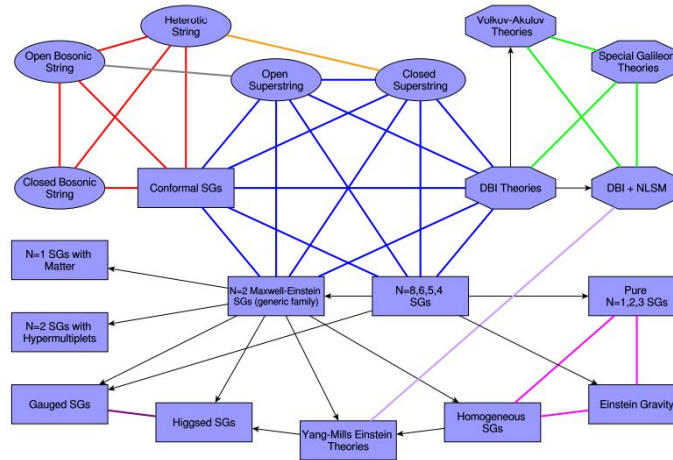

Amplitudes for Monopoles

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Motivation: On-Shell Success Where Field Theory Fails



* Image taken from Bern et al. arXiv 1909.01358

Success of the On-Shell Program

- The on-shell program addresses relativistic quantum physics without referring to action
 - Many recent cutting edge results, for example:
 - Six gluon planar $N=4$ SYM @ 6 and 7 Loops [Caron-Hout, Dixon, et al '19](#)
 - Non-renormalization and operator mixing in SMEFT [Bern, Parra-Martinez, Sawyer '20](#)
 - Black Hole Binary Dynamics [Bern, Cheung, et al '19, ...](#)
 - Cosmological bootstrap [Arkani-Hamed, Baumann, et al '18](#)
 - Massless amplitudes beyond polylogarithms [Bourjaily, McLeod, et al '18](#)
- ... and many more

The On-Shell Program - Faster, Stronger or also *Deeper*?

- A key question is if the on-shell program allows for a *deeper* understanding of nature, which cannot be seen in conventional Field Theory
- Some very suggestive hints:
 - Color-Kinematics duality and the Double copy (Gravity = YM^2 and other relations) [Bern, Carrasco, Johansson '08](#)
[Bern, Carrasco, et al. '19 ... many more](#)
 - Classical Double Copy [Monteiro, O'connell, White '14 ...](#)
 - Dual conformal invariance [Drummond, Henn et al. '08](#)
 - Amplituhedra [Arkani-Hamed, Trnka '13 ...](#)

Monopoles: Where “No” Lagrangian Exists

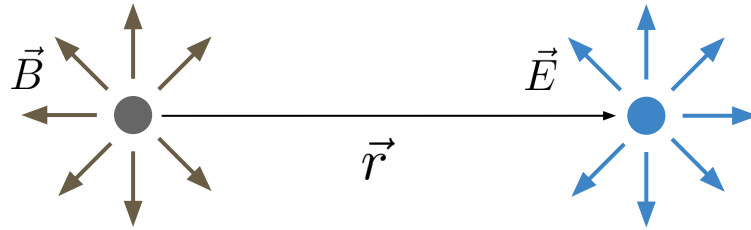
- Since the days of Dirac, no clear way to write a local, Lorentz invariant Lagrangian for Monopoles & electric charges
 - Schwinger approach: non-local Lagrangian [Schwinger '66](#)
 - Zwanziger approach: local Lagrangian, [Zwanziger '71](#)
loss of manifest Lorentz by introducing Dirac string
- Weinberg's Paradox:
 - Amplitude for charge monopole 1-photon exchange explicitly breaks Lorentz! [Weinberg '65](#)
 - Resolution: Lorentz violation exponentiates away upon summing all soft corrections [Terning, Verhaaren '19](#)

Monopoles: an On-Shell Opportunity

- The S-matrix for charge-monopole scattering is local and Lorentz invariant, but we cannot see this in the field theory language
- The S-matrix has to be “special” in some way, otherwise why no Lagrangian?
- Dirac quantization should play a leading role
 - $q \equiv e g$ is half integer. Other half integers for the S-matrix? - Spins and helicities!
 - Helicities & spins are associated with 1 particle states
 - $q \equiv e g$ associated with charge-monopole pairs

“pairwise” helicity?

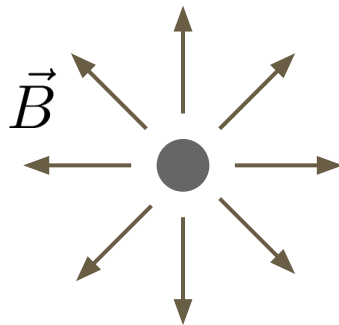
Charge - Monopole Scattering: A Non-Relativistic Prelude



Magnetic Monopoles

Sources of U(1) field* with non-trivial winding number $\pi_1[\text{U}(1)] = \mathbb{Z}$

$$\vec{B}_{\text{U}(1)} = \frac{g}{r^2} \hat{r}$$



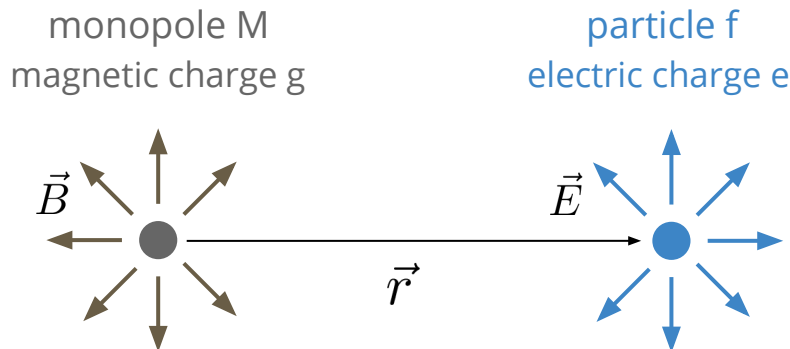
- At $r \gg m^{-1}$ effectively abelian [Dirac '31](#)
- At $r \sim m^{-1}$ have non-abelian cores ['t Hooft / Polyakov '74](#)
- Lead to charge quantization [Dirac '31](#), [Wu & Yang '76](#)

We won't care.
For us they are just scattering particles.

* In this talk we only consider these

Classically: An Extra Angular Momentum

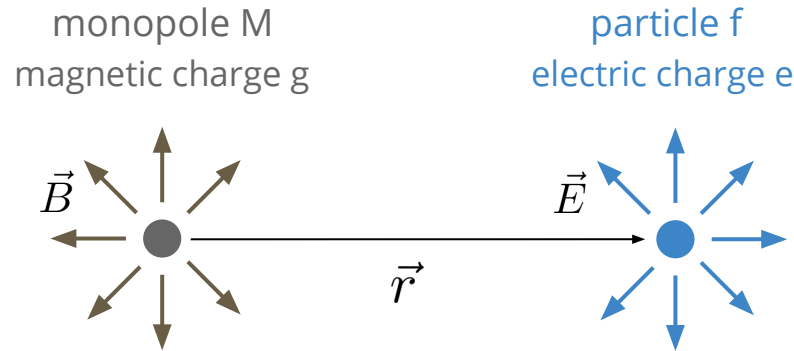
- In the presence of electrically and magnetically charged particles there's a *catch*



- The E&M field has angular momentum, even at infinite separation!
- Have to include this extra angular momentum in the quantum theory

Classically: An Extra Angular Momentum

Thomson 1904



$$\vec{J}_{\text{field}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \vec{r}' \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{B}) d^3r' = -\frac{g}{4\pi} \int (\vec{\nabla}' \cdot \vec{E}) \hat{r}' d^3r' = -eg\hat{r}$$

Distance independent!

