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# Amplitudes for Monopoles

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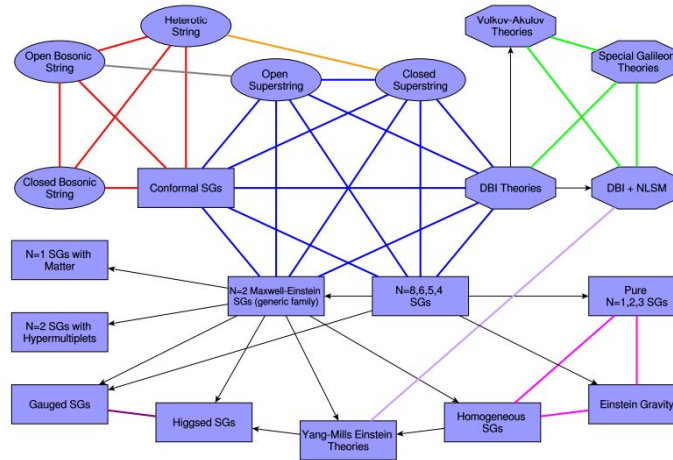
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# Motivation: On-Shell Success Where Field Theory Fails



\* 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 an 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 ...](#)
  - "Hard" S-matrix [Hannesdottir, Schwartz '19](#)

# Monopoles: Where “No” Lagrangian Exists

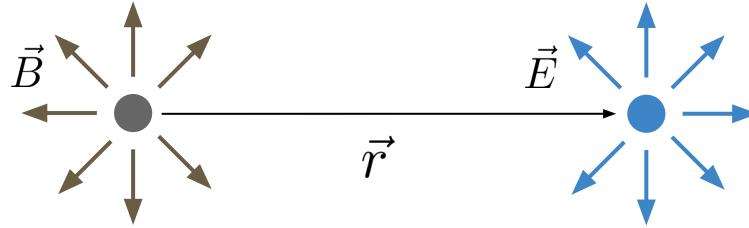
- Since the days of Dirac, no clear way to write a local, Lorentz invariant Lagrangian for Monopoles & electric charges
  - Schwinger approach: non-local Lagrangian [Schwinger '66](#)
  - Zwanziger approach: local Lagrangian, [Zwanziger '71](#)  
loss of manifest Lorentz by introducing Dirac string
- Weinberg's Paradox:
  - Amplitude for charge monopole 1-photon exchange [Weinberg '65](#)  
explicitly breaks Lorentz!
  - Resolution: in EM soft corrections to a hard scattering, [Terning, Verhaaren '19](#)  
Lorentz violation exponentiates. For closed trajectories:  
is an integer & **drops out**

# 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!
  - Helcities & spins are associated with 1 particle states
  - $q \equiv e g$  associated with charge-monopole pairs

*“pairwise”* helicity?

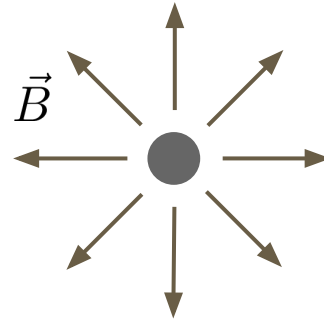
# Charge - Monopole Scattering: A Non-Relativistic Prelude



# Magnetic Monopoles

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

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



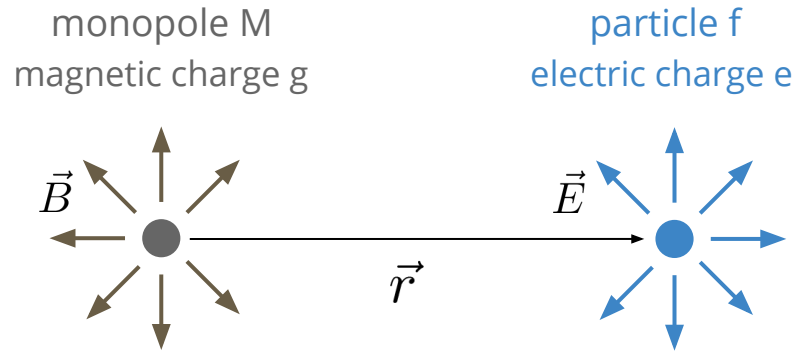
- At  $r \gg m^{-1}$  effectively abelian [Dirac '31](#)
- At  $r \sim m^{-1}$  have non-abelian cores ['t Hooft / Polyakov '74](#) We won't care.  
For us they are just scattering particles.
- Lead to charge quantization [Dirac '31, Wu & Yang '76](#)

