

Kira 3 – Whats Next?

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In higher-order calculations, IBP reductions are the vital oil that ensures the complex engine of computation runs without friction.

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Kira versions

- Kira 1 [[Maierhöfer,Usovitsch,Uwer,arXiv:1705.05610](#)] made possible many $2 \rightarrow 2$ (2L) and $1 \rightarrow 2$ (3L) non-planar (massive) processes.
 - uses finite field (FF) methods to get linearly independent system
 - uses Fermat for coefficient simplification.
- Kira 2 [[Klappert,Lange,Maierhöfer,Usovitsch,arXiv:2008.06494](#)] compatibility with FireFly to reconstruct the coefficients provided with Kira's FF methods.
 - Introduction of user defined systems
 - More main memory efficient than Kira 1
- Kira 3 [[Lange, Usovitsch, Wu, arXiv:2505.20197](#)] solves 4-loop 9 scalar product integral reductions in 5th post-Minkowskian (PM) GW calculation [[Driesse, Jakobsen, Klemm, Mogull, Nega, Plefka, Sauer, Usovitsch, arXiv:2403.07781, arXiv:2411.11846](#)].
 - Nature publication + established a link to 5PM GW and the Calabi-Yau
 - $1 \rightarrow 2$, $2 \rightarrow 2$ forward scattering (4L), $2 \rightarrow 2$ (3L), and $2 \rightarrow 3$ (2L), $2 \rightarrow 4$ (2L)
 - *small* sized system of equations



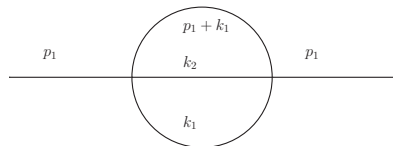
Feynman integral reduction methods

- The number of master integrals is finite [[A. V. Smirnov, A.V. Petukhov, arXiv:1004.4199](#)], however the proof is non-constructive
- Syzygy approach, [[J. Gluza, K. Kajda, D. A. Kosower arXiv:1009.0472, Z. Wu, J. Boehm, R. Ma, H. Xu, Y. Zhang, arXiv:2305.08783](#)]
- Linear relations from syzygies [[B. Agarwal, S. P. Jones, A. von Manteuffel, arXiv:2011.15113](#)]
- Reconstruct the rational coefficients on-the-fly, directly in a form which is decomposed in partial fractions [[S. Badger, C. Brønnum-Hansen, D. Chicherin, T. Gehrmann, H. B. Hartanto, J. Henn, M. Marcoli, R. Moodie, T. Peraro, S. Zoia, arXiv:2106.08664](#)]
- Block triangular form [[X. Liu, Y.-Q. Ma, arXiv:1801.10523](#)]
- Reduction to master integrals via intersection numbers [[S. Mizera, arXiv:1711.00469, G. Fontana, T. Peraro, arXiv:2304.14336](#)]
- Modern Gröbner bases [[Barakat,Brüser,Fieker,Huber,Piclum,arXiv:2210.05347](#)]

Reduction programs

- Laporta algorithm implementations available:
 - FIRE 6.5 [A. V. Smirnov, M. Zeng, [arXiv:2311.02370](#)]
 - FiniteFlow [T. Peraro, [arXiv:1905.08019](#)]
 - Reduze 2 [A. von Manteuffel, C. Studerus, [arXiv:1201.4330](#)]
 - First mover Laporta integral implementation: AIR [C. Anastasiou, A. Lazopoulos, [arXiv:hep-ph/0404258](#)]
 - IBP tool box: LiteRed [R. N. Lee, [arXiv:1212.2685](#)]
 - Feynman parameter IBP reduction Ampred: [W. Chen, [arXiv:2408.06426](#)]
 - Blade [Guan,Liu,Yan-Qing ,Wen-Hao,[arXiv:2405.14621](#)]
 - neatIBP [[Wu,Boehm, Ma,Xu,Zhang,arXiv:2305.08783,Wu,Böhm,Ma,Usovitsch,Xu,Zhang,arXiv:2502.20778](#)]

Integral family



$$\rightarrow \int d^D k_1 d^D k_2 \frac{[k_1^2 - m_1^2]^{a_1} [(p_1 + k_1)^2]^{a_2} [k_2^2]^{a_3} [(p_1 + k_2)^2]^{a_4} [(k_2 - k_1)^2]^{a_5}}{P_1^{a_1} P_2^{a_2} P_3^{a_3} P_4^{a_4} P_5^{a_5}}$$