In the quantum theory \vec{J}_{field} quantized $\longrightarrow eg = \frac{n}{2}$ Dirac quantization

Non-Relativistic Quantum Theory

$$H = -\frac{1}{2m} \left(\vec{\nabla} - ie\vec{A} \right)^2 + V(r) = -\frac{1}{2m} \vec{D}^2 + V(r)$$

where $\vec{D} = \vec{\nabla} - ie\vec{A}$ and A is the vector potential from a monopole at $r=0$

Need two patches to define A: $A_\phi = \frac{\pm g}{r \sin \theta} (1 \mp \cos \theta)$

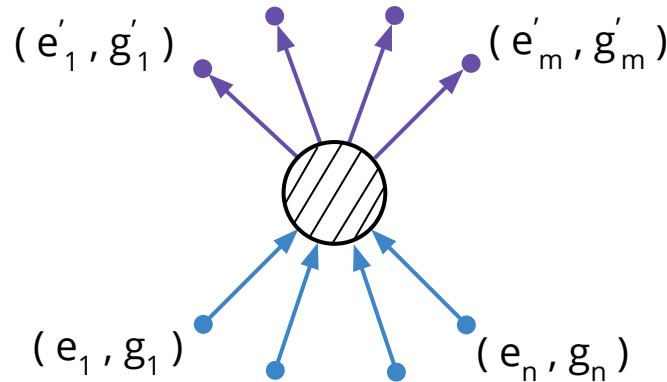
- Naive $\vec{L} = -i\vec{r} \times \vec{D}$ no longer satisfies angular momentum algebra, instead [Lipkin et al. '69](#)

$$\vec{L} = -i\vec{r} \times \vec{D} - eg\hat{r} = m\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}} - eg\hat{r}$$

is the conserved angular momentum operator $\longrightarrow eg = \frac{n}{2}$ [Dirac quantization](#)

- For dyons, trivial generalization: $e_1 g_2 - e_2 g_1 = \frac{n}{2}$ [Zwanziger '68, Schwinger '69](#)

The S-Matrix for Charges, Monopoles and Dyons*



* will use the words charge, monopole and dyon interchangeably = a particle with electric and/or magnetic charges

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The Quantum State of a Monopole and a Charge

Zwanziger '72

- How does Lorentz act on a 2-particle state with a scalar monopole and a scalar charge?
 - Naively, because they are scalars:

$$U(\Lambda) |p_1, p_2\rangle = |\Lambda p_1, \Lambda p_2\rangle$$

But that can't be true because that implies no $q_{12} \equiv e_1 g_2 - e_2 g_1$ contribution to the angular momentum

- Instead:

$$U(\Lambda) |p_1, p_2 ; q_{12}\rangle = e^{iq_{12}\phi(p_1, p_2, \Lambda)} |\Lambda p_1, \Lambda p_2 ; q_{12}\rangle$$

where ϕ is a *pairwise* little group phase associated with *both* momenta

- This is clearly the right definition as it assigns an extra angular momentum associated with the *half-integer* $q_{12} \equiv e_1 g_2 - e_2 g_1$, but we can also *derive* it by generalizing *Wigner's method of induced representations*

Wigner's Method for Charge-Monopole States

- Define the reference momenta in the COM frame

$$(k_1)_\mu = (E_1^c, 0, 0, +p_c)$$

$$(k_2)_\mu = (E_2^c, 0, 0, -p_c) ,$$

with

$$p_c = \sqrt{\frac{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_1^2 m_2^2}{s}}$$

$$E_{1,2}^c = \sqrt{m_{1,2}^2 + p_c^2} ,$$

Definition: Pairwise Little Group (LG) - All Lorentz transformations which leave both $k_{1,2}$ invariant

- Always just a U(1) - rotations around the z-axis
- We label charge-monopole pairs by their pairwise LG charge q_{12}
- $q_{12} \equiv e_1 g_2 - e_2 g_1$ by matching to NR limit

$$U[R_z(\phi)] |k_1, k_2 ; q_{12} \rangle \equiv e^{iq_{12} \phi} |k_1, k_2 ; q_{12} \rangle$$

Wigner's Method for Charge-Monopole States

Zwanziger '72

- Define canonical Lorentz transformation L_p as the COM \rightarrow Lab transformation

$$p_1 = L_p k_1 \quad p_2 = L_p k_2$$

- Wigner's trick:
$$U(\Lambda) |p_1, p_2 ; q_{12} \rangle = U(L_{\Lambda p}) U\left(L_{\Lambda p}^{-1} \Lambda L_p\right) |k_1, k_2 ; q_{12} \rangle$$
$$= U(L_{\Lambda p}) \underbrace{U(W_{k_1, k_2})}_{\text{Pairwise LG rotation}} |k_1, k_2 ; q_{12} \rangle,$$

Pairwise LG rotation

So that:

$$U(\Lambda) |p_1, p_2 ; q_{12} \rangle = e^{iq_{12}\phi(p_1, p_2, \Lambda)} |\Lambda p_1, \Lambda p_2 ; q_{12} \rangle$$

Where $R_z(\phi) \equiv L_{\Lambda p}^{-1} \Lambda L_p$. This is the *electric-magnetic two scalar state*

Electric-Magnetic Multiparticle States

- We can easily generalize the two scalar state to arbitrary *electric-magnetic multiparticle states*

$$U(\Lambda) | p_1, \dots, p_n ; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n ; q_{12}, q_{13}, \dots, q_{n-1,n} \rangle =$$

$$\underbrace{e^{i \sum_{i < j} q_{ij} \phi(p_i, p_j, \Lambda)}}_{\text{Pairwise LG phase}} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'_i \sigma_i}^i | \Lambda p_1, \dots, \Lambda p_n ; \underbrace{\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_n}_{\text{Spins / helicities}} ; \underbrace{q_{12}, q_{13}, \dots, q_{n-1,n}}_{\text{Pairwise helicities}} \rangle$$

where $\mathcal{D}_{\sigma'_i \sigma_i}^i$ are the matrices (phases) for each single particle massive (massless) LG

- Electric-magnetic multiparticle states are *not* direct products of single particle states!
- This is just the right amount of “non-locality” to explain the absence of a Lagrangian description

The Electric-Magnetic S-Matrix

- To define the S-matrix, we define electric-magnetic in- and out- states as

$$U(\Lambda) |p_1, \dots, p_n; \pm\rangle = \prod_i \mathcal{D}(W_i) |\Lambda p_1, \dots, \Lambda p_n; \pm\rangle \underbrace{e^{\pm i \Sigma}}$$

+ for 'in' - for 'out'