\* In this talk we only consider these



# Classically: An Extra Angular Momentum

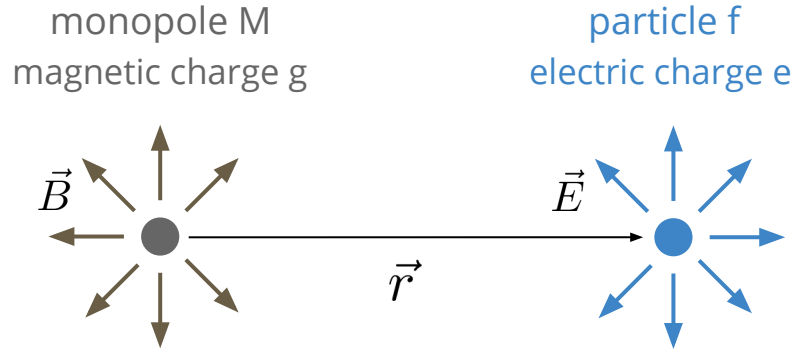
- In the presence of electrically and magnetically charged particles there's a *catch*



- 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  $\vec{J}_{\text{field}}$  quantized  $\longrightarrow eg = \frac{n}{2}$  Dirac quantization

# Non-Relativistic Quantum Theory

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

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

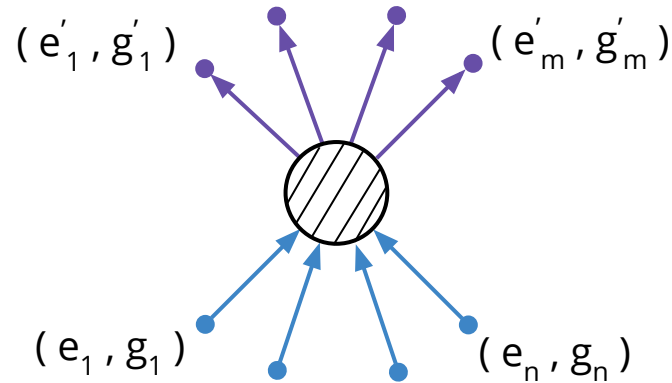
- Naive  $\vec{L} = -i\vec{r} \times \vec{D}$  no longer satisfies angular momentum algebra, instead [Lipkin et al. '69](#)

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

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

- For dyons, trivial generalization:  $e_1g_2 - e_2g_1 = \frac{n}{2}$  [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

# Main Idea

- Charge-monopole scattering inherently non-perturbative:  $eg=n/2$ 
  - The physical scattering amplitude involves all photon exchanges between the charge and the monopole
  - The sum of all exchanges should mimic the angular momentum in the classical EM field
- Our approach:
  - Instead of summing over all photon exchanges, re-define the Hilbert space to “integrate out” the classical EM
  - In the modified Hilbert space, the extra angular momentum is associated with charge monopole pairs
  - The S-matrix for the modified Hilbert space captures **quantum scattering** with nontrivial **classical** “magnetic” angular momentum

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# Defining Relativistic Quantum States

- Relativistic Quantum states are defined via their irreducible representations under Poincaré
- Hard to explore irreps. of **non-compact** Poincaré group
- Single particle solution: Poincaré irreps.  $\approx$  little group irreps.

