

Soft corrections & ultra-Planckian scattering

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50 years of Veneziano model
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but Gabriele is working to amend this with Yankielowicz and Onofri

... see Armoni's talk

Summary

- ▶ Soft behaviour of Scattering Amplitudes
- ▶ High-energy scattering from Veneziano to Amati, Ciafaloni, Veneziano
- ▶ Glimpses of BH formation and evaporation
- ▶ Gravitational Waves: ZFL ... and beyond

1. Soft behaviour of Scattering Amplitudes

Soft behaviour of scattering amplitudes

Massless particles as $q \rightarrow 0$

Two cases

- ▶ Mediators of 'gauge' interactions: photons, gravitons, gluons
... gravitini
Mass protected by exact gauge invariance
- ▶ (Pseudo) Goldstone bosons: pions, 'dilaton', moduli ...
goldstino
Mass protected by partial global current conservation
Adler zero

Focus on the first ... gravity

Soft theorems in Gravity at tree level

In Gravity [Weinberg; Gross, Jackiw; Bern, Dixon, Dunbar; ... Cachazo, Strominger; ... Laddha, Sen]

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1} = \hat{S}_{grav}^{(0)} \mathcal{M}_n + \hat{S}_{grav}^{(1)} \mathcal{M}_n + \hat{S}_{grav}^{(2)} \mathcal{M}_n + \dots$$

where

$$\hat{S}_{grav}^{(0)} = \sum_i \frac{p_i^\mu h_{\mu\nu} p_i^\nu}{q \cdot p_i}$$

$$\hat{S}_{grav}^{(1)} = \sum_i \frac{p_i^\mu h_{\mu\nu} J_i^{\nu\lambda} q_\lambda}{q \cdot p_i}$$

$$\hat{S}_{grav}^{(2)} = \sum_i \frac{q \cdot J_i \cdot h \cdot J_i \cdot q}{2 q \cdot p_i}$$

with $r_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = q_{[\mu} h_{\nu]} [\rho q_{\sigma]}$

In the IR gravity is better than gauge theory, no collinear divergences

Are soft theorems universal?

Quantum corrections (loops) violate even leading behaviour in gauge theories not in gravity [Bern, Davies, Nohle; He, Huang, Wen; MB; ...]

- ▶ Loops: correct sub-leading and sub-sub-leading due to IR divergences in $D < 5$ [Laddha, Sen; Chakrabarti, Kashyap, Sahoo, Sen, Verma; ...]
- ▶ Effective field theories with F^3 , R^3 (non-susy, present in bosonic string) or ϕR^2 or ϕF^2 (appear in SUGRA, strings, ...) [Carrasco, Kallosh, Roiban, Tseytlin]
- ▶ Full-fledged String Theory (finite α'): tree level (disk/sphere) OK [MB, He, Huang, Wen; Bern, Di Vecchia, Nohle; MB, Guerrieri; Di Vecchia, Marotta, Mojaza; ...]
- ▶ Soft dilatons and pions, DBI, conformal DBI, A-V [Di Vecchia, Marotta, Mojaza; MB, Guerrieri, Huang, Lee, Wen; ... Kallosh] ... **no corrections** [Guerrieri, Huang, Li, Wen]

Why are we interested in soft limits?

- Important corrections to scattering amplitudes e.g. in Gravity

$$B_0^{grav} = \frac{G}{\pi} \log \left(\frac{E_{Max}}{E_{min}} \right) \sum_{ij} p_i p_j \log \left(\frac{p_i p_j}{\mu_{IR}^2} \right)^2$$

exponentiation and cancellation of IR divergences between
'virtual' (-ve, $E_{min} = \mu_{IR}$), 'real' (+ve, $E_{min} = \Delta_{exp}$) [Weinberg]

- Gravitational wave production in high energy collisions, BH vs fuzzball mergers, ... [Ciafaloni, Colferai, Coraldeschi, Veneziano; Gruzinov, Veneziano; ...