Where $\Sigma \equiv \sum_{i>j}^n q_{ij} \phi(p_i, p_j, \Lambda)$. note the \pm

- The \pm for the pairwise LG phase of the in / out state is very important!
- Has to be there to reproduce the angular momentum in the E&M field in the classical limit:

$$M_{\text{field}; \pm}^{\nu\rho} = \pm \sum_{i>j} q_{ij} \frac{\epsilon^{\nu\rho\alpha\beta} p_{i\alpha} p_{j\beta}}{\sqrt{(p_i \cdot p_j)^2 - m_i^2 m_j^2}}, \quad \text{Zwanziger '72}$$

The Electric-Magnetic S-Matrix

- The S-matrix then transforms as:

$$\begin{aligned} S(p'_1, \dots, p'_m | p_1, \dots, p_n) &\equiv \langle p'_1, \dots, p'_m; - | p_1, \dots, p_n; + \rangle \\ &= \langle p'_1, \dots, p'_m; - | U(\Lambda)^\dagger U(\Lambda) | p_1, \dots, p_n; + \rangle \\ &= e^{i(\Sigma_+ + \Sigma_-)} \prod_{i=1}^m \mathcal{D}(W_i)^\dagger \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{D}(W_j), S(\Lambda p'_1, \dots, \Lambda p'_m | \Lambda p_1, \dots, \Lambda p_n) \end{aligned}$$

with $\Sigma_+ \equiv \sum_{i>j}^n q_{ij} \phi(p_i, p_j, \Lambda)$, $\Sigma_- \equiv \sum_{i>j}^m q_{ij} \phi(p'_i, p'_j, \Lambda)$.

- The extra *pairwise LG phase* is the key element in our formalism
- Every electric-magnetic S-matrix **must** transform with this phase by construction!

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The Standard Spinor-Helicity Formalism

De Causmaecker et al. '82
Parke, Taylor '86

Arkani-Hamed et al. '17

- In the standard massless/massive spinor-helicity formalism, scattering amplitudes are formed from spinor helicity variables transforming covariantly under the single particle LGs

Massless:

$$\underbrace{\Lambda_{\alpha}^{\beta} |p_i\rangle_{\beta}}_{\text{Lorentz trans.}} = \underbrace{e^{+\frac{i}{2}\phi(p_i, \Lambda)}}_{\text{LG phase}} |\Lambda p_i\rangle_{\alpha}, \quad [p_i]_{\dot{\beta}} \underbrace{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\dot{\beta}}_{\dot{\alpha}}}_{\text{Lorentz trans.}} = \underbrace{e^{-\frac{i}{2}\phi(p_i, \Lambda)}}_{\text{LG phase}} [\Lambda p_i]_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

Massive:

$$\underbrace{\Lambda_{\alpha}^{\beta} |\mathbf{p}_i\rangle_{\beta}^I}_{\text{Lorentz trans.}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_J^I(W_i)}_{\text{LG SU(2)}} |\Lambda \mathbf{p}_i\rangle_{\alpha}^J, \quad [\mathbf{p}_i]_{I\dot{\beta}} \underbrace{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\dot{\beta}}_{\dot{\alpha}}}_{\text{Lorentz trans.}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_I^{\dagger J}(W_i)}_{\text{LG SU(2)}} [\Lambda \mathbf{p}_i]_{J\dot{\alpha}}$$

New Building Blocks for the S-Matrix: Pairwise Spinors

- **Can't** saturate the S-matrix pairwise LG phase with the standard spinors
- Need new *pairwise* spinors transforming covariantly under pairwise LG
 - Associated with pairs of momenta
 - Have U(1) phase even if momenta are *massive*
- Idea: define null linear combinations of every pair (p_i, p_j) and decompose into massless spinors

New Building Blocks for the S-Matrix: Pairwise Spinors

- In the COM frame for every pair, define *null* reference momenta:

$$\left(k_{ij}^{b\pm}\right)_\mu = p_c (1, 0, 0, \pm 1)$$

$$p_c = \sqrt{\frac{p_i \cdot p_j - m_i^2 m_j^2}{s}}$$

COM
momentum

The particles could
be massive!

- We can boost $k_{ij}^{b\pm}$ to get $p_{ij}^{b\pm}$ in the lab frame, which are null linear combinations of p_i and p_j

$$p_{ij}^{b+} = \frac{1}{E_i^c + E_j^c} [(E_j^c + p_c) p_i - (E_i^c - p_c) p_j]$$

$$p_{ij}^{b-} = \frac{1}{E_i^c + E_j^c} [(E_i^c + p_c) p_j - (E_j^c - p_c) p_i]$$

- By linearity, $L_p k_{ij}^{b\pm} = p_{ij}^{b\pm}$ where L_p is the **same** canonical transformation which takes $k_i \rightarrow p_i, k_j \rightarrow p_j$. Our pairwise spinors will have the **same** LG phase as the S-matrix

New Building Blocks for the S-Matrix: Pairwise Spinors

We can now define reference pairwise spinors as the “square roots” of the reference pairwise momenta

$$\begin{aligned} \left| k_{ij}^{b+} \right\rangle_{\alpha} &= \sqrt{2p_c} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \left| k_{ij}^{b-} \right\rangle_{\alpha} = \sqrt{2p_c} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \left[k_{ij}^{b+} \right]_{\dot{\alpha}} &= \sqrt{2p_c} (1 \ 0) \quad , \quad \left[k_{ij}^{b-} \right]_{\dot{\alpha}} = \sqrt{2p_c} (0 \ 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so that} \quad k_{ij}^{b\pm} \cdot \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \left| k_{ij}^{b\pm} \right\rangle_{\alpha} \left[k_{ij}^{b\pm} \right]_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

This mirrors the definition of regular spinor-Helicity variables, only with pairwise momenta.

New Building Blocks for the S-Matrix: Pairwise Spinors

- In the lab frame, we define

$$\left| p_{ij}^{b\pm} \right\rangle_{\alpha} = \underbrace{(\mathcal{L}_p)_{\alpha}^{\beta}}_{\text{Canonical Lorentz}} \left| k_{ij}^{b\pm} \right\rangle_{\beta} \quad , \quad \left[p_{ij}^{b\pm} \right]_{\dot{\alpha}} = \left[k_{ij}^{b\pm} \right]_{\dot{\beta}} \underbrace{\left(\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_p \right)^{\dot{\beta}}_{\dot{\alpha}}}_{\text{Canonical Lorentz}}$$

- By another “Wigner trick” we get

$$\Lambda_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left| p_{ij}^{b\pm} \right\rangle_{\beta} = e^{\pm \frac{i}{2} \phi(p_i, p_j, \Lambda)} \left| \Lambda p_{ij}^{b\pm} \right\rangle_{\alpha} \quad , \quad \left[p_{ij}^{b\pm} \right]_{\dot{\beta}} \tilde{\Lambda}^{\dot{\beta}}_{\dot{\alpha}} = e^{\mp \frac{i}{2} \phi(p_i, p_j, \Lambda)} \left[\Lambda p_{ij}^{b\pm} \right]_{\dot{\alpha}}$$

2 pairs of spinors transforming covariantly under pairwise LG, with opposite weights

