

On calculations within the nonlinear sigma model¹

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Outline:

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- Three examples of computation:
 - 1 standard 2-loop calculation
 - 2 leading logarithms
- *intermezzo: Gluon amplitudes*
 - 3 large- n pion tree-level amplitudes
- summary

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Overview of low energy QCD

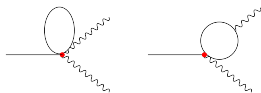
- history: current algebra
- modern form: ChPT [Weinberg'79], [Gasser,Leutwyler'84-'85]
- present status: ChPT for 2 and 3-flavours up to NNLO for the even sector, and up to NLO for the odd sector (chiral anomaly)
- extended for intermediate energy region: resonance chiral theory (RChT)
- overview on chpt beyond one loop e.g. [Bijnens '07]
- many applications: see e.g. recent [Bijnens, Ecker '14]

Short example on 2-loop order calculation

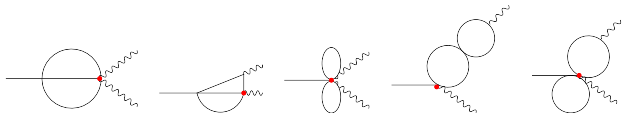
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at NNLO [K,Moussallam '09]

- NLO: a) One-loop diagrams with one vertex from \mathcal{L}^{WZ} , b) tree diagrams with one vertex from \mathcal{L}^{WZ} and one vertex from $O(p^4)$ Lagrangian, c) tree diagrams with one vertex from $O(p^6)$ anomalous-parity sector
- $O(p^6)$ anomalous-parity sector from [Bijnens, Girlanda, Talavera '02]
- representation of chiral field: $U = \sigma + i\frac{\tau\cdot\pi}{F}$, $\sigma = \sqrt{1 - \vec{\pi}^2/F^2}$ (no $\gamma 4\pi$ vertex at LO)

- one-loop



- two-loop



- verification of Z -factor, F_π/F [Bürigi '96], [Bijnens, Colangelo, Ecker, Gasser, Sainio '02]
- double log checked by Weinberg consistency rel. [Colangelo '95]

$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at NNLO: some details, even sector

[Gasser, Leutwyler '84],[Bijnens, Colangelo, Ecker '99]

$$U = \sigma + i\frac{\phi}{F}, \quad \sigma^2 + \frac{\phi^2}{F^2} = 1, \quad \phi = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^0 & \sqrt{2}\pi^+ \\ \sqrt{2}\pi^- & -\pi^0 \end{pmatrix} = \phi^i \tau^i,$$

$$u_\mu = iu^\dagger \partial_\mu U u^\dagger, \quad \chi_+ = u^\dagger \chi u^\dagger + u \chi^\dagger u, \quad \chi = 2B(\hat{m}), \quad \hat{m} = \frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d),$$

- $O(p^2)$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{F^2}{4} \langle u_\mu u^\mu + \chi_+ \rangle.$$

- $O(p^4)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_4 = & \frac{l_1}{4} \langle u_\mu u^\mu \rangle^2 + \frac{l_2}{4} \langle u_\mu u_\nu \rangle \langle u^\mu u^\nu \rangle + \frac{l_3}{16} \langle \chi_+ \rangle^2 + i \frac{l_4}{4} \langle u_\mu \chi_-^\mu \rangle - \frac{l_5}{2} \langle f_{-\mu\nu} f_-^{\mu\nu} \rangle \\ & + i \frac{l_6}{2} \langle f_{+\mu\nu} u^\mu u^\nu \rangle - \frac{l_7}{16} \langle \chi_- \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$l_i = l_i^r + \gamma_i (c\mu)^{d-4} \Lambda,$$

- $O(p^6)$

$$\mathcal{L}_6 = c_6 \langle \chi_+ h_{\mu\nu} h^{\mu\nu} \rangle + c_7 \langle u_\mu u^\mu \chi_+ \chi_+ \rangle + c_8 \langle u_\mu u^\mu \chi_+ \rangle \langle \chi_+ \rangle + c_9 \langle \chi_+ u_\mu \chi_+ u^\mu \rangle + \dots$$

$$c_i = \frac{(c\mu)^{2(d-4)}}{F^2} (c_i^r - \gamma_i^{(2)} \Lambda^2 - (\gamma_i^{(1)} + \gamma_i^{(L)}) \Lambda).$$

