

Observables for scattering on targets with arbitrary spin

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Motivation

Matrix elements for Operators of composite particles with arbitrary spin

- Covariant decomposition of matrix element in independent non-perturbative objects

$$\langle p', s' | j^\mu | p, s \rangle = \bar{u}_{(p', s')} \Gamma_{(p', p)}^\mu u_{(p, s)} \xrightarrow{\text{spin } 1/2} \bar{u}_{(p', s')} \left[F_{1(t^2)} \gamma^\mu - F_{2(t^2)} \frac{i}{2m} \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu \right] u_{(p, s)}$$

$$\langle d' | j^\mu | d \rangle = - \left(G_1(Q^2) [\varepsilon'^* \cdot \varepsilon] - G_3(Q^2) \frac{(q \cdot \varepsilon'^*) (q \cdot \varepsilon)}{2m_d^2} \right) 2P^\mu + G_M(Q^2) [(q \cdot \varepsilon'^*) \varepsilon^\mu - (q \cdot \varepsilon) \varepsilon'^*\mu]$$

Spin-j fields embedded in objects with $> 2j + 1$ components

- Polarization four-vector (spin 1), Rarita-Schwinger (spin 3/2), Fierz-Pauli (spin 2)
- Need for constraints, Kinematical singularities

Use $(2j + 1)$ -component (chiral) spinors: $(j, 0)$ & $(0, j)$

[Joos; Barut-Muzinich-Williams 63; Weinberg's 64-65]

Advantages

- Same formalism for any spin $j \rightarrow$ systematic approach
- “Basic” algebraic construction $\rightarrow su(2) \rightarrow su(2j + 1) \rightarrow sl(2, C)$
- Covariant multipole basis emerges \rightarrow physical interpretation
- Parity conserving interactions \rightarrow generalized Dirac algebra
- Easy to implement different types of spin \rightarrow (canonical, helicity, light front)
- Exact degrees of freedom \rightarrow no need for constraints

Introduction: Lorentz Group Basics

- Algebra for Generators of the Lorentz group

$$[\mathbb{J}_l, \mathbb{J}_m] = i\epsilon_{lmn}\mathbb{J}_n , \quad [\mathbb{J}_l, \mathbb{K}_m] = i\epsilon_{lmn}\mathbb{K}_n , \quad [\mathbb{K}_l, \mathbb{K}_m] = -i\epsilon_{lmn}\mathbb{J}_n$$

- Two independent $\text{su}(2)$ subalgebras \rightarrow irreps (j_A, j_B)

$$\mathbb{A}_m = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{J}_m + i\mathbb{K}_m) , \quad \mathbb{B}_m = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{J}_m - i\mathbb{K}_m)$$

$$[\mathbb{A}_l, \mathbb{A}_m] = i\epsilon_{lmn}\mathbb{A}_n , \quad [\mathbb{B}_l, \mathbb{B}_m] = i\epsilon_{lmn}\mathbb{B}_n , \quad [\mathbb{A}_l, \mathbb{B}_m] = 0$$

- Simplest irreps that contain spin- j \rightarrow (2j + 1 components)

- Right-handed ($j, 0$): $\mathbb{K}_m \rightarrow -i\mathbb{J}_m$
- Left-handed ($0, j$): $\mathbb{K}_m \rightarrow +i\mathbb{J}_m$

Introduction: Weinberg's causal chiral fields (massive)

Causal chiral fields (massive, left-right-handed)

- Lorentz invariant S-matrix using a Hamiltonian density built up from causal fields

$$U_{[\Lambda,a]} \psi_{\sigma(x)} U_{[\Lambda,a]}^{-1} = \sum_{\sigma'} \left(D_{[\Lambda^{-1}]}^{(j)} \right)_{\sigma\sigma'} \psi_{\sigma'(\Lambda x+a)}$$

