Fourier calculus from intersection theory

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Building on recent advances in studying the cohomological properties of Feynman integrals, we apply intersection theory to the computation of Fourier integrals. We discuss applications pertinent to gravitational bremsstrahlung and deep inelastic scattering in the saturation regime. After identifying the bases of master integrals, the latter are evaluated by means of the differential equation method. Finally, new results with exact dependence on the spacetime dimension D are presented.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, monumental efforts have been invested in developing tools for evaluating Feynman integrals in particle physics. Modern state-of-the-art computations face the challenge of applying integration-by-parts (IBP) decompositions [1,2] in the most efficient way possible. IBP identities are relations among Feynman integrals sharing a common set of denominators, appearing with different propagator powers (irreducible scalar products in the numerator can be dealt with as denominators with negative powers). These allow for the decomposition of any Feynman integral in terms of a finite spanning set of simpler and linearly independent integrals, often referred to as master integrals. The decomposition into master integrals is fundamentally a matter of linear algebra, and several publicly available computer programs can efficiently execute it [3–11].

When recognized as *twisted periods*, Feynman integrals can alternatively be decomposed into master bases by making use of concepts and computing tools of *de*

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Published by the American Physical Society under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license. Further distribution of this work must maintain attribution to the author(s) and the published article's title, journal citation, and DOI. Funded by SCOAP³. *Rham twisted cohomology theory* [12–15], as first proposed in [16–19].

Within this framework, integrals are considered as pairings of regulated integration domains and differential *n*-forms, known as twisted cycles and cocycles respectively, which are elements of isomorphic vector spaces, equipped with inner products, called the *intersection numbers*. The intersection number can be used to derive the decomposition of Feynman integrals in terms of master integrals by projections, as an alternative to the system-solving procedure underpinning IBP decompositions.

Although the most recent applications of intersection theory have dealt with Feynman integrals [17–31], the method is rather general, and the range of its applications can be extended to a much wider class of cases, relevant for physical and mathematical studies (see, e.g., [32–35]).

In this paper, we propose an intersection theory–based approach to the evaluation of dimensionally regularized Fourier transforms, herein referred to as *Fourier integrals*.

Indeed, as is the case for any Feynman integral, expressing any Fourier integral in *Baikov representation* [36] enables its identification as a twisted period. Thus, relations between Fourier integrals and, in particular, their decompositions into a common master integral basis, can be obtained directly from intersection numbers. Moreover, intersection theory can be used to derive the system of differential equations satisfied by the master Fourier integrals, which can be solved analytically (when possible) similarly to Feynman integrals. [37–40].

To illustrate our method, we identify three cases of physical interest, requiring the evaluation of certain types of dimensionally regulated Fourier integrals: (A) the scalar (Feynman) propagator in position space, (B) the tree-level

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gravitational spectral waveform, and Sec. III C color dipole scattering in high-energy QCD. In each of the considered cases, intersection numbers are used to build linear relations and differential equations for the associated master integrals in Baikov representation. Once the systems of differential equations are obtained, the solutions are systematically derived, provided there is an appropriate set of boundary conditions. Using this approach, we present *new*, closed-form formulas for D-dimensional Fourier integrals relevant to cases (B) and (C).

From a mathematical point of view, our results offer a generalization of the studies carried out on confluent hypergeometric integrals [14,15], involving intersection numbers between 1-forms, to cases where the evaluation of intersection numbers for *n*-forms is required.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we provide the necessary background on intersection theory and outline its application to Fourier integrals. The method is then applied in Sec. III, using the three cases of study [(A), (B) and (C)] mentioned above. For (B) and (C), a minimal physics background is provided for the reader's convenience. In Sec. IV, we present our conclusions and an outlook. The four Appendices contain the derivation of the Baikov representation for Fourier integrals, and auxiliary formulas recalled in the text.

II. FOURIER INTEGRALS AND INTERSECTION THEORY

In this section, we provide some background material on intersection theory and describe how it can be applied to dimensionally regularized Fourier integrals [16–19].

Twisted cohomology We consider instances of *twisted period integrals*, which generically take the form

$$I = \int_{C_R} u(\mathbf{z})\varphi_L(\mathbf{z}),\tag{1}$$

where the *twist* $u(\mathbf{z})$ is a multivalued function, $\varphi_L(\mathbf{z})$ is an algebraic differential *n*-form and C_R is a contour of integration.¹ The latter is defined such that $u(\mathbf{z})$ vanishes on its boundary: $u(\mathbf{z}) = 0$ for any $\mathbf{z} \in \partial C_R$. This condition on *u* together with Eq. (1) give an equivalence relation between differential forms

$$\varphi_L \sim \varphi_L + \nabla_\omega \xi, \tag{2}$$

where ξ is a differential (n-1)-form and

$$\nabla_{\omega} = \mathbf{d} + \omega \wedge \quad \text{with} \quad \omega = \mathbf{d} \log u.$$
 (3)

The collection of all the equivalence classes forms the *twisted cohomology group* $H^{n,2}_{\omega}$.² This group is always finite-dimensional and forms a vector space [17]. We denote an element by

$$\langle \varphi_L | \in H^n_{\omega}. \tag{4}$$

As for any other finite-dimensional vector space, there exists a *dual* vector space $H^n_{-\omega}$, denoted by

$$H^n_{-\omega} \ni |\varphi_R\rangle. \tag{5}$$

Using these definitions, we write the (dual) integrals in Eq. (1) as a *pairing* between a (dual) cycle and a (dual) cocycle

$$I = \int_{C_R} u(\mathbf{z})\varphi_L(\mathbf{z}) = \langle \varphi_L | C_R], \qquad (6a)$$

$$\check{I} = \int_{C_L} u(\mathbf{z})^{-1} \varphi_R(\mathbf{z}) = [C_L | \varphi_R \rangle.$$
 (6b)

Basis of master integrals We can formally define bases for H^n_{ω} and its dual $H^n_{-\omega}$ as

$$\operatorname{span}\{\langle e_1|, \dots, \langle e_\nu|\} = H^n_\omega, \tag{7a}$$

$$\operatorname{span}\{|\check{e}_{1}\rangle,...,|\check{e}_{\nu}\rangle\} = H^{n}_{-\omega}, \tag{7b}$$

respectively. Both H_{ω}^n and $H_{-\omega}^n$ have the same dimension [18,41], which can be computed as

$$\nu = \{ \# \text{ of solutions to } \omega = 0 \}.$$
 (8)

Any elements $\langle \varphi_L | \in H^n_{\omega}$ and $|\varphi_R \rangle \in H^n_{-\omega}$ can then be decomposed with respect to the choice of (dual) bases

$$\langle \varphi_L | = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} c_i \langle e_i |$$
 and $|\varphi_R \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \check{c}_i |\check{e}_i \rangle.$ (9)

By pairing the linear combinations in Eq. (9) with the appropriate contours, we obtain the decompositions of the corresponding twisted periods with respect to the basis of master integrals $J_i = \langle e_i | C_R \rangle$ and $\check{J}_i = [C_L | \check{e}_i \rangle$

$$I = \langle \varphi_L | C_R] = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} c_i \langle e_i | C_R] = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} c_i J_i, \quad (10a)$$

$$\check{I} = [C_L |\varphi_R\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \check{c}_i [C_L |\check{e}_i\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \check{c}_i \check{J}_i. \quad (10b)$$

¹It is assumed that the causality conditions have already been incorporated into the definition of C_R , which means the $i\varepsilon$ prescription is accounted for there, and not in the integrand.

²Setting $\omega = 0$ in Eq. (2), one obtains the standard (nontwisted) de Rham equivalence class.

Integral decompositions Following [13,16], we can introduce a scalar product $\langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$ between elements of H^n_{ω} and $H^n_{-\omega}$, called the *intersection number*. With this additional structure, the coefficients c_i can be extracted using the *master decomposition formula* [16,17]

$$c_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \langle \varphi_L, \check{e}_j \rangle (C^{-1})_{ji} \quad \text{with} \quad C_{ij} = \langle e_i, \check{e}_j \rangle.$$
(11)

The computation of intersection numbers in Eq. (11) has been the primary focus of recent work in intersection theory, with significant progress made over the past few years [19,29,42–45].

In the univariate case (n = 1), a compact formula for the intersection number is known and given by

$$\langle \varphi_L, \varphi_R \rangle = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \operatorname{Res}_{z=p}(\psi \varphi_R),$$
 (12)

where \mathcal{P} is the set of ω 's poles, and ψ satisfies the differential equation

$$\nabla_{\omega}\psi = \varphi_L. \tag{13}$$

The calculation of multivariate intersection numbers requires more effort and there are several strategies [13,18,20,25,27,29,45–47]. In this paper, we adopt the ones introduced in [18,25,26,29,31].

