

Operator Basis of Chiral Perturbation Theory from On-Shell Amplitudes

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The Problem of Amplitude/Operator Basis

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \sum_{d,i} \frac{C_i^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

- Enumerating operator basis has been an important and subtle problem for effective field theories.
- Difficulties: EOM, IBP, various group identities ...
- Efforts are made for various important theories:
 - SMEFT: dim-5 (Weinberg 79'), dim-6 (Warsaw 10'), dim-7 (Liao&Ma 16'), dim-8 (Murphy 20') ...
 - ChPT: $O(p^6)$ (Bijnens, *et al.* 99'), $O(p^8)$? (Bijnens, *et al.* 18')
 - Hilbert Series (Lehman&Martin; Henning, *et al.* 15').

Amplitude Basis and Young Tensor Method

- Amplitude/Operator basis correspondence (Shu, Ma, MLX 19')
 - Schematic definition: $\mathcal{B}^\Psi(\lambda, \tilde{\lambda}) \simeq \int d^4x \langle \Psi | \mathcal{O}(x) | 0 \rangle$.
 - Intuition: On-shell amplitude bootstrap.
 - Isomorphism under redundancy relations:
 - 1 EOM \simeq on-shell condition $\langle ii \rangle = [ii] = 0$.
 - 2 IBP \simeq momentum conservation $\sum_i p_i = \sum_i |i\rangle [i] = 0$.
 - 3 Lorentz symmetry $\simeq \mathcal{B}(\langle ij \rangle, [ij]) +$ Schouten identities.
- Amplitudes as Harmonics (Henning&Melia 19'):
 - Amplitude basis form irreps of $SU(N)$
- Young Tensor Method (Li, Ren, Shu, MLX, Yu, Zheng 20'):
 - Explicit monomial operators $\mathcal{O} \simeq \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T}$.
 - **Y-basis \mathcal{M}^y for a given type $\Psi \equiv \{h_i\}$.**
 - **Algorithm of reducing to y-basis $\mathcal{M} = \sum_i c_i \mathcal{M}_i^y$.**
 - Flavor relations (operators as flavor irrep.).
 - Code implementation (ABC4EFT.m), generality and efficiency.

Nambu-Goldstone Bosons

What makes Nambu-Goldstone bosons different from generic scalars?

- In terms of operators: non-linearly realized symmetry on G/H .

$$\pi_i^a \rightarrow \pi_i^a + \epsilon_i^a + O(\pi^2)$$

G -invariant operators: $\text{tr}(u_\mu u^\mu) \supset \pi^2 \partial^2, \pi^4 \partial^2, \pi^6 \partial^2, \dots$

- In terms of amplitudes: Adler's zero condition.

$$\lim_{p_i \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{B}(\dots \pi_i^a \dots) = 0$$

Only the leading interaction term satisfies Adler's zero condition.

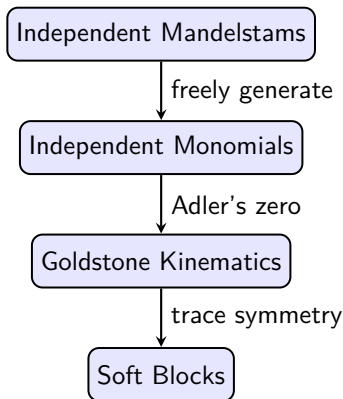
- **Soft recursion relation** (Cheung *et al.* 15'): The rest can be reconstructed by Adler's zero for tree-level amplitudes.
- Our target:
 - $\mathcal{B}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_N) \sim \mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{M}^{\text{soft}}(p_1, \dots, p_N) \times \mathcal{T}^{a_1, \dots, a_N})$
 - Amplitude/Operator Correspondence: $\nabla^{\{\mu_1} \dots \nabla^{\mu_{n-1}} u_{a_i}^{\mu_n}\} \Leftrightarrow p_i^{\mu_1} \dots p_i^{\mu_n}$

Chiral Perturbation Theory

On-shell approach (Dai *et al.* 20'):

- Only P even Building block s_{ij} (no $\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$).
- Mandelstams suffer from Gram det.
 - $D = 4$ at $O(p^{10})$: $\det s_{ij} = 0$
- The resulting soft blocks are polynomials.
 - Do not correspond to monomial operator
- Assuming independent traces (large N_f).
 - Cayley-Hamilton when $N_f < N$.

$$\langle A^4 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle A^2 \rangle^2, \quad \forall A \in \mathfrak{su}(3)$$



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Young Tensor approach (Low, Shu, **MLX**, Zheng 20'):

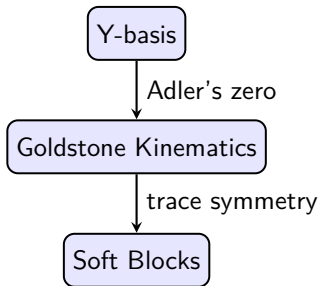
- Both parities are included (not separated).

