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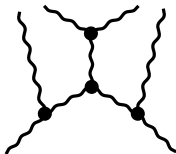
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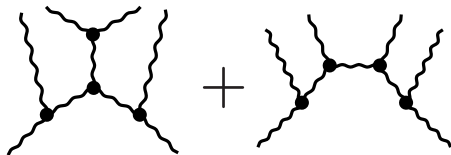
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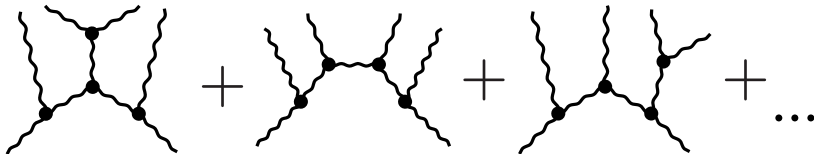
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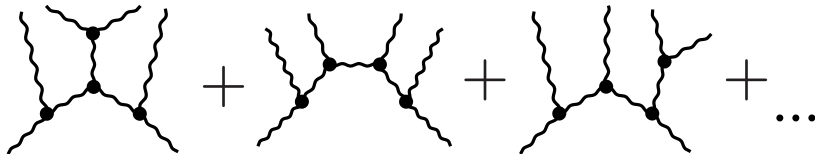
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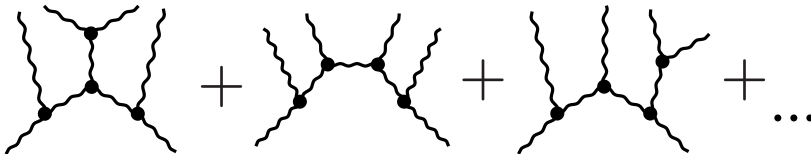
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TUV. From Fig. 76 we find the corresponding two-jet cross section (at $p_T = 0.5 \text{ TeV}/c$) to be about $7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ nb/CeV}^2$, which is larger by an order of magnitude. Let us next consider the cross section in the neighborhood of the peak in Fig. 80. The integrated cross section in the bin $0.3 \text{ GeV} < E_T < 0.4$ is approximately 0.1 nb/CeV^2 with transverse energy given (roughly) by $(E_T = 1 \text{ TeV}) \times (\cos\theta) \approx 350 \text{ GeV}$. The corresponding two-jet cross section, again from Fig. 76, is approximately 10 nb/CeV^2 , which is larger by 2 orders of magnitude. In fact, we have certainly underestimated (E_T) and thus somewhat overestimated the two-jet/three-jet ratio in this second case.

We draw two conclusions from this very casual analysis:

At least at small-to-moderate values of E_T , two-jet events should account for most of the cross section. The three-jet cross section is large enough that a detailed study of this topology should be possible.

$$\sigma_{2\text{-jet}} \approx \int_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}} dE_{T1} \int_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}} dE_{T2} \int_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}} d\theta_{12} \frac{\sigma(E_{T1}, E_{T2}, \theta_{12})}{\sigma_{\text{total}}}, \quad (5.47)$$

where $\sigma_{2\text{-jet}}(E_T)$ is the two-jet cross section and θ denotes the minimum E_T required for a discernible two-jet event. For a more careful study of double-parton scattering at QPC and Tevatron energies, see Feder and Erickson (1993).

In view of the present data and supercollider needs, improving our understanding of the QCD background is an urgent priority for further study.

D. Summary

We conclude this section with a brief summary of the range of jet energy which are accessible for various beam energies and luminosities. We find essentially no differences between pp and $p\bar{p}$ collisions, so only pp results will be given except at $\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}$ where $p\bar{p}$ runs are contemplated. Figure 30A shows the E_T range which can be explored at the level of at least one event per $(\text{nb})^2$ of E_T per unit rapidity at 90° in the c.m. (compare Figs. 77–79 and 83). The results are presented in terms of the transverse energy per event E_T , which corresponds to twice the transverse momentum p_T of a jet. In Fig. 30B we plot the value of E_T that distinguishes the region to which the two-gluon, quark-gluon, and quark-quark final states are dominant. Comparing with Fig. 30A, we find that while the accessible range of E_T narrows, it seems extremely difficult to obtain a clean sample of quark jets. Useful for the remaining figure are the total cross section for two jets integrated over $E_T = 1/2 \text{ TeV} < E_T < 3/2 \text{ TeV}$ for both pp and $p\bar{p}$ collisions. This is shown for pp collisions in Fig. 30C.

It is apparent that these questions are amenable to detailed investigation with the aid of realistic Monte Carlo simulations. Given the elementary two-color cross sections and reasonable parametrizations of the fragmentation functions, this exercise can be carried out with some degree of confidence.

For multiple events containing more than three jets, the theoretical situation is considerably more primitive. A specific question of interest concerns the QCD four-jet background to the detection of $H^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$ pairs in their isotropic decay. The cross sections for the elementary two-color processes have not been calculated, and their complexity is such that they may not be evaluated in the foreseeable future. It is worthwhile to seek estimates of the four-jet cross section, even if these are only reliable in restricted regions of phase space.