Little group = **compact** subgroup of Lorentz which leaves a reference momentum invariant

Massive irreps. :  $k = (m, 0, 0, 0) \longrightarrow$  little group SU(2), particles labeled by spin

Massless irreps. :  $k = (E, 0, 0, E) \longrightarrow$  little group U(1)\*, particles labeled by helicity

$$U(\Lambda) |p; \sigma\rangle \quad \text{induced from} \quad D(W)_{\sigma'\sigma} |k; \sigma'\rangle$$

Lorentz irrep.
Little group irrep.

- Multiparticle states? Usually **tensor products** of single particle states

# The Quantum State of Scalar Monopole & 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:

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

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:

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

where  $\phi$  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*  $q_{12}$ , but we can also derive it by generalizing [Wigner's method of induced representations](#)



# Wigner's Method for Scalar Charge-Monopole States

- Define the reference momenta in the COM frame

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

with

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

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

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

*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 Scalar Charge-Monopole States

- 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:

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 & U(\Lambda) |p_1, \dots, p_n; \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n; q_{12}, q_{13}, \dots, q_{n-1,n}\rangle = \\
 & \underbrace{e^{i \sum_{i < j} q_{ij} \phi(p_i, p_j, \Lambda)}}_{\text{Pairwise LG}} \prod_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\sigma'_i \sigma_i}^i}_{\text{Single particle LG}} |\Lambda p_1, \dots, \Lambda p_n; \underbrace{\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_n}_{\text{Spins / helicities}}; \underbrace{q_{12}, q_{13}, \dots, q_{n-1,n}}_{\text{Pairwise helicities}}\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

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

- Consider  $n$  single-particle Hilbert spaces  $H_i$  +  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$  two-particle Hilbert spaces  $H_{ij}$
- Each  $H_i$  and  $H_{ij}$  carry a representation of a *different copy* of Poincaré [  $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$  copies ]
  - The  $H_i$  carry **single-particle** representations  $U(\Lambda) |p_i; \sigma_i\rangle = \mathcal{D}_{\sigma'_i \sigma_i} |\Lambda p_i; \sigma'_i\rangle$
  - The  $H_{ij}$  carry **two-scalar-dyon** representations  $U(\Lambda) |\tilde{p}_i, \tilde{p}_j; q_{ij}\rangle = e^{iq_{ij}\phi_{ij}} |\tilde{p}_i, \tilde{p}_j; q_{ij}\rangle$
- Define the direct sum Hilbert space:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\oplus} \equiv \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{H}_i \oplus \bigoplus_{i<j}^n \mathcal{H}_{ij} = \{|p_1, \dots, p_n; (\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2), \dots, (\tilde{p}_l, \tilde{p}_k); \sigma_i; q_{ij}\rangle\}$$

- For a general state in  $\mathcal{H}_{\oplus}$ ,  $\tilde{p}_i \neq p_i$

- Define the **physical** subspace

invariant under **diagonal** Poincaré

$$\mathcal{H} = \{|p_1, \dots, p_n; (\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_2), \dots, (\tilde{p}_l, \tilde{p}_k); \sigma_i; q_{ij}\rangle \mid \tilde{p}_i = p_i\} \subset \mathcal{H}_\oplus$$

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- $\mathcal{H}$  naturally carries a “magnetic” multiparticle representation under the **diagonal** Poincaré group

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Pairwise LG
Single particle LG
Spins / helicities
Pairwise helicities

# The Electric-Magnetic S-Matrix

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

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

+ 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:

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

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:

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

Massive:

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

# 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

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

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

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

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

- By another “Wigner trick” we get

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

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,

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

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

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

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



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- **1st surprise:** remember the beginning of every QFT textbook?