Addazi, MB, Veneziano; Lunin]

- Soft 'hairs' and BH entropy: soft gravitons as Goldstone bosons of broken BMSvB symmetry in $D = 4$ [Bondi, Metzner, Sachs, van der Burg; Barnich; Strominger; Hawking, Perry; Dvali, Gomez, Lüst] BUT [Porrati; Bousso]

2. High Energy string scattering: from Veneziano to Amati, Ciafaloni, Veneziano

Ultra-Planckian scattering à la Amati, Ciafaloni, Veneziano (ACV)

From Veneziano to 4-graviton amplitude [Shapiro, Virasoro; Brink, Green, Schwarz; Kawai, Lewellen, Tye; ...] ... gravity = (gauge)² [Bern, Dixon, Dunbar, Kosower, ...]

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{tree}(s, t, u) = \frac{GR^4}{stu} \frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha' s/4)\Gamma(1 - \alpha' t/4)\Gamma(1 - \alpha' u/4)}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha' s/4)\Gamma(1 + \alpha' t/4)\Gamma(1 + \alpha' u/4)}$$

Regge regime $-u \approx s = E_{CM}^2 \gg |t| = |\vec{q}|^2 = E_{CM}^2 \sin^2(\theta_{CM}/2)$:
neglecting 'kinematical factor' $\mathcal{R}^4 = \mathcal{F}_L^4 \mathcal{F}_R^4$

$$\mathcal{M}_4^{tree}(s, t) \simeq -Gs \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha' t/4)}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha' t/4)} (\alpha' s/4)^{\alpha' t/4} e^{-i\pi\alpha' t/4}$$

growth with energy, violation of unitarity $|\mathcal{A}_J(s)| \leq 1$, ... loops:

1-loop [Brink, Green, Schwarz; ...], 2-loops [D'Hoker, Phong; ...], L-loops, ...

ladder diagrams dominate, Fourier transform to impact parameter space $b = J/\sqrt{s}$, ... exponentiation [Amati, Ciafaloni, Veneziano]

$$S(b, s) = \exp 2i\delta(b, s)$$

Leading eikonal approximation

Saddle point in $D = 4 + d$, $\text{Im}\delta \neq 0$ (set $\Omega_d = 2\pi^{d/2}/\Gamma(d/2)$)

$$\delta(b, s) = \hat{\delta}(b, s) \Big|_{\hat{x}=0} \approx \left(\frac{b_E}{b}\right)^d + i \frac{G_D s}{\ell_s^d (\log \alpha' s)^{d/2+1}} e^{-b^2/\ell_s^2 \log \alpha' s},$$

where G_D is the D -dimensional Newton's constant and

$$b_E^d = \frac{s}{8\pi\Omega_d M_D^{d+2}}$$

- ▶ Very large b regime, $b > b_E$: eikonal scattering, massless graviton pole dominates (distorted by Coulomb phase in $D = 4$)
- ▶ Intermediate regime $b_E > b > b_B, b_I$: opening of inelastic channels at $b_I = \ell_s \sqrt{\log \alpha' s}$ and threshold for bremsstrahlung at $b_B^{d+2} = b_E^d R_S^2$
- ▶ $b_B > b > b_I$: classical corrections, capture and gravitational brems-strahlung
- ▶ Inelastic regime $b_I > b > \ell_s > \ell_P$, inelastic channels of both classical and string absorption

ACV meet AGK

Unitarity, forward scattering, AGK cutting rules [Abramowicz, Gribov, Kanceli]

Average number of cut gravi-Reggeon (cGR)

$$\langle N \rangle = 4\text{Im}\delta = 4 \frac{G_D s}{\ell_s^d (\log \alpha' s)^{d/2+1}} e^{-b^2/\ell_s^2 \log \alpha' s}$$

Average energy per cGR \sim Hawking temperature

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\langle N \rangle} = \frac{\log \alpha' s}{R_S}$$

but Poisson rather than thermal spectrum

$$\frac{d\sigma(2 \rightarrow N)}{d^2b} = \frac{\langle N \rangle^N}{N!} e^{-\langle N \rangle}$$

for $b < \ell_s \sqrt{\log \alpha' s}$

3. Glimpses of BH formation and evaporation

Classicalization à la DGILS

BH's as Bose-Einstein condensates of a large number of gravitons ($N \approx M_{BH}^2/M_{Pl}^2$) that, at a critical value of $\alpha_G = Gs$, behave as Bogoliubov modes [Dvali, Gomez, Isermann, Lüst, Stieberger]