$$= I(\vec{s}, D | a_1, \dots, a_5)$$

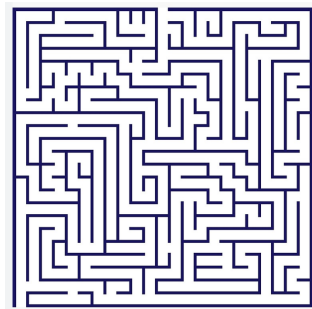
- $q_j = k_1, \dots, k_L, p_1, \dots, p_E$
- $s_{ij} = q_i q_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, L, \quad j = i, \dots, L + E$
- $\vec{s} = (\{s_i\}, \{m_i^2\})$, dimensional regularization parameter $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$
- The integral family definition is complete, if all P_i are linearly independent in the s_{ij}
- $s_{11} = m_1^2 + P_1, \quad s_{12} = \frac{1}{2}(m_1^2 + P_1 + P_3 - P_5), \quad s_{22} = P_3, \quad s_{13} = \frac{1}{2}(-m_1^2 - p_1^2 - P_1 + P_2),$
 $s_{23} = \frac{1}{2}(-p_1^2 - P_3 + P_4)$

Reduction specifications

- Each integral gives $L E + L^2$ IBP equations [K. G. Chetyrkin, F. V. Tkachov, Nucl.Phys.B 192 (1981) 159-204] and $E(E - 1)/2$ Lorentz-Invariance equations [T. Gehrmann, E. Remiddi, arXiv:hep-ph/9912329]
- $c_1(\{a_f\}, \vec{s}, D)I(a_1, \dots, a_N - \mathbf{1}) + \dots + c_m(\{a_f\}, \vec{s}, D)I(a_1 + \mathbf{1}, \dots, a_N) = 0$
- Reduction: express all integrals with different exponents a_f as a linear combination of some basis integrals (master integrals)
- Generate a **large** set of equations: Laporta algorithm [S. Laporta, arXiv:hep-ph/0102033]
- N is number of propagators, $t = \sum_{f=1}^N \theta(a_f - \frac{1}{2})$,

$$r = \sum_{f=1}^N a_f \theta(a_f - \frac{1}{2}), \quad s = - \sum_{f=1}^N a_f \theta(\frac{1}{2} - a_f), \quad d = \sum_{f=1}^N (a_f - 1) \theta(a_f - \frac{1}{2})$$

The maze problem



- A reduction is a multidimensional maze with up to 20 dimensions at 4-loops.
- There are multiple possible paths to the goal.
- Identifying the fastest path is highly non-trivial.
- Designing code to follow the fastest path is far from straightforward.
- Kira 3 is a C++ program.

The Don't-Lose-the-Knot Problem



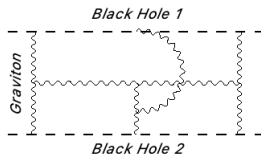
- The knot represents the initial system of equations
- Every laze represents a chain of equations
- Pulling the correct lazes is non trivial
- Pulling the correct chain of equations representing on chain is even more non-trivial
- **Math problem: which laze to pull without destroying the knot $\leftrightarrow$ which equations to drop without destroying the system of equations**

p_1	m_1^2		p_3
	m_2^2		
p_2			p_4

	2.3, $s_{\max} = 5$	2.3, $s_{\max} = 6$	3.0, $s_{\max} = 5$	3.0, $s_{\max} = 6$
# of generated eqs.	3 317 357	6 009 193	4 053 617	7 511 785
# of selected eqs.	62 514	85 119	30984	30984

- Kira 3 generates IBP for all sectors even if they are symmetric unlike in Kira 2.3.
- Generating IBPs for all sectors gives Kira more freedom to choose more efficient equations.
- New: Increasing $s_{\max}$ does not change the number of selected integrals. Kira 3 selects 50% less equations than Kira 2.3.
- I am still suprised to see improvements with topo7 (figure above), a topology I study since my master thesis.

Main feature: Small sized system of equations



- Real example: $\text{SF2}[1, 1, 1, 1, -2, -1, 0, -5, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1]$, $s=9$, $r=13$, $d=0$
- Kira 2.3 would seed integrals like: $\text{SF2}[1, 1, 1, 1, -2, -1, 0, -5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$, $s=9$, $r=4$, $d=0$
- Laporta algorithm with $s=9$ leads to **4,686,825** necessary seeds, **very bad**
- Kira 3 only seeds integrals like: $\text{SF2}[1, 1, 1, 1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$, $s=1$, $r=4$, $d=0$
- This time only **19** seeds are needed, **very good**
- New option: **truncate_sp: [1: 5]**
forces Kira to generate seeds with $s \leq \max(1, t - l + 1, s_{\max, \text{sector}})$

"That's great progress, but it's also a bit frustrating. Over almost twenty-five years, no one had guessed this one simple change?"