Leading logarithms

Renormalizable theories

- we calculate e.g. $F(M)$:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= F_0 + F_1^1 L + F_0^1 + F_2^2 L^2 + F_1^2 L + F_0^2 + \dots \\ &= \alpha + \alpha^2 f_1^1 L + \alpha^2 f_0^1 + \alpha^3 f_2^2 L^2 + \alpha^3 f_1^2 L + \alpha^3 f_0^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- where we have defined $L \equiv \log(\mu/M)$
- renormalization condition $\mu \frac{dF}{d\mu} = 0$
- non-trivial dependence on α

$$\mu \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu} = \beta_0 \alpha^2 + \beta_1 \alpha^3 + \dots$$

- β_0 obtained from 1-loop diagrams
- renormalization condition \Rightarrow

$$f_1^1 = -\beta_0, \quad f_2^2 = \beta_0^2, \quad f_3^3 = -\beta_0^3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad F|_{LL} = \frac{\alpha}{1 + \alpha\beta_0 L}$$

Non-renormalizable theories

What are the Leading Logarithms (LL)?

- We calculate e.g. $F(M)$:

$$F = F_0 + \underline{F_1^1 L} + F_0^1 + \underline{F_2^2 L^2} + F_1^2 L + F_0^2 + \dots$$

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Why they are special?

- they are parameter-free
- to **all** orders from **one**-loop diagrams **only** (based on [Weinberg '79], [Büchler, Colangelo'03])

$O(N)$ sigma model

- $O(N + 1)/O(N)$ nonlinear sigma model

$$\mathcal{L}_{n\sigma} = \frac{F^2}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi^T \partial^\mu \Phi + F^2 \chi^T \Phi.$$

- explicit + spontaneous symmetry breaking

$$\langle \Phi^T \rangle = (1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0) \quad \chi^T = (M^2 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0)$$

- we have N Goldstone bosons: ϕ
- $N = 3$ equivalent to two-flavour ChPT

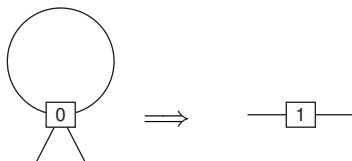
$O(N)$ sigma model: physical mass M_π

LL for the physical mass [Bijnens, Carloni '10], [Bijnens, KK, Lanz '12]

- $\mathcal{L}_{n\sigma} \Rightarrow \boxed{0}$
- mass: two-point function
- schematically at LO:

$$\text{---} \boxed{0} \text{---} \Leftrightarrow M_\pi = M$$

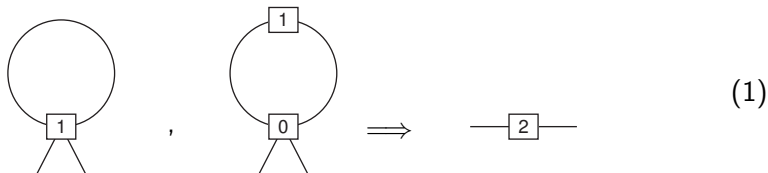
- NLO



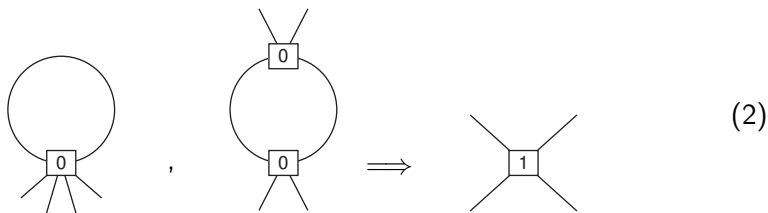
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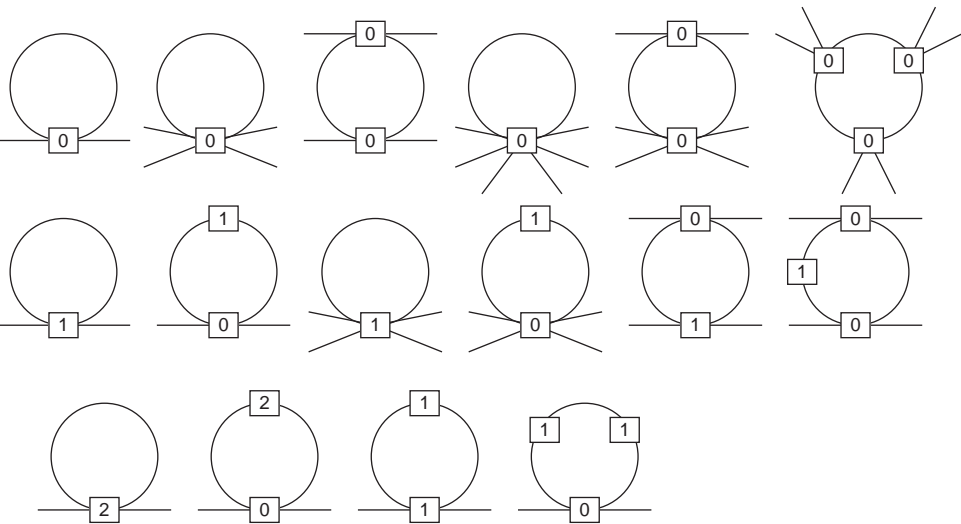
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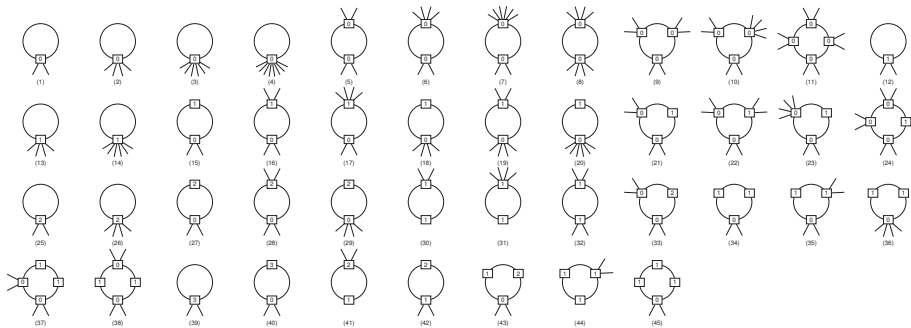
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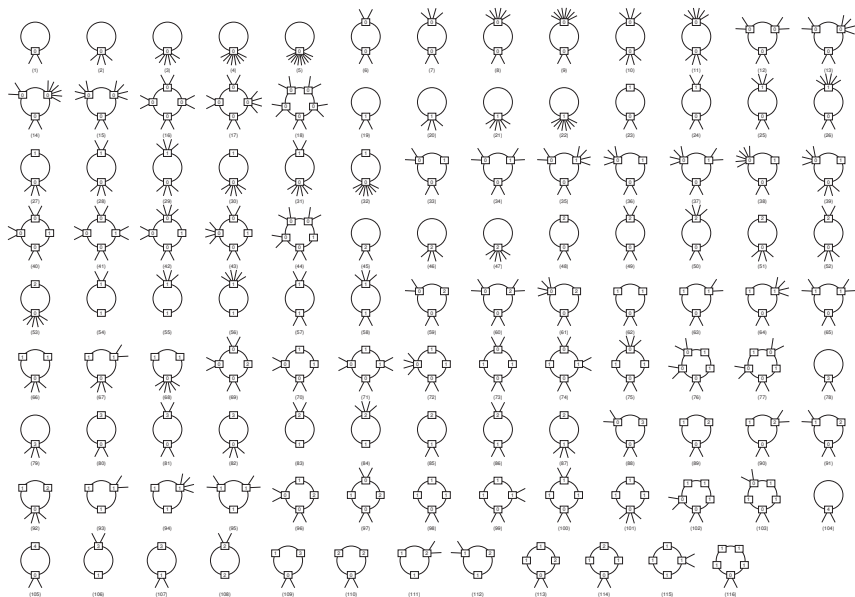
mass up-to 3-loop order