The computation of intersection numbers allows us to build the *differential equation* Ω_x satisfied by the basis of master integrals in any external variable x

$$\partial_x J_i = [\mathbf{\Omega}_x]_{ij} J_j. \tag{14}$$

To see this, we note that in the language of twisted cohomology, Eq. (14) translates to

$$\partial_x \langle e_i | = \langle \partial_x (ue_i) / u | = [\mathbf{\Omega}_x]_{ij} \langle e_j |, \qquad (15)$$

which implies

$$[\mathbf{\Omega}_x]_{ij} = \langle \partial_x(ue_i)/u, \check{e}_k \rangle [C^{-1}]_{kj}.$$
 (16)

We reiterate that the derivations of Eqs. (11) and (16) do not involve solving (potentially large) systems of linear equations but instead exclusively rely on the computation of intersection numbers.

Fourier integrals in Baikov representation We consider a generic D-dimensional *Fourier integral*, which takes the form

$$\tilde{f}(\{x_i\}) = \int f(\{q_i\}) \prod_{j=1}^{L} e^{iq_j \cdot x_j} d^{\mathbf{D}} q_j, \qquad (17a)$$

with measure:
$$d^{\mathrm{D}}q_j = \frac{d^{\mathrm{D}}q_j}{(2\pi)^{\mathrm{D}/2}}$$
. (17b)

Equation (17) is the Fourier transform of the function/ distribution f performed over L internal vectors $\{q_i\}$. The result is a function of $E \ge L$ external vectors $\{x_i\}$. We denote the set of $n = \frac{L}{2}(L+1) + LE$ internal scalar products as

$$S = \{q_1^2, q_1 \cdot q_2, \dots, q_L^2, q_1 \cdot x_1, q_1 \cdot x_2, \dots, q_L \cdot x_E\}.$$
 (18)

To reinterpret the Fourier transform in Eq. (17) as a twisted period, we propose to change variables to the *Baikov variables* [36,48]: the procedure involves a first change of variables from the internal vectors q_i to the internal scalar products, followed by a second change of variables,

$$z_i = A_{ij}S_j + B_j, \tag{19}$$

where A is an $n \times n$ matrix, B is an n-dimensional vector and S_j is the *j*th element of S. Both operations only depend on the external scalar products. Once the dust settles, the result reads

$$\tilde{f} = \int_{C_R} u(\mathbf{z}) \varphi_L(\mathbf{z}), \qquad (20)$$

where

$$C_{R} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{L} \left\{ \frac{\det G_{\{q_{i},\dots,q_{L},x_{1},\dots,x_{E}\}}}{\det G_{\{q_{i+1},\dots,q_{L},x_{1},\dots,x_{E}\}}} > 0 \right\},$$
(21)

is the contour of integration. The differential form $\varphi_L(\mathbf{z}) = f(\mathbf{z})d^n\mathbf{z}$ contains the function/distribution f we would like to Fourier transform and

$$u(\mathbf{z}) = \kappa e^{ig(\mathbf{z})} B(\mathbf{z})^{\frac{D-L-E-1}{2}},$$
(22)

is the *twist*. Here, $g(\mathbf{z})$ is always *linear* in \mathbf{z} and we define

$$G(\{x\}) = \det[x_i \cdot x_j], \tag{23a}$$

$$B(\mathbf{z}) = G(q_1, ..., q_L, x_1, ..., x_E),$$
 (23b)

$$\kappa = \frac{\pi^{\frac{L(1-L-2E)}{4}}G(x_1, \dots, x_E)^{\frac{E-D+1}{2}}}{2^{\frac{LD}{2}}\det A\prod_{j=1}^{L}\Gamma\left(\frac{D-L-E+j}{2}\right)}.$$
 (23c)

Note that $B \ge 0$ on C_R . Complementary details regarding the derivation of Eq. (20) can be found in Appendix A.

Representing a Fourier integral as the twisted period in Eq. (20) enables the use of intersection theory for the construction of differential equations [cf., Eq. (14)]. Thus, the master Fourier integrals J_i can be evaluated by solving the system of differential equations, analogously to Feynman integrals.

III. APPLICATIONS

In this section, we apply the formalism described above to three families of Fourier integrals arising in various corners of particle physics. An ancillary *Mathematica* file (ancillary.m) containing complementary details for each example is given as Supplemental Material [49].

Below, $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^{1,D-1}$ denotes the Minkowski spacetime manifold. Unless specified otherwise, we work in the mostly plus Lorentzian signature $(-, +, +, \dots, +)$.

A. Fourier transform of a scalar propagator

As a first example, we consider the Fourier transform of a massive scalar Feynman propagator,

$$I_n = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^{\mathrm{D}}q \, \frac{\mathrm{e}^{iq \cdot x}}{(q^2 + m^2 - i\varepsilon)^n}.$$
 (24)

We work with dimensionless integrals K_n , defined by

$$I_n = m^{D-2n} K_n, \quad K_n = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^D k \frac{e^{ik \cdot v}}{(k^2 + 1 - i\varepsilon)^n}, \quad (25)$$

where v = mx and k = q/m are both dimensionless vectors. For K_n , we have L = 1 internal vector $\{k\}$ and E = 1 external vector $\{v\}$. We define the n = 2 integration variables as $z_1 = k^2 + 1$ and $z_2 = k \cdot v$. Thus, in the Baikov representation, this integral takes the form

$$K_n = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{z}}{z_1^n} u(\mathbf{z}), \qquad (26)$$

where the twist is given by

$$u(z_1, z_2) = \frac{e^{iz_2} \tau^{\frac{2-D}{2}}}{2^{\frac{D}{2}} \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma((D-1)/2)} \left((z_1 - 1)\tau - z_2^2 \right)^{\frac{D-3}{2}}, \quad (27)$$

and $\tau = v^2$. From Eq. (8), the number of master integrals is found to be $\nu = 2$. We choose them as K_1 and K_2 and form the basis vector $\mathbf{K} = (K_1, K_2)^{\top}$. From intersection decompositions, we find that \mathbf{K} obeys the differential equation

$$\partial_{\tau} \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{\Omega}_{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{K}, \text{ with } \mathbf{\Omega}_{\tau} = -\begin{pmatrix} \frac{(D-2)}{2\tau} & \frac{1}{\tau} \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (28)

We can decouple this system of equations into second- and first-order differential equations for K_1 and K_2 respectively, by first changing the variable τ in favor of the intermediate variable $t = \sqrt{-\tau}$. We find

$$0 = t\partial_t^2 K_1(t) + (D-1)\partial_t K_1(t) + tK_1(t), \quad (29a)$$

$$0 = K_2(t) + \frac{1}{2}t\partial_t K_1(t) + \frac{D-2}{2}K_1(t).$$
 (29b)

Solving Eq. (29a) first, followed by Eq. (29b), results in (after changing the variable back to τ)

$$K_1 = \frac{c_1 J_{\frac{D-2}{2}}(\sqrt{-\tau}) + c_2 Y_{\frac{D-2}{2}}(\sqrt{-\tau})}{(-\tau)^{\frac{D-2}{4}}},$$
 (30a)

$$K_2 = -\frac{c_1 J_{\frac{D-4}{2}}(\sqrt{-\tau}) + c_2 Y_{\frac{D-4}{2}}(\sqrt{-\tau})}{2(-\tau)^{\frac{D-4}{4}}}, \quad (30b)$$

where $J_{\nu}(z)$ and $Y_{\nu}(z)$ are the Bessel functions of the first and second kind respectively.

To fix the boundary constants c_1 and c_2 for **K**, we consider its boundary values at $\tau = \infty$ and $\tau = 0$.

In terms of the four-vector v, the boundary point at $\tau = \infty$ is approached with constant and finite spacelike component **v** and piecewise timelike component

$$v^{0} \to \begin{cases} -i\infty & \text{for } k^{0} \ge 0, \\ i\infty & \text{for } k^{0} < 0. \end{cases}$$
(31)

In this limit, the integrand in Eq. (25) is exponentially suppressed

$$e^{ik \cdot v} = e^{i(-k_0 v^0 + \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v})}$$

~ $e^{-k_0 |v^0|} \Theta(k_0) + e^{k_0 |v^0|} \Theta(-k_0) \quad (|v^0| \gg 1), \quad (32)$

where $\Theta(z)$ denotes the Heaviside step function. Thus, K_n vanishes in this limit for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. At the level of Eq. (30), this condition enforces

$$c_2 = ic_1. \tag{33}$$

Within dimensional regularization, the integral in Eq. (25) can also be explicitly evaluated at $\tau = 0$ (approached with $v^{\mu} = 0$). To do so, one can first perform a Wick rotation on $K_n(v^{\mu} = 0)$ and then use Eq. (7.85) of [50] to find

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{D}}k \frac{1}{(k^2 + 1 - i\varepsilon)^n} = \frac{i\Gamma(n - \frac{\mathrm{D}}{2})}{2^{\frac{\mathrm{D}}{2}}\Gamma(n)}.$$
 (34)

When comparing the result of this calculation at n = 1 or n = 2 with Eq. (30) in the vicinity of $\tau = 0$, one finds that

$$c_1 = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{i\pi D/2}$$
 (D < 2). (35)

Putting everything together and substituting back $\tau = v^2 = m^2 x^2$, we find

$$I_1 = \frac{\pi e^{\frac{i\pi D}{2}}}{2} \left(-\frac{x^2}{m^2} \right)^{\frac{2-D}{4}} H_{\frac{D-2}{2}}^{(1)} \left(m\sqrt{-x^2} \right), \qquad (36a)$$

$$I_2 = -\frac{\pi e^{\frac{i\pi D}{2}}}{4} \left(-\frac{x^2}{m^2}\right)^{\frac{4-D}{4}} H^{(1)}_{\frac{D-4}{2}} \left(m\sqrt{-x^2}\right), \quad (36b)$$

where $H_{\nu}^{(1)}(z) = J_{\nu}(z) + iY_{\nu}(z)$ is the Hankel function of the first kind.³

Despite the dimensionality condition in Eq. (35), we find the D \rightarrow 4 limit of Eq. (36a) to be smooth, and for timelike, spacelike and lightlike *x*, respectively, to reduce to the known results in Eqs. (2.84)–(2.86) of [51], once factors coming from different normalizations and metric signatures are taken into account (see also [52]).