- No EoM for chiral fields (only obey KG eq.)
- Spinors appearing in the fields (**not invariants**, depend on boost choice)

$$D_{[L(p)]}^{(j)} = e^{-\hat{p} \cdot \vec{J}^{(j)} \theta}$$

Canonical \rightarrow

$$\bar{D}_{[L(p)]}^{(j)} = e^{+\hat{p} \cdot \vec{J}^{(j)} \theta}$$

Introduction: Propagators and Spinors: t -tensors

- Propagator numerator $\Pi_{\sigma\sigma'}^{(j)}(\vec{p}, \omega) = m^{2j} D_{\sigma\sigma'}^{(j)}[L(\vec{p})] \left(D_{\sigma'\sigma''}^{(j)}[L(\vec{p})]\right)^\dagger = m^{2j} \left(e^{-2\hat{p}\cdot\vec{J}^{(j)}\theta}\right)_{\sigma\sigma'}$
(invariant) $\bar{\Pi}_{\sigma\sigma'}^{(j)}(\vec{p}, \omega) = m^{2j} \bar{D}_{\sigma\sigma'}^{(j)}[L(\vec{p})] \left(\bar{D}_{\sigma'\sigma''}^{(j)}[L(\vec{p})]\right)^\dagger = m^{2j} \left(e^{2\hat{p}\cdot\vec{J}^{(j)}\theta}\right)_{\sigma\sigma'}$

Introduction of 2j-rank t -tensors (symmetric & traceless)

- Central role of t -tensors
boosts/spinors and more ...
- $$\Pi_{\sigma\sigma'}^{(j)}(\vec{p}, \omega) = t_{\sigma\sigma'}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_{2j}} p_{\mu_1} p_{\mu_2} \dots p_{\mu_{2j}}$$
- $$D_{[L(p)]}^{(j)} = t^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_{2j}} \tilde{p}_{\mu_1} \tilde{p}_{\mu_2} \dots \tilde{p}_{\mu_{2j}}$$

\tilde{p}^μ Parameters NOT 4-vector
Same for any Spin!

Canonical: $\tilde{p}_C^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m(m+p^0)}}(p^0 + m, \vec{p})$

Similar expression for Helicity and LF spinors (but \mathbb{C} -numbers)

- Generalization of $\sigma^\mu = (1, \boldsymbol{\sigma})$ & $\bar{\sigma}^\mu = (1, -\boldsymbol{\sigma})$ to arbitrary spin
- Intertwining map: $(j, 0) \otimes (0, j)$ [rank-2 in $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C})$]
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 (j, j) [rank- $2j$ symm. traceless in $\text{SO}(3, 1)$]
- Recursion relation between different spins ([Clebsch-Gordan](#))
[\(efficient numerical implementation\)](#)
$$t_{\sigma\dot{\tau}}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_{2j}} = \langle j\sigma | j - \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1 \frac{1}{2}\sigma_2 \rangle \langle j\dot{\tau} | j - \frac{1}{2}\dot{\tau}_1 \frac{1}{2}\dot{\tau}_2 \rangle t_{\sigma_1\dot{\tau}_1}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_{2j-1}} t_{\sigma_2\dot{\tau}_2}^{\mu_{2j}}$$
- Contain a basis of $\text{su}(N=2j+1)$: use to expand $\langle \lambda' | \hat{O} | \lambda \rangle$.

t^μ -tensor for Spin 1/2

0-th order terms in $J_i^{(1/2)}$: $t^0 = \mathbf{1}$

Linear terms in $J_i^{(1/2)}$: $t^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} J_i^{(1/2)} = \sigma_i$
(Pauli matrices)

$$J_1^{(1/2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, J_2^{(1/2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, J_3^{(1/2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Quadratic terms in $J_i^{(1/2)}$

$$(J^{(1/2)} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1})(J^{(1/2)} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1}) = 0 \implies (J^{(1/2)})^2 = c_0\mathbf{1} + c_2 J^{(1/2)}$$

$t^{\mu\nu}$ -tensor for Spin 1

0-th order terms in $J_i^{(1)}$: $t^{00} = \mathbf{1}$

Linear terms in $J_i^{(1)}$: $t^{0i} = J_i^{(1)}$

$$t^{01} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t^{02} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t^{03} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Quadratic terms in $J_i^{(1)}$: $t^{ij} = \{J_i^{(1)}, J_j^{(1)}\} - \mathbf{1}\delta_{ij}$

$$t^{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t^{22} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t^{33} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$t^{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t^{13} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t^{23} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cubic terms in $J_i^{(1)}$: $(J^{(1)} - 1)(J^{(1)})(J^{(1)} + 1) = 0 \implies (J^{(1)})^3 = c_0 \mathbf{1} + c_2 J^{(1)} + c_3 (J^{(1)})^2$