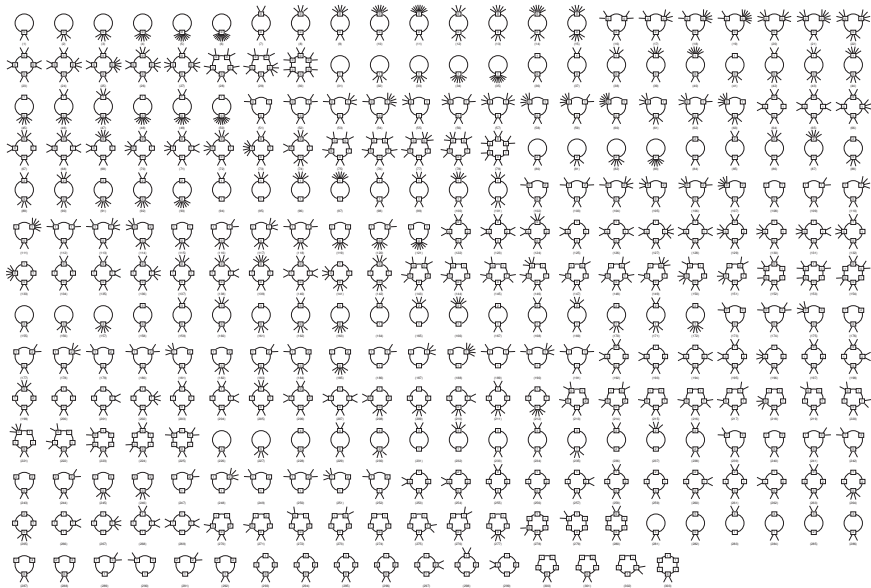
mass up-to 4-loop order



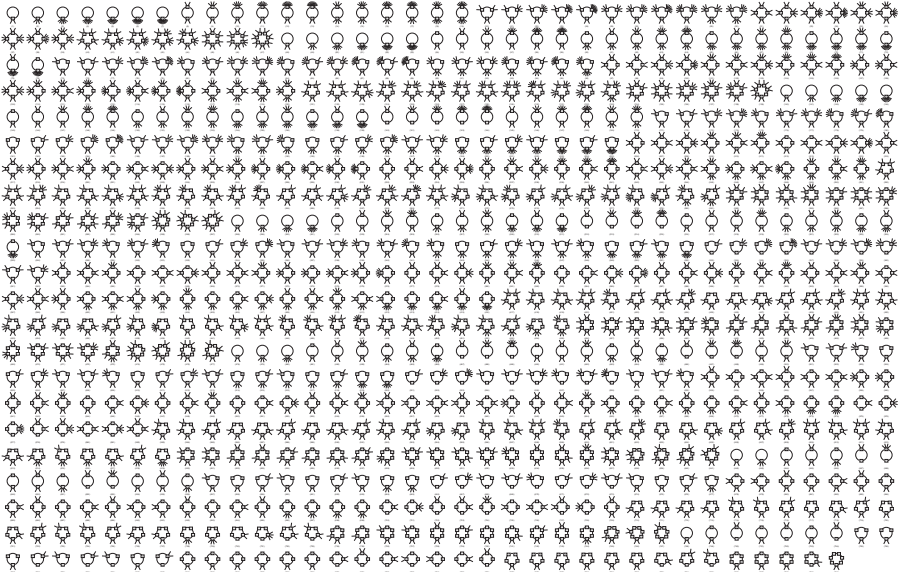
mass up-to 5-loop order



mass up-to 6-loop order



mass up-to 7-loop order



$O(N)$ sigma model: physical mass M_π , results

LL for physical mass [Bijnens, Carloni '10], [Bijnens,KK,Lanz '12]

- # of diagrams: 1, 5, 16, 45, 116, 303, 790, ...
- $M_\pi^2 = M^2(1 + a_1 L_M + a_2 L_M^2 + \dots)$
 $L_M = M^2/(16\pi^2 F^2) \log(\mu^2/M^2)$

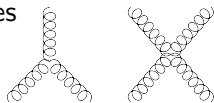
i	a_i for $N = 3$	a_i for general N
1	$-1/2$	$1 - 1/2 N$
2	$17/8$	$7/4 - 7/4 N + 5/8 N^2$
3	$-103/24$	$37/12 - 113/24 N + 15/4 N^2 - N^3$
4	$24367/1152$	$839/144 - 1601/144 N + 695/48 N^2 - 135/16 N^3 + 231/128 N^4$
5	$-8821/144$	$33661/2400 - 1151407/43200 N + 197587/4320 N^2 - 12709/300 N^3 + 6271/320 N^4 - 7/2 N^5$
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intermezzo: Gluon amplitudes