Moreover, taking the $m \rightarrow 0$ limit, we also verify that I_1 and I_2 agree with the result for the massless integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{D}}q \, \frac{\mathrm{e}^{iq \cdot x}}{(q^2 - i\varepsilon)^n} = \frac{i(x^2)^{n-\frac{\mathrm{D}}{2}}\Gamma(\frac{\mathrm{D}}{2} - n)}{2^{\frac{4n-\mathrm{D}}{2}}\Gamma(n)},\qquad(37)$$

which can be obtained directly from the result in Appendix B, after Wick rotating the left-hand side of Eq. (37).

B. Spectral gravitational waveform

With the prospect of future space-based gravitationalwave observatories such as LISA [53], a pressing theoretical problem is to streamline the path to higher-precision computations as much as possible. There is a growing interest in obtaining, from amplitude methods, the one-loop correction to the gravitational waveform [54–61], as well as the spin corrections [62–64] which could potentially be measured by such observatories.

A standard dictionary used to link waveforms and scattering amplitudes is the observable-based Kosower-Maybee-O'Connell (KMOC) formalism [58]. In this framework, the gravitational waveform is characterized as the *expectation value* Exp_3 of measuring asymptotically in the future a graviton field in the background of two black holes (modeled here as heavy scalars) scattering off each other, from and back to the far past (see Fig. 1).

To establish the connection with scattering amplitudes more precisely, it is useful to first introduce the generators a, a^{\dagger}, b and b^{\dagger} for the algebra of asymptotic measurements. Its existence is physically motivated by the naive expectation that finite energy excitations in the "bulk" should decay into a set of *stable* and *free* particles at asymptotic times. This means that the asymptotic states are assumed to be free of any external forces/fields, so that they do not radiate or decay.⁴



FIG. 1. The KMOC momentum space waveform as the expectation value of measuring a graviton (labeled by 3) in the background of two Schwarzschild black holes/heavy scalars (labeled by 1 and 2). The prime decorations on 1' and 2' emphasize that the scattering is nonforward (no in and out states are exactly collinear). To obtain, e.g., the spectral waveform, one needs to Fourier transform this observable to impact parameter.

The annihilation and creation operators in the far past are denoted, respectively, by *a* and a^{\dagger} , while those in the far future are similarly denoted by *b* and b^{\dagger} . In what follows, the key property is that *a* and *b* are conjugated to each other with respect to unitary time evolution: $b = S^{\dagger}aS$ (and, similarly, $b^{\dagger} = S^{\dagger}a^{\dagger}S$), where $SS^{\dagger} = 1$. We refer the reader to [60] for complementary details.

The background in which the scattering occurs is defined by perturbations of the time-invariant vacuum $|0\rangle$ in the far past

$$|12\rangle = a_2^{\dagger} a_1^{\dagger} |0\rangle$$
 and $|1'2'\rangle = a_{2'}^{\dagger} a_{1'}^{\dagger} |0\rangle$. (38)

As these two-particle states evolve over time, they can interact nontrivially with each other (i.e., create and absorb particles). Then, Exp_3 is defined as

$$Exp_3 = {}_{in} \langle 2'1' | b_3 | 12 \rangle_{in}.$$
 (39)

The connection between Exp₃ and amplitudes is made manifest in two steps. First, using the relation $b = S^{\dagger} a S$ and inserting a complete basis of states⁵ $\mathbb{1} = \sum_{X} |X\rangle \langle X|$ in Eq. (39), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Exp}_{3} &= {}_{\operatorname{in}} \langle 2'1' | S^{\dagger} a_{3} S | 12 \rangle_{\operatorname{in}} \\ &= \sum_{X} {}_{\operatorname{in}} \langle 2'1' | S^{\dagger} | X \rangle \langle X3 | S | 12 \rangle_{\operatorname{in}}. \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Next, plugging the decomposition formula S = 1 + iT of the four-point S-matrix (where T is the connected part) into Eq. (40), we obtain

³We note that since our original integral is manifestly spherically symmetric after performing a Wick rotation, it is not surprising that its closed form involves Bessel functions, independently of spacetime dimension.

⁴In the context of collider physics, particles encountered near the detectors are, of course, generally *not* free (their motion is most likely affected by background fields). In such cases, it is essential to also consider the scattering of unstable particles (which can decay and radiate). Recent literature on this subtle subject includes [65–67].

⁵The symbol \sum_{X} formally denotes an integral-sum over the on-shell phase space of the inserted state $|X\rangle$ [see Eq. (3.5) of [60]].

$$Exp_{3} = {}_{in}\langle 32'1'|iT|12\rangle_{in} + \sum_{X} {}_{in}\langle 2'1'|T^{\dagger}|X\rangle\langle X3|T|12\rangle_{in}.$$
(41)

The first term is a (conventional) time-ordered $3 \leftarrow 2$ amplitude, while the second term is a product of two time-ordered amplitudes glued together by a $s_{1'2'} = -(p_{1'} + p_{2'})^2$ channel cut. In practice, we can therefore compute Exp₃ perturbatively, directly from conventional time-ordered Feynman rules. (Alternatively, it was recently explained in [68] how to obtain such observables from analytic continuations of time-ordered scattering amplitudes.)

To eventually streamline comparison with experimental data, one may opt to work with waveforms expressed as functions of variables other than momenta. Such quantities can be derived from Exp_3 after performing additional Fourier transforms. For example, obtaining the *spectral* waveform requires Fourier transforming Exp_3 to impact parameter space. Similarly, to obtain the *time domain* waveform, an additional Fourier transform in the frequency of the outgoing graviton is needed.

It was recently demonstrated in [56] (see also [54]) that to obtain the leading-order (tree-level) spectral waveform in pure general relativity and $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity from the KMOC formalism, (similar integrals appear also in the effective field theory approach [69,70], in the context of worldline quantum field theory [71,72] and in the eikonal approach [73]) one must perform Fourier transforms of the form⁶

$$\mathcal{I}_{\beta_{1}\beta_{2}}^{\nu_{2m}} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^{\mathrm{D}}q \frac{\delta(u_{1} \cdot q)\delta(u_{2} \cdot (q-k))q^{\nu_{1}} \dots q^{\nu_{2m}} \mathrm{e}^{-iq \cdot b}}{[q^{2} - i\varepsilon]^{\beta_{1}}[(q-k)^{2} - i\varepsilon]^{\beta_{2}}},$$
(42)

where the u_i 's denote the (dimensionless) classical velocities of the heavy external objects, k is the (on-shell: $k^2 = 0$) graviton momentum and b is the impact parameter.

In what follows, we showcase how our method can be applied to obtain new D-dimensional closed-form formulas for Eq. (42) in the case where $\beta_2 = 0$. [Given that the ultrasoft graviton limits of the results presented below are not smooth, a separate evaluation of Eq. (42) for $k^{\mu} = 0$ is provided for completeness in Appendix C.]

Evaluation of $\mathcal{I}_{\beta_1 0}^{\nu_{2m}}$ The tensor reduction of Eq. (42) is simple to perform. We find

$$\mathcal{I}_{\beta_1 0}^{\boldsymbol{\nu}_{2m}} = \mathcal{N} \mathcal{I}_{\beta_1 - m},\tag{43}$$

where we define

$$\mathcal{I}_{\alpha} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^{\mathrm{D}}q \, \frac{\delta(u_1 \cdot q)\delta(u_2 \cdot (q-k))\mathrm{e}^{-iq \cdot b}}{[q^2 - i\varepsilon]^{\alpha}}, \qquad (44a)$$

$$\mathcal{N} = \frac{(-1)^m [\eta^{\otimes m}]^{\{\boldsymbol{\nu}_{2m}\}}}{\prod_{j=1}^m (\mathbf{D} + 2(j-1))}.$$
(44b)

Above, $\eta^{\otimes m}$ denotes *m* occurrences of the metric tensor, and $[\ldots]^{\{\nu_{2m}\}}$ stands for the sum over all possible shufflings of the 2m Lorentz indices ν_i in the tensor $[\ldots]$.

