrigo, G. F. R. Sborlini, and W. J. Torres Bobadilla, “Universal opening of four-loop scattering amplitudes to trees,” JHEP 04, 129 (2021).



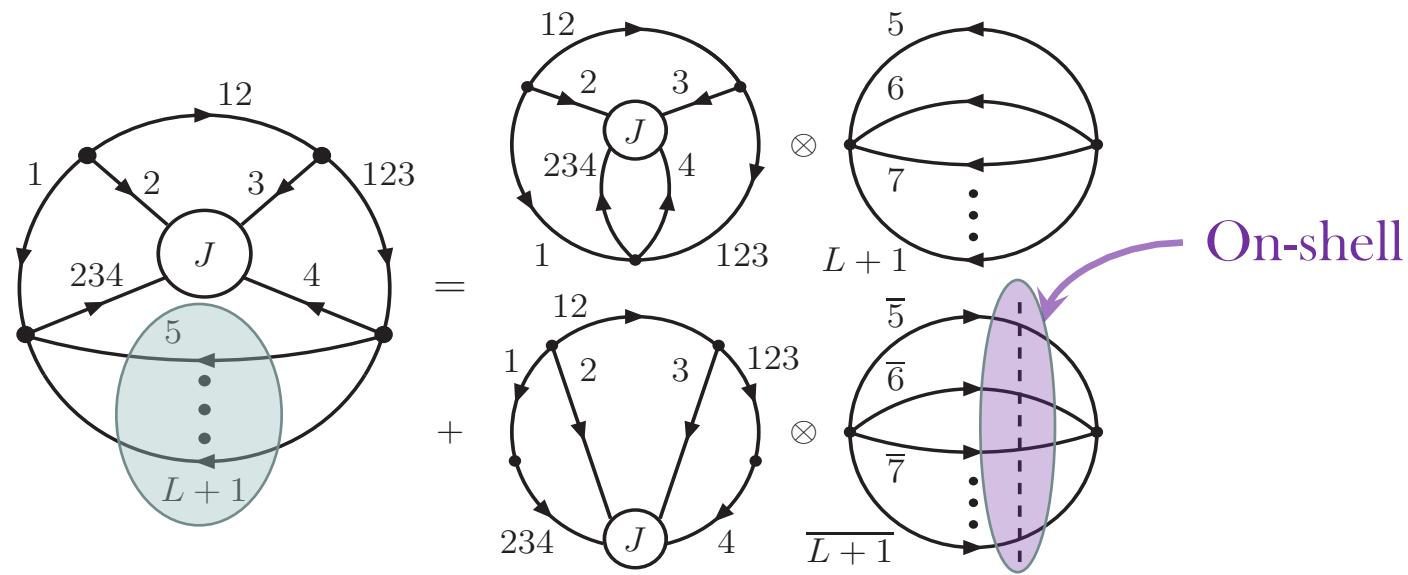
- $q_{i_s} = \ell_s + k_{i_s}, s \in \{1, \dots, L\}$
- $q_{i_{(L+1)}} = -\sum_{s=1}^L \ell_s + k_{i_{(L+1)}}$
- $q_{i_{12}} = -\ell_1 - \ell_2 + k_{i_{12}}$
- $q_{i_{123}} = -\ell_1 - \ell_2 - \ell_3 + k_{i_{123}}$
- $q_{i_{234}} = -\sum_{s=2}^4 \ell_s + k_{i_{234}}$
- $q_{i_{rs}} = -\ell_r - \ell_s + k_{i_{rs}}, r, s \in \{2, 3, 4\}$

Can we achieve a unified description?