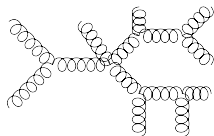
Gluon amplitudes

standard method of calculating n -gluon scattering processes:

- dominated by pure-gluon interactions in QCD
- elementary 3pt and 4pt vertices



- construct all possible Feynman diagrams, e.g.:



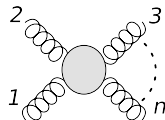
- complicated already for tree level diagrams even for small number of external legs

n	3	4	5	6	7	8
# diagrams (inc.crossing)	1	4	25	220	2485	34300
# diagrams (col.ordered)	1	3	10	38	154	654

calculation tedious, however, some results known [Parke, Taylor '85-'86], [Berends, Giele '88] to be extremely simple

Is there some better way to calculate?

Gluon amplitudes

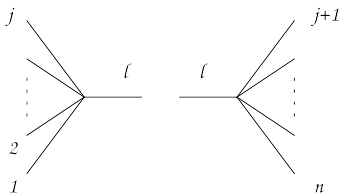


- colour ordering \rightarrow stripped amplitude
- thanks to ordering the only possible poles are:

$$P_{ij}^2 = (p_i + p_{i+1} + \dots + p_{j-1} + p_j)^2$$

- Pole structure — Weinberg's theorem (one-particle unitarity):
on the factorization channel

$$\lim_{P_{1j}^2 \rightarrow 0} M(1, 2, \dots, n) = \sum_{h_l} M_L(1, 2, \dots, j, l) \cdot \frac{i}{P_{1j}^2} \cdot M_R(l, j+1, \dots, n)$$



BCFW relations, preliminaries

[Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten '05]

Reconstruct the amplitude from its poles (in complex plane)

- shift in two external momenta

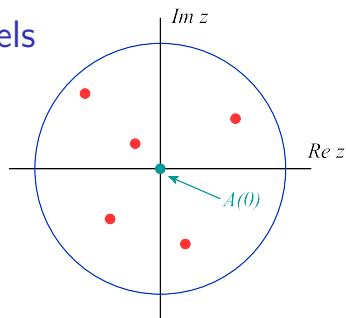
$$p_i \rightarrow p_i + zq, \quad p_j \rightarrow p_j - zq$$

- keep p_i and p_j on-shell, i.e.

$$q^2 = q \cdot p_i = q \cdot p_j = 0$$

- amplitude becomes a meromorphic function $A(z)$
- only simple poles coming from propagators $P_{ab}(z)$
- original function is $A(0)$

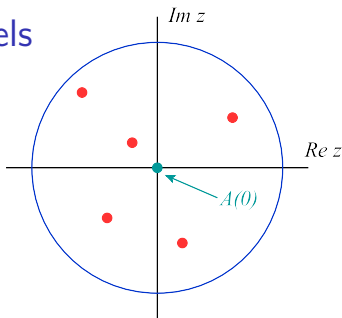
BCFW relations: factorization channels



Cauchy's theorem

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \frac{dz}{z} A(z) = A(0) + \sum_k \frac{\text{Res}(A, z_k)}{z_k}$$

BCFW relations: factorization channels



Cauchy's theorem

$$0 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \frac{dz}{z} A(z) = A(0) + \sum_k \frac{\text{Res}(A, z_k)}{z_k}$$

If $A(z)$ vanishes for $z \rightarrow \infty$

$$A = A(0) = - \sum_k \frac{\text{Res}(A, z_k)}{z_k}$$

BCFW relations

$P_{ab}^2(z) = 0$ if one and only one i (or j) in $(a, a + 1, \dots, b)$.

Suppose $i \in (a, \dots, b) \not\equiv j$

$$P_{ab}^2(z) = (p_a + \dots + p_{i-1} + p_i + zq + p_{i+1} + \dots + p_b)^2 = 0$$

solution

$$z_{ab} = -\frac{P_{ab}^2}{2(q \cdot P_{ab})}$$

and for allowed helicities it factorizes into two subamplitudes

$$\text{Res}(A, z_{ab}) = \sum_s A_L^{-s}(z_{ab}) \frac{i}{2(q \cdot P_{ab})} A_R^s(z_{ab})$$

Using Cauchy's formula, we have finally as a result

$$A = \sum_{k,s} A_L^{-s_k}(z_k) \frac{i}{P_k^2} A_R^{s_k}(z_k)$$

Example: gluon amplitudes

od diagrams for n -body gluon scatterings at tree level

n	3	4	5	6	7	8
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# BCFW terms	-	1	2	3	6	20

Conclusion: it works and it is really fast.