- Now we have everything we need to construct **electric-magnetic amplitudes!**

New Building Blocks for the S-Matrix: Pairwise Spinors

- By definition, in the $m_i \rightarrow 0$ limit, the pairwise spinors approach the regular spinors,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |p_{ij}^{b+}\rangle_\alpha &= |i\rangle_\alpha, & [p_{ij}^{b+}]_{\dot{\alpha}} &= [i]_{\dot{\alpha}} \\
 |p_{ij}^{b-}\rangle_\alpha &= \underbrace{\sqrt{2p_c} |\hat{\eta}_i\rangle_\alpha}_{\text{"P-conjugate" of } |i\rangle}, & [p_{ij}^{b-}]_{\dot{\alpha}} &= \underbrace{\sqrt{2p_c} [\hat{\eta}_i]_{\dot{\alpha}}}_{\text{"P-conjugate" of } [i]}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- This will imply extra selection rules in the $m_i \rightarrow 0$ limit, since

$$\begin{aligned}
 [p_{ij}^{b+} i] &= \langle i p_{ij}^{b+} \rangle = [\hat{\eta}_i p_{ij}^{b-}] = \langle p_{ij}^{b-} \hat{\eta}_i \rangle = 0 \\
 [p_{ij}^{b-} i] &= \langle i p_{ij}^{b-} \rangle = [\hat{\eta}_i p_{ij}^{b+}] = \langle p_{ij}^{b+} \hat{\eta}_i \rangle = 2p_c,
 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, it will impose a mandatory helicity-flip in the lowest partial wave for charge-monopole scattering. **Stay tuned!**

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doesn't transform with the pairwise LG phase!

Forward scattering (i.e. no scattering) not an option for the electric-magnetic S-matrix!

Electric-Magnetic Amplitudes: a Cheat-Sheet

- To construct electric-magnetic amplitudes, contract standard and pairwise spinors to get the right overall LG transformation. The rules are:

	$U(1)_i$	$SU(2)_i$	$U(1)_{ij}$
Required weight	h_i	\mathbf{S}_i	$-q_{ij}$
$ i\rangle_\alpha, [i]_{\dot{\alpha}}$	$-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	—	—
$\langle \mathbf{i} ^{I;\alpha}$	—	\square	—
$ p_{ij}^{b+}\rangle_\alpha, [p_{ij}^{b+}]_{\dot{\alpha}}$	—	—	$-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$
$ p_{ij}^{b-}\rangle_\alpha, [p_{ij}^{b-}]_{\dot{\alpha}}$	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

- This will enable us to completely **fix the angular dependence** of amplitudes from LG and pairwise LG considerations. The dynamical information left unfixed is just like phase shifts in QM.
- Our results are fully **non-perturbative**, as we never rely on a perturbative expansion

Electric-Magnetic Amplitudes: Examples

- To construct electric-magnetic amplitudes, contract standard and pairwise spinors to get the right overall LG transformation
- 1st example: Massive fermion decaying to massive fermion + massless scalar, $q = e \ g = -1$

$$S \left(\mathbf{1}^{s=1/2} \mid \mathbf{2}^{s=1/2}, 3^0 \right)_{q_{23}=-1} \sim \left\langle p_{23}^{b-} \mathbf{1} \right\rangle \left\langle p_{23}^{b-} \mathbf{2} \right\rangle$$

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Electric-Magnetic Amplitudes: Examples

- 2nd example: Massive fermion decaying to massive scalar + massless vector, $q = e \ g = -1$

$$S(\mathbf{1}^{s=0} | \mathbf{2}^{s=0}, \mathbf{3}^{+1})_{q_{23}=-1} \sim [p_{23}^{b+} 3]^2 \sim \langle p_{23}^{b-} | 2 | 3 \rangle^2$$

what about the -1 helicity case for the vector?

- No way to write a LG covariant expression, since $\langle p_{23}^{b-} 3 \rangle = [p_{23}^{b+} 2] = 0$.
- Our first encounter with a *pairwise LG selection rule*

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$ p_{ij}^{b-}\rangle_\alpha, [p_{ij}^{b-}]_{\dot{\alpha}}$	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

Electric-Magnetic Amplitudes: Examples

- 3rd example: Massive vector decaying to different massless fermions, $q = e$ $g = -1$

$$S \left(\mathbf{1}^{s=1} \mid 2^{-1/2}, 3^{-1/2} \right)_{q_{23}=-1} \sim \langle 2p_{23}^{b-} \rangle \langle p_{23}^{b+} 3 \rangle \langle \mathbf{1} p_{23}^{b-} \rangle^2$$

- Here the number of pairwise spinors is **not** $-2q$
- We need 4 pairwise spinors to contract with 4 standard spinors
- We use 3 pairwise spinors with (pairwise) LG weight $\frac{1}{2}$ and on with $-\frac{1}{2}$
- $h_2 = -h_3 = \frac{1}{2}$ case forbidden by selection rule

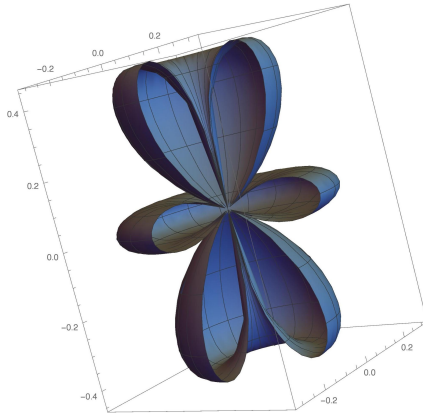
Can we systematize this? Yes!

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$\langle i \rangle^{I;\alpha}$	—	\square	—
$ p_{ij}^{b+}\rangle_\alpha, [p_{ij}^{b+}]_{\dot{\alpha}}$	—	—	$-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$
$ p_{ij}^{b-}\rangle_\alpha, [p_{ij}^{b-}]_{\dot{\alpha}}$	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

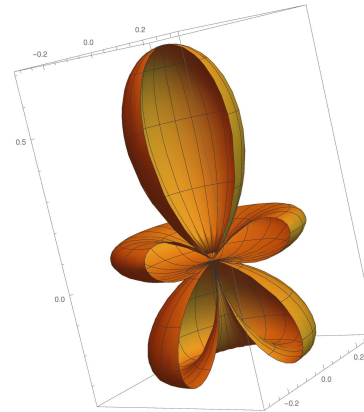
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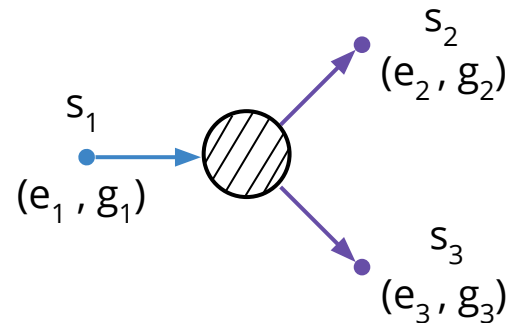
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To saturate the individual SU(2) LG for each particle, need

$$\underbrace{(\langle \mathbf{1} |^{2s_1})}_{S_1} \{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s_1}\} \underbrace{(\langle \mathbf{2} |^{2s_2})}_{S_2} \{\beta_1 \dots \beta_{2s_2}\} \underbrace{(\langle \mathbf{3} |^{2s_3})}_{S_3} \{\gamma_1 \dots \gamma_{2s_3}\}$$