t-, s- and u- kinematic channels

$$J \equiv 23 \cup 34 \cup 24$$

# $N^4 MLT$ universal topology

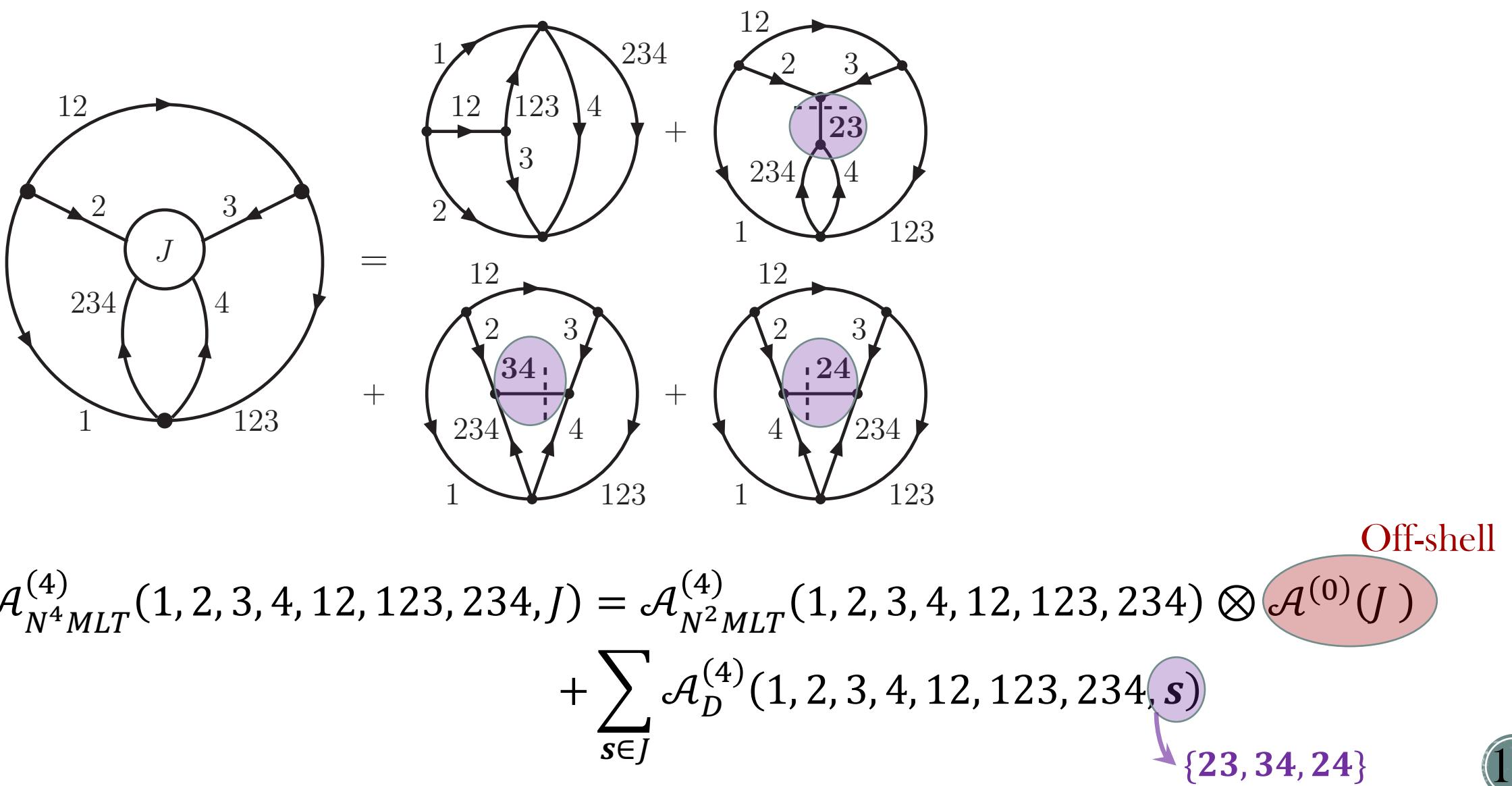


$$\mathcal{A}_{N^4 MLT}^{(L)}(1, \dots, L+1, 12, 123, 234, J)$$

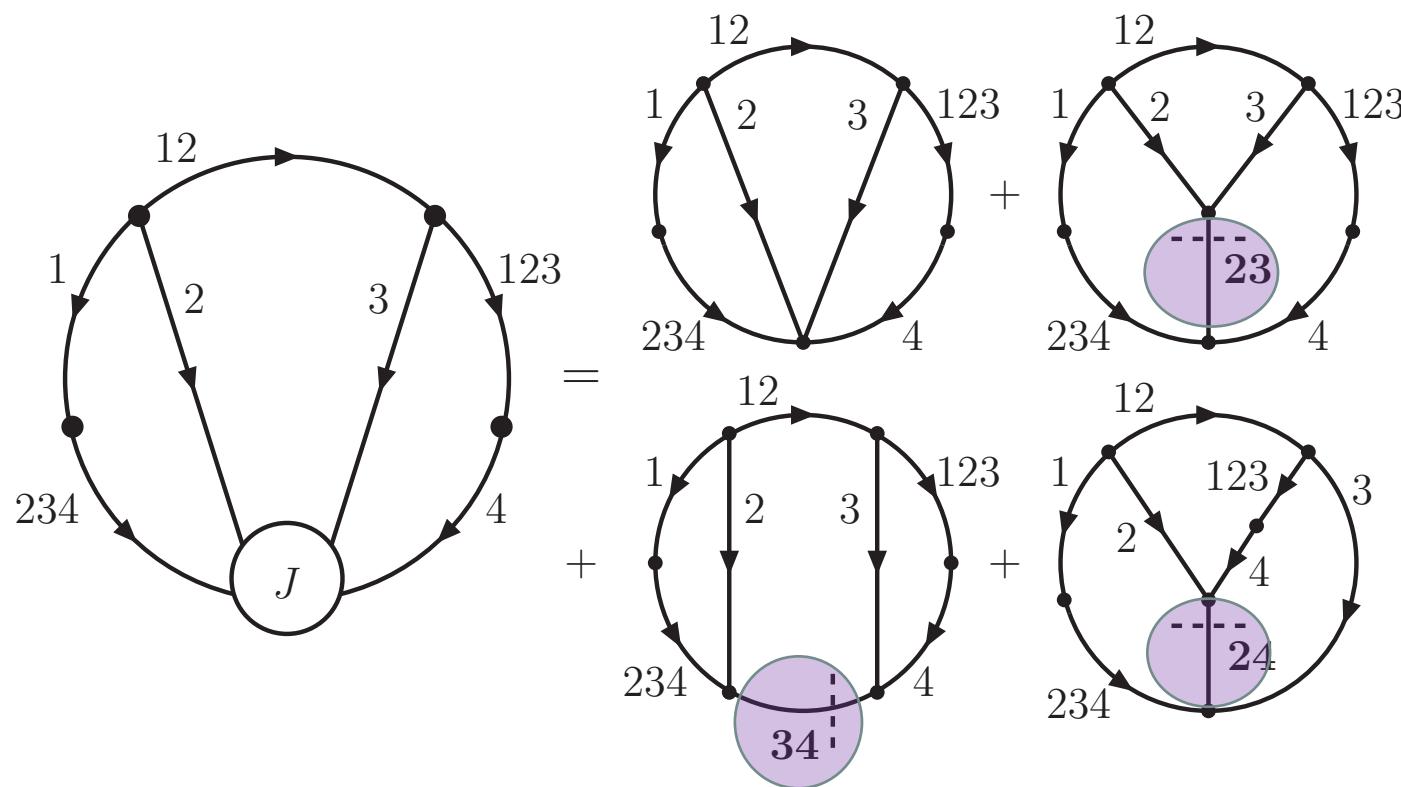
$$= \mathcal{A}_{N^4 MLT}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 123, 234, J) \otimes \mathcal{A}_{MLT}^{(L-4)}(5, \dots, L+1) \\ + \mathcal{A}_{N^2 MLT}^{(3)}(1 \cup 234, 2, 3, 4 \cup 123, 12, J) \otimes \mathcal{A}_{MLT}^{(L-3)}(\bar{5}, \dots, \overline{L+1})$$

Momentum  
flow reversed

# $N^4MLT$ universal topology

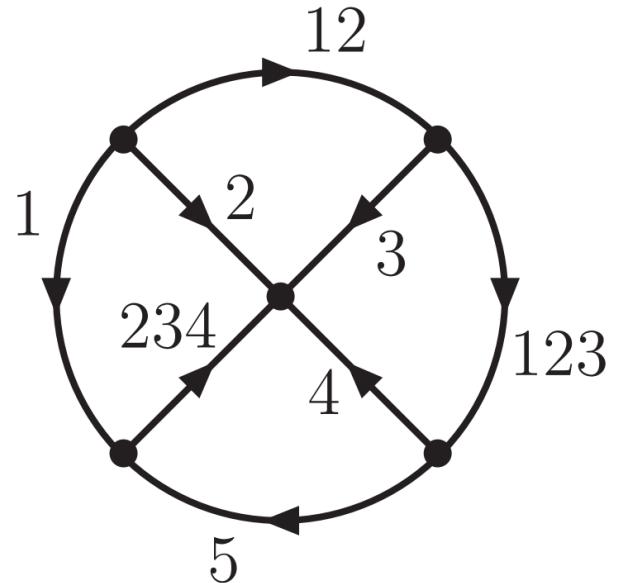


# $N^4MLT$ universal topology



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}_{N^2MLT}^{(3)}(1 \cup 234, 2, 3, 4 \cup 123, 12, J) &= \mathcal{A}_{NMLT}^{(3)}(1 \cup 234, 2, 3, 4 \cup 123, 12) \otimes \mathcal{A}^{(0)}(J) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{s \in J} \mathcal{A}_D^{(3)}(1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 123, 234, s)
 \end{aligned}$$

# $N^3MLT$ causal representation



$$= \int_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_L} \mathcal{A}_{N^3MLT}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 123, 234)$$