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = \delta(\alpha - \beta) - 2i\pi\delta^{(4)}(p_\alpha - p_\beta) \mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}$$

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- We showed that the electric-magnetic S-matrix transforms as\*

$$S(\Lambda p'_1, \dots, \Lambda p'_m \mid \Lambda p_1, \dots, \Lambda p_n) =$$

In practice we work in the *all-outgoing* convention:  
Have to flip helicity, but not pairwise helicity!

$$e^{-i(\Sigma_- + \Sigma_+)} \prod_{i=1}^m \mathcal{D}(W_i) \prod_{j=1}^n \mathcal{D}(W_j)^\dagger S(p'_1, \dots, p'_m \mid p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

- **1st surprise:** remember the beginning of every QFT textbook?

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = \delta(\alpha = \beta) - 2i\pi\delta^{(4)}(p_\alpha - p_\beta) \mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}$$

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}}$	$-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$	—	—
$\langle \mathbf{i} \rangle^{I;\alpha}$	—	$\square$	—
$ 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}}$	—	—	$\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$

- 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

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- 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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- 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

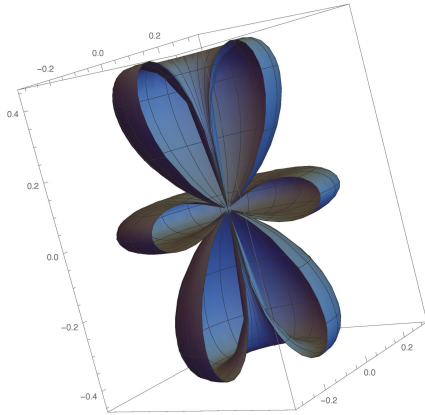
Can we systematize this? Yes!

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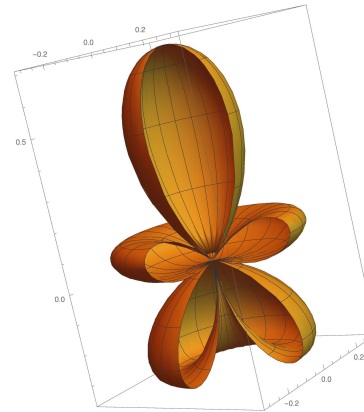
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# Results



$Y_{\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}}(\theta, \phi)$   
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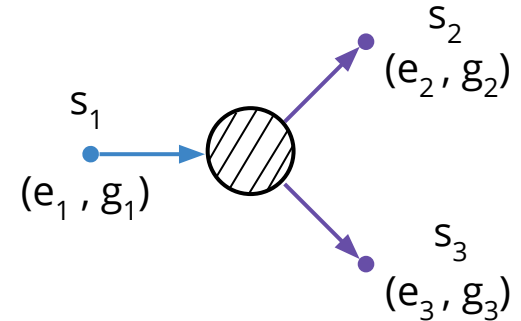
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To saturate the individual SU(2) LG for each particle, need

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

$S_i$  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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Define:  $|w\rangle_\alpha \equiv |p_{23}^{b-}\rangle_\alpha$  and  $|r\rangle_\alpha \equiv |p_{23}^{b+}\rangle_\alpha$

Most general term with pairwise LG weight  $-q$  and  $2\hat{s} \equiv 2(s_1+s_2+s_3)$  spinor indices:

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



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

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

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

Most general massless part:

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

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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

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

In this case there is no selection rule.

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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

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

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

With  $\Sigma = h_2 + h_3$ ,  $\Delta = h_2 - h_3$ , the  $i, j$  sum is over  $-s/2 - q \leq i \leq s/2 - \Delta$

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$$\begin{aligned} -s/2 - q \leq i \leq s/2 - \Delta \\ -s/2 + q \leq j \leq s/2 + \Delta \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{\text{Selection rule: } |\Delta - q| \leq s}$$

For  $q = \pm 1/2$  :

$$s = 0 \rightarrow \text{forbidden}$$

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

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

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  $P^\mu$  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

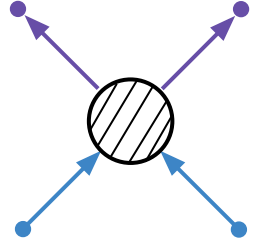
# Lorentz and LG covariant Partial Wave Decomposition

- 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](#)