Defining the kinematics as

$$u_i^2 = -1, \quad u_1 \cdot u_2 = -y, \quad u_i \cdot b = 0,$$

 $k \cdot b = 0, \quad k \cdot u_1 = -w_1, \quad k \cdot u_2 = -w_2,$ (45)

and denominators

$$z_1 = u_1 \cdot q, \quad z_2 = u_2 \cdot q + w_2, \quad z_3 = q^2, \quad z_4 = -ib \cdot q,$$

(46)

the integral in Baikov representation reads

$$\mathcal{I}_{\alpha} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{4} \mathbf{z}}{z_{3}^{\alpha}} u(\mathbf{z}) \delta(z_{1}) \delta(z_{2}).$$
(47)

Treating the delta functions appearing as cut propagators, we can rewrite the integrals by taking the residues at $z_1 = 0$ and $z_2 = 0$ as

$$\mathcal{I}_{\alpha} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \mathbf{z}}{z_3^{\alpha}} u(\mathbf{z})|_{z_1 = z_2 = 0},\tag{48}$$

where the twist on the cut is defined as

$$u(\mathbf{z})|_{z_1=z_2=0} = -ie^{z_4} \frac{\left(-b^2(y^2-1)\right)^{2-\frac{D}{2}}}{2^{\frac{D}{2}}\pi^{3/2}\Gamma\left(\frac{D-3}{2}\right)} \times (b^2w_2^2 - (y^2-1)\left(b^2z_3 + z_4^2\right)\right)^{\frac{D-5}{2}}.$$
 (49)

Rescaling with respect to |b| allows us to work with dimensionless integrals \mathcal{K}_n defined as

$$\mathcal{I}_{\alpha} = |b|^{2+2\alpha - \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{K}_{\alpha}.$$
 (50)

We find $\nu = 2$ master integrals, which we define as $\mathcal{K} = \{\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2\}.$

Next, defining the dimensionless parameter $s = w_2^2 b^2$, intersection decompositions yield the system of differential equations

$$\partial_s \mathcal{K} = \mathbf{\Omega}_s \cdot \mathcal{K}, \qquad \mathbf{\Omega}_s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{-1}{y^2 - 1} \\ -\frac{1}{4s} & \frac{D - 6}{2s} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (51a)$$

$$\partial_{y} \mathcal{K} = \mathbf{\Omega}_{y} \cdot \mathcal{K}, \qquad \mathbf{\Omega}_{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-y}{y^{2}-1} & \frac{2sy}{(y^{2}-1)^{2}} \\ \frac{y}{2(y^{2}-1)} & \frac{(5-D)y}{y^{2}-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(51b)

⁶Note that the exponential has the nonstandard sign. This is due to our use of a signature convention opposite to that in [54,56].

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In terms of the dimensionful master integrals, the solution to Eq. (51a) reads

$$\mathcal{I}_{1} = (b^{2}/w_{2}^{2})^{\frac{4-D}{4}}(y^{2}-1)^{\frac{2-D}{4}} \times \left[c_{1}I_{2-\frac{D}{2}}\left(\frac{\sqrt{b^{2}}w_{2}}{\sqrt{y^{2}-1}}\right) - c_{2}I_{\frac{D}{2}-2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{b^{2}}w_{2}}{\sqrt{y^{2}-1}}\right)\right], \quad (52)$$

and similarly for \mathcal{I}_2 . In this expression, $I_{\nu}(z)$ denotes the modified Bessel function of the first kind.

We now fix the boundary conditions. Similarly to what happened in Eq. (31), in the neighborhood of $b^2 = \infty$ approached from

$$b^0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} i\infty & \text{for } q^0 \ge 0, \\ -i\infty & \text{for } q^0 < 0, \end{cases}$$
 and fixed **b**, (53)

the integrand in Eq. (44a) is exponentially suppressed [see Eq. (32)] and thus vanishes. This condition fixes

$$c_2 = c_1, \tag{54}$$

in Eq. (52).

To fix c_1 , we evaluate Eq. (44a) at zero impact parameter. In doing so, it is convenient to commit to the rest frame of u_1 , where

$$u_1 = (1, 0, \mathbf{0}_{\perp})$$
 and $u_2 = (y, \sqrt{y^2 - 1}, \mathbf{0}_{\perp}),$ (55)

such that $u_1 \cdot u_2 = -y$. In this frame, the integral at $b^{\mu} = 0$ becomes

$$\mathcal{I}_{\alpha}|_{b=0} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} d^{\mathrm{D}}q \frac{\delta(q^{0})\delta(yq^{0} - \sqrt{y^{2} - 1}q^{1} - w_{2})}{[-(q^{0})^{2} + (q^{1})^{2} + (\mathbf{q}_{\perp})^{2} - i\varepsilon]^{\alpha}}.$$
 (56)

Integrating out the two delta functions gives the α th mass derivative of the Euclidean (D – 2)-dimensional tadpole of mass $\mathfrak{m} = w_2/\sqrt{y^2 - 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_{\alpha}|_{b=0} &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{y^{2}-1}} \partial_{\mathfrak{m}^{2}}^{(\alpha)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D-2}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{D-2}\mathbf{q}_{\perp}}{(\mathbf{q}_{\perp})^{2}+\mathfrak{m}^{2}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1-D/2)}{2^{D/2}\pi\Gamma(\alpha)\sqrt{y^{2}-1}} \left[\frac{y^{2}-1}{w_{2}^{2}}\right]^{\alpha+1-D/2}. \end{aligned}$$
(57)

Using these results, and by computing the $b \rightarrow 0$ limit of Eq. (52), c_1 is fixed to

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{4} \csc\left(\frac{\pi \mathrm{D}}{2}\right). \tag{58}$$

Putting everything together, the final expressions for the dimensionful master integrals read

$$\mathcal{I}_{1} = \frac{(b^{2}/w_{2}^{2})^{\frac{4-D}{4}}}{2\pi(y^{2}-1)^{\frac{D-2}{4}}} K_{\frac{4-D}{2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{b^{2}}w_{2}}{\sqrt{y^{2}-1}}\right), \quad (59a)$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{2} = \frac{(b^{2}/w_{2}^{2})^{\frac{6-D}{4}}}{4\pi(y^{2}-1)^{\frac{D-4}{4}}} K_{\frac{6-D}{2}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{b^{2}}w_{2}}{\sqrt{y^{2}-1}}\right), \quad (59b)$$

where $K_{\nu}(z)$ stands for the modified Bessel function of the second kind. The D \rightarrow 4 limit of Eq. (59a) is smooth and agrees with Eq. (C16) of [54], once convention differences are taken into account. The D-dimensional analytic expressions in Eq. (59) are new and constitute one of the main results of this work.

C. QCD color dipole scattering

A central objective of future electron-ion collision experiments [74] is to gather data on how the density of partons inside hadrons changes as a function of energy. It is theorized that, as energy increases, this density becomes larger and larger until it reaches the so-called *saturation regime* of QCD, where nonlinear effects from gluon recombination $(gg \rightarrow g)$ take over soft bremsstrahlung. This prediction arises in the *color glass condensate* interpretation of *deep inelastic scattering* (DIS) [75,76]. In this framework, the incoming lepton emits a high-energy virtual photon scattering from the color potential of the proton. This interaction is then modeled in the frame where the virtual photon fluctuates into a color dipole (quarkonia) that scatters eikonally from the color potential (see Fig. 2).

At leading order, the total cross section for the photon polarization states is obtained by applying the optical theorem to the color dipole forward amplitude \mathcal{T} [77]

$$\sigma_{\rm LO}^{\gamma^* p} = 2 \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_q d^2 \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}} dz |\psi(\Delta_\perp, q^2, z)|^2 \mathcal{T}(\mathbf{b}_q, \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, Y).$$
(60)

Here, $\psi = \psi_{\gamma^* \uparrow q\bar{q}}$ denotes the light-cone wave function of the virtual photon of momentum q in the frame where it decays into a quarkonia dipole of transverse size $\Delta_{\perp} = |\mathbf{b}_q - \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}|$ carrying a fraction z of the photon's longitudinal momentum. The forward amplitude \mathcal{T} is related to the correlator of Wilson lines



FIG. 2. The bare color dipole cross-section discussed in the main text. The eikonal quark and anti-quark are represented by (red pill-shaped) Wilson lines. The color potential, which appears as a static two-dimensional pancake in the laboratory rest frame, models the highly boosted target nucleus (and is represented by the filled blue oval region).

$$\tilde{U}(\mathbf{b}_q, \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, Y) = \frac{1}{N_c} \operatorname{tr}[U(\mathbf{b}_q, Y)U^{\dagger}(\mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, Y)], \quad (61)$$

via $\mathcal{T} = 1 - \tilde{U}$. Here, N_c denotes the number of colors and each Wilson line $U(\mathbf{b}_{\mathfrak{p}}, Y)$ represents a parton \mathfrak{p} traversing the target at transverse position/impact parameter $\mathbf{b}_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and rapidity Y = Y(z) (see Fig. 2).