At criticality $\alpha_G^{\text{crit}} \approx N$, processes with high multiplicity dominate, DGILS estimate

$$\sigma(2 \rightarrow N-2) \sim N! \left(\frac{\ell_P^2 s}{N^2} \right)^N \sim \frac{N!}{N^N} \sim e^{-N}$$

using helicity spinors, MHV amplitudes [Parke, Taylor], KLT relations

[Kawai, Lewellen, Tye] and CHY scattering equations [Cachazo, He, Yuan]

Violation of unitarity! Including BH's with

$$d_{BH}(N) \sim e^N$$

restore unitarity ... ?

Puzzling features: specific helicity configuration, loop corrections neglected, exponential sensitivity to the choice of α_G^{crit} , 'truly' soft gravitons not included ...

Soft gravitons à la Weinberg: “Because I can.”

Virtual soft gravitons, from loop corrections

$$|S_{2 \rightarrow N}|^2 = |S_{2 \rightarrow N}^0|^2 \exp \text{Re} \int_{\lambda}^{\Lambda} d^4 k B(k) = |S_{2 \rightarrow N}^0|^2 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda} \right)^{-B_0}$$

where ($\eta = \pm$ for out/in)

$$B(k) = \frac{-8\pi i G}{(2\pi)^4 (k^2 - i\epsilon)} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\eta_i \eta_j [(p_i \cdot p_j)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_i^2 m_j^2]}{(p_i \cdot k - i\eta_i \epsilon)(-p_j \cdot k - i\eta_j \epsilon)}$$

in the massless limit

$$B_0 = -\frac{G}{2\pi} \sum_{i,j} 2p_i p_j \log \left(\frac{p_i p_j}{\mu^2} \right)^2 \geq 0!!!$$

Real soft gravitons, from leading soft term $|\hat{S}_0|^2$

$$B_0 \log \frac{\Delta E}{\lambda} = \int \frac{d^3 q}{2|q|(2\pi)^3} \sum_{s=\pm 2} \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p_i h_s p_i}{\eta_i q p_i} \right|^2$$

same B_0 !!! [Weinberg; ... Addazi, MB, Veneziano]

Reinterpretation, resolution and reconciliation

Treat N produced gravitons as 'hard-ish' and include truly soft ones

$$\frac{d\sigma^{tree}}{d\omega_1 \dots d\omega_N} \sim N! \left(c e^2 \frac{Gs}{N^2} \right)^N \frac{1}{\omega_1 \dots \omega_N} \sim \frac{1}{N!} (c Gs)^N \frac{1}{\omega_1 \dots \omega_N},$$

where c is some $\mathcal{O}(1)$ constant

IR-safe observables in analogy with N -jet cross sections in QCD

$$\sigma(2 \rightarrow N(E_i \geq \bar{E}) + M(E_{soft} \leq \Delta)) \quad ; \quad \bar{E}N < \sqrt{s}$$

generating function(al) for IR-safe cross sections:

$$\Sigma(z(\omega), \bar{E}, \Delta) = \sum_{N,M} \int_{\bar{E}} d\omega_1 \dots d\omega_N z(\omega_1) \dots z(\omega_N) \\ \int_{\lambda}^{\bar{E}} d\epsilon_1 \dots d\epsilon_M \theta(\Delta - \sum_j \epsilon_j) \frac{d^{N+M}\sigma}{d\omega_1 \dots d\omega_N d\epsilon_1 \dots d\epsilon_M}$$