**Universal opening**

$$= \int_{\vec{\ell}_1, \dots, \vec{\ell}_L} \left[ \mathcal{A}_{N^2MLT}^{(4)}(1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 123, 234) + \mathcal{A}_{NMLT}^{(3)}(1 \cup 234, 2, 3, 4 \cup 123, 12) \otimes \mathcal{A}_D^{(1)}(\bar{5}) \right]$$

**Adding them all together**

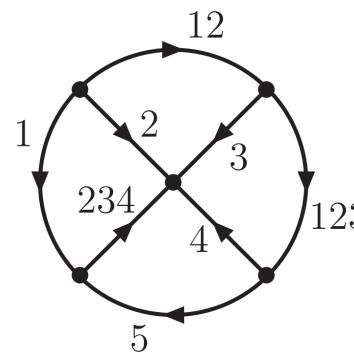
$$= \int_{\vec{\ell}_1, \dots, \vec{\ell}_L} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{N^3MLT} \left( \{q_{s,0}^{(+)}, k_{j,0}\} \right)}{\left( \prod_{s=1}^{L+4} 2q_{s,0}^{(+)} \right) \left( \prod_{i=1}^{13} \lambda_i^+ \lambda_i^- \right)}$$

$$\lambda_p^\pm = \sum_{i \in p} q_{i,0}^{(+)} \pm k_{p,0}$$

$k_{p,0}$  linear  
combination of  
external momenta

# $N^3MLT$ causal representation

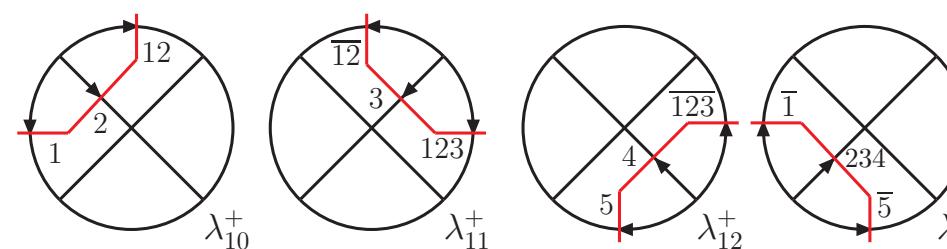
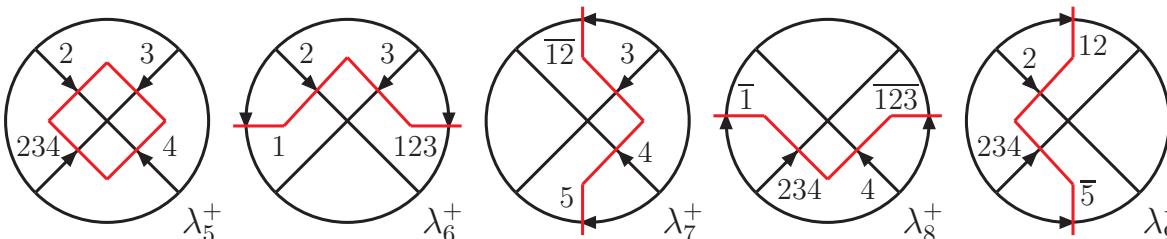
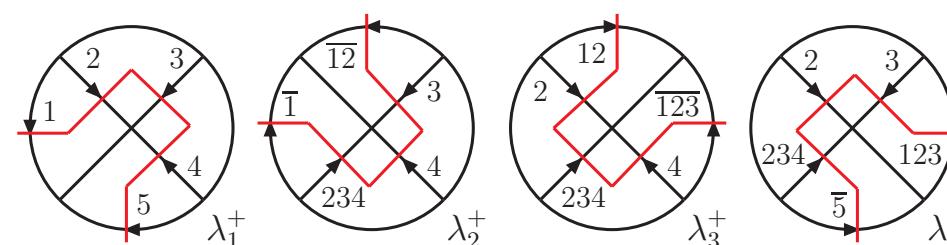
*Reinterpreting in terms of four entangled thresholds*



= LTD Causal representation =

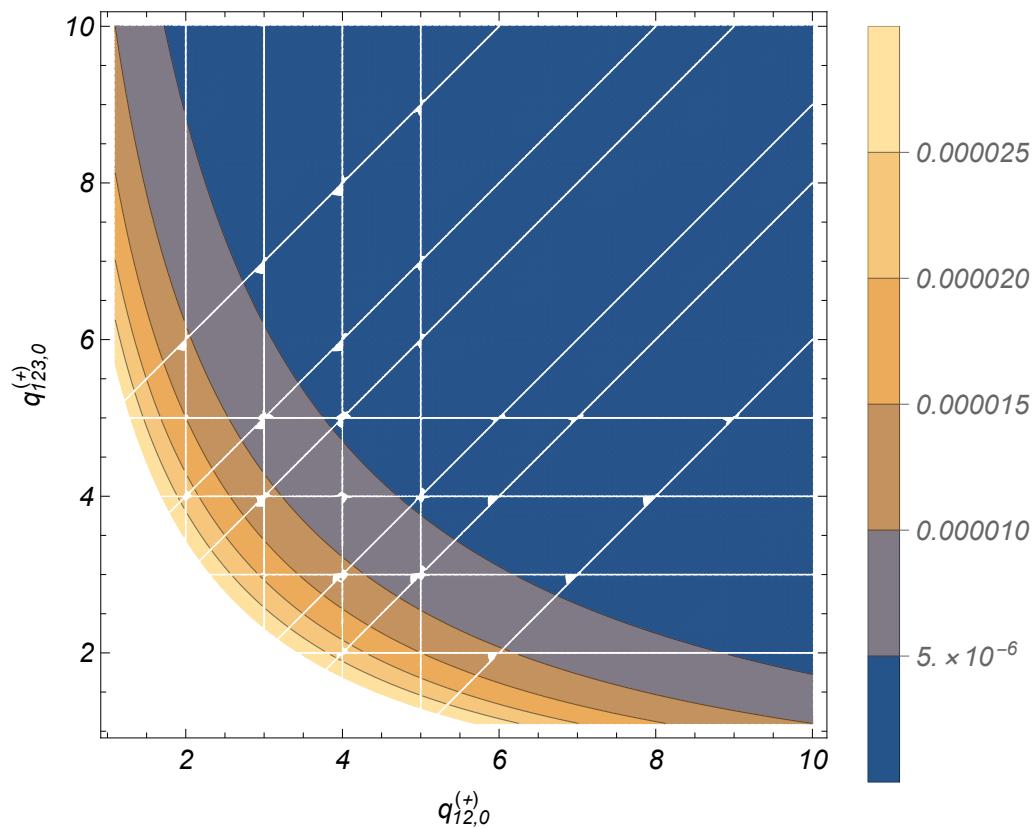
$$= \int_{\vec{\ell}_1, \dots, \vec{\ell}_L} \frac{1}{x_{L+4}} \sum_{\sigma} \mathcal{N}_{\sigma(i_1, \dots, i_4)} \left( \left\{ q_{s,0}^{(+)}, k_{j,0} \right\} \right) \lambda_{\sigma(i_1)} \lambda_{\sigma(i_2)} \lambda_{\sigma(i_3)} \lambda_{\sigma(i_4)}$$