Another background source of four-jet events is double parton scattering, as shown in Fig. 103. If all the parton momenta fractions are small, the two interactions may be treated as uncorrelated. The resulting four-jet cross section with transverse energy E_T may then be approximated by

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IV. ELECTROWEAK PHENOMENA

In this section we discuss the supercollider processes associated with the standard model of the weak and electroweak interactions (Glashow, 1961; Weinberg, 1967; Salam, 1968). By "standard model" we understand the SU(2) \times U(1) theory applied to three quark and lepton doublets, and with the gauge symmetry broken by a single complex Higgs doublet. The particles associated with the electroweak interactions are summarized in the left-handed charged interaction boson W^\pm , the neutral interaction

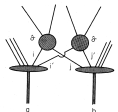


FIG. 30. Feynman topology arising from two independent parton interactions.

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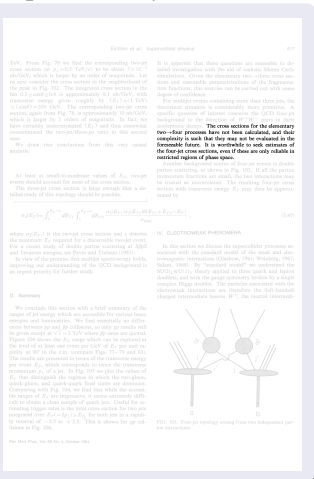
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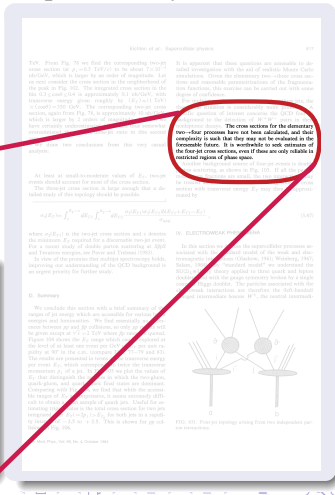


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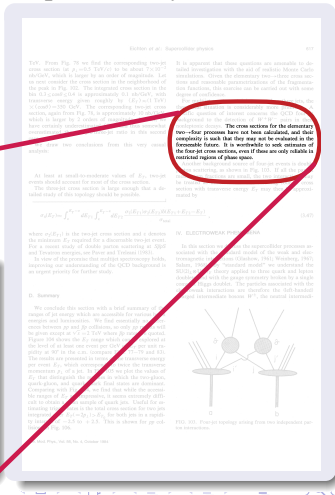


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gluons. The cross section for the scattering of two gluons with momenta p_1, p_2 into four gluons with momenta p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6 is obtained from eq. (5) by setting $l = 2$ and replacing the momenta p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6 by $-p_3, -p_4, -p_5, -p_6$.

As the result of the computation of two hundred and forty Feynman diagrams, we obtain

$$A_{(2)}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6) = -(\mathcal{D}^1, \mathcal{D}^2, \mathcal{D}^3, \mathcal{D}^4)_{(1)} \begin{pmatrix} K & K & K & K & K \\ K & K & K & K & K \\ K & K & K & K & K \\ K & K & K & K & K \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D} \\ \mathcal{D} \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

where $\mathcal{D}^1, \mathcal{D}^2, \mathcal{D}^3$ and \mathcal{D}^4 are 11-component complex vector functions of the momenta p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5 and p_6 , and K, K, K, K and K, K, K, K are constant 11×11 symmetric matrices. The vectors $\mathcal{D}^1, \mathcal{D}^2$ and \mathcal{D}^3 are obtained from the vector \mathcal{D} by the permutations $(p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2), (p_1 \leftrightarrow p_3)$ and $(p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3, p_4 \leftrightarrow p_5)$, respectively, of the momentum variables in \mathcal{D} . The individual components of the vector \mathcal{D} represent the sums of all contributions proportional to the appropriately chosen eleven basic color factors. The matrices K , which are the suitable sums over the color indices of products of the color bases, contain two independent structures, proportional to $N^2(N^2 - 1)$ and $N^2(N^2 - 1)$, respectively (N is the number of colors, $N = 3$ for QCD):

$$K = \frac{1}{2} g^4 N^2 (N^2 - 1) K^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} g^4 N^2 (N^2 - 1) K^{(2)} \quad (7)$$

Here g denotes the gauge coupling constant. The matrices $K^{(1)}$ and $K^{(2)}$ are given in table 1. The vector \mathcal{D} is related to the thirty-three diagrams $D^i (i = 1-33)$ for two-gluon to four-scalar scattering, eleven diagrams $D^i (i = 1-11)$ for two-fermion to four-scalar scattering and sixteen diagrams $D^i (i = 1-16)$ for two-scalar to four-scalar scattering, in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_\alpha &= \frac{2i g^4}{\sqrt{(1+2)(1+3)(1+4)(1+5)}} \{ i_{12} C^0 \cdot D_1^0 - 4i_{1+12} E(p_1 + p_2, p_3) C^1 \cdot D_1^1 \\ &\quad - 2i_{1+3} G(p_1 + p_2, p_3 + p_4) C^2 \cdot D_1^2 \}, \\ \mathcal{D}_\alpha &= \frac{5g}{32} C^0 \cdot D_1^0, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where the constant matrices $C^0 (11 \times 33)$, $C^1 (11 \times 11)$ and $C^2 (11 \times 16)$ are given in table 2. The Lorentz invariants i_2 and i_{1+2} are defined as $i_2 = (p_1 + p_2)^2$, $i_{1+2} = (p_1 + p_2 + p_3)^2$ and the complex functions E and G are given by

$$\begin{aligned} E(p_1, p_2) &= \frac{1}{2} [(p_1, p_1)(p_2, p_2) - (p_1, p_2)(p_1, p_2) + (p_1, p_2)(p_2, p_1) + i_{1+2} p_1^2 p_2^2 / (p_1, p_2)], \\ G(p_1, p_2) &= E(p_1, p_2) E(p_2, p_1). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