Different directions were taken so far, e.g.

- implementation in multi-jet QCD computations
- extended to loop level [Bern, Dixon, Kosower'05]
- BCFW for planar loop integrands $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM [Arkani-Hamed, Bourjaily, Cachazo, Caron-Huot, Trnka '10]
- Amplitudes as volumes of polytopes [Arkani-Hamed, Bourjaily, Cachazo, Hodges, Trnka '10]; Amplituhedron [Arkani-Hamed, Trnka'13]
- crucial are on-shell objects [Arkani-Hamed et al.'12]
- perturbative quantum gravity [Witten'03] [Cachazo, Skinner, Mason'12]

Non-linear sigma model

Leading order Lagrangian

- assume general simple compact Lie group G

$$G = SU(N), \quad SO(N), \quad Sp(N), \quad \dots$$

- we will build a chiral non-linear sigma model, which will correspond to the spontaneous symmetry breaking ($G_L \simeq G_R \simeq G_V \simeq G$)

$$G_L \times G_R \rightarrow G_V$$

- consequence of the symmetry breaking: Goldstone bosons ($\equiv \phi$)

$$U = \exp\left(\sqrt{2}\frac{i}{F}\phi\right), \quad \phi = \phi^i t^i$$

- transformation of U :

$$U \rightarrow V_R U V_L^{-1}$$

- their dynamics given by a Lagrangian (at leading order)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{F^2}{4} \langle \partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^{-1} \rangle$$

where $\langle \dots \rangle$ stands for a trace

Stripping down

- “group structure” in structure constants, we will define

$$D_{\phi}^{ab} \equiv -i f^{abc} \phi^c$$

- and after some algebra the Lagrangian becomes

$$\mathcal{L} = -\partial\phi^T \cdot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \left(\frac{2}{F} \right)^{2n-2} D_{\phi}^{2n-2} \right) \cdot \partial\phi$$

- we can combine f^{abc} s into one trace, schematically

$$\left(\text{loop}(a,b,c) - \text{loop}(a,c,b) \right) \times \text{loop}(x,y,z) = \text{loop}(c,x,y,z) - \text{loop}(b,x,y,z)$$

Tree level on-shell amplitude has a simple group structure

$$\mathcal{M}^{a_1 \dots a_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{\sigma \in S_n / Z_n} \langle t^{a_{\sigma(1)}} t^{a_{\sigma(2)}} \dots t^{a_{\sigma(n)}} \rangle \mathcal{M}(p_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, p_{\sigma(n)})$$

Properties of stripped amplitudes

- stripped amplitudes are unique
- $\mathcal{M}(p_1, \dots, p_n)$ are thus “physical”
- we can study different parametrizations
 - [Cronin'67], [Ellis, Renner'70], [Bijnens, KK, Lanz '13], [KK, Novotny, Trnka '13]
- most familiar: exponential parametrization
- there we can simply enlarge G to $U(N)$ group
- ϕ^0 however decouples
- results from less restricted $U(N)$ equal to $SU(N)$
- General form of the parametrization $U(\phi) \rightarrow f(x)$

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k, \quad f(-x)f(x) = 1$$

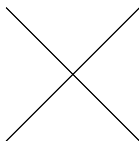
- “exponential”: $f_{\text{exp}} = e^x$
- “minimal”: $f_{\text{min}} = x + \sqrt{1+x^2}$
- “Cayley”: $f_{\text{Caley}} = \frac{1+x/2}{1-x/2}$

Explicit example: stripped 4pt amplitude

Natural parametrization for diagrammatic calculations: minimal (where off-shell and on-shell stripped vertices are equal) $s_{i,j} = P_{ij}^2$

