

On soft theorems in multiflavour galileon theories

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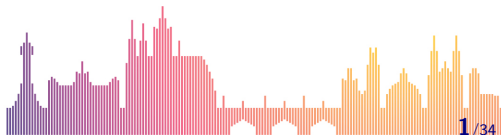


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- Introduction to amplitude methods
 - Role model: gluon amplitudes
 - BCFW
 - Effective Field Theories
 - Soft bootstrap
- Galileon
- multi-Galileons
- Summary



Introduction

- to understand the basic structure of elementary particles we use **scattering experiments**
- basic function: **scattering cross section** σ : connected with probability for a given process of scattered particles as a function of their energy and momentum
- + dependence on the angles \rightarrow **differential cross-section** $d\sigma/d\Omega$
- theoretical prediction based on the **quantum field theory**
- basic object: **scattering amplitude** A
- due to translation invariance: scattering amplitudes are distributions

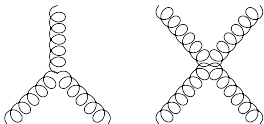
$$\mathcal{A}_n = A_n(p_1^\mu, \dots, p_n^\mu) \delta(\sum p_i^\mu) \prod \delta(p_i^2 - m_i^2)$$

- $d\sigma/d\Omega \sim |A|^2$
- scattering amplitude can be calculated systematically as an expansion of a small parameter using the so-call **Feynman diagrams**

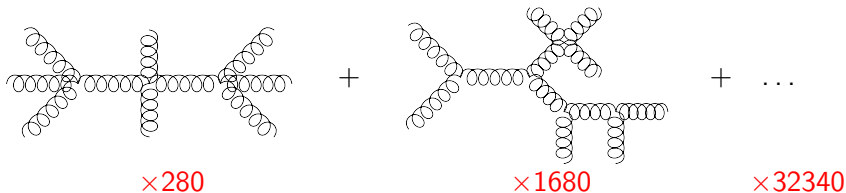
Example: gluon amplitudes

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. 8pt tree-level:



In total 34300 diagrams for the 8pts

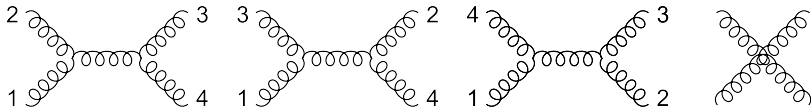
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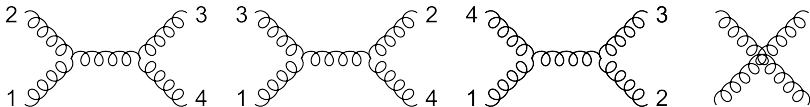
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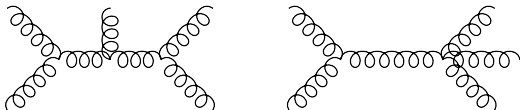
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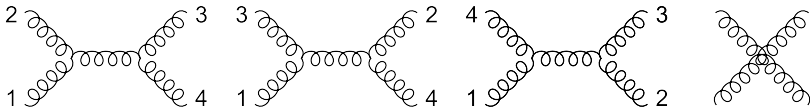
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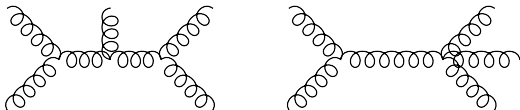
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- **6pt**: impossible by standard methods, but...

History: gluon amplitude, tree-level, 6pt

SSC approved in 1983 (to be cancelled 10 years later) motivated the following work

THE CROSS SECTION FOR FOUR-GLUON PRODUCTION BY GLUON-GLUON FUSION

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Received 13 September 1985

The cross section for two-gluon to four-gluon scattering is given in a form suitable for fast numerical calculations.

Theoretical predictions for four-jet production at hadron colliders allow detailed tests of QCD. Moreover, at SSC energies, four jets become a serious background to many interesting processes which probe new physics, e.g. pair production of electroweak bosons [1]. Hence a detailed knowledge of four-jet event characteristics is crucial for good background rejection. Although some individual contributions to four-jet production have already been analysed (see e.g. ref. [2]), the two-gluon to four-gluon scattering, which is the dominant contribution for a wide range of subprocess energies, has remained beyond the scope of previous computational techniques. Here we outline our calculation of the cross section for this process, in the tree approximation of perturbative QCD. The final cross section is presented in a form suitable for fast numerical calculations.