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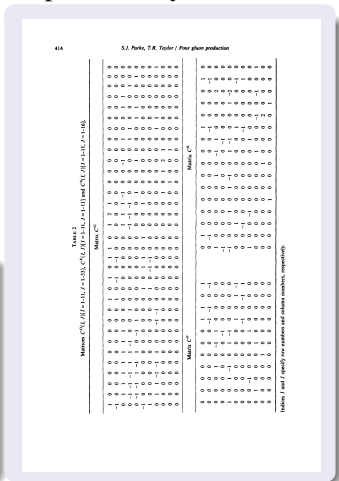
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 where ϵ is the totally antisymmetric tensor, $\epsilon_{123} = 1$. For the future use, we define one more function,

$$F(p_i, p_j) = ((p_i, p_k)(p, p_j) + (p_i, p_j)(p, p_k) - (p_i, p_k)(p, p_j)) / (p_i, p_k). \quad (10)$$

Note that when evaluating A_4 and A_5 at crossed configurations of the momenta, care must be taken with the implicit dependence of the functions E , F and G on the momenta p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 .

The diagrams D_i^G are listed below:

$$D_1^G(1) = \frac{\delta_1}{2s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 - p_2)(p_3 - p_4)E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 + p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2)(p_3 + p_4) \times [(p_1 - p_2)(p_3 - p_4)] + [(p_2 + p_3)(p_1 - p_4)]E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 - p_4))]$$

$$D_2^G(2) = \frac{1}{2s_1 s_2} [2E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 - p_4) - 2E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 + p_4) + \delta_1 E(p_1 - p_2)(p_3 - p_4)]$$

$$D_3^G(3) = \frac{4}{2s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_1))E(p_2, p_4) + ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_1))E(p_2, p_4) + ((p_1(p_2 - p_3))E(p_1 - p_2, p_3 + p_4) - [(p_1(p_2 - p_3))E(p_1 + p_2, p_3 - p_4) + \delta_1(p_1(p_2 - p_3))E(p_1 - p_2)]]$$

$$D_4^G(4) = \frac{-2}{2s_1 s_2} [E(p_2 - p_3, p_1 + p_4) - \delta_1 E(p_1 - p_2)]$$

$$D_5^G(5) = \frac{-2}{2s_1 s_2} [E(p_2 + p_3, p_1 - p_4) - \delta_1 E(p_1 - p_2)]$$

$$D_6^G(6) = \frac{\delta_1}{t_{12}}$$

$$D_7^G(7) = \frac{4}{2s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_1))E(p_2, p_4)]$$

