## POINCARÉ SYMMETRY SHAPES THE MASSIVE 3-POINT AMPLITUDE

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## MOTIVATIONS

• On-shell recursion relations for scattering amplitudes

e.g.: Parke-Taylor formula for MHV gluon tree-level amplitudes

$$M_n(\ldots, i^-, \ldots, j^-, \ldots) = \frac{\langle i, j \rangle}{\langle 1, 2 \rangle \langle 2, 3 \rangle \cdots \langle n-1, n \rangle \langle n, 1 \rangle}$$

proved by induction with BCFW recursion relations for any n, while increasingly painful for increasing n with Feynman graphs...

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- On-shell recursion relations for scattering amplitudes
- Non perturbative results for scattering amplitudes

## MAIN RESULT

For *massless* complex external momenta, the Poincaré invariant 3-point amplitude is fixed up to a constant (coupling). [Benincasa-Cachazo '07]

Poincaré invariance determines the 3-point amplitude also in the case where external states can be massive, up to *some* constants. [E. Conde, AM arxiv/1601.08113]

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## Philosophy

Reconstructing the amplitude with the minimal amount of information.

Amplitude as an asymptotic object



The states of the Hilbert space (particles) are identified by the symmetry of space-time (Wigner classification)

## OUTLINE

#### POINCARÉ REPRESENTATIONS AND LITTLE GROUP

LG for massless representations

 $\mathsf{L}\mathsf{G}$  for massive representations

Review of the massless 3-point amplitude

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Spinor-Helicity formalism

Massive 3-point amplitude

## Poincaré in 4 dim

#### Casimir operators

$$P^2$$
 square of translation generator  $\longrightarrow$  mass

$$W^2$$
 square of Pauli-Lubanski operator  $\longrightarrow$  spin

 $W_{\lambda} = \epsilon_{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} M^{\mu\nu} P^{
ho}$  generator of the Little Group

$$\mathrm{LG}_p = \left\{ \Lambda_p \in L_+^{\uparrow} \middle/ \Lambda_p p = p \right\}$$

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#### LG FOR MASSLESS REPRESENTATIONS

$$p \xrightarrow{L_p} k = (E, 0, 0, E)$$

 $\implies$  LG<sub>k</sub>  $\equiv$  ISO<sub>2</sub>: Isometries in 2 dim. euclidean space

$$\Lambda_k|k;a\rangle = e^{i\alpha A} e^{i\beta B} e^{i\theta J_3}|k;a\rangle$$

If  $\alpha, \beta \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  continuous spin

 $J_3$  admits for discrete eigenvalues:  $\pm h \longrightarrow helicity$ 

$$J_3 \left| p; h \right\rangle = h \left| p; h \right\rangle$$

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#### LG FOR MASSIVE REPRESENTATIONS

$$P \xrightarrow{L_P} K = (m, 0, 0, 0)$$

 $\implies$  LG<sub>K</sub>  $\equiv$  SO(3): 3-dim. spatial rotations

$$J_0 | P; s, \sigma \rangle = \sigma | P; s, \sigma \rangle$$
$$J_{\pm} | P; s, \sigma \rangle = \sigma_{\pm} | P; s, \sigma \pm 1 \rangle$$
$$\sigma \in \{-s, \dots, +s\}$$
$$\sigma_{\pm} = \sqrt{(s \mp \sigma)(s \pm \sigma + 1)}$$

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#### How is this story helpful to constrain the amplitude?

$$|p;a\rangle \longrightarrow M_n \sim \bigotimes_{i=1}^n |p_i;a_i\rangle$$

$$P \longrightarrow$$
 momentum conservation  $\longrightarrow M_n \propto \delta(\sum_i p_i)$   
 $W \longrightarrow$  little group scaling  $\longrightarrow$  LG equations  
"spin conservation"

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#### LG EQUATIONS IN THE MASSLESS CASE

From the LG action on the states descends the LG action on the amplitude

$$\begin{array}{rcl} e^{i\theta J_{3}}|p;h\rangle &=& e^{i\theta h}|p;h\rangle\\ && \Downarrow\\ e^{i\theta J_{3}^{j}}M_{n}(\{p_{i},h_{i}\}) &=& e^{i\theta h_{j}}M_{n}(\{p_{i},h_{i}\}) \end{array}$$

The infinitesimal version of this equation,

$$J_3^j M_n(\{p_i, h_i\}) = h_j M_n(\{p_i, h_i\})$$

yields strong constraints on the amplitude, and it is actually enough to fully fix the 3-point one.