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle ij \rangle [jk] \langle kl \rangle [li] \pm [ij] \langle jk \rangle [kl] \langle li \rangle \\ & = p_{i\mu} p_{j\nu} p_{k\rho} p_{l\sigma} \text{tr}[\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma (\gamma^5)] \end{aligned}$$

- Free from Gram det.

	$\phi^6 p^8$	$\phi^6 p^{10}$	$\phi^6 p^{12}$	$\phi^7 p^8$	$\phi^7 p^{10}$	$\phi^7 p^{12}$	$\phi^8 p^{10}$	$\phi^8 p^{12}$
$f^{\text{even}}(s_{ij})$	–	1287	3003	–	8568	27132	42504	177100
y-basis	–	1286	2994	–	8547	26873	42308	173915
$f^{\text{odd}}(s_{ij}, \epsilon)$	225	825	2475	1575	8400	35700	53900	309925
y-basis	180	600	1650	1106	5019	18305	28196	132335

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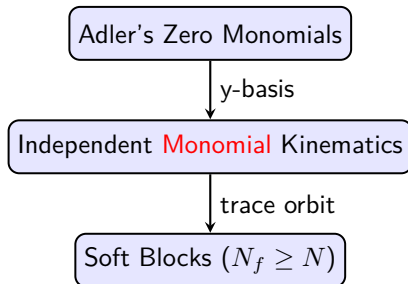


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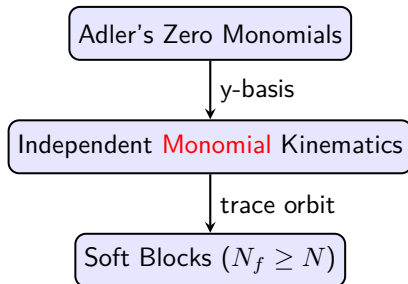
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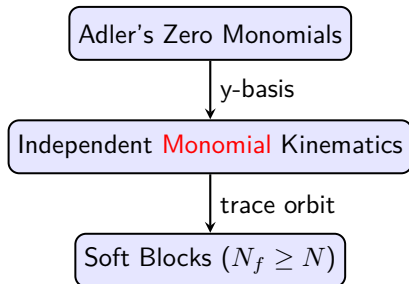
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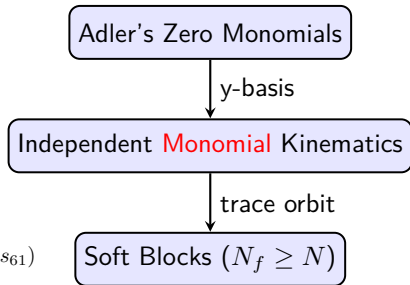
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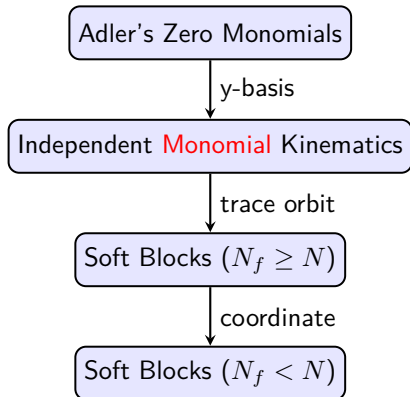
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$\mathcal{T}^{a_1 a_2 a_3}$	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
$\mathcal{T}^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4}$	3	8	9	9	9	9	9
$\mathcal{T}^{a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 a_5}$	6	32	43	44	44	44	44
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Inner Product Treatment

Define $g_{ij} \equiv \langle \mathcal{T}_i, \mathcal{T}_j \rangle = (\mathcal{T}_i^\dagger)_{a_1 \dots a_N} (\mathcal{T}_j)^{a_1 \dots a_N}$, we have

$$\det g(N_f) \neq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \{\mathcal{T}_i\} \text{ is independent}$$

$$\text{where} \quad T_{ij}^a T_{kl}^a = \delta_{il} \delta_{kj} - \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} / N_f$$

Tensor reduction for $\mathcal{T} = \sum_i c^i \mathcal{T}_i$: $c^i = \langle (g^{-1})^{ij} \mathcal{T}_j, \mathcal{T} \rangle$.