$$D_8^G(8) = \frac{4}{2s_1 s_2 s_3 s_4} [((p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 + p_3 - p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_1))E(p_2, p_4) - ((p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_4 - p_3 + p_1))E(p_2, p_4)]$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^2(9) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)] E(p_1, p_2) \\
 &\quad - [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)] E(p_1, p_2) + [(p_1(p_2 - p_3))] E(p_1, p_2 - p_3), \\
 D_1^2(10) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)] E(p_1, p_2) \\
 &\quad - [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)] E(p_1, p_2) + [(p_1(p_2 - p_3))] E(p_1 - p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(11) &= \frac{8s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(12) &= \frac{-8s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}} [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(13) &= \frac{8s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} + s_{34}] [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(14) &= \frac{8s_1}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34}] [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}], \\
 D_1^2(15) &= \frac{8s_1}{s_{12}s_{34}} (p_1 - p_2)(p_2 - p_3), \\
 D_1^2(16) &= \frac{-4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}] E(p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^2(17) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}] E(p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^2(18) &= \frac{-4}{s_{12}s_{34}s_{13}} [2(p_1 + p_2)(p_2 - p_3) + s_{12}] E(p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^2(19) &= \frac{-2}{s_{12}s_{34}} E(p_2, p_1 - p_3), \\
 D_1^2(20) &= \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{34}} E(p_1 - p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^2(21) &= \frac{-4}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} + s_{31}] E(p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^2(22) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{13}s_{14}} [s_{12} - s_{34} - s_{31}] E(p_1, p_2), \\
 D_1^2(23) &= \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{23}s_{34}} [2(p_1 + p_2)(p_2 - p_3) + s_{12}] E(p_1, p_2),
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^0(24) &= \frac{-2}{315f_{314}} E(p_1, p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(25) &= \frac{2}{315f_{315}} E(p_1, p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(26) &= \frac{-2}{315f_{323}} E(p_1, p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(27) &= \frac{2}{315f_{325}} E(p_1, p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(28) &= \frac{2}{315f_{335}} E(p_1, p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(29) &= \frac{-2}{315f_{335}} E(p_1, p_2, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(30) &= \frac{4}{315f_{347f_{323}}} [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_3 + p_3 - p_4) - f_{334}] E(p_1, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(31) &= \frac{4}{315f_{347f_{323}}} [(p_1 + p_2 - p_3)(p_3 + p_3 + p_4) + f_{334}] E(p_1, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(32) &= \frac{4}{315f_{347f_{323}}} [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_3 + p_3 - p_4) + f_{334}] E(p_1, p_3), \\
 D_1^0(33) &= \frac{4}{315f_{347f_{323}}} [(p_1 - p_2 + p_3)(p_3 + p_3 + p_4) - f_{334}] E(p_1, p_3),
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where $\delta_3 = 1$.
 The diagrams D_i^0 are obtained from D_i^0 by replacing δ_3 by $\delta_3 = 0$ and the functions $E(p_1, p_3)$ by $G(p_1, p_3)$.
 The diagrams D_i^0 are listed below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^0(1) &= \frac{4}{315f_{347f_{323}}} [F(p_1, p_3)E(p_1, p_3) - F(p_2, p_3)E(p_1, p_3) \\
 &\quad + [F(p_1, p_3) + f_{334}]E(p_1, p_3)], \\
 D_1^0(2) &= \frac{-4}{315f_{323f_{314}}} [F(p_1, p_3) + f_{334}]E(p_1, p_3) \\
 &\quad + [F(p_1, p_3) + f_{334}]E(p_1, p_3) - F(p_1, p_3)E(p_1, p_3)], \\
 D_1^0(3) &= \frac{4}{315f_{347f_{323}}} [F(p_1, p_3)E(p_1, p_3) - F(p_1, p_3)E(p_1, p_3) \\
 &\quad - [F(p_1, p_3) - f_{334} - f_{334}]E(p_1, p_3)].
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$D_1^2(4) = \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{45}} [F(p_1, p_2)E(p_3, p_4) - F(p_3, p_4)E(p_1, p_2)] \\ + [F(p_1, p_2) - \frac{1}{2}(s_{12} - s_{34}) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{13} + s_{24})]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(5) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{34}} [s_{12} - s_{23} + s_{24}]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(6) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{45}} [s_{34} - s_{23} - s_{24}]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(7) = \frac{4}{s_{12}s_{45}} [(F(p_1, p_2) - \frac{1}{2}(s_{12} - s_{34}) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{13} + s_{24}))E(p_3, p_4) \\ + [F(p_3, p_4) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{34})]E(p_1, p_2)] - [F(p_1, p_2) + \frac{1}{2}(s_{12})]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(8) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{34}} E(p_1 - p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(9) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{45}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{14}]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(10) = \frac{2}{s_{12}s_{45}} [s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{14}]E(p_3, p_4),$$

$$D_1^2(11) = \frac{1}{2s_{12}s_{34}} [(s_{12} + s_{13} - s_{14} - s_{34})E(p_1 - p_3, p_4) \\ - \{s_{12} + s_{13} - s_{14} - s_{34}\}E(p_1 - p_3, p_4) - \{s_{12} + s_{13} - s_{14} - s_{34}\}E(p_3 + p_4, p_1)]. \quad (12)$$

The diagrams D_i^2 are listed below:

$$D_1^2(1) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{45}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{14}]E(s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{14}),$$

$$D_1^2(2) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{45}} [s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{14}]E(s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{14}),$$

$$D_1^2(3) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{45}} [s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{14}]E(s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{14}),$$

$$D_1^2(4) = \frac{1}{s_{12}s_{45}} [s_{12} + s_{13} - s_{14}]E(s_{12} - s_{13} + s_{14}),$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 D_1^2(7) &= \frac{1}{232s_1s_{12}} [s_{12} - s_{44} + s_{34}][s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{23}], \\
 D_1^2(8) &= \frac{1}{248s_2s_{145}} [s_{23} + s_{34} - s_{24}][s_{12} - s_{44} + s_{34}], \\
 D_1^2(9) &= \frac{1}{232s_4s_{134}} [s_{34} + s_{44} - s_{23}][s_{12} - s_{13} - s_{23}], \\
 D_1^2(10) &= \frac{1}{248s_{34}} (p_1 - p_3)(p_2 - p_4), \\
 D_1^2(11) &= \frac{1}{248s_{34}} (p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3), \\
 D_1^2(12) &= \frac{1}{248s_{23}} (p_1 - p_1)(p_2 - p_3), \\
 D_1^2(13) &= \frac{1}{248s_{34}} (p_1 - p_1)(p_2 - p_4), \\
 D_1^2(14) &= \frac{1}{248s_{34}} (p_2 - p_3)(p_2 - p_4), \\
 D_1^2(15) &= -\frac{1}{248s_2s_{34}} [(p_2 + p_3)(p_1 - p_4)][(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_2 - p_3)(p_1 - p_4)][(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 + p_3)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_1 + p_4)(p_2 - p_3)][(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_4)], \\
 D_1^2(16) &= \frac{2}{248s_4s_{134}} [(p_2 - p_3)(p_1 + p_4)][(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_4)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_1 + p_4)(p_2 - p_3)][(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)] \\
 &\quad + [(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 + p_3)][(p_1 - p_4)(p_2 - p_3)]. \tag{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