## Spinor-Helicity formalism...

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{L}^{\uparrow}_{+}(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow[1 \text{ to } 2]{1 \text{ to } 2} & \mathrm{SL}(2,\mathbb{C}) \\ \\ \mathrm{L}_{+}(\mathbb{C}) & \xrightarrow[1 \text{ to } 2]{} & \mathrm{SL}(2,\mathbb{C}) \times \mathrm{SL}(2,\mathbb{C}) \end{array}$$

$$p_{\mu} \longrightarrow p_{a\dot{a}} = \sigma^{\mu}_{a\dot{a}} p_{\mu}$$
  
$$\sigma^{\mu} = (\mathbb{I}, \vec{\sigma})$$
  
$$\Lambda_{\mu}^{\ \nu} p_{\nu} \longrightarrow \zeta_{a}^{\ b} p_{b\dot{b}} \eta^{\dot{b}}_{\dot{a}}$$

$$p_{\mu}p^{\mu} = \det |p_{a\dot{a}}|$$

#### ... FOR MASSLESS PARTICLES

$$\det |p_{a\dot{a}}| = p_{\mu}p^{\mu} = 0$$

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$$p_{a\dot{a}} = \lambda_a \otimes \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}} = \lambda_a \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}}$$

reality condition: 
$$\tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}} \equiv (\lambda_a)^*$$
 ,  $\eta \equiv \zeta^\dagger$  .

We define: 
$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \lambda, \mu \rangle = \epsilon^{ab} \lambda_b \mu_a \\ &[\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}] = \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{a}} \epsilon^{\dot{a}\dot{b}} \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{b}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle i,j\rangle[i,j]\equiv\langle\lambda_i,\lambda_j\rangle=2\,p_i\cdot p_j$$

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## LG SCALING

$$e^{i\theta h_i} M_n(\lambda_j \tilde{\lambda}_j; h_j) \longrightarrow t^{-2h_i} M_n(\lambda_j \tilde{\lambda}_j; h_j) \qquad t \in \mathbb{C}$$

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#### LG differential equation:

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#### 3-point massless amplitude

[Benincasa-Cachazo '07]

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#### 3 equations for 6 variables

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = \langle 2, 3 \rangle \ , \ x_2 = \langle 3, 1 \rangle \ , \ x_3 = \langle 1, 2 \rangle \\ y_1 = [2, 3] \ , \ \ y_2 = [3, 1] \ , \ \ y_3 = [1, 2] \end{array}$$

$$M_3^{h_1,h_2,h_3} = x_1^{h_1-h_2-h_3} x_2^{h_2-h_3-h_1} x_3^{h_3-h_1-h_2} f(x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3)$$
$$= y_1^{h_2+h_3-h_1} y_2^{h_3+h_1-h_2} y_3^{h_1+h_2-h_3} \tilde{f}(x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3)$$

... but then we have to impose momentum conservation:

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Or all  $x_i$  are zero, or all  $y_i$  are zero.

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For real kinematics  $(x_i = 0 = y_i)$  a 3p amplitude for massless particles is zero, so the complex 3p amplitude had better go to zero in this limit, rather than exploding. This selects

$$M^{\{h_j\}} = g_{\rm H} \, x_1^{h_1 - h_2 - h_3} x_2^{h_2 - h_3 - h_1} x_3^{h_3 - h_1 - h_2} \quad {\rm for} \quad h_1 + h_2 + h_3 < 0$$

$$M^{\{h_j\}} = g_{\rm A} \, y_1^{h_2 + h_3 - h_1} y_2^{h_3 + h_1 - h_2} y_3^{h_1 + h_2 - h_3} \quad {\rm for} \quad h_1 + h_2 + h_3 > 0$$

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For  $h_1+h_2+h_3=0$  the answer is left undetermined (there are claims that such interactions cannot exist).