$$\prod_{s=1}^{L+4} 2q_{s,0}^{(+)}$$



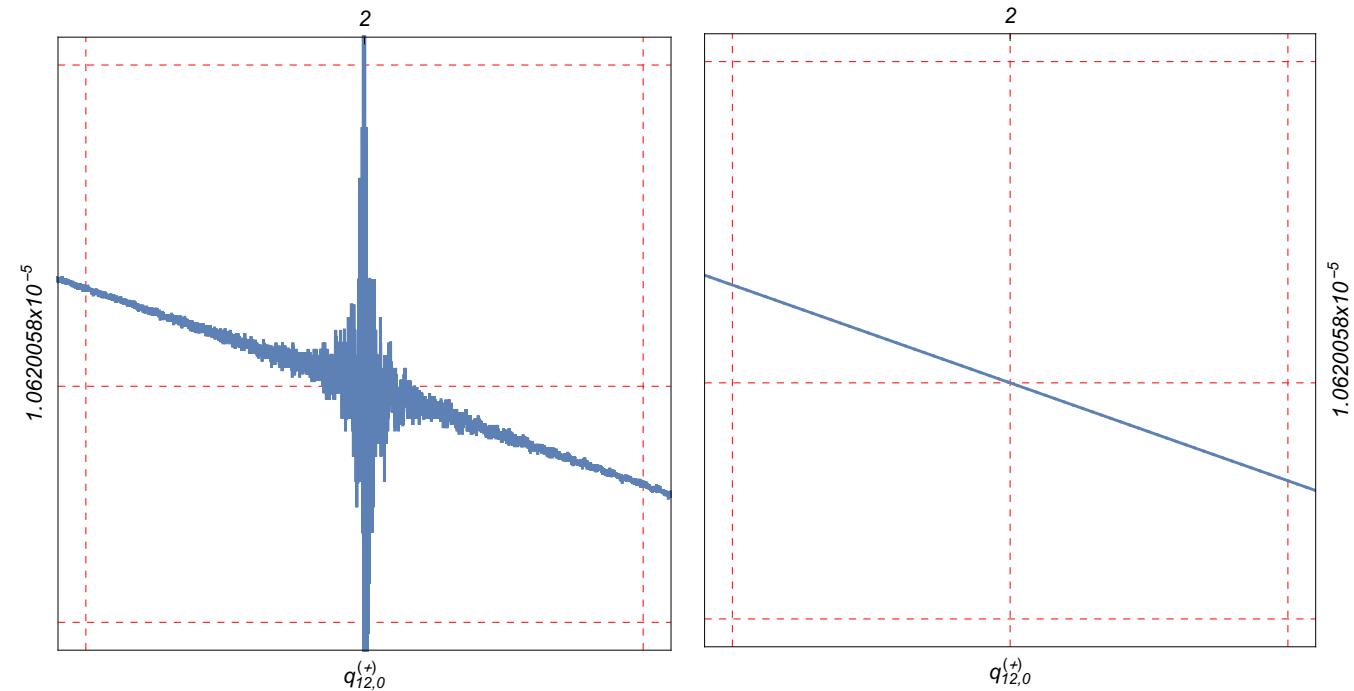
# $N^3MLT$ causal representation

Impact of noncausal singularities



Integrand-level behaviour of the noncausal LTD representation of a four-loop  $N^3MLT$  diagram. White lines are noncausal singularities.

Noncausal and causal evaluations of the  $N^3MLT$  configurations.

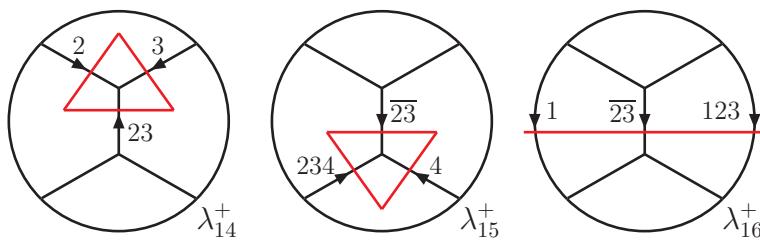


Numerical instabilities of the four-loop  $N^3MLT$  integrand arising due to noncausal singularities (left), which are absent in the manifestly causal representation (right).

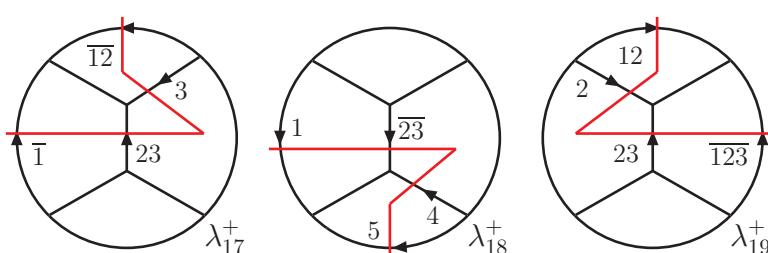
# $N^4MLT$ causal representation

$$\mathcal{A}_{N^4MLT}^{(L)}(1, \dots, L+4, J) = \int_{\vec{\ell}_1, \dots, \vec{\ell}_L} \frac{1}{x_{\{t,s,u\},L+5}} \sum_{\sigma} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{\sigma(i_1, \dots, i_5)} \left( \{q_{s,0}^{(+)}, k_{j,0}\} \right)}{\lambda_{\sigma(i_1)} \lambda_{\sigma(i_2)} \lambda_{\sigma(i_3)} \lambda_{\sigma(i_4)} \lambda_{\sigma(i_5)}} \\ 2q_{\{23,34,24\},0}^{(+)} x_{L+4}$$

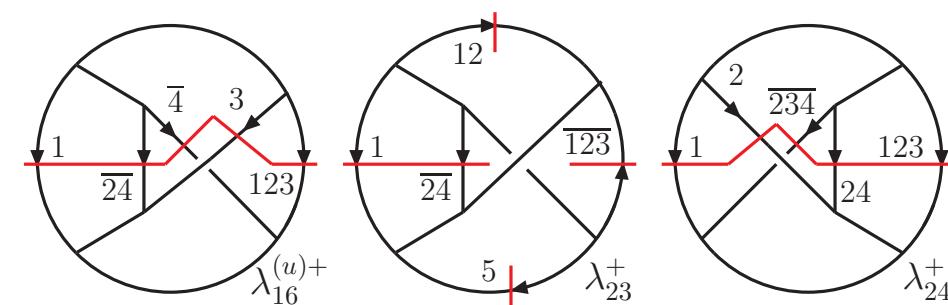
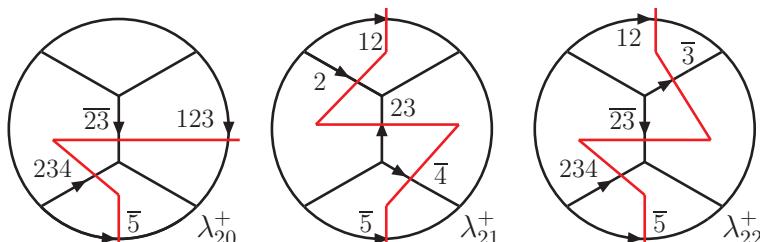
- Extra causal configurations of the  $t$  -channel