– Matthew von Hippel, 4Gravitons blog

Comparison of methods

(r.s.d) 8.5.0	Kira 3	syzygies	syzygies (spc.)	block triangular
T_{gen}	8.8 s	~ hours	~ hours	~ hours
# eq.	41 998	26 106	23 834	3 497
# terms	734 833	1 498 728	544 355	388 973
disk [MiB]	3.7	46	8.6	23
T_{pyRed} [s]	1.3	3.3	0.42	0.63
T_{Ratracr} [s]	0.25	1.31	0.068	0.5

- Kira 3 generates the system in under 10 seconds and uses significantly less disk space. In contrast, system generation with NeatIBP [[arXiv:2305.08783](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.08783), [arXiv:2502.20778](https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.20778)] and blade [[arXiv:2405.14621](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.14621)] takes hours and requires more storage.
- Number of equations is the biggest with Kira 3 but the coefficients are as simple as they can get.
- Run time of Kira 3 is either comparable or better, especially in combination with Ratracr.
- Current implementation of spanning cuts (spc.) in NeatIBP is not generic.
- Implementing spc. in Kira 3 is possible.

Kira effect universal

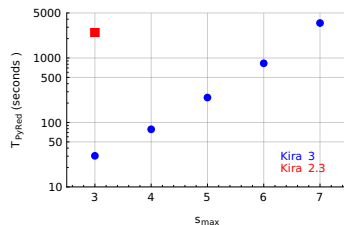
problem	r.s.d	8.5.0 (doublePentagon) (l=4)				
	version	Kira 2.3	Kira 3			
	topology	massless (108)	one-mass (142)	two-mass (185)	three-mass (172)	
generation	# generated	16 872 564	73 902	76045	77286	78480
	# independent	4 842 650	53 648	55596	57034	57918
	# selected	1 157 381	41 998	43827	45359	46231
	RAM [GiB]	25.04	0.34	0.37	0.46	0.43
	time to generate	33:46.0	0:08.8	0:09.9	0:12.8	0:11.6
FF	[Kira/Ratracr]	33/-	1.3/0.25	1.6/0.38	2.5/0.45	2.1/0.43

- 230 times less equations compared to version Kira 2.3
- 25 faster numerical evaluation of the system of equations on a prime finite field
- High performance sustained with next to no difference in number of scales ("difficulties")

3-loop Example

problem	r.s.d	10.3.0		10.4.0	10.5.0	10.6.0	10.7.0
	version	Kira 2.3			Kira 3		
	truncate_sp	-	l=7	l=6	l=5	l=4	l=3
generation	# gen.	8 272 762	460 257	1 054 294	3 719 838	12 011 203	34 303 672
	# indep.	4 890 067	333 097	719 512	2 211 669	6 300 414	16 169 898
	# sel.	2 768 144	140 098	389 248	1 187 692	3 363 240	8 319 835
	RAM [GiB]	35.44	0.64	1.87	5.97	18.23	54.07
	T_{gen} [min:s]	41:36.3	0:30.4	1:18.4	4:03.6	13:47.0	58:05.9
FF	T_{pyRed} [s]	146	1.0	4.4	15.6	53	206

Kira Version Comparison for TennisCourt



p_1			p_3
p_2			m_1^2 p_4

- Generic algorithm works with tennis-court topology and beyond
- Kira 3 generates 18 times less, selects 20 times less, uses 56 times less main memory, and 83 times faster in generating the system than Kira 2.3
- Effect of algorithm improvements is illustrated in the plot

Numerical IBP

- IBP reductions can be saved with finite field coefficients
- Instead of using `firefly: true` we use the new option `numerical_points: numerics`
- Use case: Generate with Kira fast and small sized system of equations.
- The file `numerics` contains user input,

```
prime 9223372036854771977
```

```
d s12 s23 s34 s45 s56 s16 s123 s234 s345
```

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11111 -1 -38 -1039/6 -2712776 -50409 -1662120 -95 -19926 -2752175
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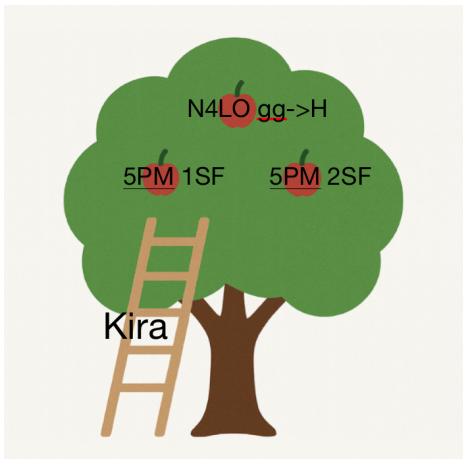
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```

- Used in the study of $2 \rightarrow 4$ planar differential equations [[Abreu, Monni, Page, Usovitsch, 2412.19884](#)], similar to [[Henn, Matijašić, Miczajka, Peraro, Xu, Zhang, arXiv:2501.01847](#)]