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

# 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:

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

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

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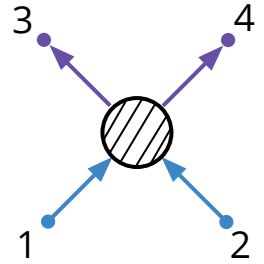
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- The form of basis amplitudes  $B^J$  is constrained by their  $J$  eigenvalue

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

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- 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:

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

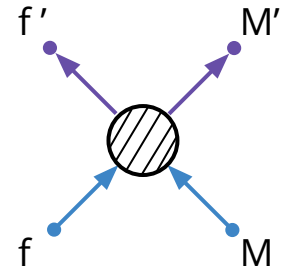
- We get the Clebsch by stripping away the massive spinor  $\langle \mathbf{3} |^\alpha$ :

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

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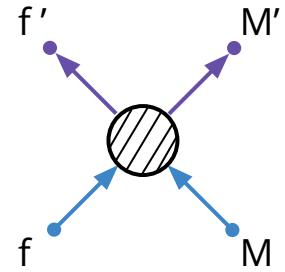
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      - Higher partial waves: monopole spherical harmonics

# 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  $C^J$

# Fermion - Monopole Scattering



- $C^{2|q|-1; \text{in}}$  for spin  $\frac{1}{2} + \text{spin } 0 \rightarrow \text{spin } 2|q|-1$  (for  $q > 0$ ) :

$$S_{q>0}^{3\text{-pt, in}} = a \langle \mathbf{f} p_{fM}^{b+} \rangle \langle \mathbf{J} p_{fM}^{b+} \rangle^{2|q|-1} \rightarrow C_{q>0}^{|q|-1/2; \text{in}} = \langle \mathbf{f} p_{fM}^{b+} \rangle \left( |p_{fM}^{b+} \rangle^{2|q|-1} \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2|q|-1}\}}$$

- Similarly:  $C_{q>0}^{|q|-1/2; \text{out}} = \langle \mathbf{f}' p_{f'M'}^{b+} \rangle \left( |p_{f'M'}^{b+} \rangle^{2|q|-1} \right)_{\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2|q|-1}\}}$

- Contracting and repeating for  $q < 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{B}_{q>0}^{|q|-1/2} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{f} p_{fM}^{b+} \rangle \langle \mathbf{f}' p_{f'M'}^{b+} \rangle}{4p_c^2} \left( \frac{\langle p_{fM}^{b+} p_{f'M'}^{b+} \rangle}{2p_c} \right)^{2|q|-1} \quad \mathcal{B}_{q<0}^{|q|-1/2} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{f} p_{fM}^{b-} \rangle \langle \mathbf{f}' p_{f'M'}^{b-} \rangle}{4p_c^2} \left( \frac{\langle p_{fM}^{b-} p_{f'M'}^{b-} \rangle}{2p_c} \right)^{2|q|-1}$$

Completely fixed the basis amplitude for the lower partial wave

# 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

# Surprise at the Lowest PW: Helicity Flip!

- 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

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

- 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!

$$\mathcal{B}_{q < 0}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{\langle f p_{fM}^{b-} \rangle \langle f' p_{f'M'}^{b-} \rangle}{4p_c^2} \left( \frac{\langle p_{fM}^{b-} p_{f'M'}^{b-} \rangle}{2p_c} \right)^{2|q|-1}$$

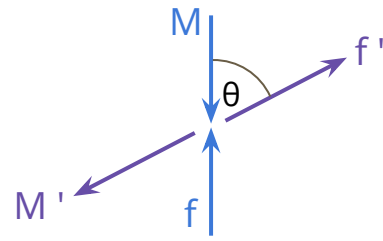
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$$\mathcal{B}_{q > 0}^{|q|-\frac{1}{2}} \sim \frac{[f p_{fM}^{b-}] [f' p_{f'M'}^{b-}]}{4p_c^2} \left( \frac{\langle p_{fM}^{b+} p_{f'M'}^{b+} \rangle}{2p_c} \right)^{2|q|-1}$$

