

# A Preferred Basis for Effective Field Theories from Amplitude Basis

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# Outline

- A brief review of partial waves.
- Construct the generalized partial wave basis.
- The  $j$ -basis amplitudes/operators.
- Applications: selection rules and UV origins.
- Summary & Outlook

# A Review of Partial Wave Analysis I

**Partial Wave Analysis:** solving scattering problems by decomposing the **multi-particle** wave functions  $|\Psi\rangle = |\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots\rangle$  into its constituent **angular momentum** components  $|P, J, M, \dots\rangle$ .

Group	C-G coefficients
$SO(3)$	$\langle j_1, m_1; j_2, m_2   J, M \rangle$
Poincaré	$\langle p_1, s_1, \sigma_1; p_2, s_2, \sigma_2; \dots   P, J, M, \dots \rangle$

S-matrix is block diagonal  $\Rightarrow a_J(s = P^2) = \langle P, J, M | S | P, J, M \rangle$

- Perturbative Unitarity Bound  $\text{Re} a_J \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .
  - coupled channel analysis
- Phase Space Integration  $\sim \sum_J (2J + 1) |a_J|^2$ .

# A Review of Partial Wave Analysis II

Well known partial waves for 2-particle states ( $h_i = \vec{s}_i \cdot \hat{p}_i$ ):

$$\langle h'_1, h'_2; \theta, \phi | h_1, h_2; J, M \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2J+1}{4\pi}} \delta_{h_1, h'_1} \delta_{h_2, h'_2} \overbrace{\mathcal{D}_{M,\alpha}^J(\phi, \theta, -\phi)}^{\text{Wigner-D matrix}}.$$

Jacob-Wick expansion:

$$\langle h_3, h_4; \theta, \phi | S | h_1, h_2; 0, 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_J (2J+1) a_J(s) \color{red} d_{\alpha, \alpha'}^J(\theta) e^{i(\alpha - \alpha')\phi}.$$

## Inspirations:

- Defined in CoM frame (requires boosts for non-CoM frame).  
Lorentz invariant form?
- Generalization to more particles? (3-particle phase space)
- Implication by amplitude-operator correspondence?

# Helicity Amplitudes as Partial Wave Basis

Lorentz invariant form of amplitudes:  $\mathcal{A}(|i\rangle^{(I)}, |i\rangle^{(J)})$ .

- Helicity spinor variables:  $p_{i\mu}\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\mu = |i\rangle_\alpha|i|_{\dot{\alpha}}$ .
- Massive version:  $p_{i\mu}\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\mu = |i\rangle_\alpha^I|i|_{\dot{\alpha}I}$  ([arXiv:1709.04891](#))

Correspondence with d-matrices, e.g.

$$d_{1,0}^1(\theta) \sim \mathcal{A}(h, h \rightarrow 1, 0) = \begin{cases} [13][23] & h = -1/2 \\ \langle 12 \rangle [13][23] & h = 0 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

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**Q:** How to construct amplitude basis with given  $J$  ?

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  - 2 Little group

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- $f_\Psi^J$  not available (yet) for general  $N > 2$  states;  
tricky to get complete basis at given dimension  $|\chi] = \frac{P|\chi\rangle}{\sqrt{s}}$ .

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- $SO(3) — \mathbf{J}^2|J, M\rangle = J(J+1)|J, M\rangle$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L}^2\langle\theta, \phi|l, m\rangle &= -\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\right]Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) \\ &= l(l+1)Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)\end{aligned}$$

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Complete Partial Wave Amplitude Basis:  $\mathcal{B}^j = \mathcal{K}.\mathcal{B}^y$

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Lorentz j-basis (partial waves)	Gauge j-basis
$\mathcal{B}^{J=0} = s_{13}/\Lambda^2$	$T^{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{1}} = \delta_i^k \delta_j^l$
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j-basis is an alternative **flavor-blind** operator/amplitude basis,  
**NOT** independent after considering **repeated field** issue!

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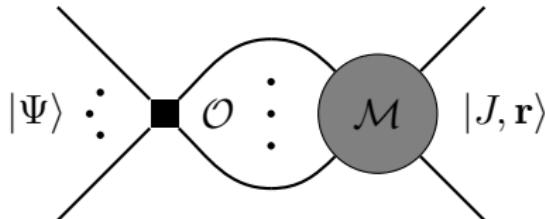
- Corresponding operators annihilate states with mismatch quantum numbers (when Wick contraction is unique)

$$\mathcal{O}^{J', \mathbf{r}'} |J, \mathbf{r}\rangle = 0, \quad \text{if } J \neq J' \text{ or } \mathbf{r} \neq \mathbf{r}'$$

- Non-trivial when the quantum number is inferred by the other side (conservation laws)

$$\langle J, \mathbf{r} | \mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{O}^{J', \mathbf{r}'} | \Psi \rangle = 0, \quad \text{if } J \neq J' \text{ or } \mathbf{r} \neq \mathbf{r}'$$

Valid to all orders of  $\mathcal{M}$  and rational terms also vanish!