Soft corrections

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial \Delta} (z(\omega), \bar{E}, \Delta) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} du \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dv \exp(-iu\sqrt{s} - iv\Delta) \times \\ \exp \left(c G_S \int_{\bar{E}}^{\sqrt{s}} \frac{d\omega}{\omega} z(\omega) e^{i\omega u} + \tilde{c} G_S \int_{\lambda}^{\bar{E}} \frac{d\epsilon}{\epsilon} e^{i\epsilon(u+v)} - \tilde{c} G_S \int_{\lambda}^{\Lambda} \frac{d\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)$$

complex saddle points for $u^* = ix/\sqrt{s}$, $v^* = iy/\Delta$

Using $\bar{E}, \Delta \ll \sqrt{s}$ one gets, $T_H = 1/R_S$

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\bar{E}} W_0\left(\frac{\bar{E}}{T_H}\right),$$

$W_0(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-n)^{n-1} z^n / n! = z - z^2 + \dots$ (first branch of the)
Lambert (or product-log) function and

$$\hat{y} \equiv \frac{y}{G_S} = 1 - e^{-\beta \hat{y}} = 1 + \frac{W_0(-\beta e^{-\beta})}{\beta} \quad ; \quad \beta \equiv \frac{\bar{E}}{T_H} \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\Delta}$$

Two regimes

Upper cutoff on virtual gravitons $>$ lower cutoff on real 'hard' gravitons: $\Lambda > \bar{\omega} = \bar{E}/W_0(\bar{E}/T_H)$. Set

$$\Phi \equiv \frac{\log \Sigma(z=1)}{G_S} = -\log \left(\frac{\Lambda \sqrt{s}}{T_H \Delta} \right) + \mathcal{E}_1(W_0(\bar{E}/T_H))$$

where $\mathcal{E}_1(v) = \int_v^\infty du u^{-1} e^{-u}$

► $\bar{E} \ll T_H$: $\Phi < -\log \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{\Delta} \right) - \log \left(\frac{\bar{E}}{T_H} \right) = -\log \beta \leq 0$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{G_S}{\omega} e^{-\frac{\omega}{T_H}},$$

► $\bar{E} \gg T_H$:

$$\Phi < -\log \left[\frac{\bar{E}}{T_H \log(\frac{\bar{E}}{T_H})} \frac{\sqrt{s}}{\Delta} \right] - \frac{T_H/\bar{E}}{\log(\bar{E}/T_H)} < -\log \left[\frac{\bar{E}}{T_H \log(\frac{\bar{E}}{T_H})} \right] < 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{G_S}{\omega} e^{-\frac{\omega}{\bar{E}} W_0(\bar{E}/T_H)},$$

Summary

- ▶ Bremsstrahlung at small ω , hard-graviton spectrum cut-off at large ω
- ▶ For $\bar{E} \gg T_H$ multi-jet cross section exponentially suppressed as $\exp(-Gs \log \bar{E}/T_H)$,
hard-graviton cut off at $\bar{\omega} \sim \bar{E}/\log(\bar{E}/T_H) > T_H$.
- ▶ For $\bar{E} \ll T_H$ multi-jet cross section can be $\mathcal{O}(1)$,
hard-graviton cutoff is T_H (Boltzmann) independent of \bar{E} .
- ▶ Taking $\Lambda \sim T_H$ and $\beta - 1 = \mathcal{O}(1)$, no exponential suppression.
Very different from QCD. At $\bar{E} = T_H$ fraction of energy in quanta below T_H is $\mathcal{O}(1)$, similar to black-hole evaporation.
- ▶ Cutoff energy for soft gravitons: Δ/Gs .

4. Gravitational waves: ZFL ... and beyond

Zero Frequency Limit (ZFL)

IR divergent integral of $|\hat{S}_0|^2$ in $D = 4$ leads to bremsstrahlung

$$\frac{dN_0}{d\omega} = -\frac{2G}{\pi\hbar\omega} \sum_{i,j} (p_i p_j) \log \frac{|p_i p_j|}{\mu^2} \quad : \quad B_0 = \int_{\lambda}^{\Lambda} d\omega \frac{dN_0}{d\omega}$$

and to GW energy spectrum:

$$\frac{dE_0^{GW}}{d\omega} = \hbar\omega \frac{dN_0}{d\omega} = -\frac{2G}{\pi} \sum_{i,j} (p_i p_j) \log \frac{|p_i p_j|}{\mu^2} ,$$

constant ZFL of gravitational radiation [Weinberg]. At 4-points

$$\frac{dE^{GW}}{d\omega}(\omega = 0) = \frac{4G}{\pi} [s \log Gs + t \log(-Gt) + u \log(-Gu)]$$