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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:



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

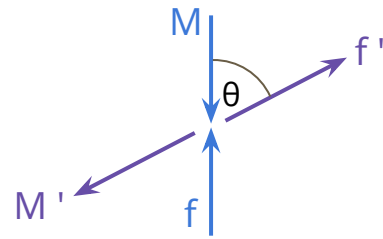
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- In principle, the M are dynamics-dependent, however, at the lowest PW, unitarity implies:

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

- is exactly the NRQM result from Kazma, Yang, Goldhaber '77

# Higher PWs: Monopole-Spherical Harmonics

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

$$B^J \sim \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{\sigma'} a_{\sigma} a'_{\sigma'} \frac{\langle \mathbf{f} p_{fM}^{b\sigma} \rangle \langle \mathbf{f}' p_{f'M'}^{b\sigma'} \rangle}{4p_c^2} \tilde{B}^J(-q_{\sigma}, -q_{\sigma'}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma, \sigma' \in \{+, -\} \\ q_{\pm} = q \mp 1/2 \end{array}$$

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

- The magic unfolds in the COM frame:

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

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

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

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- In the massless limit, we can write the compact result (“magnetic Jacob-Wick”):

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

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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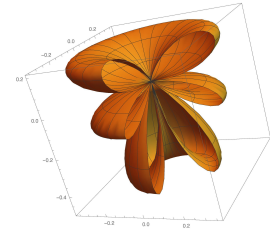
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- Finally:

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



Where the  ${}_q Y_{lm}$  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
  - ✓ ○ Electric Magnetic amplitudes: a cheat sheet
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  - ✓ ○ All 3-pt electric-magnetic amplitudes. Novel selection rules.
  - ✓ ○ LG covariant partial wave decomposition
  - ✓ ○ Charge-monopole scattering:
    - Helicity-flip selection rule at lowest partial wave
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# 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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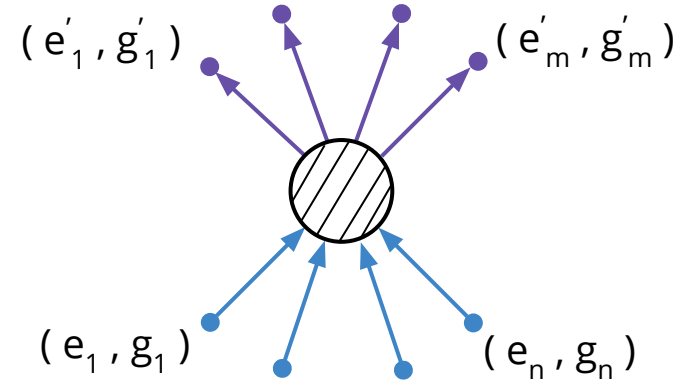
# Zwanziger's Classical Relativistic Result

Dyons  $(e^-_1, g^-_1), \dots, (e^-_n, g^-_n)$  scattering to  $(e^+_1, g^+_1), \dots, (e^+_m, g^+_m)$

