## A FIRST APPROACH TO LOOP-TREE DUALITY

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## THE LOOP-TREE DUALTTY



## THE LOOP-TREE DUALITY



#  ITERATED AND NESTED RESIDUES <br> $$
\frac{1}{x x+0}+\frac{1}{x=0} \pi T T
$$ 

## ONE-LOOP DIAGRAMS

$N$-point loop integral


The inverse Feynman propagator $\left(G_{F}\left(q_{i}\right)\right)^{-1}$ vanishes for

$$
q_{i, 0}=q_{i, 0}^{( \pm)}= \pm \sqrt{\mathbf{q}_{i}^{2}+m_{i}^{2}-i 0}
$$



## ONE-LOOP DIAGRAMS

Positive energy mode:


To obtain the duality relation, we apply Cauchy's residue theorem (CRT) in the loop energy complex plane and selecting residues with definite positive energy and negative imaginary part (which is done with the contour $C_{L}$ )


## II. ITERATED AND NESTED RESIDUES

## ONE-LOOP DIAGRAMS

One-loop scalar integrals (or scattering amplitudes in any relativistic, local and unitary QFT) represented as a linear combination of $N$ single-cut integrals

$$
L^{(1)}\left(\left\{p_{i}\right\}_{N}\right)=\sum_{i \in \alpha} \int_{\vec{\ell}} \frac{1}{2 q_{i, 0}^{(+)}} \prod_{\substack{j \in \alpha \\ j \neq i}} G_{F}\left(q_{i, 0}^{(+)}-p_{j, i, 0}, \vec{q}_{j}\right)
$$

- $\alpha$ the set of indices of the internal lines.
- $q_{i, 0}^{(+)}$is the negative-imaginary-part on-shell energy of the $i$-th internal particle.
- $G_{F}\left(q_{i, 0}^{(+)}-p_{i, j, 0}, \vec{q}_{j}\right)$ is the propagator of the $j$-th internal particle when the $i$-th internal particle set onshell and $p_{i, j, 0}$ is the energy of the momentum $p_{i}+p_{i-1}+\cdots+p_{j+1}$ whenever $i>j$.
- CRT reduces the dimension of the integration space in 1 . If it is applied to the energy of the loop momentum, the final integral is performed over the phase space.


## ONE-LOOP DIAGRAMS

- In the case of the scalar two-point function (Bubble function), the algebraic simplification of the residues add physical divergencies only.



## MULTI-LOOP DIAGRAMS: ITERATED RESIDUES

- CRT

$$
\int_{C} f(z) d z=2 \pi \imath \sum_{j \in \beta} \Gamma_{j} \operatorname{Res}(f,\{z, j\})
$$

- The application of CRT to a multi-loop diagram demands the promotion of the integration variable to $\mathbb{C}$. All other variables remain real.
- For the same contour of integration, the final result of CRT let us use the equation,

$$
\int_{C} f(z) d z=-2 \pi l \sum_{z_{0} \in P} \operatorname{Res}\left(f(z),\left\{z, z_{0}\right\}\right) \theta\left(-\operatorname{Im}\left(z_{0}\right)\right) \text {, }
$$

where $P$ is the set of all poles of the integrand $f(z)$.

## II. ITERATED AND NESTED RESIDUES

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## MULTI-LOOP DIAGRAMS

- The iterated residues make evident the presence of poles with non-definite imaginary-part sign poles, the displaced poles.


$\int_{q_{1}, q_{2}} \frac{1}{\left(q_{1,0}^{2}-\left(q_{1,0}^{(+)}\right)^{2}\right)\left(q_{2,0}^{2}-\left(q_{2,0}^{(+)}\right)^{2}\right)\left(\left(q_{1,0}+q_{2,0}+p_{0}\right)^{2}-\left(q_{3,0}^{(+)}\right)^{2}\right)}$

$$
q_{2,0}^{(+)}
$$

Pole structure of the scalar sunrise diagram.

## MULTI-LOOP DIAGRAMS

- The computation of the second integral with CRT demands the knowledge of the sign of the imaginary part of the poles.


Diagrammatic representation of the pole structure of both term in the integrand for the second integral.

