

# Formal Developments in EFTs

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# Standard Model Effective Field Theory

Two objectives for formal developments:

- Improve computational ability
- Expose structure

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(8)}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} + \dots$$

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# Theory developments for theorists

## Operator basis

- Hilbert series  
[Lehman, Martin '15]  
[Henning et.al. '15-'17,'22]  
[...]
- Automated tools for matching  
[CoDEx, Matchmakereft, STRAM, Matchete, SuperTracer, MatchingTools]
- Results to dimension 12  
[Li et.al. '20-'22]  
[Murphy '20]  
[Harlander et.al. '23]

## On-shell methods

- On-shell basis  
[Ma et.al. '19,'21,'22]  
[Aoude et.al. '19,'20]  
[Shadmi et.al. '20]  
[...]
- On-shell matching  
[De Angelis, Durieux '23]
- Recursion relations
- On-shell RGE  
[Cheung, Shen '15]  
[...]



# Theory developments for experimentalists

## Entanglement

[Aoude et.al. '22,'23]

[Severi, Vryonidou '22]

[...]

## Positivity

[Adams et.al. '06]

[Bellazzini, Riva '18]

[Riembau '22]

[Remmen, Rodd '19-'22]

[...]

## Geometry

[Alonso et.al. '15-'17]

[Craig et.al. '20-'23]

[AH et.al. '19-'22]

[Assi et.al. '23]

[Jenkins et.al. '23]

[...]



# Scalar sector of the SMEFT

$$\text{Higgs field } H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2 + i\phi_1 \\ \phi_4 - i\phi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g_{IJ}(\phi) (\partial_\mu \phi^I) (\partial^\mu \phi^J) - V(\phi) + \dots$$

- $g_{IJ}(\phi)$ : metric in field space
- $V(\phi)$ : potential
- $\dots$ : higher-derivative operators, e.g.,  $\lambda_{IJKL}(\phi) (\partial_\mu \phi)^I (\partial^\mu \phi)^J (\partial_\nu \phi)^K (\partial^\nu \phi)^L$

# Field redefinitions

We can redefine the fields

$$\phi^I \rightarrow \varphi^I(\phi)$$

The derivative of the scalar transforms as a vector

$$\partial_\mu \phi^I \rightarrow \left( \frac{\delta \varphi^I(\phi)}{\delta \phi^J} \right) \partial_\mu \phi^J$$

Therefore, the metric transforms as a tensor

$$g_{IJ}(\phi) \rightarrow \left( \frac{\delta \phi^K}{\delta \varphi^I(\phi)} \right) \left( \frac{\delta \phi^L}{\delta \varphi^J(\phi)} \right) g_{KL}(\varphi)$$



# Field-space geometry

Christoffel symbol

$$\Gamma^I_{JK} = \frac{1}{2} g^{IL} (g_{JL,K} + g_{LK,J} - g_{JK,L})$$

Riemann curvature

$$R^I_{JKL} = \partial_K \Gamma^I_{LJ} + \Gamma^I_{KN} \Gamma^N_{LJ} - (K \leftrightarrow L)$$

Covariant derivative  $\nabla_I$



# Amplitudes and geometry

Two-derivative theory

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$$\begin{aligned} A_5^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5} = & \nabla^{i_3} R^{i_1 i_4 i_2 i_5} s_{45} + \nabla^{i_4} R^{i_1 i_3 i_2 i_5} s_{35} + \nabla^{i_4} R^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_5} s_{25} \\ & + \nabla^{i_5} R^{i_1 i_3 i_2 i_4} s_{34} + \nabla^{i_5} R^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} (s_{24} + s_{45}) \end{aligned}$$

Amplitudes depend on geometric invariants! [Volkov '73]



# Fermion Geometry

Add fermions [Assi et.al. '23]

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} + \frac{1}{2} i k_{\bar{p}r}(\phi) (\bar{\psi}^{\bar{p}} \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \psi^r) + i \omega_{\bar{p}rl}(\phi) (D^\mu \phi)^l (\bar{\psi}^{\bar{p}} \gamma_\mu \psi^r) - \bar{\psi}^{\bar{p}} \mathcal{M}_{\bar{p}r}(\phi) \psi^r$$

Define fermion metric, where  $\omega_{\bar{p}rl}^\pm = \omega_{\bar{p}rl} \pm \frac{1}{2} \partial_l k_{\bar{p}r}$

$$\bar{g}_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{IJ} & (\bar{\psi} \omega^-)_{rl} & (\omega^+ \psi)_{\bar{r}l} \\ -(\bar{\psi} \omega^-)_{pJ} & 0 & k_{\bar{r}p} \\ -(\omega^+ \psi)_{\bar{p}J} & -k_{\bar{p}r} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



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LHC is measuring the Higgs geometry!