## Selection Rules for Loop Integrals II

Two cases when  $(J, \mathbf{r})$  are constrained:

- Rule A:  $J \geq |h_1 - h_2|$  for two massless particle state  $|h_1, h_2\rangle$ .  
Ex. type  $H^4 D^2$  contribute to  $\mathcal{A}(H, H^\dagger, e_R, e_R^\dagger)$  through the combination

$$C^{1,1} \sim C_{H\square} + C_{HD}$$

- Rule B: Permutation symmetry of gauge sector  $(-1)^J$  for two identical particles.  
Ex. type  $H^2 \psi \bar{\psi} D$  do not contribute to  $\mathcal{A}(H, H^\dagger, \gamma/g, \gamma/g)$ , but may contribute to

$$\mathcal{A}(H_i, H^{\dagger,j}, W^I, W^J) \sim C_{H\psi} \epsilon^{IJK} (\tau^K)_i^j$$

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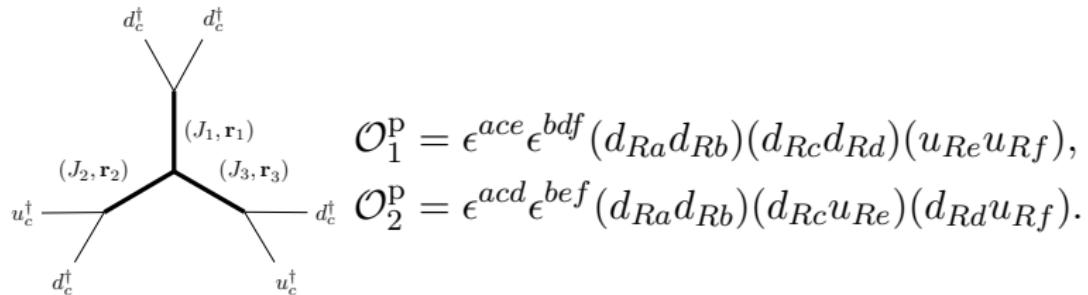
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Ex.  $n-\bar{n}$  oscillation from effective operators  $d_R^4 u_R^2$  :

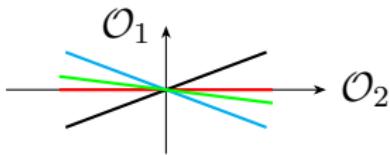


# $n$ - $\bar{n}$ Operator Landscape

The  $(\mathcal{K}^{\text{pj}})^{-1}$  information (part):

$(\mathbf{r}_i, J_i)$	(1, 1, 1)	(0, 1, 1)	(1, 0, 1)	(1, 1, 0)	(0, 0, 0)
$(\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{6}, \mathbf{6})$	0	$3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	0	0	$\mathcal{O}_1 - 8\mathcal{O}_2$
$(\mathbf{6}, \bar{\mathbf{3}}, \bar{\mathbf{3}})$	0	$\mathcal{O}_2$	0	0	$\mathcal{O}_2$
$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{6}, \bar{\mathbf{3}})$	$3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	0	$\mathcal{O}_1 - 8\mathcal{O}_2$	$3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	0
$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{6})$	$3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	0	$3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	$\mathcal{O}_1 - 8\mathcal{O}_2$	0
$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \bar{\mathbf{3}}, \bar{\mathbf{3}})$	$-3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	0	$3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	$3\mathcal{O}_1 + 8\mathcal{O}_2$	0

Target subspaces on the landscape:



# Seesaw Model from Landscape Analysis

- p-basis:

$$\mathcal{O}^S = (HL)(HL), \quad \mathcal{O}^A = (HH)(LL)$$

$\mathcal{O}^A$  requires anti-symmetric flavors for Higgs, ruled out in SM!

- j-basis:

Topology	j-basis	Model
	$\mathcal{O}_{HL \rightarrow HL}^{(1/2,1)} = \mathcal{O}^S + \mathcal{O}^A$	type I
	$\mathcal{O}_{HL \rightarrow HL}^{(1/2,3)} = \mathcal{O}^S - 3\mathcal{O}^A$	type III
	$\mathcal{O}_{HH \rightarrow LL}^{(0,1)} = \mathcal{O}^A$	N/A
	$\mathcal{O}_{HH \rightarrow LL}^{(0,3)} = \mathcal{O}^S$	type II

# Summary & Outlook

- Partial wave basis is generalized to arbitrary number of external particles, massive or massless alike.
- Systematic  $j$ -basis analysis, realized by code.
- Selection rules in loop integrals, partial wave phase space integration.
- Landscape analysis, UV resonance, positivity bound, perturbative unitarity bound.

*Thank You*

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## Backup – spinor values

With momentum  $p_{i\mu} = (E, p \sin \theta_i \cos \phi_i, p \sin \theta_i \sin \phi_i, p \cos \theta_i)$

$$|i\rangle_\alpha = |\bar{i}\rangle^{\dot{\alpha}} = \sqrt{E} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta_i}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta_i}{2} e^{i\phi_i} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |i]\dot{\alpha} = |\bar{i}\rangle_\alpha = \sqrt{E} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \frac{\theta_i}{2} e^{-i\phi_i} \\ \cos \frac{\theta_i}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

When  $m^2 = E^2 - p^2 \neq 0$ , expand the massive spinors in a basis  $\zeta^\pm$ ,

$$|i\rangle^I = |i\rangle \zeta^{-I} + \frac{m}{E} |\bar{i}\rangle \zeta^{+I}, \quad |i]^I = |i]\zeta^{+I} + \frac{m}{E} |\bar{i}]\zeta^{-I}.$$

with orthonormal condition  $\zeta^{+I} \zeta_I^- = 1$ . The choice

$$\zeta^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \zeta^- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents spin components along the momentum direction  $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$ .