The preceding list completes the result. Let us recapitulate now the numerical procedure of calculating the full cross section. First the diagrams D are calculated by using eqs. (11)-(13). The result is substituted into eq. (8) to obtain the vectors \mathcal{D}_i and \mathcal{D}_j . After generating the vectors \mathcal{D}_k , \mathcal{D}_l , \mathcal{D}_m , \mathcal{D}_n , \mathcal{D}_o , and \mathcal{D}_p by the appropriate permutations of momenta, eq. (6) is used to obtain the functions A_i and A_j . Finally, the total cross section is calculated by using eq. (5). The FORTRAN 5 program based on such a scheme generates ten Monte Carlo points in less than a second on the heterotic CDC CYBER 175/875.

Given the complexity of the final result, it is very important to have some reliable testing procedures available for numerical calculations. Usually in QCD, the multi-gluon amplitudes are tested by checking the gauge invariance. Due to the specific

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of our calculation, the most powerful test does not rely on the gauge symmetry, but on the appropriate permutation symmetries. The function $A_4(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6)$ must be symmetric under arbitrary permutations of the momenta (p_1, p_2, p_3) and separately, (p_4, p_5, p_6) , whereas the function $A_3(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6)$ must be symmetric under the permutations of (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) and separately, (p_5, p_6) . This test is extremely powerful, because the required permutation symmetries are hidden in our supersymmetry relations, eqs. (1) and (3), and in the structure of amplitudes involving different species of particles. Another, very important test relies on the absence of the double poles of the form $(s_{ij})^{-2}$ in the cross section, as required by general arguments based on the helicity conservation. Further, in the leading $(s_{ij})^{-1}$ pole approximation, the answer should reduce to the two goes to three cross section [3, 4], convoluted with the appropriate Altarelli-Parisi probabilities [5]. Our result has successfully passed both these numerical checks.

Details of the calculation, together with a full exposition of our techniques, will be given in a forthcoming article. Furthermore, we hope to obtain a simple analytic form for the answer, making our result not only an experimentalist's, but also a theorist's delight.

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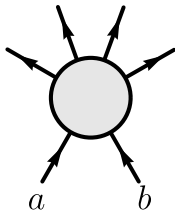
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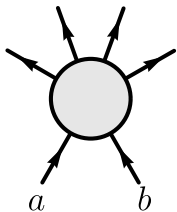
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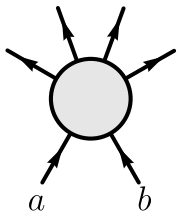
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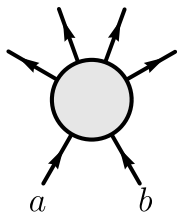
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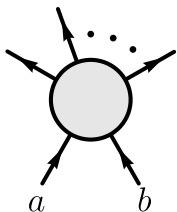
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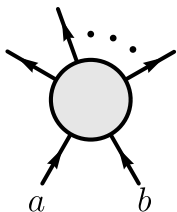
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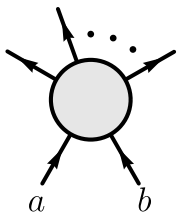


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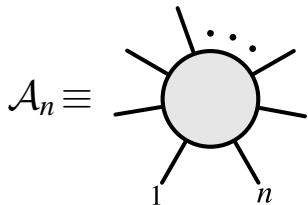
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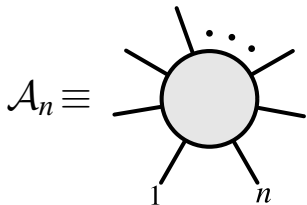
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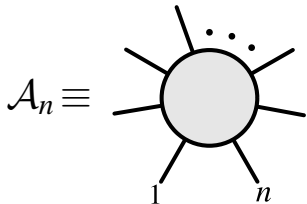
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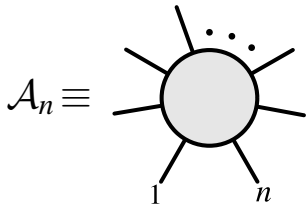
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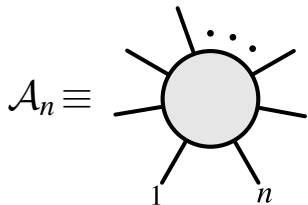


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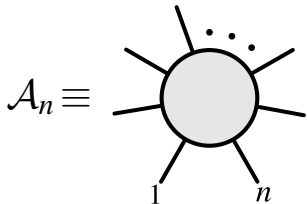


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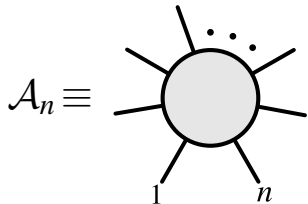


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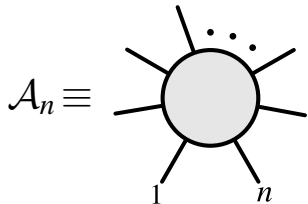