## NESTED RESIDUES

- The contributions of the displaced poles cancel, leaving the residues of the
 negative-imaginary part poles only.
- Defining the set $P^{(+)}$as the set of definite negative-imaginary part poles of the integrand, then we can define the nested residues.

$$
\left.\int_{C} f(z) d z=-2 \pi \iota \sum_{z_{0} \in P^{(+)}} \operatorname{Res}\left(f(z),\left\{z, z_{0}\right\}\right)\right\},
$$

NESTED RESIDUES

## CAUSAL AND NON-CAUSAL DIVERGENCES

- We say a non-causal divergence is the one that appears within the integration domain of a multi-loop phase space.


- A causal divergence is the kind of divergence that depends only on the configuration of external momenta.

$$
G F\left(g_{i}\right)=\frac{1}{g_{i}^{2}-m_{i}^{2}+i o} \quad \lambda_{i}^{ \pm \pm}=-q_{i}^{(t)} \pm q_{i}^{(+)}+k_{j i} \rightarrow 0
$$

$$
\tilde{s}_{q_{i}} G_{p}\left(q_{i} ; q_{i}\right)=\frac{\tilde{s}\left(q_{i}\right)}{q_{i}^{2}-m_{i}^{2}+i}
$$


THE LOOP-TRE DUALITY

## HIGHER PERTURBATIVE ORDERS

- An algebraic simplification of the nested residues to the scalar sunrise integral leads to causal divergences only.

$$
L^{(2)}(p)=-\int_{\vec{q}_{1}, \vec{q}_{2}} \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^{3} 2 q_{i, 0}^{(+)}}\left(\frac{1}{q_{1,0}^{(+)}+q_{2,0}^{(+)}+q_{3,0}^{(+)}+p_{0}}+\frac{1}{q_{1,0}^{(+)}+q_{2,0}^{(+)}+q_{3,0}^{(+)}-p_{0}}\right)
$$



## TOPOLOGICAL FAMILIES

Feynman diagrams can be classified by the number $n$ of vertex of the diagrams, the topological families. The number $\tau=n-1$ is called topological complexity.

- The simplest topological family (2 vertices) form the Maximal Loop Topology (MLT) family.
- Diagrams with 3 vertices form the Next-to Maximal Loop Topology (NMLT) family.
- Diagrams with $n$ vertices form the Next-to-...-Next-to Maximal Loop Topology ( $\mathrm{N}^{n-2} \mathrm{MLT}$ ) family.


MLT diagram with $L$ loops


NMLT diagram with $L$ loops

$N^{2}$ MLT diagram with $L$ loops

## TOPOLOGICAL FAMILIES

The topological classification of Feynman diagrams showed a great power when studying arbitrary $L$-loop diagrams. The topology of the diagrams is encoded within the relations of the internal momenta with the loop momenta.


## MAXIMAL LOOP TOPOLOGY

After applying the nested residues to the scalar $\operatorname{MLT}(L)$ diagram with and $n=L+1$ internal particles, a term related with each spanning tree is obtained.


## MAXIMAL LOOP TOPOLOGY

As the $\operatorname{MLT}(L)$ diagram is the natural generalization of the scalar 2-point 1-loop diagram and the scalar sunrise diagram with respect to the number of loops, it is possible to obtain the causal representation,


## NEXT-TO MAXIMAL LOOP TOPOLOGY

The case of the scalar $\operatorname{NMLT}(L)$ diagram with $n=L+2$ internal particles, the nested residue leads to a non trivial combination of tree-level contributions, which can be expressed with convolutions.


## NEXT-TO-NEXT-TO MAXIMAL LOOP TOPOLOGY

For a scalar $\mathrm{N}^{(2)} \operatorname{MLT}(L)$, the nested residues lead to quite more intricate combination of tree-level contributions. This combination can be expressed as some other convolutions.


## CONVOLUTION RELATIONS

Nested residues lead to a combination of contributions associated with each spanning tree of the underlying graph, expressed as convolution relations.


Each convolution relation of a diagram with topological complexity $\tau$ expresses the integrand in terms of diagrams with lower topological complexity.


Nested residues could lead to causal representations of Feynman diagrams (iterating the convolution relations).