- For the  $s$  -channel a clockwise rotation is applied



- Extra causal configurations of the  $u$  -channel



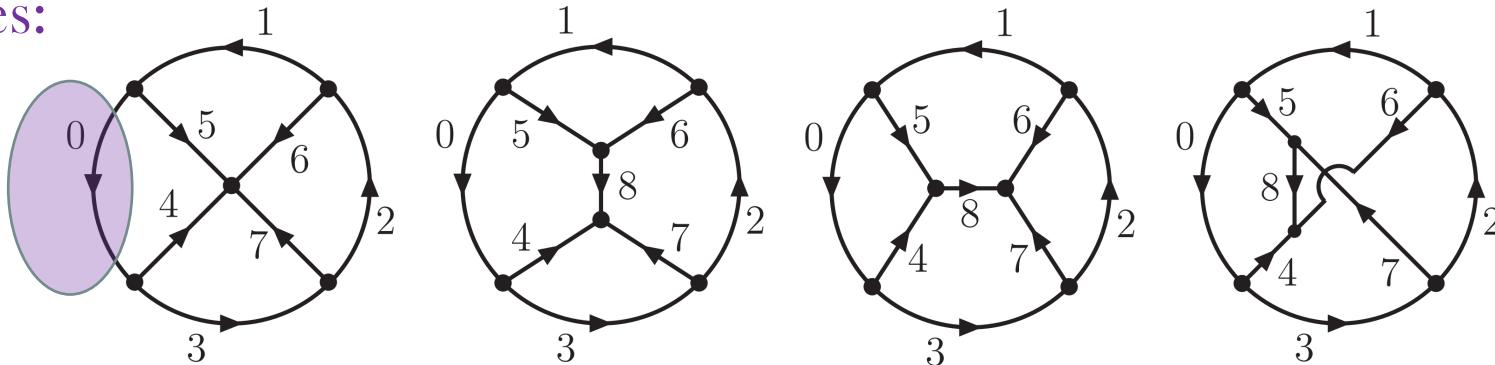
# A look at quantum

Bootstrap the causal representation in the LTD of representative multiloop topologies.

○ S. Ramírez-Uribe, A. E. Rentería-Olivo, G. Rodrigo, G. F. R. Sborlini, and L. Vale Silva,  
“Quantum algorithm for Feynman loop integrals”, arXiv:2105.08703 [hep-ph]

Two possible states:

$|1\rangle$  or  $|0\rangle$



Grover's  
quantum  
algorithm

# A look at quantum

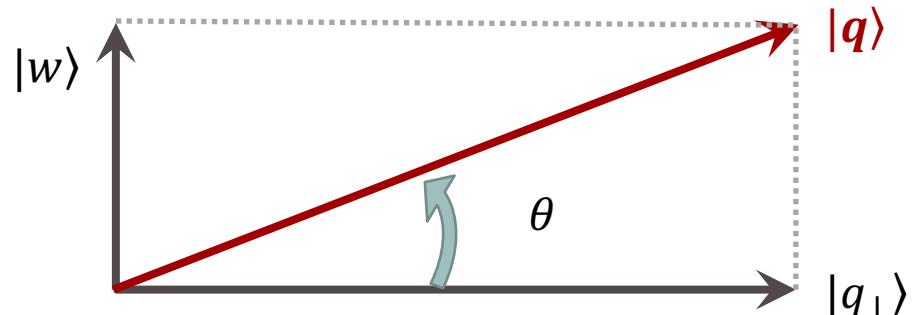
## Grover's quantum algorithm

1. Superposition ( $N = 2^n$ )
2. Oracle
3. Diffusion

- Superposition

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |q\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum |x\rangle \\ |q\rangle = \cos \theta |q_{\perp}\rangle + \sin \theta |w\rangle \end{array} \right.$$

Orthogonal state  
Winning state  
Mixing angle



$$|w\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{x \in w} |x\rangle \quad |q_{\perp}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N-r}} \sum_{x \in w} |x\rangle$$