The rapidity evolution of the target color field is described by the Jalilian-Marian–Iancu–McLerran–Weigert–Leonidov–Kovner equation [78]. An approximate, yet more tractable, large- N_c /mean-field description is given by the Balitsky-Kovchegov (BK) equation [79–81], which is to leading-order accuracy given by

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{U}(\mathbf{b}_{q}, \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, Y)}{\partial Y} = \int d^{2}\mathbf{b}_{g} \mathcal{K}_{BK}^{LO}(\mathbf{b}_{q}, \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, \mathbf{b}_{g}) \times [\tilde{U}(\mathbf{b}_{q}, \mathbf{b}_{g}, Y)\tilde{U}(\mathbf{b}_{g}, \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, Y) - \tilde{U}(\mathbf{b}_{q}, \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, Y)],$$
(62)

where $\mathcal{K}_{\text{BK}}^{\text{LO}}(\mathbf{b}_q, \mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}}, \mathbf{b}_g) = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{2\pi^2} \frac{(\mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}} - \mathbf{b}_q)^2}{(\mathbf{b}_{\bar{q}} - \mathbf{b}_g)^2 (\mathbf{b}_q - \mathbf{b}_g)^2}$ and α_s is the strong coupling constant.⁷

The solution to the BK equation predicts an interesting feature of the DIS total cross section known as *geometrical scaling* [85]. This scaling is indicative of gluon saturation within the hadron in the Regge limit.

Over the past decade, significant efforts have been made to refine the BK equation by including next-to-leading-order (NLO) corrections and beyond (see, e.g., [82,86–88]). These refinements involve calculating higher-order corrections in the strong coupling constant, which can be quite cumbersome. In particular, as intermediate steps, it is often necessary to trade the transverse-momentum dependence in expressions in favor of transverse position. This step necessarily leads to complicated Fourier integrals.

As illustrative examples, we consider two D-dimensional families of integrals relevant to deep inelastic scattering in the saturation regime

$$I^{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2D}} d^{\mathrm{D}}q_1 d^{\mathrm{D}}q_2 \frac{N_I^{ij}(q_1, q_2) \mathrm{e}^{i(q_1 \cdot x_1 + q_2 \cdot x_2)}}{q_1^2(q_1^2 \tau + q_2^2)}, \quad (63a)$$

$$G^{ij} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2\mathrm{D}}} d^{\mathrm{D}}q_1 d^{\mathrm{D}}q_2 \frac{N_G^{ij}(q_1, q_2) \mathrm{e}^{i(q_1 \cdot x_1 + q_2 \cdot x_2)}}{(q_1 + q_2)^2 (q_1^2 \tau + q_2^2)}, \quad (63\mathrm{b})$$

where the $q_i \equiv \mathbf{q}_i^{\perp}$'s are Euclidean, $1 \ge \tau > 0$ and



FIG. 3. A small sample of NLO diagrams relevant to the rapidity evolution of a color dipole in light-cone coordinates (the transverse direction is left implicit). The first diagram exemplifies a cut self-energy correction, while the subsequent ones illustrate cut vertices. The Fourier integrals discussed in the main text emerge as intermediate steps in the computation of NLO BK observables in D dimensions.

$$N_{I}^{ij} = q_{1}^{i} q_{2}^{j},$$

$$N_{G}^{ij} = \delta^{ij} (q_{1}^{2} - q_{2}^{2}) - \frac{2q_{1}^{i} (q_{1} + q_{2})^{j}}{u} + \frac{2(q_{1} + q_{2})^{i} q_{2}^{j}}{u\tau}.$$
 (64)

In particular, in D = 2, Eqs. (63a) and (63b) appear in the derivation of the NLO BK equation [Eq. (42) of [86]]. A small subset of diagrams leading to their appearance is shown in Fig. 3.

In the following, we present new closed-form formulas for Eqs. (63a) and (63b) in D dimensions. We anticipate these results to be useful considering that the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ correction to the NLO BK equation yields nontrivial contributions to the next-to-NLO (NNLO) BK equation in the critical dimension.⁸

Tensor decomposition We first perform the tensor decomposition of I^{ij} and G^{ij} , namely

$$I^{ij} = \sum_{a=1}^{5} I_a t_a^{ij}$$
 and $G^{ij} = \sum_{a=1}^{5} G_a t_a^{ij}$, (65)

with basis

$$t_1^{ij} = x_1^i x_1^j, \qquad t_2^{ij} = x_1^i x_2^j, \qquad t_3^{ij} = x_2^i x_1^j, t_4^{ij} = x_2^i x_2^j, \qquad t_5^{ij} = \delta^{ij}.$$
(66)

Here, I_a and G_a are respectively given by

if
$$H_{\rm BK}^{(2)} = H_{\rm BK}^{(2,0)} + \epsilon H_{\rm BK}^{(2,1)} + \dots$$
 then $H_{\rm BK}^{(3)} - H_{\rm NGL}^{(3)} = H_{\rm BK}^{(2,1)}$.

This situation bears similarity to the relation between the soft anomalous dimension γ_s , which is independent of ϵ , and the rapidity anomalous dimension, as mentioned in Eq. (6.21) of [91].

⁷When considering high-energy QCD in situations involving dilute targets and projectiles, the partonic Wilson lines in Eq. (62) tend to stay close to unity such that $\tilde{U} \rightarrow 1^-$ [82]. In such scenarios, \mathcal{T} is a small parameter and the relevant physics is governed by the linearized version of Eq. (62) known as the one-loop Balitsky-Fadin-Kuraev-Lipatov equation (see [77,83,84] for a recent review).

⁸More precisely, as prescribed by the "spacelike-timelike correspondence" [88–90], at any fixed order in α_s , the nonglobal log Hamiltonian is independent of ϵ in dimensional regularization and equals the BK Hamiltonian in the critical dimension (recall that nonglobal observables (e.g., jet shapes) involve incomplete/"nonglobal" integrals over final states phase space. These phase-space cuts lead soft radiation to not be integrated over *all* angles, resulting in "nonglobal" large logarithms that need to be resummed). Concretely,

$$\{I_a, G_a\} = \sum_{b=1}^{5} (T^{-1})_{ab} \{K_a^{(I)}, K_a^{(G)}\},$$
(67)

where we have defined

$$K_a^{(I)} = t_a^{ij} I^{ij}, \quad K_a^{(G)} = t_a^{ij} I^{ij}, \quad T_{ab} = t_a^{ij} t_b^{ij}.$$
 (68)

Therefore, in order to find the tensor decomposition of these integrals, our first task is to compute the scalar integrals $K_a^{(I)}$ and $K_a^{(G)}$ for a = 1, ..., 5.

Change of variables For $K_a^{(I)}$, we make the change of variables

$$q_1 = \frac{\kappa_1}{\sqrt{\tau} |x_2|}$$
 and $q_2 = \frac{\kappa_2}{|x_2|}$, (69)

while for $K_a^{(G)}$, we instead consider

$$q_1 = \frac{\kappa_1 - \sqrt{\tau}\kappa_2}{\sqrt{\tau}|x_2 - x_1|}$$
 and $q_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\tau}\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}{|x_2 - x_1|}$. (70)

From there, we define the dimensionless vectors

$$\xi_1 = \frac{x_1}{\sqrt{\tau}|x_2|}, \qquad \xi_2 = \frac{x_2}{|x_2|},$$
 (71a)

$$\zeta_1 = \frac{x_1 + \tau x_2}{\sqrt{\tau} |x_2 - x_1|}, \qquad \zeta_2 = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{|x_2 - x_1|},$$
 (71b)

such that both integrals take the universal form

$$K_{a}^{(I)} = (\sqrt{\tau} x_{2}^{2})^{2-D} \mathcal{I}\left(\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}; \mathcal{N}_{a}^{(I)}\right),$$
(72a)

$$K_{a}^{(G)} = \frac{(1+\tau)^{D-3}}{(\sqrt{\tau}(x_{2}-x_{1})^{2})^{D-2}} \mathcal{I}\left(\zeta_{1},\zeta_{2};\mathcal{N}_{a}^{(G)}\right), \quad (72b)$$

where

$$\mathcal{I}(\eta_1, \eta_2; \mathcal{N}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2D}} d^D \kappa_1 d^D \kappa_2 \frac{\mathcal{N}e^{i(\kappa_1, \eta_1 + \kappa_2, \eta_2)}}{\kappa_1^2(\kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2)}, \quad (73)$$

and $\eta_2^2 = 1$. The numerators are respectively given by

$$\mathcal{N}_{a}^{(I)} = t_{a}^{ij} N_{I}^{ij} \left(\frac{\kappa_{1}}{\sqrt{\tau} |x_{2}|}, \frac{\kappa_{2}}{|x_{2}|} \right), \tag{74a}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{a}^{(G)} = t_{a}^{ij} N_{G}^{ij} \left(\frac{\kappa_{1} - \sqrt{\tau}\kappa_{2}}{\sqrt{\tau}|x_{2} - x_{1}|}, \frac{\sqrt{\tau}\kappa_{1} + \kappa_{2}}{|x_{2} - x_{1}|} \right).$$
(74b)