#### Let's now extend the same successful strategy to massive particles.

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## TO-DO LIST

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 with 
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But we can still keep the advantage of having LG differential equations in a simple and effective form!

#### LG EQUATIONS FOR MASSIVE PARTICLES

$$J_0^I\,M_n(\lambda_j ilde\lambda_j;a_k)=\sigma_I\,M_n(\lambda_j ilde\lambda_j;a_k)$$
 equivalent of helicity eq.

$$J_{\pm}^{I} M_{n}(\lambda_{j}\tilde{\lambda}_{j};...,\sigma_{I},...) = \sigma_{I}^{\pm} M_{n}(\lambda_{j}\tilde{\lambda}_{j};...,\sigma_{I}\pm 1,...)$$

 $j = 1, \ldots, n + \#$  of massive particles

The latter equations relate different amplitudes! What we wish is to have a system with a maximal number of equations acting on a unique function...

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Equations for the "lowest-spin" amplitude

Solution: let's take  $\sigma_I = -s_I$  for every massive particle. (helicities of possible massless legs are still free to vary) Then

$$J_{-}^{I} M_{n} = 0$$
  
$$J_{0}^{I} M_{n} = -s_{I} M_{n}$$
  
$$(J_{+}^{I})^{2s_{I}+1} M_{n} = 0$$

The third equation is not as simple as the others, let's keep it for the end. So

2 eq.s for every massive leg + 1 eq. for every massless leg

## MASSIVE LG EQUATIONS IN SPINOR FORMALISM

If we take the transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} \to U \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\lambda} & \tilde{\mu} \end{pmatrix} \to \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\lambda} & \tilde{\mu} \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger} \qquad U \in \mathrm{U}(2)$$

under which the massive momentum is invariant (LG), then

$$J_{+} = -\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} + \tilde{\lambda} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\mu}}$$
$$J_{0} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} - \tilde{\lambda} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}} - \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \tilde{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\mu}} \right)$$
$$J_{-} = -\lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \tilde{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}}$$

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## MASSIVE LG EQUATIONS IN SPINOR FORMALISM

and so

$$\left( \lambda_I \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_I} - \tilde{\lambda}_I \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}_I} - \mu_I \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_I} + \tilde{\mu}_I \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\mu}_I} \right) M_n = 2s_I M_n$$
$$\left( \lambda_I \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_I} - \tilde{\mu}_I \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}_I} \right) M_n = 0$$

#### 1-massive 2-massless 3-point amplitude

$$p_1 = \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 \quad p_2 = \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 \quad P_3 = \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4$$
$$\langle 3, 4 \rangle [3, 4] = -m_3^2$$

1 + 1 + 2 = 4 eq.s

$$rac{4\cdot 3}{2}$$
 angle prod.s  $+ rac{4\cdot 3}{2}$  square prod.s  $= 12$  spinor prod.s

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# KINEMATIC CONSTRAINTS

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i ilde{\lambda}_i = 0$$
  $(n=3+\# ext{ of mass. particles})$ 

Schouten identity (linear dependency in 2 dim. vector sp.):

$$\langle j,k\rangle\lambda_i + \langle k,i\rangle\lambda_j + \langle i,j\rangle\lambda_k = 0$$

Choose  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , and express all the spinor products in term of

$$\left< 1,2 \right>, \ \left< 1,i \right>, \ \left< 2,i \right>, \qquad$$
 with  $i=3,\ldots, n$ 

and then we use momentum conservation for the tilded spinors

$$\tilde{\lambda}_1 = -\sum_{i=3}^n \frac{\langle i, 2 \rangle}{\langle 1, 2 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_i \qquad \tilde{\lambda}_2 = -\sum_{i=3}^n \frac{\langle 1, i \rangle}{\langle 1, 2 \rangle} \tilde{\lambda}_i$$

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## KINEMATIC CONSTRAINTS

If  $n\!>\!5$  there is still room for using Schouten on tilded variables as well.