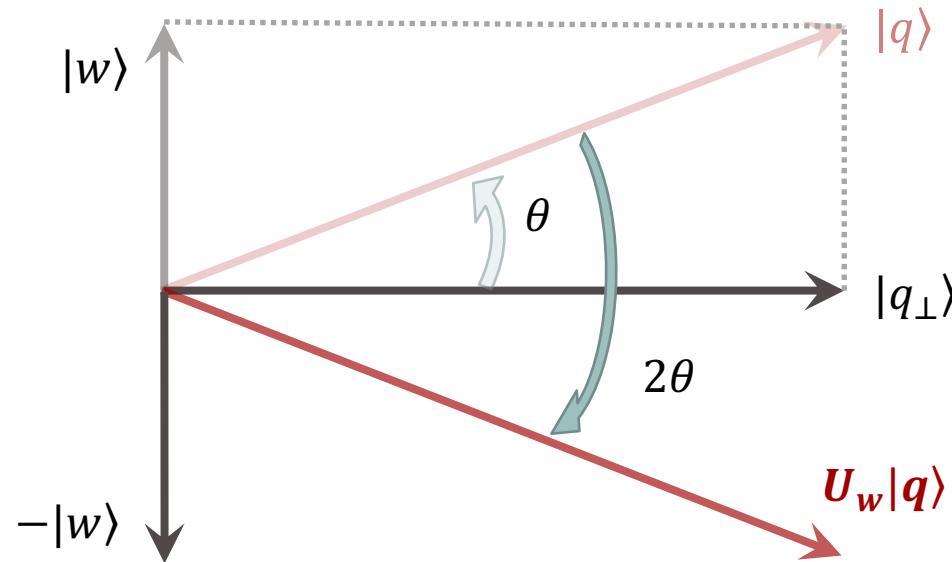
$$\theta = \arcsin \sqrt{r/N}$$

# A look at quantum

- Oracle

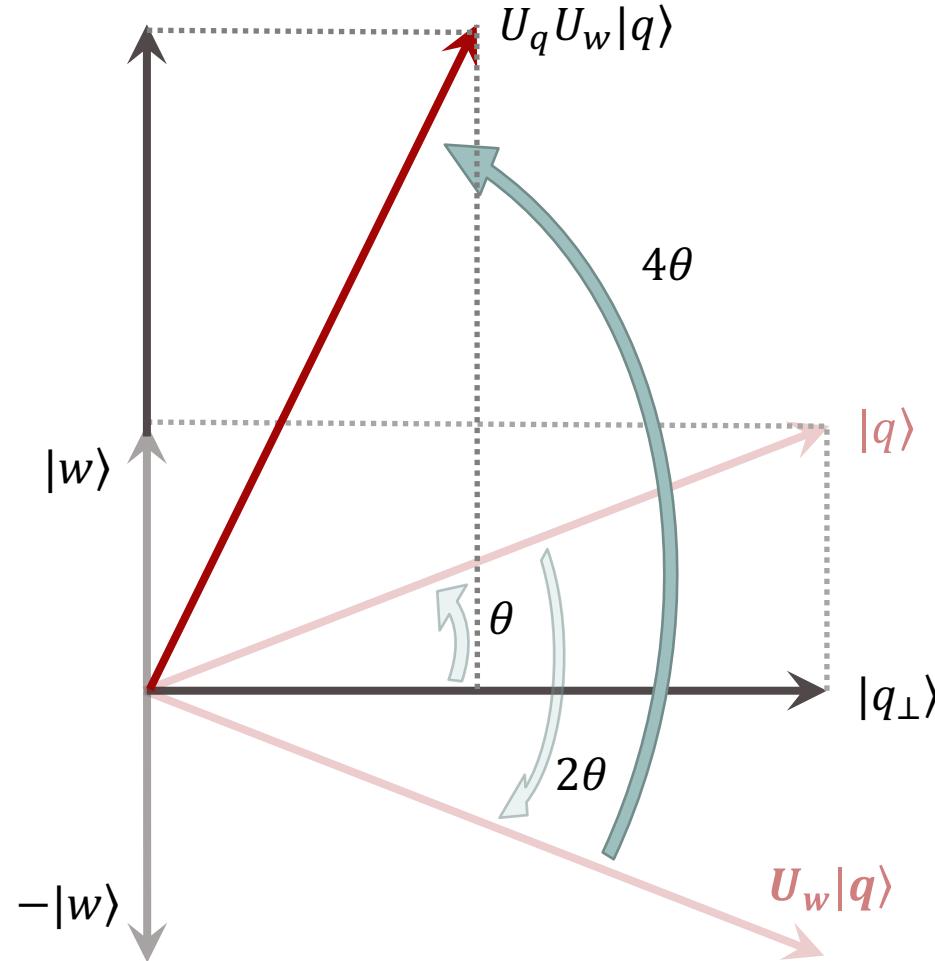
$$U_w = I - 2|w\rangle\langle w|$$

$$U_w|x\rangle = \begin{cases} -|x\rangle & \text{if } x \in w \\ |x\rangle & \text{if } x \notin w \end{cases}$$



Flips the state  $|x\rangle$  if  $x \in |w\rangle$  and leaves it unchanged otherwise.

# A look at quantum



- Diffusion       $U_q = 2|q\rangle\langle q| - I$

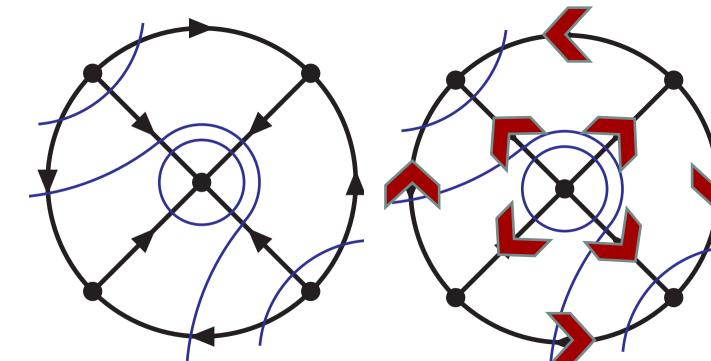
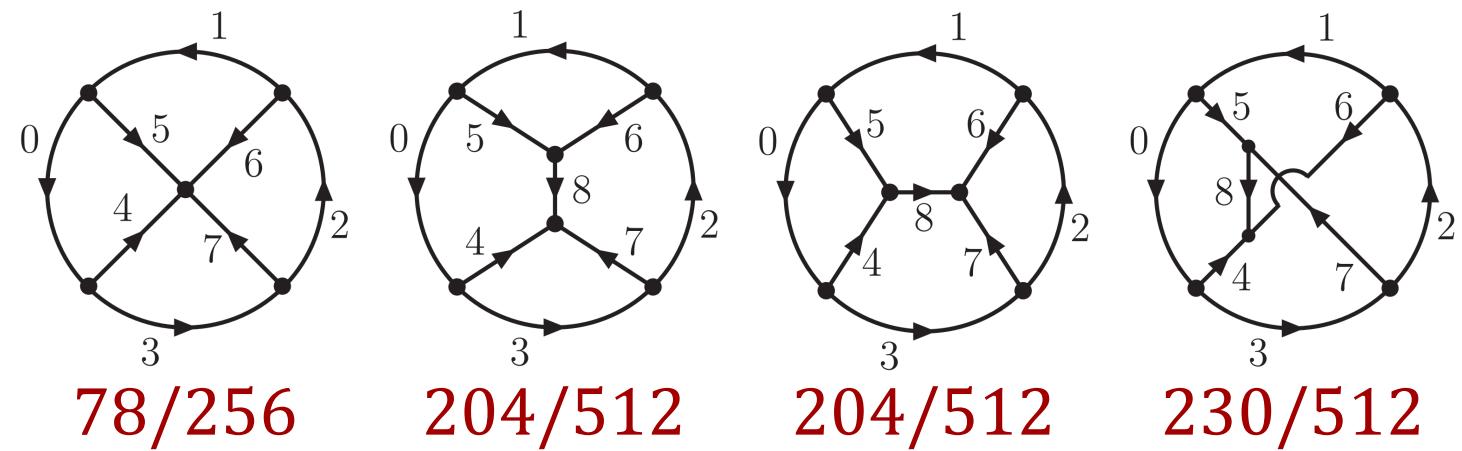
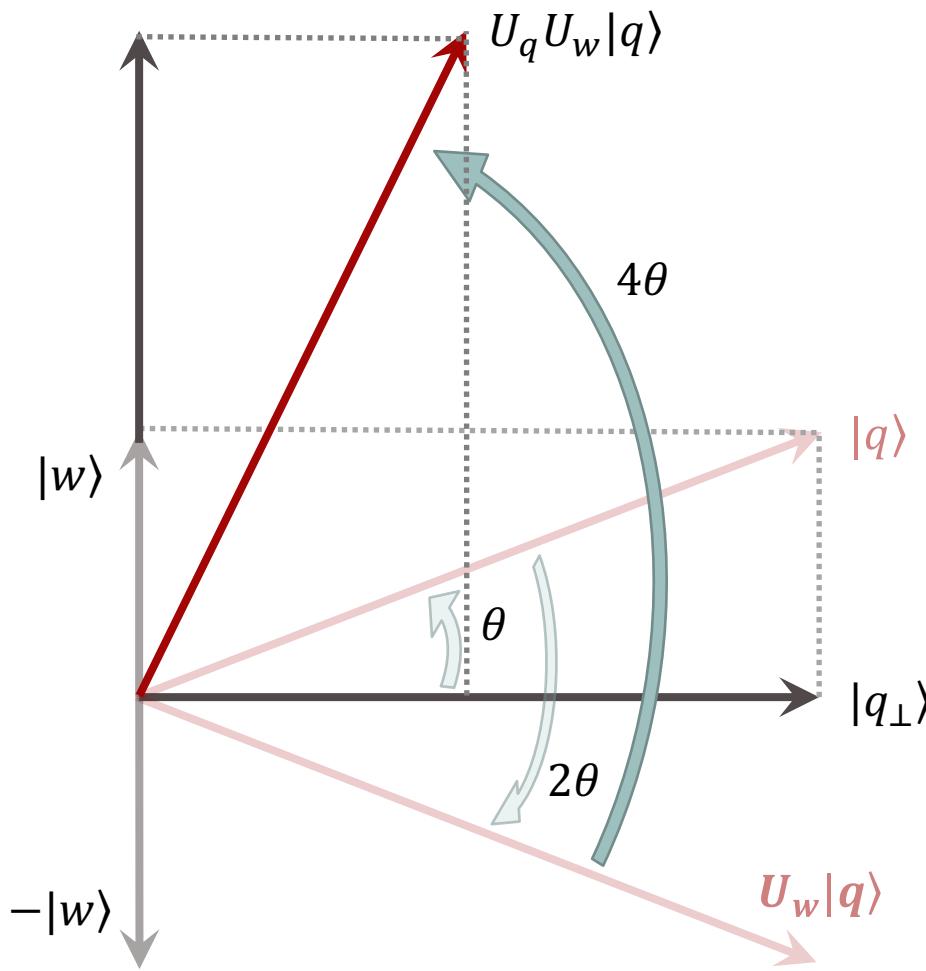
Performs a reflection around the initial state  $|q\rangle$