Master integrals of \mathcal{I} In Baikov representation, the family of integrals defined in Eq. (73) reads

$$\mathcal{I}(\eta_1, \eta_2; \mathcal{N}) = \int_{C_R} \mathrm{d}^7 \mathbf{z} \, \frac{u(\mathbf{z}) f(\mathbf{z})}{z_1 z_2}, \qquad (75)$$

where $z_1 = \kappa_1^2$, $z_2 = \kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2$, $z_3 = \kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2$, $z_4 = \kappa_1 \cdot \eta_1$, $z_5 = \kappa_1 \cdot \eta_2$, $z_6 = \kappa_2 \cdot \eta_1$, $z_7 = \kappa_2 \cdot \eta_2$, and only z_1 and z_2 can appear as denominators. The twist is given by

$$u(\mathbf{z}) = -\frac{e^{i(z_4+z_7)}(\eta_1^2 - (\eta_1 \cdot \eta_2)^2)^{\frac{3-D}{2}}}{2^D \pi^{5/2} \Gamma((D-3)/2) \Gamma(D/2-1)} B(\mathbf{z})^{\frac{D-5}{2}}, \quad (76)$$

where $B(\mathbf{z})$ is given in the Supplemental Material [49] and $f(\mathbf{z}(\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \eta_1, \eta_2)) = \mathcal{N}$. In this case, there are two master integrals

$$J_1(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \mathcal{I}(\eta_1, \eta_2; \kappa_1^2) = \int_{C_R} \mathrm{d}^7 \mathbf{z} \frac{u(\mathbf{z})}{z_2}, \qquad (77a)$$

$$\frac{J_2(\eta_1, \eta_2)}{(D-2)^2} = \mathcal{I}(\eta_1, \eta_2; 1) = \int_{C_R} d^7 \mathbf{z} \frac{u(\mathbf{z})}{z_1 z_2},$$
(77b)

where the factor $(D-2)^2$ is introduced for later convenience.

Using intersection decompositions, the differential equations for the basis $\mathbf{J} = (J_1, J_2)^T$ read

$$\partial_{\eta_1^2} \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{\Omega}_{\eta_1^2} \cdot \mathbf{J}, \qquad \mathbf{\Omega}_{\eta_1^2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1-D}{1+\eta_1^2} & 0\\ \frac{(D-2)(1+\eta_1^2)}{4\eta_1^2} & \frac{2-D}{2\eta_1^2} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \partial_{\eta_1 \cdot \eta_2} \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0}. \tag{78}$$

The solutions to this system of differential equations are

$$J_1(\eta_1) = J_{10}(1+\eta_1^2)^{1-D},$$
(79a)

$$J_2(\eta_1) = J_{20}(\eta_1^2)^{\frac{2-D}{2}} + \frac{J_{10}}{2}\mathcal{F}^{(I)},$$
 (79b)

with $\mathcal{F}^{(l)} = {}_2F_1(\frac{D-2}{2}, D-2, \frac{D}{2}, -\eta_1^2).$

To fix the constants J_{10} and J_{20} , we examine the boundary conditions at $\eta_1 = 0$. For **J**, the limits evaluate to

$$J_1(0) = 2^{D-2} \Gamma(D-1), \tag{80a}$$

$$J_2(0) = 2^{D-3} \Gamma(D-1), \tag{80b}$$

as shown in Appendix D. Thus, since Eq. (79) yields $J_1(0) = J_{10}$, we immediately see that

$$J_{10} = 2^{D-2} \Gamma(D-1).$$
(81)

To fix J_{20} we use the fact that $J_2(0)$ is finite. This necessarily requires $J_{20} = 0$.

Computing I^{ij} For I^{ij} , we have that $\eta_1 = \xi_1$ and $\eta_2 = \xi_2$. Thus, the master integrals are

$$J_1^{(I)} = 2^{D-2} \Gamma(D-1) \left(1 + \frac{x_1^2}{\tau x_2^2} \right)^{1-D}, \qquad (82a)$$

$$J_2^{(I)} = 2^{D-3} \Gamma(D-1) \mathcal{F}^{(I)},$$
 (82b)

with $\mathcal{F}^{(I)} = {}_2F_1(\frac{D-2}{2}, D-2, \frac{D}{2}, -\frac{x_1^2}{\tau x_2^2}).$

We can then decompose the \mathcal{I} integrals in Eq. (73) in terms of these master integrals to find

$$K_1^{(I)} = \frac{\sqrt{\tau} x_{12} \mathcal{J}}{(\sqrt{\tau} x_2^2)^{D-1}}, \qquad K_2^{(I)} = \frac{\mathcal{J}}{(\sqrt{\tau} x_2^2)^{D-2}}, \qquad (83a)$$

$$K_3^{(I)} = \frac{\sqrt{\tau} x_{12}^2 \mathcal{J}}{x_1^2 (\sqrt{\tau} x_2^2)^{D-1}}, \quad K_4^{(I)} = \frac{x_{12} \mathcal{J}}{x_1^2 (\sqrt{\tau} x_2^2)^{D-2}},$$
 (83b)

$$K_5^{(I)} = \frac{\sqrt{\tau} x_{12} \mathcal{J}}{x_1^2 (\sqrt{\tau} x_2^2)^{D-1}},$$
(83c)

where $x_{12} = x_1 \cdot x_2$ and $\mathcal{J} = (\frac{\tau x_2^2 - x_1^2}{2\tau x_2^2} J_1^{(I)} - J_2^{(I)}).$

Applying the transformation described earlier in Eq. (67), we find

$$I_1 = I_3 = I_4 = I_5 = 0$$
 and $I_2 = \frac{\sqrt{\tau}\mathcal{J}}{x_1^2(\sqrt{\tau}x_2^2)^{D-1}}$. (84)

The final answer is then

$$I^{ij} = \frac{\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{J} x_1^i x_2^j}{x_1^2 (\sqrt{\tau} x_2^2)^{D-1}}.$$
(85)

In D = 2, we find

$$I^{ij} = -\frac{x_1^i x_2^j}{x_2^2 (x_1^2 + \tau x_2^2)},\tag{86}$$

in agreement with the known result given in Eq. (42) of [86]. (Subleading terms in the $D = 2 - 2\epsilon$ expansion are provided in Appendix E for "QCD practitioners" convenience.)

Computing G^{ij} For G^{ij} , we have instead that $\eta_1 = \zeta_1$ and $\eta_2 = \zeta_2$. Thus, the master integrals are

$$J_1^{(G)} = 2^{D-2} \Gamma(D-1) \left(\frac{(1+\tau)(x_1^2 + \tau x_2^2)}{\tau (x_2 - x_1)^2} \right)^{1-D}, \quad (87a)$$

$$J_2^{(G)} = 2^{D-3} \Gamma(D-1) \mathcal{F}^{(G)},$$
(87b)

with $\mathcal{F}^{(G)} = {}_{2}F_{1}\left(\frac{D-2}{2}, D-2, \frac{D}{2}, -\frac{(x_{1}+\tau x_{2})^{2}}{\tau(x_{2}-x_{1})^{2}}\right).$

We again decompose our integrals and transform back to our tensor decomposition in Eq. (67) to find

$$G_{1} = \frac{(1+\tau)^{\mathrm{D}-1} \left(Y_{1} J_{1}^{(G)} + 2\tau (x_{2} - x_{1})^{2} J_{2}^{(G)}\right)}{u\tau^{1+\frac{\mathrm{D}}{2}} (x_{1} + \tau x_{2})^{2} \left((x_{2} - x_{1})^{2}\right)^{\mathrm{D}}},$$

$$G_{2} = (\tau - 1)G_{1}, G_{3} = 0, G_{4} = -\tau G_{1},$$

$$G_{5} = -\frac{(1+\tau)^{\mathrm{D}-2} \left(Y_{2} J_{1}^{(G)} + Y_{3} J_{2}^{(G)}\right)}{\tau^{\frac{\mathrm{D}}{2}} (x_{1} + \tau x_{2})^{2} \left((x_{2} - x_{1})^{2}\right)^{\mathrm{D}}},$$
(88)

where

$$Y_1 = 4\tau x_{12} + (\tau - 1)(\tau x_2^2 - x_1^2),$$
(89a)

$$Y_2 = (1+\tau)^2 \big((\tau-1)x_1^2 x_2^2 + (x_1^2 - \tau x_2^2)x_{12} \big), \quad (89b)$$

$$Y_3 = 2\tau (x_2 - x_1)^2 ((\tau - 1)x_{12} + x_1^2 - \tau x_2^2)).$$
(89c)

The final result is then given by Eq. (65) and reads

$$G^{ij} = \sum_{a=1}^{5} G_a t_a^{ij}.$$
 (90)

In D = 2, we find that

$$G^{ij} = \frac{2\tau(x_1 - x_2)^i x_2^j + 2x_1^i (x_1 - x_2)^j + u\tau(x_2^2 - x_1^2)\delta^{ij}}{u\tau(x_2 - x_1)^2 (x_1^2 + \tau x_2^2)},$$
(91)

which is also in agreement with [86]. (Once again, subleading terms in the ϵ -expansion are provided in Appendix E.)