# Efficiency in computations

Numerical results for Higgs decay to two photons [Hays et.al. '20]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\Gamma_{\text{SMEFT}}^{\hat{m}_W}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{\Gamma_{\text{SM}}^{\hat{m}_W}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \simeq & 1 - 788 f_1^{\hat{m}_W} + 394^2 (f_1^{\hat{m}_W})^2 - 351 (\tilde{C}_{HW}^{(6)} - \tilde{C}_{HB}^{(6)}) f_3^{\hat{m}_W} \\
 & + 979 \tilde{C}_{HD}^{(6)} (\tilde{C}_{HB}^{(6)} + 0.80 \tilde{C}_{HW}^{(6)} - 1.02 \tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(6)}) + 2228 \delta G_F^{(6)} f_1^{\hat{m}_W} \\
 & + 2283 \tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} (\tilde{C}_{HB}^{(6)} + 0.66 \tilde{C}_{HW}^{(6)} - 0.88 \tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(6)}) \\
 & - 788 \left[ \left( \tilde{C}_{H\Box}^{(6)} - \frac{\tilde{C}_{HD}^{(6)}}{4} \right) f_1^{\hat{m}_W} + f_2^{\hat{m}_W} \right] - 1224 (f_1^{\hat{m}_W})^2
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f_1^{\hat{m}_W} \simeq f_1^{\hat{\alpha}_{ew}} = \left[ \tilde{C}_{HB}^{(6)} + 0.29 \tilde{C}_{HW}^{(6)} - 0.54 \tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \right]$$

$$f_2^{\hat{m}_W} \simeq f_2^{\hat{\alpha}_{ew}} = \left[ \tilde{C}_{HB}^{(8)} + 0.29 (\tilde{C}_{HW}^{(8)} + \tilde{C}_{HW,2}^{(8)}) - 0.54 \tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(8)} \right]$$

$$f_3^{\hat{m}_W} \simeq f_3^{\hat{\alpha}_{ew}} = \left[ \tilde{C}_{HW}^{(6)} - \tilde{C}_{HB}^{(6)} - 0.66 \tilde{C}_{HWB}^{(6)} \right]$$



## Efficiency in computations

All that is coming from a single component of this covariant amplitude

$$A_{ABI} = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_I g_{AB} [ab]^2$$

# Renormalization Group Equations

We can calculate the RGE for the geometric quantities [AH, Jenkins, Manohar '22]

$$\begin{aligned}(16\pi^2)\mu\frac{d}{d\mu}R_{IKJL} = & \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{4}\gamma R_{IKJL} + R_I^M J^N \left[ V_{;(MNKL)} + (t_{N;K} \cdot t_{M;L}) + (t_{N;L} \cdot t_{M;K}) \right] \right. \\ & + R_{IJ}^{MN} \left[ -\frac{1}{6}(t_{N;M} \cdot t_{K;L}) + 4(t_{N;L} \cdot t_{M;K}) \right] \\ & + R_{IK}^{MN} \left[ -\frac{1}{6}(t_{N;M} \cdot t_{J;L}) + 4(t_{N;L} \cdot t_{M;J}) \right] \\ & \left. + (I \leftrightarrow K, J \leftrightarrow L) - (J \leftrightarrow L) - (I \leftrightarrow K) \right\} + (I \leftrightarrow J, K \leftrightarrow L)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$(t_{i;J} \cdot t_{K;L}) = (\nabla_J t_{AI})g^{AB}(\nabla_L t_{BK})$$



# 1-loop divergence

The 1-loop divergence can be calculated from the second variation of the action

$$\delta^2 S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4 x \left[ g_{IJ} (\mathcal{D}_\mu \eta)^I (\mathcal{D}^\mu \eta)^J + X_{IJ} \eta^I \eta^J \right]$$