4pt amplitude

$$2F^2 \mathcal{M}(1, 2, 3, 4) = -(s_{1,2} + s_{2,3})$$

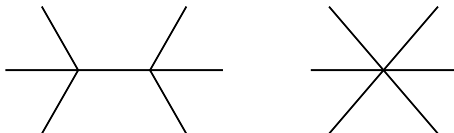


Explicit example: stripped 6pt amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} 4F^4 \mathcal{M}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) &= \\ &= \frac{(s_{1,2} + s_{2,3})(s_{1,4} + s_{4,5})}{s_{1,3}} + \frac{(s_{1,4} + s_{2,5})(s_{2,3} + s_{3,4})}{s_{2,4}} \\ &+ \frac{(s_{1,2} + s_{2,5})(s_{3,4} + s_{4,5})}{s_{3,5}} - (s_{1,2} + s_{1,4} + s_{2,3} + s_{2,5} + s_{3,4} + s_{4,5}) \end{aligned}$$

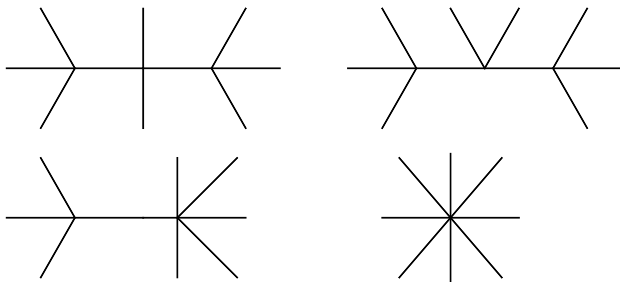
This can be rewritten as

$$4F^4 \mathcal{M}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(s_{1,2} + s_{2,3})(s_{1,4} + s_{4,5})}{s_{1,3}} - s_{1,2} + \text{cycl} ,$$

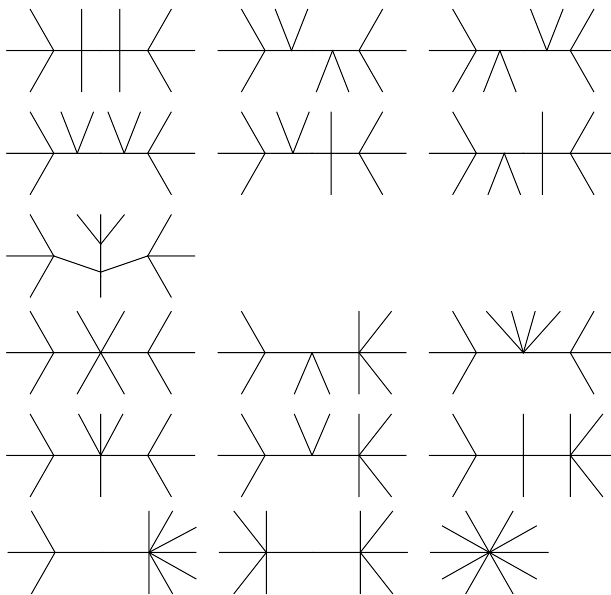


Explicit example: stripped 8pt amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 8F^6 \mathcal{M}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) &= \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(s_{1,2} + s_{2,3})(s_{1,4} + s_{4,7})(s_{5,6} + s_{6,7})}{s_{1,3}s_{5,7}} - \frac{(s_{1,2} + s_{2,3})(s_{1,4} + s_{4,5})(s_{6,7} + s_{7,8})}{s_{1,3}s_{6,8}} \\
 &+ \frac{(s_{1,2} + s_{2,3})(s_{4,5} + s_{4,7} + s_{5,6} + s_{5,8} + s_{6,7} + s_{7,8})}{s_{1,3}} - 2s_{1,2} - \frac{1}{2}s_{1,4} + \text{cycl}
 \end{aligned}$$



Explicit example: stripped 10pt amplitude



Recursion relations

Semi-on-shell amplitudes

Definition

$$J_n^{a, a_1, \dots, a_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \langle 0 | \phi^a(0) | \pi^{a_1}(p_1) \dots \pi^{a_n}(p_n) \rangle$$

“off-shellness” in $p_{n+1}^2 \neq 0$

$$p_{n+1} = - \sum_{j=1}^n p_j$$

In analogy with vertex and on-shell amplitudes we can define flavour-stripped $J_n(p_1, \dots, p_n)$. Then