New directions

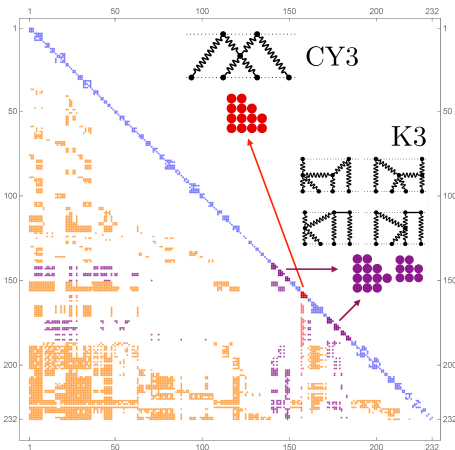
- Will AI give the next hint towards a new reduction algorithm?
- Will AI be able to find the fastest path in the maze?
- Will AI be able to minimize the Don't-Lose-the-Knot Problem?
- Link to other software: calculation of integrals (improving Ampred, AMFlow), generation of diagrams (Diagen in collaboration With Michał Czakon and Marco Niggetiedt)

Conclusions



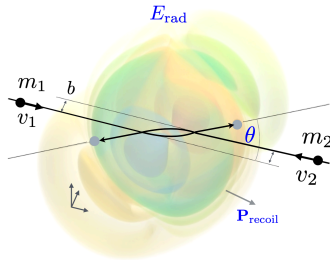
- Kira hopefully is the tool to make the new generation of perturbative calculations happen.
- Is floating point Gaussian elimination possible?
- Kira is universal tool, all algorithms also work with user defined systems
- Tested up to 4-loops
- *To some, integrals are numbers; to others, they are art.*

Differential Equation Matrix



- $(d + A(\epsilon, \vec{s}))\vec{I} = 0$, where $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$
- $(d + \epsilon A(\vec{s}))\vec{I} = 0$ [[arXiv:1304.1806](#)]
- CY3: $\left[\left(x \frac{d}{dx} - 1 \right)^4 - x^4 \left(x \frac{d}{dx} + 1 \right)^4 \right] \varpi(x) = 0$
[[arXiv:2108.05310](#), [arXiv:2503.20655](#)]

Gravitational Waves



6.1 Leading order (1PM)

At leading order Δp_1^μ is described by a single diagram:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 1 \cdots \cdots \bullet \\
 \vdots \quad \omega = 0 \\
 q \uparrow \quad \text{---} \\
 \vdots \quad \omega = 0 \\
 2 \cdots \cdots \bullet
 \end{array}
 = i \frac{m_1 m_2}{4 m_{\text{Pl}}^2} \int_q e^{iq \cdot b} \delta(q \cdot v_1) \delta(q \cdot v_2) (-v_1^\nu v_1^\rho q^\mu) \frac{P_{\nu\rho;\sigma\lambda}}{q^2} v_2^\sigma v_2^\lambda, \quad (6.4)$$

- Classical physics, scattering of black holes, following Worldline QFT in [\[arXiv:2010.02865\]](#)
- Post-Minkowskian (PM) expanding the metric tensor in a power series of the gravitational constant G
- Third generation telescopes, Einstein Telescope, Cosmic Explorer, and LISA wish list: [\[arXiv: 2203.08228\]](#)
- Detection of black hole scattering events with LISA, launching in 2035
- Analytic calculations for speed / used next to the numerical relativity calculations

Post-Minkowskian (PM) Expansion

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{\ell}^\mu &= \frac{1}{\ell \cdot v_j + i0^+} \\ \overleftrightarrow{\ell}^\mu &= \frac{1}{(\ell^0 + i0^+)^2 - \ell^2} \\ \cdots \ell^\mu &= \delta(\ell \cdot v_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int d^D \ell \frac{\delta(\ell \cdot v_2)}{\ell^2 (q - \ell)^2 \ell \cdot v_1}$$

$$\Delta p_1 = \overset{G}{\text{tree}} + \overset{G^2}{\text{1-loop}} + \overset{G^3}{\text{2-loop}} + \overset{G^4}{\text{3-loop}} + \overset{G^5}{\text{4-loop}} + \dots$$

+ 18 more
+ 190 more
+ 417 more

- The 5PM integrand is generated using the Berends-Giele type recursion relation, with collected self-force (SF) sectors according to their scaling with the masses m_1 and m_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta p_1^{(5)\mu} = & m_1 m_2 \left(m_2^4 \Delta p_{\text{0SF}}^{(5)\mu} + m_1 m_2^3 \Delta p_{\text{1SF}}^{(5)\mu} + m_1^2 m_2^2 \Delta p_{\text{2SF}}^{(5)\mu} \right. \\ & \left. + m_1^3 m_2 \Delta p_{\text{1SF}}^{(5)\mu} + m_1^4 \Delta p_{\text{0SF}}^{(5)\mu} \right) \end{aligned}$$