The iterative application of the oracle and diffusion operators  $t$  times leads to:

$$(U_q U_w)^t |q\rangle = \cos \theta_t |q_\perp\rangle + \sin \theta_t |w\rangle$$

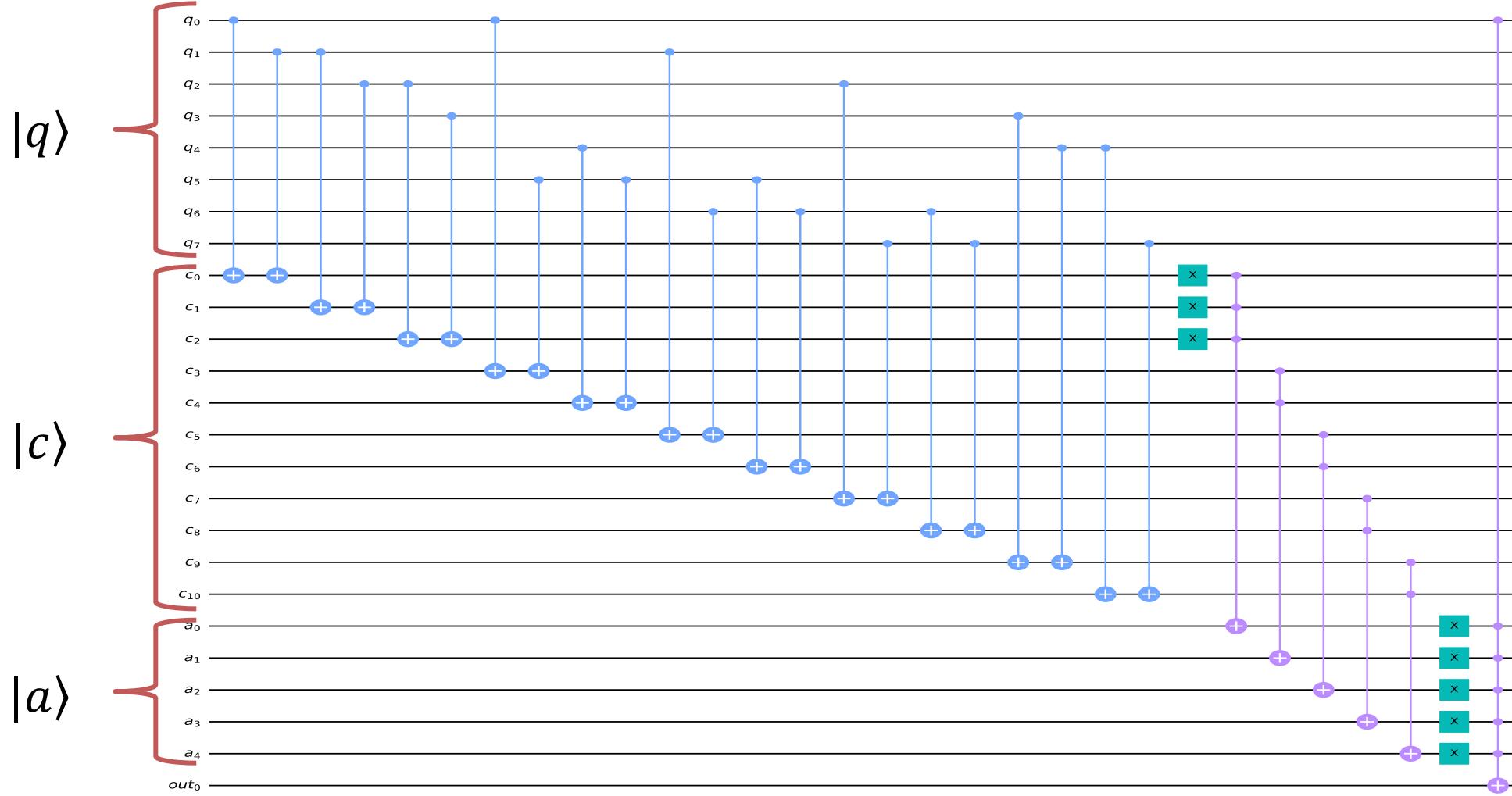
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To consider  $\rightarrow \theta \leq \pi/6$  ( $r \leq N/4$ )?