The infinite part of the 1-loop functional integral is [t Hooft, '73]

$$\Delta S = \frac{1}{32\pi^3 \epsilon} \int d^4 x \left[ \frac{1}{12} \text{Tr}[Y_{\mu\nu} Y^{\mu\nu}] + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[X^2] \right]$$

where

$$[Y_{\mu\nu}]^I{}_J = [\mathcal{D}_\mu, \mathcal{D}_\nu]^I{}_J$$





# 1-loop divergence for scalars

The 1-loop divergence can be calculated from the second variation of the action

$$\delta^2 S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4 x \left[ g_{IJ} (\mathcal{D}_\mu \eta)^I (\mathcal{D}^\mu \eta)^J - R_{IKJL} (D_\mu \phi)^K (D^\mu \phi)^L \eta^I \eta^J - (\nabla_I \nabla_J V) \eta^I \eta^J \right]$$

Covariant geometric quantities

$$[Y_{\mu\nu}]^I{}_J = R^I{}_{JKL} (D_\mu \phi)^K (D_\nu \phi)^L + \nabla_J t_C^I F_{\mu\nu}^C$$



# 1-loop effective action for scalars and gauge fields

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Covariant geometric quantities

$$[Y_{\mu\nu}]^i_j = \bar{R}^i_{jkl} (D_\mu Z)^k (D_\nu Z)^l + \bar{\nabla}_j \bar{t}_C^i F_{\mu\nu}^C$$

$$(D_\mu Z)^i = \begin{bmatrix} (D_\mu \phi)^I \\ F_{\mu\nu}^A \end{bmatrix}$$



## SMEFT RGE at dimension eight

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{C}_{H^6 D^2}^{(1)} = & -96 \, {}^6 C_{H^6} {}^6 C_{H^4 \square} - 12 \, {}^6 C_{H^6} {}^6 C_{H^4 D^2} + \left( 352\lambda + 20g_1^2 + \frac{20}{3}g_2^2 \right) \left( {}^6 C_{H^4 \square} \right)^2 \\ & + \left( -23\lambda + \frac{1}{8}g_1^2 + \frac{161}{24}g_2^2 \right) \left( {}^6 C_{H^4 D^2} \right)^2 + \left( -64\lambda - 2g_1^2 + 12g_2^2 \right) {}^6 C_{H^4 \square} {}^6 C_{H^4 D^2} \\ & - 22g_2^2 {}^6 C_{H^4 \square} {}^6 C_{W^2 H^2} + 6g_1^2 {}^6 C_{H^4 \square} {}^6 C_{B^2 H^2} - \frac{32}{3}g_1 g_2 {}^6 C_{H^4 \square} {}^6 C_{WBH^2} \\ & + 8g_2^2 {}^6 C_{H^4 D^2} {}^6 C_{W^2 H^2} + 6g_1^2 {}^6 C_{H^4 D^2} {}^6 C_{B^2 H^2} + \frac{43}{3}g_1 g_2 {}^6 C_{H^4 D^2} {}^6 C_{WBH^2} \\ & + 512\lambda \left( {}^6 C_{G^2 H^2} \right)^2 + \left( 192\lambda + 4g_2^2 \right) \left( {}^6 C_{W^2 H^2} \right)^2 + \left( 64\lambda + 12g_1^2 \right) \left( {}^6 C_{B^2 H^2} \right)^2 \\ & + \left( -3g_1^2 - 3g_2^2 \right) \left( {}^6 C_{WBH^2} \right)^2 + \frac{80}{3}g_1 g_2 {}^6 C_{W^2 H^2} {}^6 C_{WBH^2} + \frac{8}{3}g_1 g_2 {}^6 C_{B^2 H^2} {}^6 C_{WBH^2} \\ & + \left( 68\lambda + \frac{1}{2}g_1^2 - \frac{31}{6}g_2^2 \right) {}^8 C_{H^6 D^2}^{(1)} + \left( -8\lambda + 7g_1^2 + \frac{17}{3}g_2^2 \right) {}^8 C_{H^6 D^2}^{(2)}, \end{aligned}$$

## Summary:

- Scattering amplitudes depend on geometry
- Geometry exposes structure and simplifies computations
- LHC is measuring the Higgs geometry!



Thank you!