Let us close this application by noting that for both Eqs. (85) and (90), the ϵ expansions (see Appendix E) involve only polylogarithms with rational coefficients in the kinematics. This observation resonates with the fact that the known results for NNLO BK in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ super Yang-Mills involve only (weight three) polylogarithms with similar coefficients [82]. Therefore, one might naively expect the full QCD result to be constructed from similar functions.

The differential equation matrices evaluated in applications (A), (B), and (C) by means of intersection numbers, have also been verified by computing IBP identities in momentum space.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we applied intersection theory to dimensionally regularized Fourier integrals, extending the range of applicability of this technique in particle physics beyond Feynman integrals.

We showed how to express Fourier integrals as twisted periods by deriving their Baikov representation. From there, we explained how to derive relations between Fourier integrals within a given family and how to obtain the system of differential equations they satisfy using intersection numbers. This offered a fresh perspective on Fourier calculus, inspired by recent advances in Feynman calculus.

We showcased our method by computing explicitly relevant instances of Fourier integrals appearing in the tree-level spectral waveform within pure general relativity and $\mathcal{N} = 8$ supergravity, as well as in color dipole scattering at NLO in QCD. Each time, we were able to verify our new (dimensionally regularized) results with existing data from the literature in specific limits, highlighting the method's accuracy and potential. We hope that these developments open up a number of new directions, some of which are outlined below.

It would be interesting to see to what extent the method described in this paper proves efficient in tackling the remaining integrals relevant to the tree-level spectral waveform [i.e., those with $\beta_2 \neq 0$ in Eq. (42)], and more ambitiously, those pertinent to the one-loop spectral waveform (these come with an additional loop integration on top of the impact parameter Fourier transform). To the authors' knowledge, none of these has been analytically computed in D dimensions.

Similarly, it would also be interesting to investigate the extent to which our approach can be adapted to address the remaining steps in calculating the full NLO evolution of color dipoles within dimensional regularization (with or without the incorporation of running coupling corrections [86,92], the latter requiring the computation of Fourier transforms involving additional logarithms [92]). As stressed in the main text, such NLO results would contain valuable nontrivial information about higher-order corrections to the rapidity evolution equation in the critical dimension, which is relevant for the phenomenology of high-energy hadronic and nuclear content.

From the mathematical point of view, the study of the cohomology of Fourier integrals, poses interesting questions on the type of systems of differential equations they obey, as well as on the type of functions that are expected to appear in their solutions, possibly involving new types of transcendental leading singularities/maximal cuts. Finally, it would be interesting to explore the extent to which tropical geometry [93–97] could be used in the context of Fourier integrals, offering new directions for their analytic and numerical evaluation.

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APPENDIX A: DERIVATION OF THE BAIKOV REPRESENTATION FOR FOURIER INTEGRALS

Let us consider the generic Fourier integral given by Eq. (17). To derive the Baikov representation, we first split each momentum q_j into components perpendicular and parallel to the subspace spanned by $\{q_{j+1}, ..., q_L, x_1, ..., x_E\}$. The effect on the measure is

$$\mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{D}}q_{j} = \mathrm{d}^{E-L-j}q_{j\parallel} \wedge \mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{D}-E+L+j}q_{j\perp}.$$
(A1)

The parallel component gives

$$\mathbf{d}^{E-L-j}q_{j\parallel} = \frac{\bigwedge_{k=j+1}^{L} \mathbf{d}(q_j \cdot q_k) \wedge \mathbf{d}(q_j \cdot y_E)}{G^{1/2}(q_{j+1}, \dots, q_L, x_1, \dots, x_E)}, \qquad (A2)$$

while the perpendicular component gives (in spherical coordinates)

$$d^{N}q_{j\perp} = q_{j\perp}^{N-1} d\Omega_{N-2} \wedge dq_{j\perp}$$

= $\frac{1}{2} q_{j\perp}^{N-2} d\Omega_{N-2} \wedge d(q_{j\perp}^{2})$
= $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{G(q_{j}, \dots, x_{E})}{G(q_{j+1}, \dots, x_{E})} \right)^{\frac{N-2}{2}} d\Omega_{N-2} \wedge d(q_{j\perp}^{2}),$ (A3)

where N = D - E + L + j and $d\Omega_{N-2}$ is the measure accounting for the N - 2 angular degrees of freedom. Substituting Eqs. (A2) and (A3) into Eq. (A1), we observe that the Gram determinants simplify, leading to

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{LD}} \prod_{j=1}^{L} d^{\mathrm{D}}q_{j} &= \frac{\pi^{-\frac{L(L-1)}{4} - \frac{LE}{2}} G(x_{1}, \dots, x_{E})^{\frac{-D+E+1}{2}}}{2^{\frac{LD}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{L} \Gamma\left(\frac{D-L-E+j}{2}\right)} \\ &\times \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} G(q_{1}, \dots, x_{E})^{\frac{D-L-E-1}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \mathrm{d}S_{j}. \end{split}$$
(A4)

We then conveniently redefine our propagators such that

$$z_i = A_{ij}S_j + B_j, \tag{A5}$$

which introduces a Jacobian for the change of variables, given by $\det A$. Thus, we find

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{LD}} \prod_{j=1}^{L} \mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{D}} q_j = \kappa \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathrm{d}^n \mathbf{z} B(\mathbf{z})^{(\mathrm{D}-L-E-1)/2}, \quad (\mathrm{A6})$$

where κ and $B(\mathbf{z})$ are defined in Eqs. (23b) and (23c), respectively.

APPENDIX B: FOURIER TRANSFORM OF A POWER LAW

From the generalized Schwinger trick, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{D}q \frac{e^{iq \cdot x}}{A(q)^{n}} = \frac{2\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(n/2)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{D}q e^{iq \cdot x} \times \int_{0}^{\infty} d\xi \xi^{n-1} e^{-\pi \xi^{2}A(q)^{2}}.$$
 (B1)

For A(q) = q, and after swapping the order of integration on the right-hand side, the inner integral becomes much easier to perform. This is because the Fourier transform of a Gaussian is itself a Gaussian

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{\mathrm{D}} q \mathrm{e}^{-\pi\xi^{2}q^{2}} \mathrm{e}^{iq \cdot x} = \frac{\xi^{-\mathrm{D}} \mathrm{e}^{-\frac{x^{2}}{4\pi\xi^{2}}}}{(2\pi)^{\mathrm{D}/2}}.$$
 (B2)

Plugging this into Eq. (B1), we find (for 0 < n < D)

$$(B1)|_{A=q} = N \int_0^\infty d\xi \xi^{n-D-1} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4\pi\xi^2}}$$
$$= N \int_0^\infty d\zeta \zeta^{(D-n)-1} e^{-\frac{x^2\zeta^2}{4\pi}}$$
$$= \frac{\Gamma((D-n)/2)}{2^{n-D/2}\Gamma(n/2)} (x^2)^{\frac{n-D}{2}},$$
(B3)

where $N = \frac{2\pi^{n/2}}{(2\pi)^{D/2}\Gamma(n/2)}$ and $\zeta = 1/\xi$. After a trivial change of variables, Eq. (B3) is seen to agree with Eq. (A1) of [98].

APPENDIX C: ULTRASOFT GRAVITON SPECTRAL WAVEFORM

As complementary material to the results presented in Sec. III B, we examine the integral in Eq. (42) in the ultrasoft graviton $(k^{\mu} = 0)$ regime

$$I_{\alpha}^{\mu} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{d}^{\mathrm{D}} q \delta(u_1 \cdot q) \delta(u_2 \cdot q) \frac{\mathrm{e}^{-iq \cdot b} q^{\mu}}{(q^2)^{\alpha}}, \qquad (\mathrm{C1})$$

using intersection theory and differential equations. This integral, while solvable through more conventional methods such as Schwinger parameters, remains a simple enough example to showcase the application of the techniques used to address the more challenging calculations discussed in the main text.