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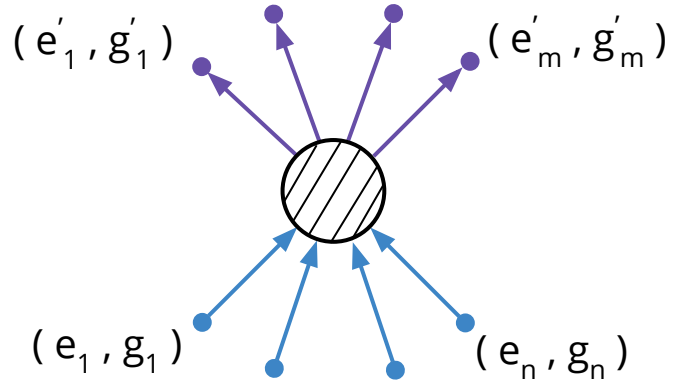
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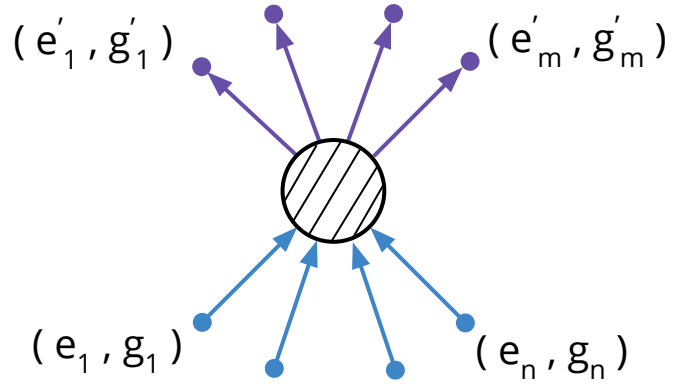
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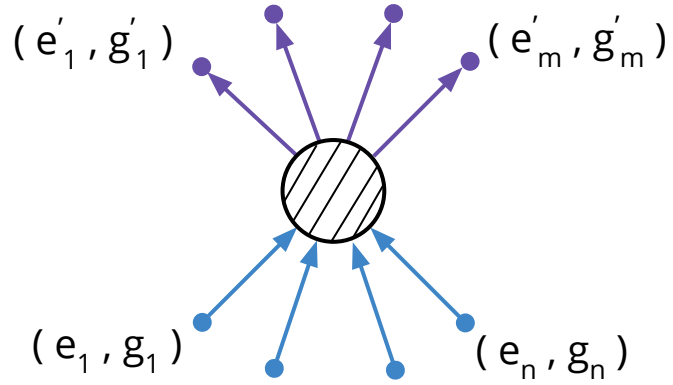
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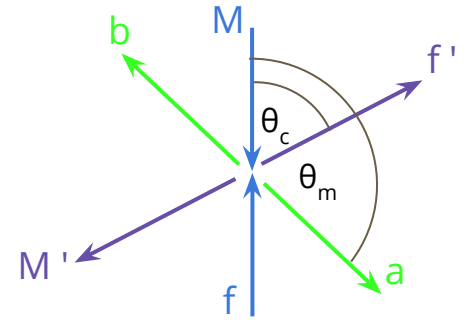
half integer by Zwanziger-Schwinger condition

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$$S S^\dagger = I$$

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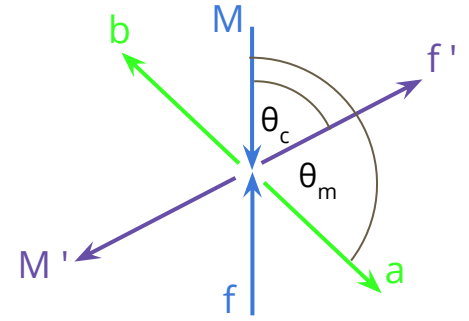
- Focusing on  $(h_{in}, h_{out}) = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$ :

$$\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int d\Omega_m \sum_{J, J'} (2J+1)(2J'+1) \cdot$$

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

- Use the identity:

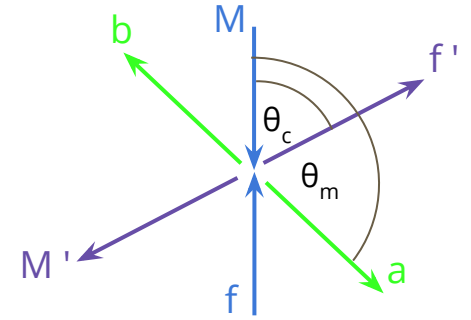
$$\int d\Omega_m \mathcal{D}_{a,b}^{J*}(\Omega_m) \mathcal{D}_{a',b'}^{J'}(\Omega_m) = \frac{4\pi}{2J+1} \delta_{aa'} \delta_{bb'} \delta_{JJ'}.$$



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- 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  $h_{in}, h_{out}$

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