Bi-Spinors $(j, 0) \oplus (0, j)$

- For Parity conserving interactions the direct sum of both chiral representations is used (like the spin 1/2 case)

Gamma matrices (Weyl rep.)

$$\gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} \\ \bar{t}^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta = \gamma^{0 \cdots 0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}^{(j)} \\ \mathbf{1}^{(j)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbf{1}^{(j)} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1}^{(j)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Bi-spinor satisfy the Dirac eq. (like the spin 1/2 case)
$$(\gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} p_{\mu_1} \cdots p_{\mu_{2j}} - m^{2j}) u_{(p,s)}^{(j)} = 0$$
$$\bar{u}_{(p,s)}^{(j)} (\gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} p_{\mu_1} \cdots p_{\mu_{2j}} - m^{2j}) = 0$$

Dirac Bilinear Calculus Generalization

Generalized Dirac basis: $\gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}}, \gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \gamma_5, \gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \gamma^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_{2j}}$

- **Generalized Bilinears:** $t\bar{t}\dots$ chains contracted with boosts parameters \tilde{p}^μ and external 4-vectors (P, Δ, n)

$$\bar{u}_{(p_f, s_f)}^{(j)} \Gamma u_{(p_i, s_i)}^{(j)} = \overset{\circ}{u}_{s_f}^{(j)\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t^{\beta_1} \cdots \tilde{p}_{\beta_1}^f \cdots \\ \bar{t}^{\beta_1} \cdots (\tilde{p}_{\beta_1}^f \cdots)^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Gamma \begin{pmatrix} t^{\alpha_1} \cdots \tilde{p}_{\alpha_1}^i \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{t}^{\bar{\alpha}_1} \cdots (\tilde{p}_{\alpha_1}^i \cdots)^* \end{pmatrix} \overset{\circ}{u}_{s_i}^{(j)}$$

- 2j-rank Tensor bilinear $\tilde{P} = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{p}_f + \tilde{p}_i), \quad \tilde{\Delta} = \tilde{p}_f - \tilde{p}_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u}_f \gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} u_f &= m^{2j} \prod_{l=1}^{2j} \left[2 \left(\tilde{P}^{\mu_l} \tilde{P}^{\tau_l} - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^{\mu_l} \tilde{\Delta}^{\tau_l} \right) - \left(\tilde{P}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^2 \right) g^{\mu_l \tau_l} + i \varepsilon^{\mu_l \tau_l} \tilde{P} \tilde{\Delta} \right] \langle \lambda_f | t_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_{2j}} | \lambda_i \rangle \\ &+ m^{2j} \prod_{l=1}^{2j} \left[2 \left(\tilde{P}^{\mu_l} \tilde{P}^{\tau_l} - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^{\mu_l} \tilde{\Delta}^{\tau_l} \right) - \left(\tilde{P}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^2 \right) g^{\mu_l \tau_l} + i \varepsilon^{\mu_l \tau_l} \tilde{P} \tilde{\Delta} \right]^* \langle \lambda_f | \bar{t}_{\tau_1 \dots \tau_{2j}} | \lambda_i \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Generalized Gordon identities reduces number of independent bilinears

Generalization On-Shell (Gordon) Identities

- Using Dirac equation $(\gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} p_{\mu_1} \dots p_{\mu_{2j}} - m^{2j}) u_p^s = 0$

$$\bar{u}_{p'}^{s'}(\Gamma) u_p^s = \frac{1}{2\bar{m}^{2j}} u_{p'}^{s'} \left(\left\{ \not{P}^{(j)}, \Gamma \right\} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\not{\Delta}^{(j)}, \Gamma \right] \right) u_p^s$$

$$0 = \bar{u}_{p'}^{s'} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \not{\Delta}^{(j)}, \Gamma \right\} + \left[\not{P}^{(j)}, \Gamma \right] \right) u_p^s$$

$$P_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(p'_{\mu_1} \dots p'_{\mu_{2j}} + p_{\mu_1} \dots p_{\mu_{2j}} \right)$$

$$P_{(p',p)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} = P_{(p,p')}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}}$$

$$\Delta_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} = p'_{\mu_1} \dots p'_{\mu_{2j}} - p_{\mu_1} \dots p_{\mu_{2j}}$$

$$\Delta_{(p',p)}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} = -\Delta_{(p,p')}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}}$$

$$P^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \Delta_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} = 0$$