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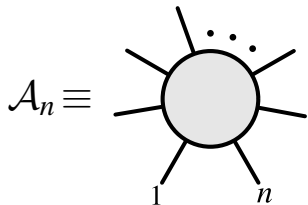


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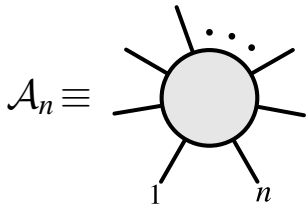


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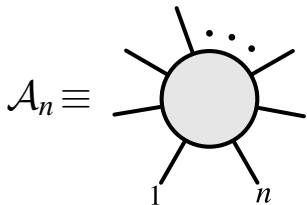


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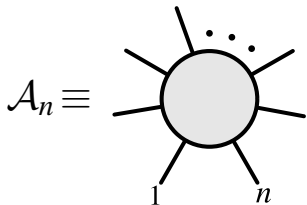


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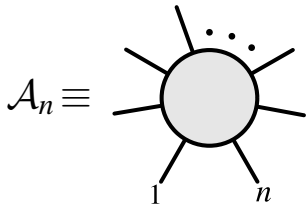


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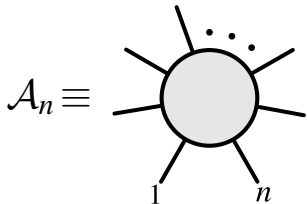


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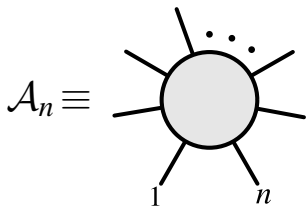


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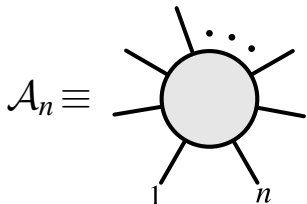
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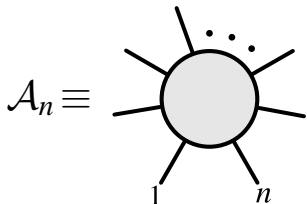
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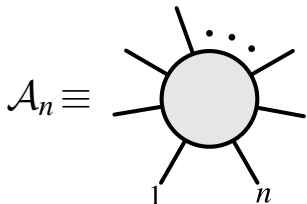
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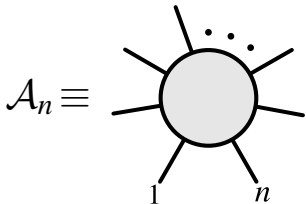
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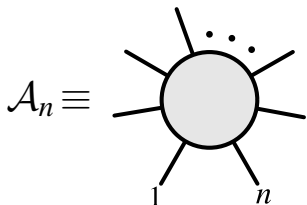
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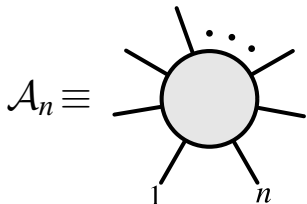
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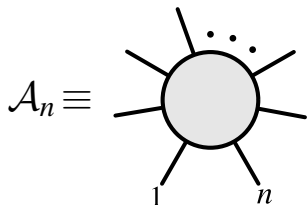
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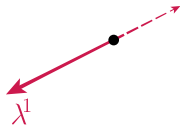
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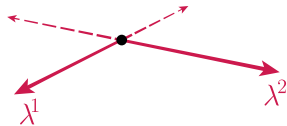
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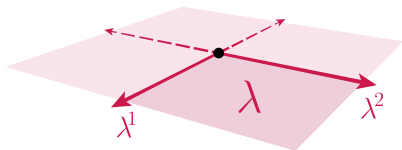