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Indeed it was given a year later [Parke, Taylor '86] for the MHV:

$$A_n(- - + \dots +) = \frac{\langle 12 \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \dots \langle n1 \rangle}$$

One line formula!

The so-called **spinor-helicity** formalism was introduced (reasonable variables for massless particles) cf. [Mangano, Parke, Xu '87]

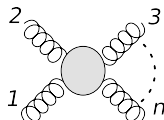
$$\langle ij \rangle = \sqrt{|2p_i \cdot p_j|} e^{i\phi_{ij}}$$

Is there some better way to calculate?

Example: gluon amplitudes

Important **simplification** at tree level:

- colour ordering \rightarrow stripped amplitude



$$M^{a_1 \dots a_n}(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{\sigma \in Z_n} \text{Tr}(t^{a_{\sigma(1)}} \dots t^{a_{\sigma(n)}}) M_{\sigma}(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

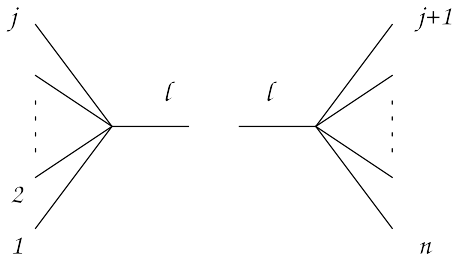
- $M_{\sigma}(p_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, p_{\sigma(n)}) = M(p_1, \dots, p_n) \equiv M(1, 2, \dots, n)$
- propagators \Rightarrow the only poles of M_{σ}
- thanks to ordering the only possible poles are:

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

Pole structure

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

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



BCFW relations, preliminaries

[Britto, Cachazo, Feng, Witten '05]

Reconstruct the amplitude from its poles (in complex plane)

- shift in two external momenta

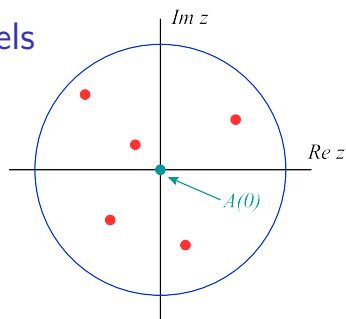
$$p_i \rightarrow p_i + zq, \quad p_j \rightarrow p_j - zq$$

- 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 $A(0)$

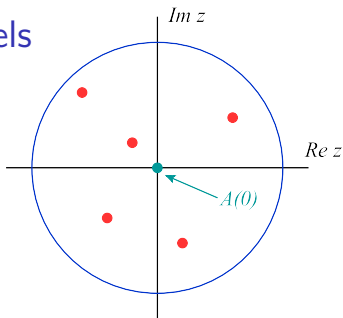
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If $A(z)$ vanishes for $z \rightarrow \infty$

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

BCFW relations

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ab}^2(z) &= (p_a + \dots + p_{i-1} + p_i + zq + p_{i+1} + \dots + p_b)^2 = \\ &= P_{ab}^2 + 2(q \cdot P_{ab})z = 0 \end{aligned}$$

solution

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

and thus using the one-particle unitarity:

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

(sum via allowed helicities)

BCFW relations

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

$$A = \sum_{k,s} A_L^{-s_k}(z_k) \frac{1}{P_k^2} A_R^{s_k}(z_k)$$

- based on two-line shift (convenient choice: adjacent i,j)
- recursive formula (down to 3-pt amplitudes)
- number of terms small = number of factorization channels
- all ingredients are on shell

BCFW recursion relations: problems

We have assumed that

$$A(z) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for } z \rightarrow \infty$$

More generally we have to include a **boundary term** in the Cauchy's theorem.