Four-derivative interactions

$$A_{4,\lambda}^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} = \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} s_{12} s_{34} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{i_1 i_3 i_2 i_4} s_{13} s_{24} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{i_2 i_3 i_1 i_4} s_{23} s_{14}$$

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With a potential

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} A_{n+1}^{i_1 \dots i_n i} = \nabla^i A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} + \sum_{a=1}^n \frac{\nabla^i V_{j_a}^{i_a}}{(p_a + q)^2 - m_{j_a}^2} \left( 1 + q^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial p_a^\mu} \right) A^{i_1 \dots j_a \dots i_n}$$



## Field basis invariance

Even though the soft theorem contains a covariant derivative (which acts on masses) and  $q^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial p^\mu}$  (which acts on momenta), the full soft theorem preserves the on-shell condition

$$\left( \nabla^i + \sum \frac{\nabla^i V}{(p+q)^2 - m^2} \left( 1 + q \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \right) \right) (p_a^2 \delta_{j_a}^{i_a} - V_{j_a}^{i_a}) \mathcal{O}^{i_1 \dots j_a \dots i_n} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

## Examples: two-derivative theory

Soft limit of four-particle amplitude

$$\lim_{p_4 \rightarrow 0} A_4^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} = \lim_{p_4 \rightarrow 0} \left( R^{i_1 i_3 i_2 i_4} s_{34} + R^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} s_{24} \right) = 0 = \nabla^{i_4} A_3^{i_1 i_2 i_3}$$



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## Examples: potential

Soft limit of four-particle amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{p_4 \rightarrow 0} A_4^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} &= \lim_{p_4 \rightarrow 0} \left( -V^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} - \sum_j \left( \frac{V^{i_1 i_2 j} V_j^{i_3 i_4}}{s_{12} - m_j^2} + \frac{V^{i_1 i_3 j} V_j^{i_2 i_4}}{s_{13} - m_j^2} + \frac{V^{i_1 i_4 j} V_j^{i_2 i_3}}{s_{14} - m_j^2} \right) \right) \\ &= \nabla^{i_4} A_3^{i_1 i_2 i_3} + \sum_{a=1}^3 \frac{\nabla^{i_4} V_{j_a}^{i_a}}{(p_a + p_4)^2 - m_{j_a}^2} A^{i_1 \dots j_a \dots i_3}\end{aligned}$$

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## Example: pions

Two-derivative theory with vanishing soft limit [Adler '65]

Soft limit of  $(n + 1)$ -particle amplitude

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} A_{n+1}^{i_1 \dots i_n i} = \nabla^i A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

Equivalent to  $\nabla^{i_5} R^{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} = 0$ . Adler zero holds for symmetric cosets, where the curvature is covariantly constant.



## Example: Nambu-Goldstone bosons

Take a theory with some nonlinearly realized symmetry and a vanishing potential.  
The Lagrangian is invariant under the symmetry transformation

$$\phi^I \rightarrow \phi^I + \mathcal{K}^I(\phi), \quad \mathcal{K}^I : \text{Killing vector}$$

Soft theorem can be recast

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{K}_i A_{n+1}^{i_1 \dots i_n i} = \mathcal{K}_i \nabla^i A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \stackrel{!}{=} \sum_{a=1}^n \nabla_{j_a} \mathcal{K}^{i_a} A_n^{i_1 \dots j_a \dots i_n}$$

(e.g. [Kampf, Novotny, Shifman, Trnka, '20] )



# Double soft theorem

We also have a new double soft theorem (vanishing potential)

$$\lim_{q_a, q_b \rightarrow 0} A_{n+2}^{i_1 \dots i_n i_a i_b} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c \neq a, b} \frac{s_{ac} - s_{bc}}{s_{ac} + s_{bc}} R^{i_a i_b i_c}_{j_c} A_n^{i_1 \dots j_c \dots i_n} + \nabla^{(i_a} \nabla^{i_b)} A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n}$$

This generalizes the double-soft theorem for pions [Arkani-Hamed, Cachazo, Kaplan, '08]



# Triple soft theorem

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$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{q_a, q_b, q_c \rightarrow 0} A_{n+3}^{i_1 \dots i_n i_a i_b i_c} \\ &= \sum_{d \neq a, b, c} \left( \frac{1}{2} \frac{S_{ad} - S_{bd}}{S_{ad} + S_{bd}} R^{i_a i_b i_d}_{j_d} \nabla^{i_c} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{S_{ad} - S_{bd}}{S_{ad} + S_{bd} + S_{cd}} \nabla^{i_c} R^{i_a i_b i_d}_{j_d} \right) A_n^{i_1 \dots j_d \dots i_n} \\ &+ \frac{1}{3} \frac{S_{ac} - S_{bc}}{S_{ab} + S_{ac} + S_{bc}} R^{i_a i_b i_c}_{j_d} \nabla^{j_d} A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} + (a \leftrightarrow c) + (b \leftrightarrow c) \\ &+ \nabla^{(i_a} \nabla^{i_b} \nabla^{i_c)} A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \end{aligned}$$

This has no analog for pions.