So eventually the total number of independent variables is

$$\begin{cases} 2n-3 + \frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n-3) = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) & \text{if } n \le 5\\ \\ 2n-3 + 2n-7 = 2(2n-5) & \text{if } n > 5 \end{cases}$$

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momentum conservation:  $12 \longrightarrow 6$ 

mass on-shell condition:  $6 \longrightarrow 5$ 

$$M^{h_1, h_2, -s_3} = \langle 1, 2 \rangle^{-s_3 - h_1 - h_2} \langle 2, 3 \rangle^{h_1 - h_2 + s_3} \langle 3, 1 \rangle^{h_2 - h_1 + s_3} f_1(\langle 3, 4 \rangle)$$

all angle products!



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1-massive 2-massless 3-point amplitude fixed up to 1 constant

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Why  $f_1(\langle 3, 4 \rangle)$  should be a constant?

Redundancy in our description of time-like momentum:

 $\lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4$ 

After we have fixed a frame by a LG transformation, we have still the freedom to rotate  $\lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4$  independently of  $\lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3$ 

$$\lambda_4 \to t \,\lambda_4 \qquad \tilde{\lambda}_4 \to t^{-1} \tilde{\lambda}_4$$

Such transformation is not physical, so the amplitude must be invariant under it  $\Rightarrow f^3$  constant

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$$M^{h_1,h_2,-s_3} = \langle 1,2 \rangle^{-s_3-h_1-h_2} \langle 2,3 \rangle^{h_1-h_2+s_3} \langle 3,1 \rangle^{h_2-h_1+s_3} f_1$$

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"conservation of the spin"!

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$$\langle 1, 5 \rangle [1, 5] = -m_1^2 \quad \langle 2, 4 \rangle [2, 4] = -m_2^2$$

2+2+1 = 5 eq.s

 $5 \cdot 4 = 20$  spinor prod.s

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momentum conservation:  $20 \longrightarrow 10$ 

mass on-shell conditions:  $10 \longrightarrow 8$ 

$$M^{-s_1,-s_2,h_3} =$$

$$\langle 1,2 \rangle^{s_1+s_2+h_3} \langle 3,1 \rangle^{s_1-s_2-h_3} \langle 2,3 \rangle^{s_2-s_1-h_3} f_2\Big(\langle 1,5 \rangle,\langle 2,4 \rangle,\frac{[4,5]}{\langle 1,2 \rangle}\Big)$$

#### Again from dimensional considerations

$$f_2 = g \, m_1^{1-s_1-s_2+h_3-[g]} \, \tilde{f}_2\left(\frac{\langle 1,5\rangle}{m_1}, \frac{\langle 2,4\rangle}{m_2}, \frac{[4,5]}{\langle 1,2\rangle}\right)$$

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$$M^{-s_1,-s_2,h_3} =$$

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$$P_1 = \lambda_1 \tilde{\lambda}_1 + \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 \quad P_2 = \lambda_2 \tilde{\lambda}_2 + \lambda_4 \tilde{\lambda}_4 \quad P_3 = \lambda_3 \tilde{\lambda}_3 + \lambda_6 \tilde{\lambda}_6$$

 $\langle 1,4\rangle [1,4] = -m_1^2 \quad \langle 2,4\rangle [2,4] = -m_2^2 \quad \langle 3,6\rangle [3,6] = -m_3^2$ 

$$2 + 2 + 2 = 6$$
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 $6 \cdot 5 = 30$  spinor prod.s

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momentum conservation:  $30 \longrightarrow 14$ 

mass on-shell conditions:  $14 \longrightarrow 11$ 

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Here the third equations are more involved, since  $f_3$  depends on two scaling variables.  $J^2_+$  acts only on  $\frac{[4,5]}{\langle 1,2\rangle}$ ,  $J^3_+$  acts only on  $\frac{[6,4]}{\langle 3,1\rangle}$ , while  $J^1_+$  acts on both.

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## ¡Gracias!

#### DETAIL OF THE MASSIVE LG

The direct translation of the massive LG transformations in spinor language would be

$$\lambda, \mu \to t \ \lambda, \mu \qquad \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu} \to t^{-1} \ \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}$$

while the scaling we use is

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Nonetheless the two groups of transformations are isomorphic

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} R\,\lambda\\ R\,\mu \end{array}\right) \xleftarrow{1-1} U\left(\begin{array}{c} \lambda\\ \mu \end{array}\right)$$

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