In the small- t (deflection angle θ_s) limit

$$\frac{dE^{GW}}{d\omega}(\omega = 0) \rightarrow \frac{Gs}{\pi} \theta_s^2 \log(4e\theta_s^{-2}) , \quad \theta_s = 4G\sqrt{s}/b ,$$

in agreement with recent classical and quantum calculations [Gruzinov,

Sub-leading corrections

Neglecting log-correction to \hat{S}_1 [Bern, Davies, Nohle; Laddha, Sen], $\hat{S}_0 \hat{S}_1^* + h.c.:$

$$B_1 = 8\pi G \int \frac{d^3 q}{2|q|(2\pi)^3} \sum_{i,j} \sum_{s=\pm 2} \left[\frac{(p_i h^s p_i)(p_j h^{(-s)} J_j q)}{q p_i q p_j} + (i \leftrightarrow j) \right].$$

sum over h polarisations

$$B_1 = 8\pi G \int \frac{d^3 q}{2|q|(2\pi)^3} \sum_{i,j} \frac{p_i p_j}{q p_i q p_j} [p_i \vec{J}_j + p_j \overleftarrow{J}_i] q$$

shift q to avoid collinear divergences for fixed i, j , set $P = p_1 + p_2$

$$K_{ij}^\mu(P, \Lambda) = \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\delta_+(q^2) \delta((qP/\Lambda^2) + 1)}{(q p_i)(q p_j)} [(p_i p_j) q - (q p_j) p_i - (q p_i) p_j]^\mu$$

finally yields soft-graviton distribution in the CM frame ($s = -P^2$)

$$\frac{dB_1}{d\omega} = -2 \frac{G\sqrt{s}}{\pi} \sum_{ij} \frac{1}{\tilde{s}_{ij}} \log \left[\frac{-s(p_i p_j)}{2(P p_i)(P p_j)} \right] \Pi_{ij}^\mu [p_i \vec{J}_j + p_j \overleftarrow{J}_i]_\mu = \frac{dN_1}{d\omega}$$

where $\Pi_{ij}^\mu \equiv \left(P^\mu - \frac{P p_j}{p_i p_j} p_i^\mu - \frac{P p_i}{p_i p_j} p_j^\mu \right)$ and $\tilde{s}_{ij} = P^2 - 2 \frac{(P p_i)(P p_j)}{p_i p_j}$

GW Energy spectrum at $O(\omega)$ in CM frame

$$\frac{dE_1^{GW}}{d\omega} = -2 \frac{G\sqrt{s}\omega}{\pi} \sum_{ij} \frac{(p_i p_j)}{\tilde{s}_{ij}} \log \left[\frac{-s(p_i p_j)}{2(P p_i)(P p_j)} \right] \Pi_{ij}^{\mu} \left(\overleftarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i}} + \overrightarrow{\frac{\partial}{\partial p_j}} \right)_{\mu}$$

Consider 4-point scattering of massless scalars, for simplicity
Using Breit (brick-wall) frame and/or covariant prescription

$$s \rightarrow -\Delta_s^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta_s = \frac{1}{2}(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4)$$

and similarly for t and u , get

$$\partial_1^{\mu} = -\Delta_s^{\mu} \partial_s - \Delta_t^{\mu} \partial_t - \Delta_u^{\mu} \partial_u$$

and similar for $\partial_{2,3,4}^{\mu}$ so that $p_i \partial_i = \frac{1}{2}(s \partial_s + t \partial_t + u \partial_u)$ for all i
and finally get