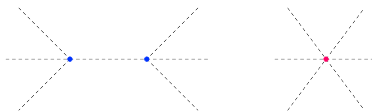
Effective field theories

Effective field theories: general picture

Now we have infinitely many unfixed “ λ ” terms. Schematically

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \lambda_4(\partial^{m_4}\phi)^4 + \lambda_6(\partial^{m_6}\phi)^6 + \dots$$

Example: 6pt scattering, Feynman diagrams



Corresponding amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}_6 = \sum_{l=\text{poles}} \lambda_4^2 \frac{\dots}{P_l} + \lambda_6(\dots)$$

λ_6 part: not fixed by the pole behaviour.

Task: to find a condition in order to link these two terms

Effective field theories: introduction

Usual steps:

Symmetry \rightarrow Lagrangian \rightarrow Amplitudes \rightarrow physical quantities
(cross-section, masses,
decay constants, ...)

In our work – opposite direction:

Amplitudes \rightarrow physical quantities (\rightarrow Lagrangian \rightarrow Symmetry)

Our aim: classification of interesting EFTs

works done in collaborations with Clifford Cheung, Jiri Novotny, Chia-Hsien Shen, Jaroslav Trnka and Congkao Wen

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For scalars ($h_i = 0$) this is a constant - corresponding to $\mathcal{L}_{int} = \lambda \phi^3$.

All derivatives can be removed by equations of motions (**boxes**)

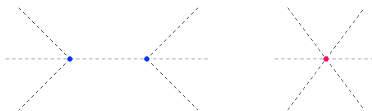
$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = (\partial_\alpha \dots \partial_\omega \phi)(\partial^\alpha \dots \partial^\omega \phi)\phi \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{int} = (\square \phi)(\dots)$$

Effective field theories: scalar theories, 4pt

We start with (m counts derivatives)

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \lambda_4 \partial^m \phi^4$$

n.b. we want to connect this four-point vertex with the 6-point contact terms



This rules out again the no-derivative terms, as the powercounting dictates:

$$\partial^m \times \frac{1}{\partial^2} \times \partial^m \rightarrow \partial^{2m-2} \phi^6$$

and we have to start at least with $m = 2$, i.e. two derivatives

Simplest example: two derivatives, single scalar

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi + \lambda_4\partial^2\phi^4 + \lambda_6\partial^2\phi^6 + \dots$$

How to connect λ_4 and λ_6 ?

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Outcome so far: the non-trivial simplest cases:

- more than two derivatives
- more flavours ($\phi \rightarrow \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots$)

More flavours

[KK,Novotny,Trnka'13]

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi^i \partial^\mu \phi^i + \lambda_{ijkl} \partial_\mu \phi^i \partial^\mu \phi^j \phi^k \phi^l + \lambda_{i_1 \dots i_6} \partial_\mu \phi^{i_1} \partial^\mu \phi^{i_2} \phi^{i_3} \dots \phi^{i_6} + \dots$$

- Can be used for systematic studies of two species, three species, etc.
- Very complicated generally
- Assume some simplification, a group structure

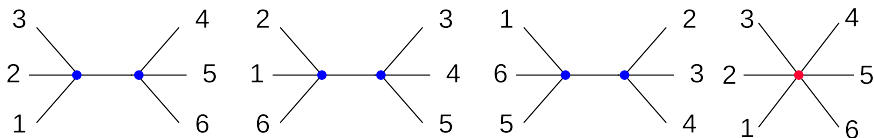
$$\phi = \phi^a T^a$$

- motivated by the 'gluon case': flavour ordering

$$A^{a_1 \dots a_n} = \sum_{perm} \text{Tr}(T^{a_1} \dots T^{a_n}) A(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

More flavours: stripped amplitude

first non-trivial case 6pt scattering:



power-counting is ok:

$$\lambda_4^2 p^2 \frac{1}{p^2} p^2 + \lambda_6 p^2$$

in order to combine the pole and contact term we need to consider some limit. The most natural candidate: we will demand **soft limit**, i.e.

$$A \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{for } p \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_4^2 \sim \lambda_6$$

Standard direction(s)

Assuming the shift symmetry

$$\phi^a \rightarrow \phi^a + \epsilon^a$$

⇒ Noether current

$$A_\mu^a = \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \partial^\mu \phi^a}$$

⇒ Ward identity ⇒ LSZ

$$\langle 0 | A_\mu^a(x) | \phi^b(p) \rangle = iF \delta^{ab} p_\mu e^{-ipx}$$

⇒ Adler zero

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \langle f | i + \phi^a(p) \rangle = 0$$

⇒ CCWZ: non-linear sigma model

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{F^2}{2} \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U), \quad U = e^{\frac{i}{F} \phi^a T^a}$$

eg. [Weinber'66], [Ian Low '14-'15], [Goon,Joyce,Trodden '14], [Bogers,Brauner '18],...