S_i symmetrized insertions of the massive spinor for particle i

These need to be contracted with pairwise spinors for a Lorentz invariant amp. with overall $-q_{23}$ pairwise LG weight



$$q_{23} \equiv e_2 g_3 - e_3 g_2$$

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$\hat{s} \pm q$ non-negative integers \longrightarrow

Selection rule: $|q| \leq \hat{s}$

In particular a *massive scalar dyon* cannot decay to *two massive scalar dyons*

All 3-pt Electric-Magnetic Amplitudes

2. *Incoming massive particle, outgoing massive particle + massless particle, unequal mass*

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This time, the massive part is $\left(\langle \mathbf{1} |^{2s_1}\right)^{\{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s_1}\}} \left(\langle \mathbf{2} |^{2s_2}\right)^{\{\beta_1 \dots \beta_{2s_2}\}}$

Need to contract with standard & pairwise spinors for LG weight h_3 and pairwise LG weight $-q$

Define: $(|u\rangle_\alpha, |v\rangle_\alpha) = \underbrace{(|3\rangle_\alpha}_{-\frac{1}{2}}, \underbrace{|2|3\rangle_\alpha}_{\frac{1}{2}}) \quad (|w\rangle_\alpha, |r\rangle_\alpha) = \left(\underbrace{|p_{23}^{b-}\rangle_\alpha}_{\frac{1}{2}}, \underbrace{|p_{23}^{b+}\rangle_\alpha}_{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$

Most general massless part:

$$S_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2s_1}\} \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{2s_2}\}}^{h, q, \text{ unequal}} = \sum_{i=1}^C \sum_{j, k} a_{ijk} \langle ur \rangle^{\max(j+k, 0)} \langle vw \rangle^{\max(-j-k, 0)} \left(|u\rangle^{\frac{s_1}{2}-h-j} |v\rangle^{\frac{s_1}{2}+h+k} |w\rangle^{\frac{s_2}{2}-q+j} |r\rangle^{\frac{s_2}{2}+q-k} \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2s_1}\} \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{2s_2}\}}$$

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The j and k sums are over values that give non-negative integer powers, i.e.

$$-\frac{\hat{s}}{2} + q \leq j \leq \frac{\hat{s}}{2} - h \qquad -\frac{\hat{s}}{2} - h \leq k \leq \frac{\hat{s}}{2} + q$$

→ Selection rule: $|h + q| \leq \hat{s}$

In particular $s_1 = s_2 = 0 \rightarrow h = -q$

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For equal masses, we have $|u\rangle \sim |v\rangle$ as well as $|w\rangle \sim |r\rangle$,

and we can define the famous “x-factor” from [Arkani-Hamed et al. '17](#) :

$$m x |u\rangle = |v\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \langle ur \rangle^2 x |w\rangle \sim |r\rangle$$

the x-factor has LG weight 1, and pairwise LG weight 0

$$S_{\{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s_1}\} \{\beta_1 \dots \beta_{2s_2}\}}^{h,q,\text{equal}} = \sum_{i=1}^C \sum_j \sum_{k=-j}^j x^{h+q+j} \langle ur \rangle^{\max[2q+j-k,0]} \langle vw \rangle^{\max[-2q-j+k,0]} \left(|u\rangle^{j+k} |w\rangle^{j-k} \epsilon^{\hat{s}-j} \right)_{\{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s_1}\} \{\beta_1 \dots \beta_{2s_2}\}},$$

In this case there is no selection rule.

All 3-pt Electric-Magnetic Amplitudes

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4. Incoming massive particle, two outgoing *massless* particles

The massive part is just $\left(\langle \mathbf{1} |^{2s}\right)^{\{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s}\}}$

The massless part has helicity weights h_2 and h_3 under individual LGs, and a $-q$ pairwise LG weight

Defining $|u\rangle_\alpha = |2\rangle_\alpha$, $|v\rangle_\alpha = |3\rangle_\alpha$, we have

$$S_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2s}\}}^q = \sum_{ij} a_{ij} \left(|u\rangle^{s/2-i-\Delta} |v\rangle^{s/2-j+\Delta} |w\rangle^{s/2+j-q} |r\rangle^{s/2+i+q} \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2s}\}} .$$

$$[uv]^{\max[\Sigma+(s-i-j)/2, 0]} \langle uv \rangle^{\max[-\Sigma-(s+i+j)/2, 0]} (\langle uw \rangle [vr])^{\frac{1}{2}\max[i-j, 0]} ([uw] \langle vr \rangle)^{\frac{1}{2}\max[j-i, 0]} ,$$

With $\Sigma = h_2 + h_3$, $\Delta = h_2 - h_3$ and the i, j sum is over

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For $q = \pm 1/2$:

$s = 0 \rightarrow$ forbidden

$s = 1 \rightarrow |h_2 - h_3 \mp 1/2| \leq 1 \rightarrow |h_2| = |h_3| = 0 \text{ or } h_2 = -h_3 = \pm 1/2$

$s = 2 \rightarrow |h_2 - h_3 \mp 1/2| \leq 2 \rightarrow |h_2| = |h_3| \leq 1/2 \text{ or } h_2 = -h_3 = \pm 1.$

For $q = \pm 1/2$, our selection rule is **more restrictive** than the non-magnetic case in [Arkani-Hamed et al. '17](#)

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- For higher partial waves, our spinors combine to yield **Monopole-Spherical Harmonics**

Angular Momentum in a Poincaré Invariant Theory

- In a Poincaré invariant theory, angular momentum (squared) is defined as a quadratic Casimir
- From the momentum generator P^μ and the Lorentz generator $M^{\mu\nu}$,
form the Pauli-Lubański operator: $W_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P^\nu M^{\rho\sigma}$
- The operator W^2 is a quadratic Casimir of the Poincaré group, and its eigenvalues are given by:

$$W^2 = -P^2 J(J+1)$$

where J is the total angular momentum

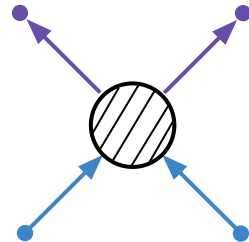
Lorentz and LG covariant Partial Wave Decomposition

- Consider the electric-magnetic S-matrix for $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering
- We want to decompose the electric-magnetic S-matrix into partial waves

$$S = \sum_J S^J$$

so that J is associated with the total angular momentum of the incoming particles including their spin and the “pairwise” angular momentum

- Formally, we need to represent the Lorentz group as *differential operators acting on spinors* and then expand in a complete eigenbasis of the Pauli-Lubański Casimir operator W^2



Lorentz and LG covariant Partial Wave Decomposition

- The Lorentz generators in spinor space are well known: [Witten '04](#)

$$\begin{aligned}(\sigma_\mu)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} P^\mu &\equiv P_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \sum_i |i\rangle_\alpha [i]_{\dot{\alpha}} \\(\sigma_{\mu\nu})_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\nu} &\equiv M_{\alpha\beta} = i \sum_i |i\rangle_{\{\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial \langle i|_{\beta\}} \\(\bar{\sigma}_{\mu\nu})_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} M^{\mu\nu} &\equiv \tilde{M}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = i \sum_i [i]_{\{\dot{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial |i]_{\dot{\beta}\}}\end{aligned}$$

and they lead to the Casimir operator [Jiang, Shu et al. '20](#)

$$W^2 = \frac{P^2}{8} \left[\text{Tr}(M^2) + \text{Tr}(\tilde{M}^2) \right] - \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}(M P \tilde{M} P^T)$$