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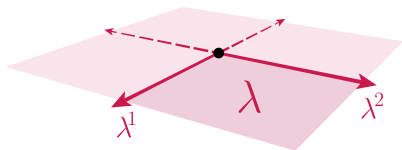
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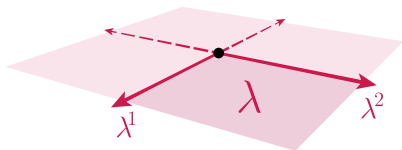
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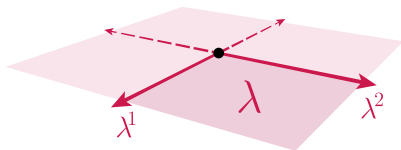
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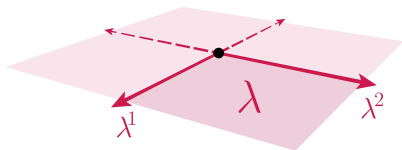
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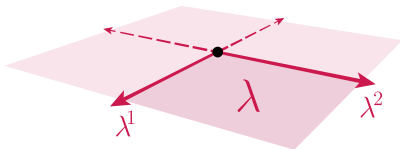
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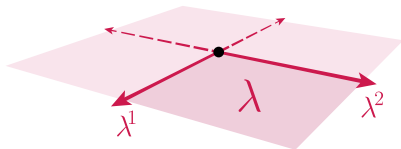
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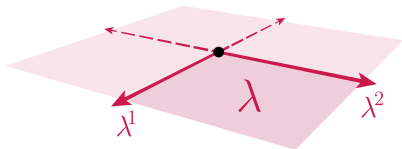
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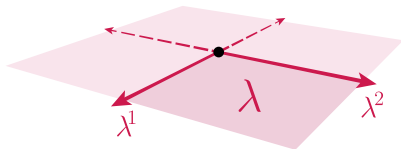
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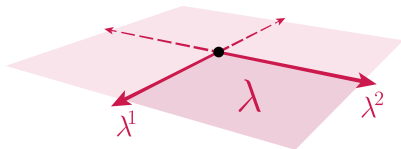
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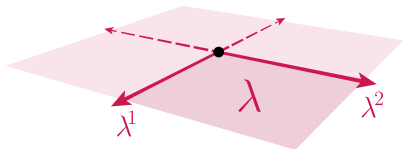
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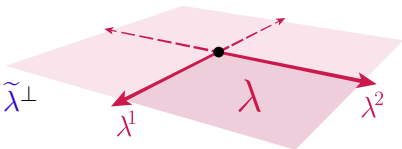
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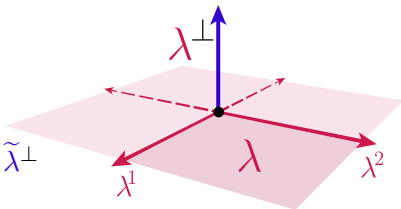
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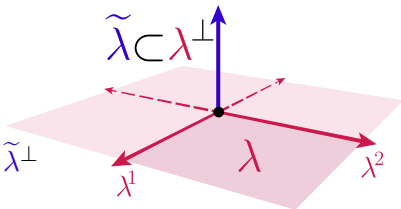
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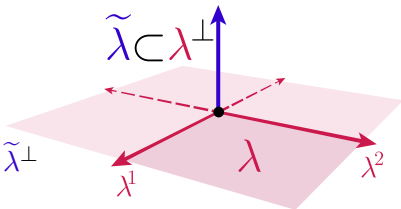
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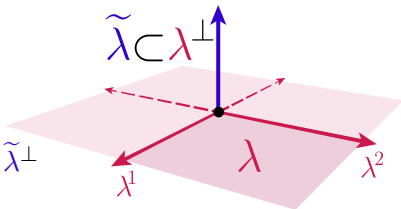
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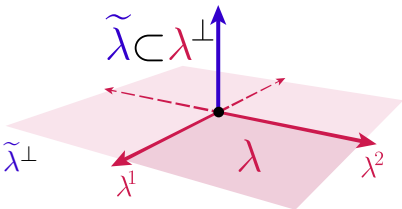
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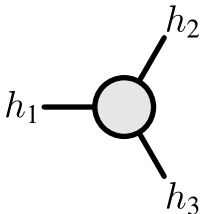