$$\frac{dB_1}{d\omega} = \frac{dE_1^{GW}}{d\omega} = 0$$

so far neglecting log corrections [Laddha, Sen] ... stay tuned

The $O(\omega^2)$ correction to the GW spectrum

$$B_2 = B_{02} + B_{20} + B_{11} = 8\pi G \int \frac{d^3 q}{2(2\pi)^3 |q|} \sum_s \sum_{ij} [\hat{S}_0 \hat{S}_2^* + \hat{S}_2 \hat{S}_0^* + \hat{S}_1 \hat{S}_1^*]_{ij},$$

where, using 'naive'/tree-level soft operators

$$[\hat{S}_0 \hat{S}_2^* + \hat{S}_2 \hat{S}_0^* + \hat{S}_1 \hat{S}_1^*]_{ij} = \frac{q^\mu q^\nu \mathcal{W}_{\mu\nu}^{ij}}{q p_i q p_j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_{\mu\nu}^{ij} = & -\frac{1}{2} [(\vec{J}_j p_i)_\mu (p_i \vec{J}_j)_\nu + (\overleftarrow{J}_i p_j)_\mu (p_j \overleftarrow{J}_i)_\nu] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} (\overleftarrow{J}_i p_i)_\mu (p_j \vec{J}_j)_\nu - (p_i p_j) (\overleftarrow{J}_i \vec{J}_j)_{(\mu\nu)} - (\vec{J}_j p_i)_\mu (p_j \overleftarrow{J}_i)_\nu \end{aligned}$$

'shifted' integrals to avoid collinear divergences for fixed i, j

$$\tilde{M}_{ij}^{\mu\nu} = \int \frac{d^3 q}{|q|} \sum_{i,j} \frac{\tilde{q}^\mu \tilde{q}^\nu}{q p_i q p_j} \delta\left(\frac{q P}{\Lambda^2} + 1\right) = A P_{ij}^{\mu\nu} + B H_{ij}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$A = \frac{8\pi\omega_0^2}{p_i p_j \tilde{s}_{ij}} \left(1 + \frac{P^2}{\tilde{s}_{ij}} \log \frac{P^2 p_i p_j}{2 P p_i P p_j}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{4\pi\omega_0^2 P^2}{p_i p_j \tilde{s}_{ij}} \log \frac{P^2 p_i p_j}{2 P p_i P p_j}$$

Un-improved B_2 for 4-pt massless scalar amplitudes

After tedious manipulations and cross-checks, get final expression

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_2 &= \frac{G\omega^2}{\pi} \sum_{ij} \left(C_1^{ij} + C_2^{ij} + C_3^{ij} \right) \\
 C_1^{ij} &= 8\overleftarrow{D}_i \overrightarrow{D}_i - 4(\overleftarrow{D}_i \overleftarrow{D}_i + \overrightarrow{D}_i \overrightarrow{D}_i) - 3\overleftarrow{D}_i \overrightarrow{D}_j \\
 C_2^{ij} &= \frac{P^2}{\tilde{s}_{ij}} \log \frac{P^2 p_i p_j}{2P p_i P p_j} [p_i p_j (\overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{ij})^2 - 2p_i (\overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{ij}) p_j (\overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{ij})] \\
 C_3^{ij} &= \frac{2}{p_i p_j \tilde{s}_{ij}} \left[1 + \frac{P^2}{\tilde{s}_{ij}} \log \frac{P^2 p_i p_j}{2P p_i P p_j} \right] (p_i p_j)^2 \left(\Pi_{ij}^\mu (\overleftrightarrow{\partial}_{ij})_\mu \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

resulting in an $\mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$ correction to the GW energy spectrum

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dE_2^{GW}}{d\omega} &= \hbar\omega \frac{dB_2}{d\omega} = \frac{4G\omega^2}{\pi |\mathcal{M}|^2} \times \\
 &\mathcal{M}^* \left\{ \overleftarrow{D}^2 + \overrightarrow{D}^2 + [st + us \log \left(-\frac{u}{s} \right)] \overleftrightarrow{\Delta}_{st}^2 + [su + ts \log \left(-\frac{t}{s} \right)] \overleftrightarrow{\Delta}_{su}^2 \right\} \mathcal{M}
 \end{aligned}$$

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and all started with Veneziano amplitude!