Bottom \rightarrow up construction

Natural classification: σ and ρ

Soft limit of one external leg of the tree-level amplitude

$$A(tp_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) = \mathcal{O}(t^\sigma), \quad \text{as } tp_1 \rightarrow 0$$

Interaction term

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial^m \phi^n$$

Another natural parameter is (counts the homogeneity)

$$\rho = \frac{m-2}{n-2} \quad \text{“averaging number of derivatives”}$$

Non-trivial cases

$$\text{for: } \mathcal{L} = \partial^m \phi^n : \quad m < \sigma n$$

or

$$\sigma > \frac{(n-2)\rho + 2}{n}$$

i.e.

ρ	σ at least
0	1
1	2
2	2
3	3

i.e. non-trivial regime for $\rho \leq \sigma$

First case: $\rho = 0$ (i.e. two derivatives)

Schematically for single scalar case

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \sum_i \lambda_4^i (\partial^2\phi^4) + \sum_i \lambda_6^i (\partial^2\phi^6) + \dots$$

similarly for multi-flavour ($\phi_i: \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots$).

non-trivial case

$$\sigma = 1$$

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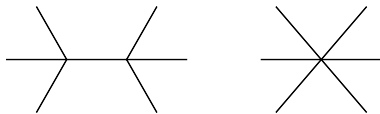
- single scalar: free theory
- multiple scalars (with flavour-ordering): non-linear sigma model

n.b. it represents a generalization of [Susskind, Frye '70], [Ellis, Renner '70]

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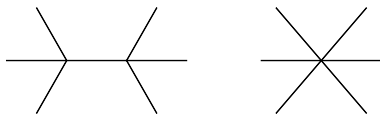
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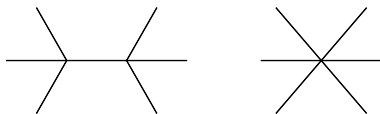
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3. ansatz of the form

$$c_n(\partial\phi \cdot \partial\phi)^n + c_{n+1}(\partial\phi \cdot \partial\phi)^n \partial\phi \cdot \partial\phi$$

(Note: A red arrow points from the $b_\rho \partial^\rho \phi \phi$ term in the previous block to the c_{n+1} term, and a blue arrow points from the $b_\rho x^\rho$ term to the c_n term.)

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solution:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sqrt{1 - (\partial\phi \cdot \partial\phi)}$$

This theory known as a scalar part of the Dirac-Born-Infeld [1934] – DBI action

Scalar field can be seen as a fluctuation of a 4-dim brane in five-dim Minkowski space



Remark: soft limit and symmetry are “equivalent”

Third case: $\rho = 2, \sigma = 2$ (double soft limit)

Similarly to previous case we will arrive to a unique solution: the **Galileon** Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{n=1}^{d+1} d_n \phi \mathcal{L}_{n-1}^{\text{der}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n^{\text{der}} = \varepsilon^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_d} \varepsilon^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_d} \prod_{i=1}^n \partial_{\mu_i} \partial_{\nu_i} \phi \prod_{j=n+1}^d \eta_{\mu_j \nu_j} = -(d-n)! \det \{ \partial^{\nu_i} \partial_{\nu_j} \phi \}.$$

It possesses the **Galilean shift symmetry**

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + a + b_\mu x^\mu$$

and leads to EoM of second-order in field derivatives.

Galileon itself is a remarkable theory: can be connected with a local modification of gravity [Nicolis, Rattazzi, Trincherini '09].