# Gauge fields

We can add gauge fields to the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}g_{IJ}(\phi)(D_\mu\phi)^I(D^\mu\phi)^J - \frac{1}{4}g_{AB}(\phi)F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{B\mu\nu}$$

with

$$(D_\mu\phi)^I = \partial_\mu\phi^I + A_\mu^B t_B^I$$

$t_B^I(\phi)$ : Killing vector



# Combined field-space metric

We now combine the two metrics  $g_{IJ}$  and  $g_{AB}$

$$\bar{g}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{IJ} & 0 \\ 0 & -g_{AB}\eta_{\mu\nu} \end{bmatrix}$$

From this metric, we define a covariant derivative  $\bar{\nabla}$  and a curvature  $\bar{R}_{ijkl}$



# Scattering Amplitudes

From this we calculate the scattering of two gauge bosons + scalars from  $g_{IJ}$ ,  $g_{AB}$

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# Scattering Amplitudes

From this we calculate the scattering of two gauge bosons + scalars from  $g_{IJ}$ ,  $g_{AB}$

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# Geometric Soft Theorem

A new soft theorem for any theory of scalars + gauge bosons

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} A_{n+1}^{i_1 \dots i_n i} = \bar{\nabla}^i A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n}$$



# Examples

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We take the soft limit for five particles

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p_5 \rightarrow 0} A_{ABIJK}^{+++} &= \lim_{p_5 \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nabla}_{(I} \bar{\nabla}_J \nabla_K) g_{AB} [12]^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{6} \nabla^L g_{AB} [12]^2 \frac{1}{s_{345}} [s_{34}(R_{IJKL} - 2R_{IKJL}) + s_{35}(R_{IKJL} - 2R_{IJKL}) + s_{45}(R_{IJKL} + R_{IKJL})] \\ &= \bar{\nabla}_K A_{ABIJ}^{+++} \end{aligned}$$

# Fields vs particles

First, we expand around the vev

$$\phi^I = v^I + \bar{\phi}^I$$

At the vev, we can flatten the metric and diagonalize the mass matrix using tetrads

$$g_{IJ}(v)e_i^I(v)e_j^J(v) = \delta_{ij},$$
$$V_{IJ}(v)e_i^I(v)e_j^J(v) = m_i^2 \delta_{ij}$$

The tetrad is the overlap of the mass eigenstate with the scalar field

$$\langle p^i | \bar{\phi}^J(x) | 0 \rangle = e^{iJ}(v) e^{ip \cdot x}$$



# LSZ reduction and tetrads

The scattering amplitude is

$$A_n^{i_1 \dots i_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n) \delta^D(p_1 + \dots + p_n) = \langle p_1^{i_1} \dots p_n^{i_n} | 0 \rangle$$

which is related to the correlator using LSZ reduction

$$\langle p_1^{i_1} \dots p_n^{i_n} | 0 \rangle = (-i)^{n+1} \left[ \prod_{a=1}^n \lim_{p_a^2 \rightarrow m_{i_a}^2} (p_a^2 - m_{i_a}^2) e_{i_a}^{j_a} \right] \langle T \bar{\phi}^{j_1}(p_1) \dots \bar{\phi}^{j_n}(p_n) \rangle$$

Wavefunction normalization factors are tetrads!



# Proof of theorem

Start with the Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\partial_\mu \mathcal{J}_I^\mu = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \phi^I} = \partial_I L \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{J}_I^\mu = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \partial_\mu \phi^I}$$

Inserting this into correlators gives

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial_\mu \mathcal{J}_I^\mu \rangle &= \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} A_{I_1 \dots I_n} - \frac{1}{2} \langle \partial_K g_{IJ} \partial_\mu (\phi^J \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\mu \phi^K) \rangle_{\text{ext}} \\ \langle \partial_I L \rangle &= \partial_I A_{I_1 \dots I_n} + \frac{1}{2} \langle \partial_I g_{JK} \partial_\mu \phi^J \partial^\mu \phi^K - \partial_I \partial_J \partial_K V \phi^J \phi^K \rangle_{\text{ext}} \end{aligned}$$



# On-shell recursion

We can use the soft theorem in recursion relations

$$A_n(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{dz}{z} \frac{A_n(z)}{F(z)} = - \sum_{\alpha} \text{Res}_{z=z_{\alpha}^{\pm}} \left( \frac{A_n(z)}{zF(z)} \right)$$