Evaluation of I^{μ}_{α} We have L = 1 internal vector $\{q\}$ and E = 3 external vectors $\{b, u_1, u_2\}$, with kinematics $u_1^2 = u_2^2 = -1$, $u_1 \cdot u_2 = -y$, $u_1 \cdot b = u_2 \cdot b = 0$. We define the n = 4 integration variables such that $z_1 = q^2$, $z_2 = -iq \cdot b$, $z_3 = u_1 \cdot q$ and $z_4 = u_2 \cdot q$.

By performing a tensor decomposition, the integral takes the form

$$I^{\mu}_{\alpha} = I^{(1)}_{\alpha} b^{\mu} + I^{(2)}_{\alpha} u^{\mu}_{1} + I^{(3)}_{\alpha} u^{\mu}_{2}.$$
(C2)

It is easy to see from Eq. (C1) that contractions with u_1 or u_2 vanish due to the delta functions. Moreover, u_1 and u_2 are, by definition, transverse to the impact parameter *b*. Put together, these conditions give

$$0 = I_{\alpha}^{(2)} + yI_{\alpha}^{(3)} = yI_{\alpha}^{(2)} + I_{\alpha}^{(3)},$$
(C3)

and thus $I_{\alpha}^{(2)} = I_{\alpha}^{(3)} = 0$. This implies

$$I^{\mu}_{\alpha} = I^{(1)}_{\alpha} b^{\mu} = \frac{b_{\nu} I^{\nu}_{\alpha}}{b^2} b^{\mu}, \qquad (C4)$$

such that only $I_{\alpha}^{(1)}$ needs to be computed. Its Baikov representation takes the form

$$I_{\alpha}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{b^2} \int \mathrm{d}^4 \mathbf{z} \frac{i z_2}{z_1^{\alpha}} u(\mathbf{z}) \delta(z_3) \delta(z_4), \qquad (C5)$$

where the twist reads

$$u(\mathbf{z}) = -i \frac{(-b^2(y^2 - 1))^{2 - \frac{D}{2}}}{2^{D/2} \pi^{3/2} \Gamma(\frac{D - 3}{2})} \times (b^2(-(y^2 - 1)z_1 - 2yz_4z_3 + z_3^2 + z_4^2) - (y^2 - 1)z_2^2)^{\frac{D - 5}{2}}.$$
 (C6)

We can then integrate out z_3 and z_4 using the delta functions to find

$$I_{\alpha}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{b^2} \int \mathrm{d}z_1 \mathrm{d}z_2 \frac{iz_2}{z_1^{\alpha}} u(z_1, z_2, 0, 0). \tag{C7}$$

There is only one master integral ($\nu = 1$), defined as

$$J = \int d^{\mathrm{D}}q \delta(u_1 \cdot q) \delta(u_2 \cdot q) \frac{\mathrm{e}^{-iq \cdot b}}{q^2}.$$
 (C8)

 $I_{\alpha}^{(1)}$ can then be decomposed onto this basis as

$$I_{\alpha}^{(1)} = \frac{i(4-\mathrm{D})}{b^2}J.$$
 (C9)

The master integral J obeys the differential equations

$$\partial_{b^2}J = \frac{4-\mathrm{D}}{2b^2}J$$
 and $\partial_y J = \frac{-y}{y^2-1}J.$ (C10)

The solution to these equations is easily seen to be

$$J = J_0 \frac{(b^2)^{(4-D)/2}}{\sqrt{y^2 - 1}}.$$
 (C11)

To fix the boundary constant J_0 a direct evaluation of J in Eq. (C8) is performed at $b^2 = 1$: first, the two delta functions in the rest frame of u_2 are integrated over. Up to a normalization factor, this gives a Euclidean (D - 2)-dimensional tadpole integral with numerator $e^{-iq \cdot b}$. After mapping this result back to Schwinger parameter space, the integral can be easily evaluated for $b^2 = 1$, similarly to the computation outlined in Appendix B. This allows us to fix

$$J_0 = -\frac{i2^{\frac{D}{2}}}{32}\Gamma(D/2 - 2).$$
 (C12)

Putting everything together, we obtain

$$I_{\alpha}^{\mu} = i(4 - D)J_0 \frac{(b^2)^{(2-D)/2}}{\sqrt{y^2 - 1}} q^{\mu}.$$
 (C13)

APPENDIX D: BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION (C)

We examine the $\eta_1 = 0$ limit of the master integrals in Sec. III C

$$J_1(\eta_1) = \mathcal{I}(\eta_1, \eta_2; \kappa_1^2), \quad J_2(\eta_1) = \mathcal{I}(\eta_1, \eta_2; 1), \quad (D1)$$

with $\mathcal{I}(\eta_1, \eta_2, \mathcal{N})$ being the family of integrals defined in Eq. (73). If we set $\eta_1 = 0$, we have for the first master integral

$$J_{1}(0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{D}\kappa_{2} e^{i\kappa_{2}\cdot\eta_{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} \frac{d^{D}\kappa_{1}}{\kappa_{1}^{2} + \kappa_{2}^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{\Gamma(1 - \frac{D}{2})}{2^{\frac{D}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{D}\kappa_{2} \frac{e^{i\kappa_{2}\cdot\eta_{2}}}{(\kappa_{2}^{2})^{1 - \frac{D}{2}}}$$
$$= 2^{D-2}\Gamma(D-1).$$
(D2)

For the second master integral we have

$$\frac{J_{2}(0)}{(D-2)^{2}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{D}\kappa_{2} e^{i\kappa_{2}\cdot\eta_{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} \frac{d^{D}\kappa_{1}}{\kappa_{1}^{2}(\kappa_{1}^{2}+\kappa_{2}^{2})} \\
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{D}\kappa_{2} e^{i\kappa_{2}\cdot\eta_{2}} \int_{0}^{1} dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} \frac{d^{D}\kappa_{1}}{(\kappa_{1}^{2}+\kappa_{2}^{2}x)^{2}} \\
= \frac{\Gamma(2-\frac{D}{2})}{2^{\frac{D}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{D}} d^{D}\kappa_{2} \frac{e^{i\kappa_{2}\cdot\eta_{2}}}{(\kappa_{2}^{2})^{2-\frac{D}{2}}} \times \left(\int_{0}^{1} dx x^{\frac{D}{2}-2}\right) \\
= \frac{2^{D-3}\Gamma(D-1)}{(D-2)^{2}}.$$
(D3)

In order to find these boundary conditions, we have used the result from Eq. (7.85) of [50], the result from Appendix B as well as the, Feynman parameter representation of the integrals discussed in this section.

APPENDIX E: *e* EXPANSIONS FOR APPLICATION (C)

In this appendix, we provide explicit formulas for the ϵ expansions of Eqs. (85) and (90) up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$, namely

$$\{I^{ij}, G^{ij}\} = \sum_{n=0}^{2} \epsilon^{n} \{I^{ij}_{(n)}, G^{ij}_{(n)}\} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{3}).$$
(E1)

The coefficients $I_{(n)}^{ij}$ are recorded explicitly in the text below, as well as in a computer-friendly form in the ancillary file ancillary.m [49]. The coefficients $G_{(n)}^{ij}$ are much larger and, therefore, are only recorded in ancillary.m.

For the former, setting $I_{(n)}^{ij} = x_1^i x_2^j I_{(n)}$, we have

$$I_{(0)} = (86),$$
 (E2a)

$$I_{(1)} = \frac{\Delta_{-}\log\left[\frac{\tau x_{2}^{2}}{\Delta_{+}}\right] - 2x_{1}^{2}\left(\log\left[\frac{\sqrt{\tau}x_{2}^{2}}{2}\right] + \gamma_{\mathrm{E}}\right)}{\Delta_{+}x_{1}^{2}x_{2}^{2}}, \qquad (\mathrm{E2b})$$

$$I_{(2)} = \left[3\Delta_{-}\log\left[\frac{\Delta_{+}}{\tau x_{2}^{2}}\right] \left(\log\left[\frac{\Delta_{+}}{\tau x_{2}^{2}}\right] + 2\left(\log\left[\frac{\sqrt{\tau}x_{2}^{2}}{2}\right] + \gamma_{E}\right)\right) + 3\Delta_{+}\operatorname{Li}_{2}\left[\frac{-x_{1}^{2}}{\tau x_{2}^{2}}\right] + 6x_{1}^{2}\left(\log\left[\frac{\sqrt{\tau}x_{2}^{2}}{4}\right] + 2\gamma_{E}\right)\log\left[\sqrt{\tau}x_{2}^{2}\right] + x_{1}^{2}(\pi^{2} + 6(\gamma_{E} - \log 2)^{2})\right] / (3\Delta_{+}x_{1}^{2}x_{2}^{2}), \quad (E2c)$$

where $\Delta_{\pm} = x_1^2 \pm \tau x_2^2$.

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