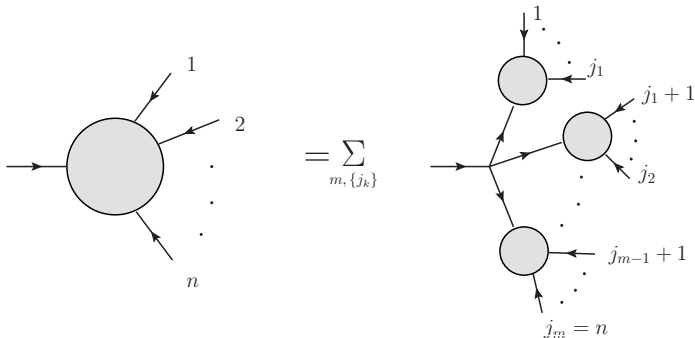
$$\mathcal{M}(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{n+1}) = - \lim_{p_{n+1}^2 \rightarrow 0} p_{n+1}^2 J_n(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$$

Normalization

$$J_1(p) = 1$$

Berends-Giele recursive relations

used for gluons [Berends,Giele'88]



$$\begin{aligned}
 J(1, 2, \dots, n) &= \frac{i}{p_{n+1}^2} \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{j_1=1}^{n-m+1} \sum_{j_2=j_1+1}^{n-m+2} \cdots \sum_{j_{m-1}=j_{m-2}+1}^{n-m+(m-1)} \\
 &\quad iV_{m+1}(p(1, j_1), p(j_1 + 1, j_2), \dots, p(j_{m-1} + 1, n), -p(1, n)) \\
 &\quad \times J(1, \dots, j_1) J(j_1 + 1, \dots, j_2) \cdots J(j_{m-1} + 1, \dots, n).
 \end{aligned}$$

BCFW-like reconstruction

Generalization of reconstruction formula: subtractions

[Benincasa, Conde '11] [Feng et al.'11] [KK,Novotny,Trnka '12]

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$$A(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\text{Res}(A; z_i)}{z - z_i} \prod_{j=1}^{k+1} \frac{z - a_j}{z_i - a_j} + \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} A(a_j) \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^{k+1} \frac{z - a_l}{a_j - a_l}$$

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Semi-on-shell amplitude M

- due to the derivative couplings the standard BCFW shift leads to $A(z) \sim z$ for $z \rightarrow \infty$
- we need two subtracted formula and two values $A(z_1)$ and $A(z_2)$

This is difficult to obtain. Way out: different continuation + give up on-shellness

We had

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Semi-on-shell amplitude M

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Now we define

$$M_n(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{n+1}) = p_{n+1}^2 J_n(1, \dots, n)$$

and the complex deformation as (all even-line shift)

$$p_i \rightarrow p_i(z) : \quad p_{2i+1}(z) = p_{2i+1} \quad \text{and} \quad p_{2i}(z) = zp_{2i}$$

i.e.

$$M_n(z) \equiv M_{2n+1}(p_1, zp_2, p_3, \dots, zp_{2n}, p_{2n+1})$$

For its properties we can use directly the properties of J .

Semi-on-shell amplitude M : properties

- $M(z)$ is meromorphic function of z with single poles.
- physical amplitude for $z = 1$ and on-shell amplitude

$$A(p_1, \dots, p_{2n+2}) = - \lim_{p_{2n+2}^2 \rightarrow 0} M_n(1)$$

- using scaling properties for J

$$1) \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} M_n(z) = \frac{(p_1 + p_3 + \dots + p_{2n+1})^2}{(2F^2)^n} \equiv \frac{p_-^2}{(2F^2)^n}$$

$$2) \quad M_n(z) = O(z^0) \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow \infty$$

- once subtracted reconstruction formula

$$M_n(z) = \frac{p_-^2}{(2F^2)^n} + \sum_P \frac{\text{Res}(M_n, z_P)}{z - z_P} \frac{z}{z_P}$$

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Three different examples for non-linear sigma model

- standard two-loop calculation for $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- leading logarithms up to 7th loop-order for $O(N)$ sigma model
- tree-level amplitudes for n -pion scatterings

Different computing techniques needed: Mathematica, Fortran, C++,
Form...

Various well-established codes: FeynCalc, Fiesta, Fire...

New codes needed: Mathematica, Form

Thank you for your attention.