The Operator Basis

- 1 Obtain inequivalent orbits $\mathcal{Y}(\mathcal{TM})_i$;
- 2 Evaluate \mathcal{Y} and find the **unique coordinate on the** $\mathcal{T}_j\mathcal{M}_k$;
- 3 Select independent monomials via linear algebra;
- 4 Translate to operators

$$p_{i\mu_1} p_{i\mu_2} \cdots p_{i\mu_n} \Leftrightarrow \nabla_{(\mu_1} \nabla_{\mu_2} \cdots \nabla_{\mu_{n-1}} u_{\mu_n)}$$

$O(p^6)$ and $O(p^8)$ bases for 6-point soft blocks (agree with [Graf et al. 20'](#)):

6-pt $O(p^6)$	$SU(2)$	$SU(3)$	$SU(4)$	$SU(5)$	$SU(6)$
P-even	3	8	13	14	15
P-odd	0	3	4	4	4

6-pt $O(p^8)$	$SU(2)$	$SU(3)$	$SU(4)$	$SU(5)$	$SU(6)$
P-even	9	40	68	74	76
P-odd	2	20	33	35	35

The Operator Basis

$SU(N_f)$	Operator Basis	Amplitude Basis
$SU(2)$	$\mathcal{O}_1 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u^\rho u_\mu u_\nu u_\rho \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[123456] s_{14} s_{25} s_{36}$
	$\mathcal{O}_2 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u^\rho u_\mu u_\rho u_\nu \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[123456] s_{14} s_{26} s_{35}$
	$\mathcal{O}_3 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u^\rho u_\rho u_\mu u_\nu \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_3 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[123456] s_{15} s_{26} s_{34}$
$SU(3)$	$\mathcal{O}_4 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u^\rho u_\rho u_\nu u_\mu \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_4 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[123456] s_{16} s_{25} s_{34}$
	$\mathcal{O}_5 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u_\nu u^\rho u_\rho u_\mu \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_5 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[123456] s_{16} s_{23} s_{45}$
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	$\mathcal{O}_7 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u^\rho u_\nu \rangle \langle u_\mu u_\rho \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_7 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[1234 56] s_{15} s_{24} s_{36}$
	$\mathcal{O}_8 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u_\mu u^\nu \rangle \langle u_\rho u_\rho \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_8 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[1234 56] s_{13} s_{24} s_{56}$
$SU(4)$	$\mathcal{O}_9 = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u_\nu u_\mu \rangle \langle u^\rho u_\rho \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_9 = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[1234 56] s_{14} s_{23} s_{56}$
	$\mathcal{O}_{10} = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u^\rho \rangle \langle u_\mu u_\nu u_\rho \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_{10} = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[123 456] s_{14} s_{25} s_{36}$
	$\mathcal{O}_{11} = \langle u^\mu u^\nu u^\rho \rangle \langle u_\mu u_\rho u_\nu \rangle$	$\mathcal{B}_{11} = \mathcal{Y} \circ \text{tr}[123 456] s_{14} s_{26} s_{35}$
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Induced Linear Relations

For example $N_f = 2$, choose $\{\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2, \mathcal{B}_3\}$ as the basis:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_4 \\ \mathcal{B}_5 \\ \mathcal{B}_6 \\ \mathcal{B}_7 \\ \mathcal{B}_8 \\ \mathcal{B}_9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{B}_2 \\ \mathcal{B}_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_{10} \\ \mathcal{B}_{11} \\ \mathcal{B}_{12} \\ \mathcal{B}_{13} \\ \mathcal{B}_{14} \\ \mathcal{B}_{15} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 4 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_1 \\ \mathcal{B}_2 \\ \mathcal{B}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$XUhD^2$	2 + 6 + 0 + 0	8	8
X^3	4 + 2 + 0 + 0	6	6
ψ^2UhD	4 + 8 + 0 + 0	13(16)	$13n_f^2$ ($16n_f^2$)
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Thank you for your attention!

Gram Det Makes a Difference

ONLY at $O(p^{10})$ or beyond (# independent trace orbits):

Trace Class	(6)	(4 2)	(3 3)	(2 2 2)
General D	112	91	43	25
$D = 4$	111	90	42	24

	(8)	(6 2)	(5 3)	(4 4)	(4 2 2)	(3 3 2)	(2 2 2 2)
General D	435	320	226	129	149	117	26
$D = 4$	427	314	222	126	146	115	25

	(10)	(8 2)	(7 3)	(6 4)	(5 5)	(6 2 2)
General D	105	74	45	50	29	37
$D = 4$	99	71	43	47	27	35

	(5 3 2)	(4 4 2)	(4 3 3)	(4 2 2 2)	(3 3 2 2)	(2 2 2 2 2)
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$D = 4$	35	28	20	17	17	6