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## SCALAR SUNRISE DIAGRAM: CAUSAL REPRESENTATION

- Scalar sunrise: $G_{F}(1,2,3)$
- After nested residues

$G_{F}(1,2,3) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4 q_{1,0}^{(+)} q_{2,0}^{(+)}} \frac{1}{\left(q_{1,0}^{(+)}+q_{2,0}^{(+)}+p_{0}\right)^{2}-\left(q_{3,0}^{(+)}\right)^{2}}+\frac{1}{4 q_{1,0}^{(+)} q_{3,0}^{(+)}} \frac{1}{\left(q_{1,0}^{(+)}-q_{3,0}^{(+)}+p_{0}\right)^{2}-\left(q_{2,0}^{(+)}\right)^{2}}+\frac{1}{4 q_{2,0}^{(+)} q_{3,0}^{(+)}} \frac{1}{\left(q_{2,0}^{(+)}+q_{3,0}^{(+)}-p_{0}\right)^{2}-\left(q_{3,0}^{(+)}\right)^{2}}$
- Causal representation

$$
G_{F}(1,2,3) \rightarrow \frac{-1}{8 q_{1,0}^{\left(+q_{2,0}^{+(+)} q_{3,0}^{(+)}\right.}}\left(\frac{1}{q_{1,0}^{(+)}+q_{2,0}^{(+)}+q_{3,0}^{(+)}+p_{0}}+\frac{1}{q_{1,0}^{(+)}+q_{2,0}^{(+)}+q_{3,0}^{(+)}-p_{0}}\right)
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$$
\begin{gathered}
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G_{F}(1,2,3) \rightarrow-\frac{1}{x_{3}}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{1}^{+}}+\frac{1}{\lambda_{1}^{-}}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

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## SCALAR NMLT DIAGRAM: CAUSAL REPRESENTATION



- Scalar NMLT integrand: $G_{F}(1, \ldots, L+2)=G_{F}(1, \ldots, L, 1 \ldots L, 12)$
- After nested residues

- Causal representation



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## SCALAR N2MLT DIAGRAM: CAUSAL REPRESENTATION



- Scalar $\mathrm{N}^{2}$ MLT integrand: $G_{F}(1, \ldots, L+3)=G_{F}(1, \ldots, L, 1 \ldots L, 12,23)$
- After nested residues

- Causal representation

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{F}(1, \ldots, L+2) & \rightarrow \frac{-1}{x_{L+2}}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{1}^{+}}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{2}^{-}}+\frac{1}{\lambda_{3}^{-}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{4}^{+}}+\frac{1}{\lambda_{5}^{+}}\right)\right. \\
& +\frac{1}{\lambda_{6}^{+}}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{\overline{3}}^{-}}+\frac{1}{\lambda_{5}^{-}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{2}^{+}}+\frac{1}{\lambda_{4}^{+}}\right) \\
& \left.+\frac{1}{\lambda_{7}^{+}}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{\overline{3}}^{-}}+\frac{1}{\lambda_{4}^{-}}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\lambda_{2}^{+}}+\frac{1}{\lambda_{5}^{+}}\right)+\left(\lambda_{i}^{+} \leftrightarrow \lambda_{i}^{--}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- $\lambda_{6}^{ \pm}=q_{1,0}^{(+)}+q_{3,0}^{(+)}+q_{L+2,0}^{(+)}+q_{L+3,0}^{(+)} \pm\left(p_{2,0}+p_{3,0}\right)$
- $\lambda_{5}^{ \pm}=q_{1,0}^{(+)}+q_{L+3,0}^{(+)}+\sum_{i=4}^{L+1} q_{i, 0}^{(+)} \pm p_{1,0}$
- $\lambda_{7}^{ \pm}=q_{2,0}^{(+)}+\sum_{i=4}^{L+3} q_{i, 0}^{(+)} \pm\left(p_{1,0}+p_{2,0}\right)$


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## NUMERICAL EVALUATION

- Internal momenta $\{1, \ldots, L\}$ have mass $m_{4}^{2}$.
- Other particles have mass $m_{5}^{2}$.




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## ENTANGLED CAUSAL THRESHOLDS

- Causal representations of topological families with positive topological complexity demand specific properties to the causal thresholds appearing in each term.
- For the $\mathrm{N}^{\tau-1} \mathrm{MLT}(L)$, its causal representation involves terms with $\tau$ causal thresholds each. These thresholds are not arbitrary, but they should satisfy:

SBORLINI'S TALK

- All internal particles become on-shell.
- Causal thresholds do not intersect.
- Compatible momentum flow.



## SUMMARY

- The contribution to the residues of the displaced poles cancel.
- The causal structure of the scalar $\operatorname{MLT}(L)$ diagram is naturally obtained and is independence of the order of integration.
- Factorization formulae to NMLT and $N^{2}$ MLT topological families were found.
- Analytic reconstructions can be used to obtain the causal structures of the NMLT and $\mathrm{N}^{2}$ MLT topological families.
- We have studied the stability of the causal structures obtained through the LTD, obtaining good agreement with numerical approach.