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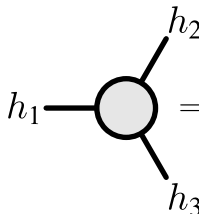
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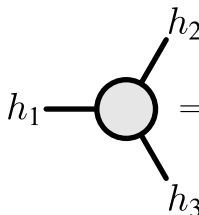


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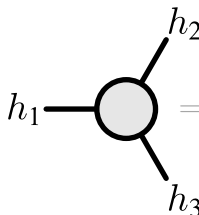
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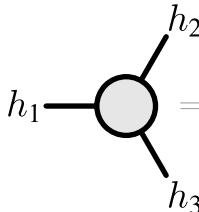
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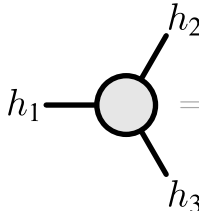
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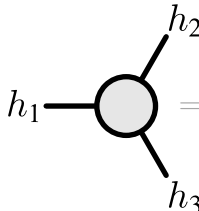
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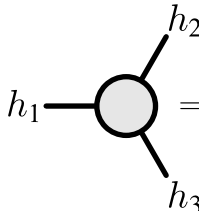
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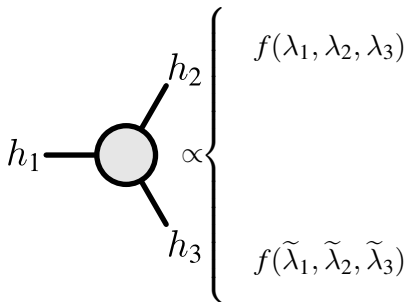
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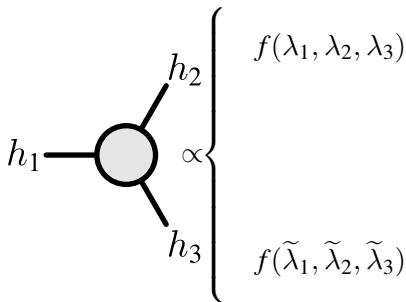
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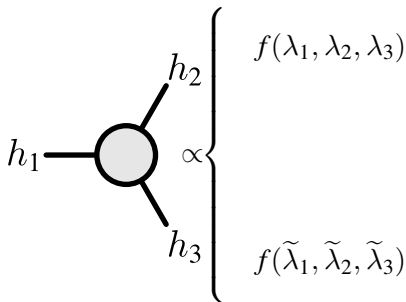
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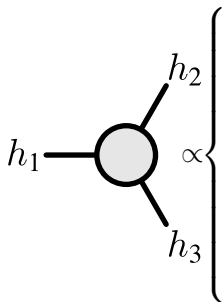
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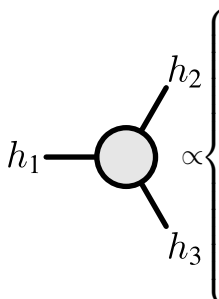
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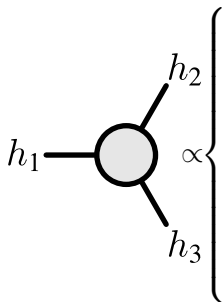
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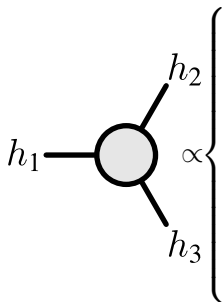
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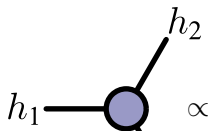
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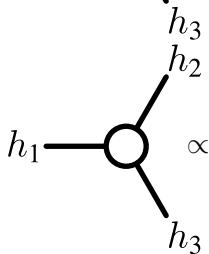
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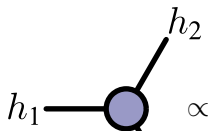
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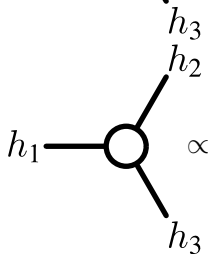
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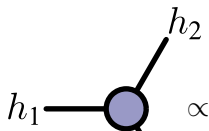
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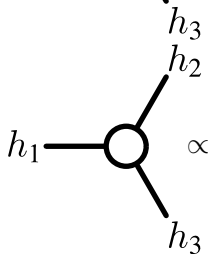
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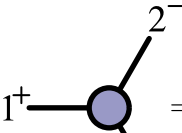
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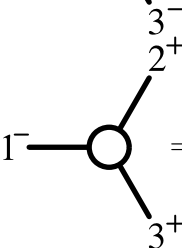
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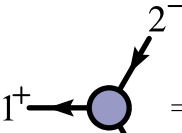
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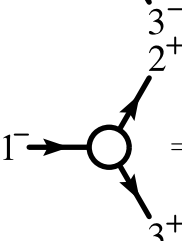
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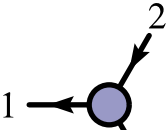
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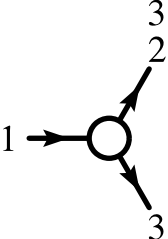
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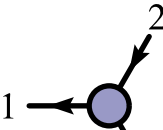
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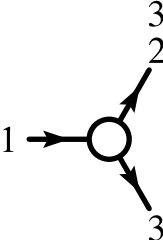
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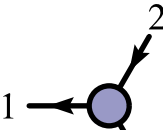
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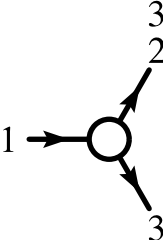
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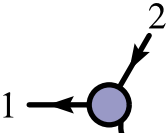
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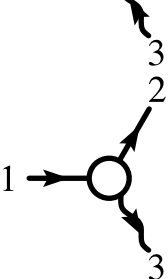
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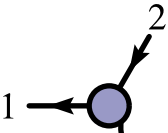
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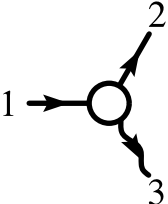
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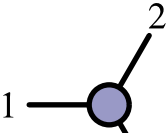
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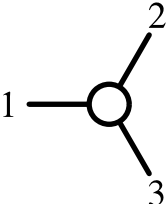
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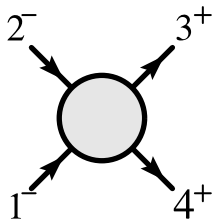
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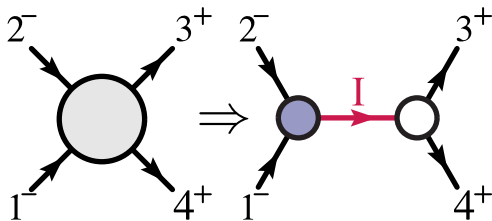
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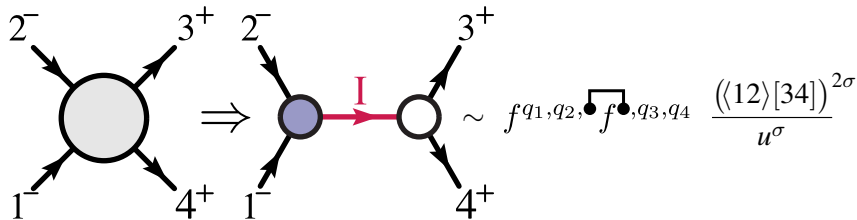
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