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- symmetry explanation: **hidden symmetry** [K. Hinterbichler and A. Joyce 1501.07600]

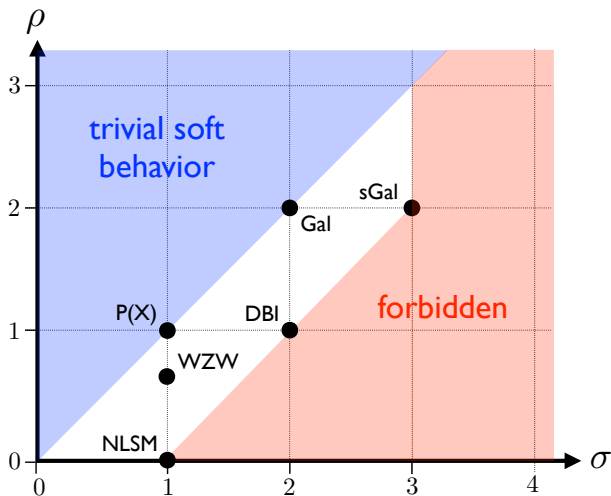
$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + s_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu - 12\lambda_4 s^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

- theory appears also in the context of CHY-type formulation [Cachazo, He, Yuan 1412.3479, version 2]

Classification of EFTs (spin-0): result

“soft bootstrap” \Rightarrow **Periodic table** of scalar theories

[Cheung, KK, Novotny, Shen, Trnka 2017]



EFT: further avenues

- different spins studied, e.g. spin-1/2 Elvang et al.'18 or spin 1: Cheung, KK, Novotny, Shen, Trnka, Wen'18
- mixing different spins → see Přeučil's talk
- going beyond $O(p^2)$ NLSM (cf. Bijmens, KK, Sjö '19)
- multiple flavours – especially without flavour ordering: only two-flavour case fully classified → see following
- connection with CHY [Cachazo, He, Yuan] formalism
- role of masses
- role of dualities
- ...

Galileons

Galileons popped out naturally from our classification. What are they?

Motivation: dark energy problem may imply some modification of gravity on large scales. Nowadays there are various dynamical gravity models:

$f(R)$ gravity, scalar-tensor theory, Dvali-Gabadadze-Porrati model, Galileon gravity,

General relativity modified, but we need to reproduce the successful measurements at solar system scales \Rightarrow screening mechanism, e.g.:

- Chameleon mechanism
- Vainshtein mechanism [’72] [for theories with second-derivatives of ϕ , for short-length scales the non-linearity are large]

The (classical) Lagrangian density definition:

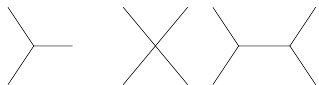
- invariant under the Galilean shift transformation

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + a + b_\mu x^\mu$$

- lead to equations of motions of second-order in field derivatives

Galileons

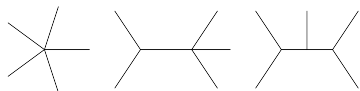
Tree-level diagrams Up to 5-pt we have the following tree-level Feynman diagrams:



$$\mathcal{M}(1, 2, 3) = 6d_3 G(1, 2) = \frac{3}{2} d_3 p_3^4 = 0$$

$$\mathcal{M}(1, 2, 3, 4) = 12(2d_4 - 9d_3^2) G(1, 2, 3)$$

$$\mathcal{M}(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) = -24 (72d_3^3 - 24d_3d_4 + 5d_5) \\ \times G(1, 2, 3, 4)$$



Surprisingly very simple results: cancellation between different contributions.

Explanation: galileon duality [P. Creminelli, M. Serone, G. Trevisan and E. Trincherini '14], [C. de Rham, L. Keltner and A. J. Tolley, '14], [KK and J. Novotny '14]

Multi galileons

Amplitude methods suit well to a systematic study of multigalileon theories.

Work in progress (in collaboration with Jiri Novotny):

Discussion on:

- role of duality in multigalileon theories
- role of the 3-line vertices
- role of the new soft theorems
 - soft theorem with the “right-hand side”
 - consequence of [KK, Novotny, Shifman, Trnka '19]
- definition of galileon theory itself
- complete classification

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