Lorentz and LG covariant Partial Wave Decomposition

- The generalization to electric-magnetic amplitudes is straightforward

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sigma_{\mu\nu})_{\alpha\beta} M^{\mu\nu} &\equiv M_{\alpha\beta} = i \left[\sum_i |i\rangle_{\{\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial \langle i|_{\beta\}} + \sum_{i>j,\pm} |p_{ij}^{b\pm}\rangle_{\{\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial \langle p_{ij}^{b\pm}|_{\beta\}} \right] \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- The eigenfunctions of W^2 are **symmetrized products** of standard and pairwise spinors:

$$W^2 \left(f \prod |s_k\rangle \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_J\}} = -s J (J+1) \left(f \prod |s_k\rangle \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_J\}}$$

where $|s_k\rangle$ can be any standard / pairwise spinor, and the f is any contraction of spinors

Lorentz and LG covariant Partial Wave Decomposition

- For the PW decomposition, we expand in an eigenbasis of W^2 acting on the spinors / pairwise spinors associated with the incoming f and M :

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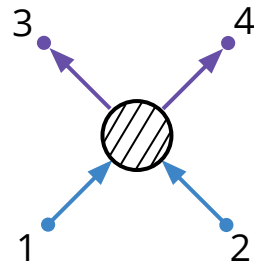
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- The form of basis amplitudes B^J is constrained by their J eigenvalue

$$\mathcal{B}^J = \underbrace{C_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2J}\}}^{J; \text{in}}}_{\text{eigenfunction of } W^2 \text{ for the incoming particles}} C^{J; \text{out}; \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2J}\}} \quad \text{Jiang, Shu et al. '20}$$

eigenfunction of W^2 for the incoming particles

- The C^J are called “generalized Clebsch-Gordan coefficients” (more accurately “tensors”)
 - $C^{J \text{ in}} (C^{J \text{ out}})$ only depend on the spinors for the incoming (outgoing) f and M
 - They saturate the LG and pairwise LG transformation of the S-matrix
 - We can extract them from the 3-pt amplitudes $1, 2 \rightarrow \text{spin } J$ and $\text{spin } J \rightarrow 3, 4$

Lorentz and LG covariant Partial Wave Decomposition

- As an example consider the C^J for a scalar charge + scalar monopole, $q = -1$
- The 3pt amplitude $s + M \rightarrow \text{spin } J$ is:

$$S(1^0, 2^0 | \mathbf{3}^J)_{q_{12}=-1} = a \langle \mathbf{3} p_{12}^{b-} \rangle^{J+1} \langle \mathbf{3} p_{12}^{b+} \rangle^{J-1}$$

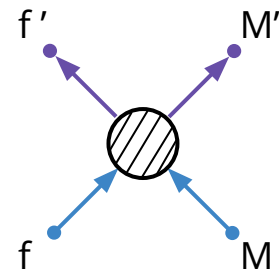
- We get the Clebsch by stripping away the massive spinor $\langle \mathbf{3} |^\alpha$:

$$(C_{0,0,-1}^{J;\text{in}})_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2J}\}} = \left(|p_{12}^{b-} \rangle^{J+1} |p_{12}^{b+} \rangle^{J-1} \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2J}\}}$$

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Fermion - Monopole Scattering



- Let's look at a massive fermionic charge and a massive scalar monopole
- The C^J is extracted from the "3-massive" 3-pt amplitude with selection rule $|q| \leq \hat{s}$
 - In this case $\hat{s} = \frac{1}{2} + 0 + J \geq |q| \longrightarrow J \geq |q| - \frac{1}{2}$
 - The J for lowest partial wave **depends** the pairwise helicity
 - This is the relativistic generalization of the NRQM modification of the angular momentum operator
- Let's focus on the lowest partial wave $J = |q| - \frac{1}{2}$ and extract C^J

Surprise at the Lowest PW: Helicity Flip!

- We derived the *basis amplitude* for the lowest partial wave
- But we know from NRQM that this amplitude should be **very surprising**
- In fact, [Kazama et al. '77](#) show that at the lowest PW, the helicity of the fermion should **flip** between the initial state and the final state: e_L falling into a monopole comes out as e_R !
can we reproduce this in our formalism?
- We take the $m_f \rightarrow 0$ limit to expose new selection rules

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- As in [Arkani-Hamed et al. '17](#), we take the $m_f \rightarrow 0$ limit by *unbolding* the massive spinors
 - Important: We have to make a choice of helicity when taking the massless limit

$$\begin{array}{c} \langle \mathbf{1} |^\alpha \\ \swarrow h_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \searrow h_1 = \frac{1}{2} \\ \langle 1 |^\alpha \quad \sim \langle \hat{\eta}_1 |^\alpha \end{array} \quad \text{P-conjugate of } \langle 1 |^\alpha$$

- In the $h_f = h_{\bar{f}} = -\frac{1}{2}$ (helicity-flip)* case:

$$\mathcal{B}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\langle f p_{fM}^{b\pm} \rangle \langle f' p_{f'M'}^{b\pm} \rangle}{4p_c^2} \left(\frac{\langle p_{fM}^{b\pm} p_{f'M'}^{b\pm} \rangle}{2p_c} \right)^{2|q|-1} \quad \text{for } \text{sgn}(q) = \pm 1$$

But in the massless limit $\langle f p_{fM}^{b+} \rangle = \langle f' p_{f'M'}^{b+} \rangle = 0$, and so the $q > 0$ amplitude **vanishes**

*In the all-outgoing convention, h_f is minus the physical helicity of the fermion

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- In the $h_f = -h_{f'} = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ (helicity non-flip) case, the amplitude **vanishes** for any q
- **Conclusion:** at the lowest PW, all helicity non-flip amplitude vanish!

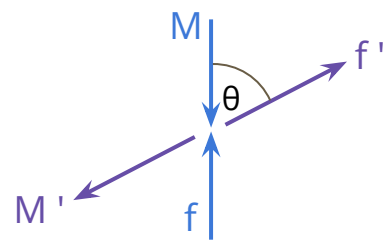
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$q < 0$: only RH fermion going to LH fermion

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- In the COM frame: $\left| p_{ij}^{b\pm} \right\rangle_{\alpha} = \sqrt{2p_c} \left| \pm \hat{p}_c \right\rangle_{\alpha}$

where $|\hat{n}\rangle_{\alpha} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} c_n \\ s_n \end{pmatrix}$ and $|\hat{n}\rangle_{\alpha} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} -s_n^* \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}$, $s_n = e^{i\phi_n} \sin\left(\frac{\theta_n}{2}\right)$, $c_n = \cos\left(\frac{\theta_n}{2}\right)$

- Substituting in the lowest PW amplitude:



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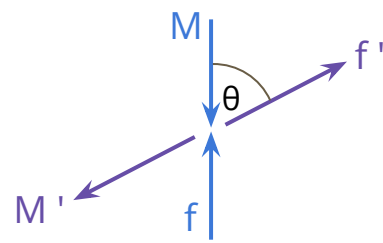
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remember:

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- Substituting in the lowest PW amplitude:



$$\begin{aligned} S_{f \rightarrow \bar{f}^\dagger}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} &= \mathcal{N} 2|q| \mathcal{M}_{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} \left[\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right]^{2|q|-1} & \text{for } q > 0 \\ S_{\bar{f}^\dagger \rightarrow f}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} &= \mathcal{N} 2|q| \mathcal{M}_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} \left[\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right]^{2|q|-1} & \text{for } q < 0, \end{aligned}$$

remember:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{12 \rightarrow 34} &= \mathcal{N} \sum_J (2J+1) \mathcal{M}^J(p_c) \mathcal{B}^J, \\ 2J+1 &= 2|q| \end{aligned}$$

- In principle, the M are dynamics-dependent, however, at the lowest PW, unitarity implies:

$$\left| \mathcal{M}_{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} \right| = \left| \mathcal{M}_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} \right| = 1 \xrightarrow[\text{only one of them nonzero, depending on } q]{\text{WLOG}} \mathcal{M}_{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} = -\mathcal{M}_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} = 1$$

- is exactly the NRQM result from [Kazma, Yang, Goldhaber '77](#)

Higher PWs: Monopole-Spherical Harmonics

- For $J > |q| - \frac{1}{2}$ we can use our general massive 3-pt amplitude to extract C^J and B^J :

$$\mathcal{B}^J \sim \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{\sigma'} a_{\sigma} a'_{\sigma'} \frac{\langle \mathbf{f} p_{fM}^{b\sigma} \rangle \langle \mathbf{f}' p_{f'M'}^{b\sigma'} \rangle}{4p_c^2} \tilde{\mathcal{B}}^J(-q_{\sigma}, -q_{\sigma'}), \quad \sigma, \sigma' \in \{+, -\}$$

$$q_{\pm} = q \mp 1/2$$

and
$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}^J(\Delta, \Delta') = \frac{1}{(2p_c)^{2J}} \left(\langle p_{fM}^{b-} |^{J+\Delta} \langle p_{fM}^{b+} |^{J-\Delta} \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2J}\}} \left(|p_{f'M'}^{b-} \rangle^{J+\Delta'} |p_{f'M'}^{b+} \rangle^{J-\Delta'} \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2J}\}}$$

- The magic unfolds in the COM frame:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{B}}^J(\Delta, \Delta') = (-1)^{J-\Delta'} \mathcal{D}_{-\Delta, \Delta'}^{J*}(\Omega_c)$$

where the D is the famous *Wigner D-matrix*: $\mathcal{D}_{-\Delta, \Delta'}^J(\Omega) \equiv \mathcal{D}_{-\Delta, \Delta'}^J(\phi, \theta, -\phi) = e^{i\phi(\Delta+\Delta')} d_{-\Delta, \Delta'}^J(\theta)$

$$d_{m, m'}^J(\theta) = \langle J, m | \exp(-i\theta J_y) | J, m' \rangle$$

Higher PWs: Monopole-Spherical Harmonics

- In the massless limit, we can write the compact result:

$$S_{h_{\text{in}} \rightarrow h_{\text{out}}}^J = \mathcal{N} (2J+1) \mathcal{M}_{-h_{\text{in}}, h_{\text{out}}}^J \mathcal{D}_{q-h_{\text{in}}, -q+h_{\text{out}}}^{J*}(\Omega_c)$$

in the *all-outgoing* convention, $h_{\text{in}} = \frac{1}{2} (-\frac{1}{2})$ for an incoming LH (RH) fermion

$h_{\text{out}} = -\frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{2})$ for an outgoing LH (RH) fermion

- This time the M are dynamics dependent, but they are only phase shifts:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{2}}^J = e^{-i\pi\mu} \quad \mu = \sqrt{\left(J + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - q^2} \quad \text{Kazma, Yang, Goldhaber '77}$$

obtained in NRQM by a tedious solution of the Dirac eq in monopole background

Higher PWs: Monopole-Spherical Harmonics

- PW unitarity implies:

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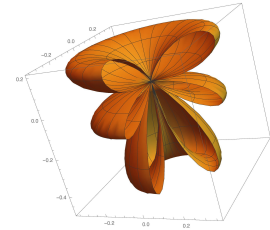
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- Finally:

$$\mathcal{D}_{q,m}^{l*}(\Omega) = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}} {}_qY_{l,m}(-\Omega)$$



Where the ${}_qY_{lm}$ are the *monopole-spherical harmonics* derived in [Wu, Yang '76](#) as eigenfunctions of the magnetically modified J^2 and J_z

here they emerge from contracting pairwise spinors in a [Lorentz and LG covariant way](#)

Plan

- The manifestly relativistic, electric-magnetic S-matrix
 - ✓○ Pairwise little group and pairwise helicity
 - ✓○ The extra LG phase of the magnetic S-matrix
 - ✓○ Pairwise spinor-helicity variables
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 - ✓○ LG covariant partial wave decomposition
 - ✓○ Charge-monopole scattering:
 - Helicity-flip selection rule at lowest partial wave
 - Higher partial waves: monopole spherical harmonics

Conclusions

- Solved the problem of constructing Lorentz covariant electric-magnetic amplitudes
- Identified electric-magnetic multiparticle states that are not direct products
- Defined the pairwise LG, helicity and spinor-helicity variables
- Fixed all 3-pt amplitudes
- Fixed all angular dependence of $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering and reproduced lowest PW helicity-flip

More applications to come...

Thank You!