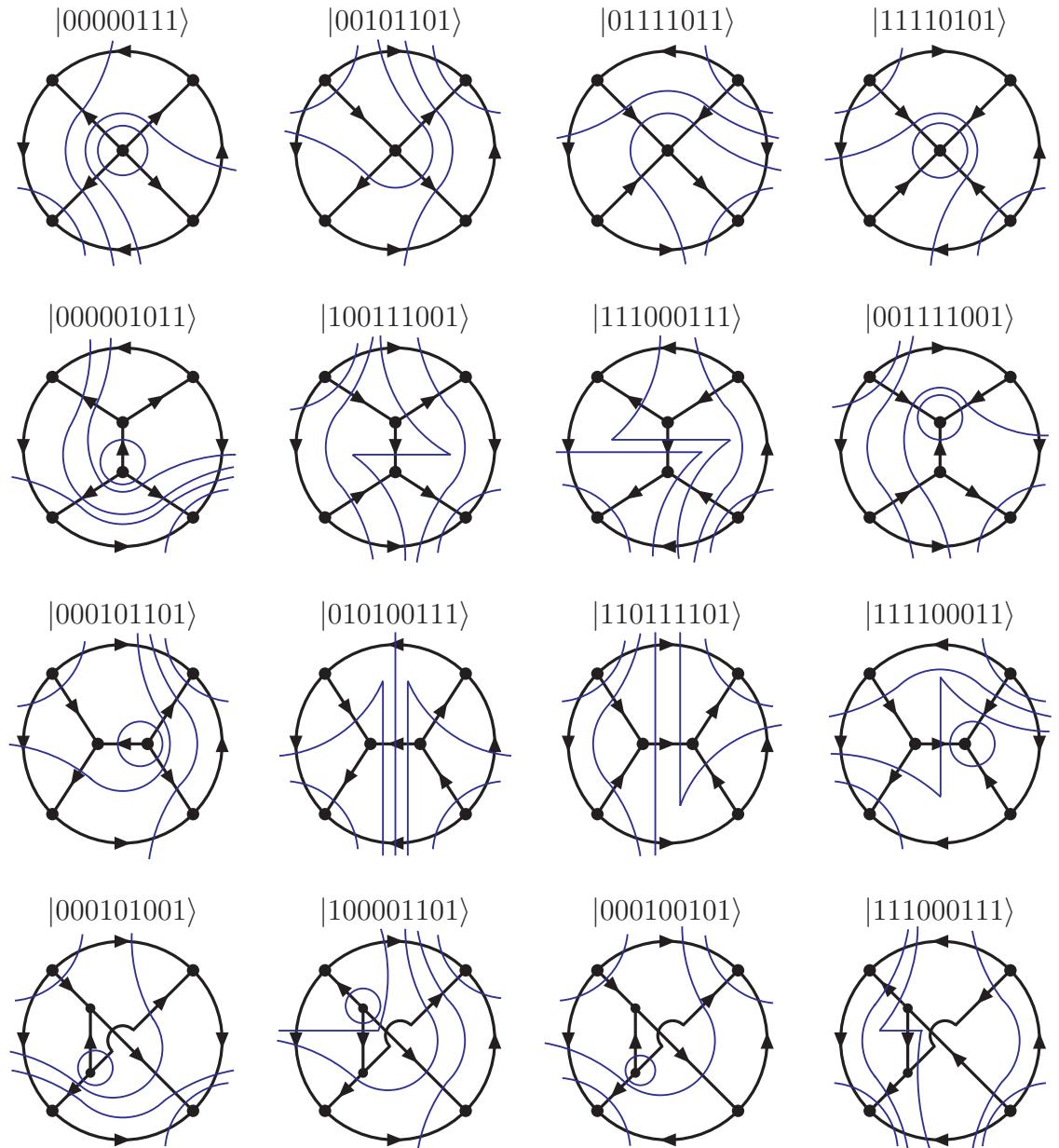


# A look at quantum

○ Oracle



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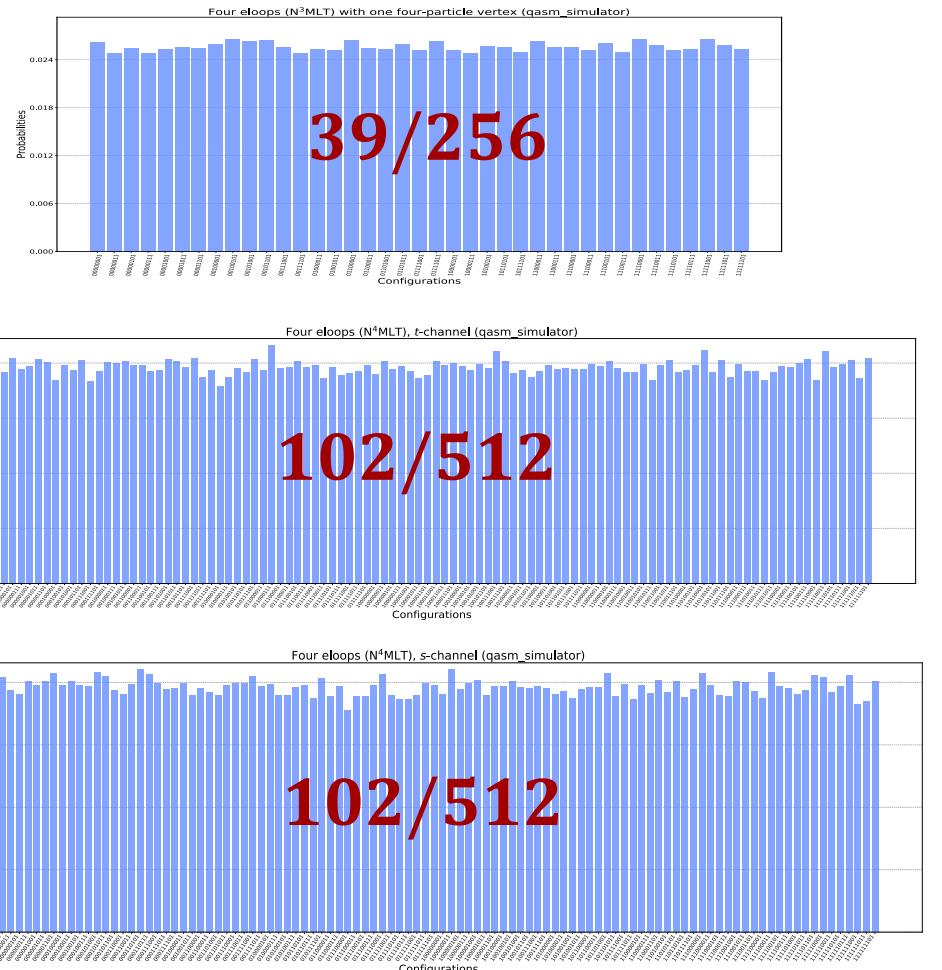


$N^3 \text{MLT}$

*t - channel*

*s - channel*

*u - channel*



Requires 33 qubits > Qiskit capacity

# Conclusions

- We have obtained a dual representation for selected loop topologies to all orders, which exhibits a nested form in terms of simpler topologies.
- The  $N^4MLT$  universal topology allow us to describe any scattering amplitude up to four loops.
- The causal LTD representation is interpreted in terms of entangled causal thresholds and allows a more efficient numerical evaluation of multiloop scattering amplitudes.
- Causal configurations of multiloop Feynman integrals have been efficiently identified with the application of Grover's quantum algorithm.



*Gracias!*