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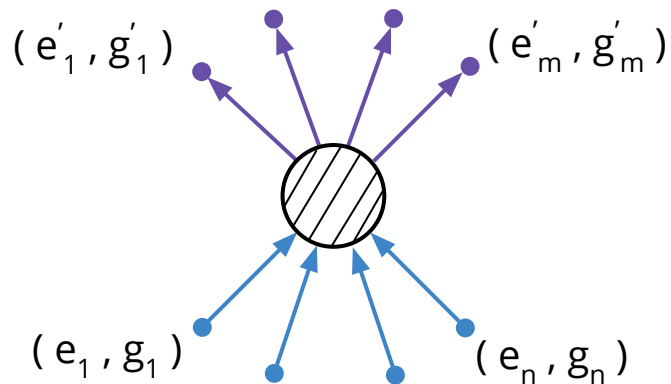
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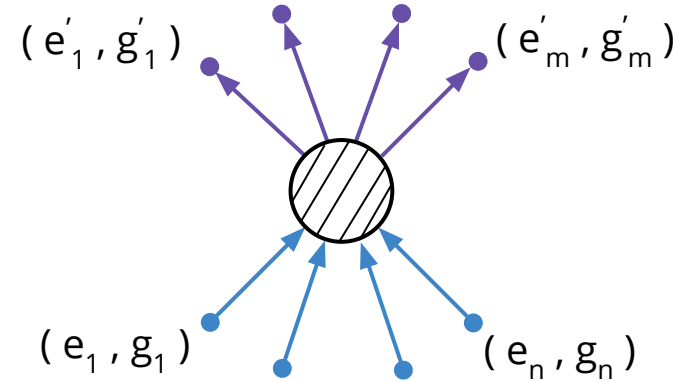
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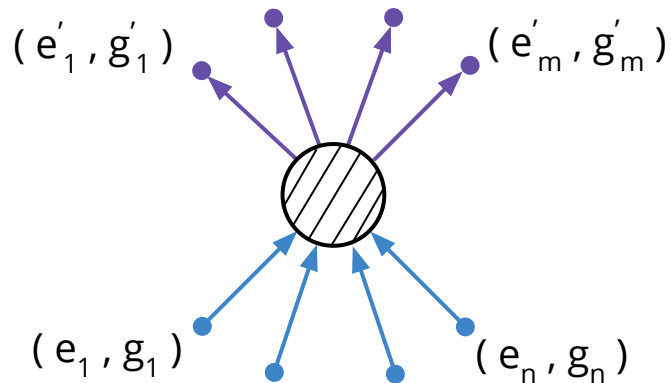
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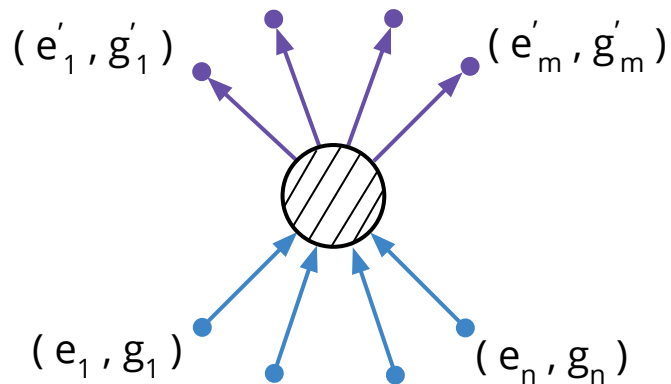
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PW Unitarity for the Electric-Magnetic $2 \rightarrow 2$ S-matrix

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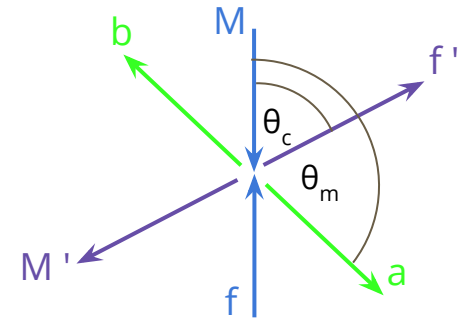
Assuming only 2 particle
intermediate states

$$\frac{p_c}{16\pi^2\sqrt{s}} \int d\Omega_m \sum_{ab} \left(S_{(fM)_i \rightarrow ab} S_{(f^\dagger M)_f \rightarrow a^\dagger b^\dagger}^* \right) = \frac{16\pi^2\sqrt{s}}{p_c} \delta(\Omega_c),$$

- The $2 \rightarrow 2$ S-matrices are:

$$S_{h_{\text{in}} \rightarrow h_{\text{out}}} = \mathcal{N} \sum_J (2J+1) \mathcal{M}_{-h_{\text{in}}, h_{\text{out}}}^J \mathcal{D}_{q-h_{\text{in}}, -q+h_{\text{out}}}^{J*}(\Omega_m),$$

$$S_{h_{\text{in}} \rightarrow h_{\text{out}}} = \mathcal{N} \sum_J (2J+1) \mathcal{M}_{-h_{\text{in}}, h_{\text{out}}}^J \sum_{p=-J}^J \mathcal{D}_{p, q-h_{\text{in}}}^J(\Omega_c) \mathcal{D}_{p, -q+h_{\text{out}}}^{J*}(\Omega_m)$$



PW Unitarity for the Electric-Magnetic $2 \rightarrow 2$ S-matrix

- Focusing on $(h_{\text{in}}, h_{\text{out}}) = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$:

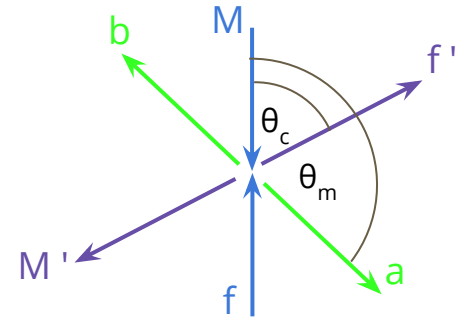
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$$\left\{ \mathcal{M}_{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^J \mathcal{M}_{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^{J'\dagger} \mathcal{D}_{q-\frac{1}{2}, -q-\frac{1}{2}}^{J*}(\Omega_m) \sum_{p=-J'}^{J'} \mathcal{D}_{p, q+\frac{1}{2}}^{J'*}(\Omega_c) \mathcal{D}_{p, -q-\frac{1}{2}}^{J'}(\Omega_m) \right.$$

$$\left. + \mathcal{M}_{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}^J \mathcal{M}_{\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}^{J'\dagger} \mathcal{D}_{q-\frac{1}{2}, -q+\frac{1}{2}}^{J*}(\Omega_m) \sum_{p=-J'}^{J'} \mathcal{D}_{p, q+\frac{1}{2}}^{J'*}(\Omega_c) \mathcal{D}_{p, -q+\frac{1}{2}}^{J'}(\Omega_m) \right\} = \delta(\Omega_c).$$

- Use the identity:

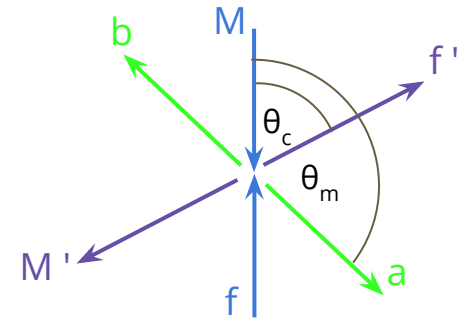
$$\int d\Omega_m \mathcal{D}_{a,b}^{J*}(\Omega_m) \mathcal{D}_{a',b'}^{J'}(\Omega_m) = \frac{4\pi}{2J+1} \delta_{aa'} \delta_{bb'} \delta_{JJ'}.$$



PW Unitarity for the Electric-Magnetic $2 \rightarrow 2$ S-matrix

- Everything simplifies,

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_J (2J+1) \left(\mathcal{M}^J \mathcal{M}^{J\dagger} \right)_{-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{D}_{q-\frac{1}{2}, q+\frac{1}{2}}^{J*}(\Omega_c) = \delta(\Omega_c)$$



- Repeating for all $h_{\text{in}}, h_{\text{out}}$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_I (2J+1) \left(\mathcal{M}^J \mathcal{M}^{J\dagger} \right)_{-h_{\text{in}}, h_{\text{out}}} \mathcal{D}_{q-h_{\text{in}}, q-h_{\text{out}}}^{J*}(\Omega_c) = \delta_{-h_{\text{in}}, h_{\text{out}}} \delta(\Omega_c)$$

- Multiplying by $\mathcal{D}_{q-h_{\text{in}}, q-h_{\text{out}}}^J(\Omega_c)$ and integrating,

$$\boxed{\mathcal{M}^J \mathcal{M}^{J\dagger} = I}$$

This is what happens in the non-magnetic case, and leads to the standard [PW unitarity bound](#)