- Separates bilinears into **convection** and **magnetization** currents
- Useful to reduce independent Dirac structures

Algebra of t -tensors: Reduction for Cubic Monomials

- Central role of the covariant t -tensors (spinors, boosts, propagators, gamma matrices)
- Bilinear calculus involve products with alternating “barring” pattern: $t\bar{t}t\dots$
- Matrices in t -tensors form a basis of $\mathbf{su}(2j+1)$ → Products can be linearized
- Cubic products are reduced with an Invariant Tensor

$$t^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \bar{t}^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}} t^{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{2j}} = \frac{1}{[(2j)!]^2} \sum_{\{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}\}} \sum_{\{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{2j}\}} \left(\prod_{l=1}^{2j} \mathcal{C}^{\mu_l \rho_l \sigma_l \alpha_l} \right) t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}}$$

$$\bar{t}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} t^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}} \bar{t}^{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{2j}} = \frac{1}{[(2j)!]^2} \sum_{\{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}\}} \sum_{\{\sigma_1 \dots \sigma_{2j}\}} \left(\prod_{l=1}^{2j} \bar{\mathcal{C}}^{\mu_l \rho_l \sigma_l \alpha_l} \right) \bar{t}_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{\mu\rho\alpha\beta} = g^{\mu\rho}g^{\alpha\beta} - g^{\mu\alpha}g^{\rho\beta} + g^{\mu\beta}g^{\rho\alpha} + i\epsilon^{\mu\rho\alpha\beta} \quad (\text{Lorentz Invariants})$$

- Trade matrix multiplication by number multiplication

Algebra of t -tensors: Reduction for Quadratic Monomials

- Central role of the covariant t -tensors (spinors, boosts, propagators, gamma matrices)
- Since, $t^{0\cdots 0} = \bar{t}^{0\cdots 0} = 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad t^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} \bar{t}^{\nu_1 \cdots \nu_{2j}} = t^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} \bar{t}^{\nu_1 \cdots \nu_{2j}} (t^{\rho_1 \cdots \rho_{2j}} \eta_{\rho_1} \cdots \eta_{\rho_{2j}})$

$$t^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} \bar{t}^{\rho_1 \cdots \rho_{2j}} = \frac{1}{(2j)!} \sum_{\{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}\}} \mathcal{S} \left(\prod_{l=1}^{2j} \mathcal{C}^{\mu_l \rho_l \sigma_l \alpha_l} \eta_{\sigma_l} \right) t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}}$$

$$\eta^\mu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathcal{Q}^{\mu\rho\alpha} = \mathcal{C}^{\mu\rho\sigma\alpha} \eta_\sigma = g^{\mu\rho} \eta^\alpha - g^{\rho\alpha} \eta^\mu + g^{\mu\alpha} \eta^\rho + i\epsilon^{\mu\rho\sigma\alpha} \eta_\sigma \quad (\text{Rotational Invariant})$$

- General result ($\mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu\rho\alpha} \equiv \mathcal{C}^{\mu\rho\sigma\alpha} \eta_\sigma - g^{\mu\rho} \eta^\alpha$)

$$t^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} \bar{t}^{\rho_1 \cdots \rho_{2j}} = \sum_{m=0}^{2j} \frac{1}{(2j)!} \sum_{\{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}\}} \mathcal{S} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{B_m^{2j}} \left(\prod_{l \in \pi_{m,n}} \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_l \rho_l \alpha_l} \prod_{k \in \pi_{m,n}^c} g^{\mu_k \rho_k} \eta^{\alpha_k} \right) \right] t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}}$$

each $0 \leq m \leq 2j$ corresponds to a Lorentz independent tensor

Algebra of t -tensors: $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ multipoles

- The $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ multipole of order m is defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_m^{\mu_1\rho_1, \dots, \mu_m\rho_m} = \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{\{(\mu \rho)\}} \prod_{r=1}^m \mathbb{M}^{\mu_r \rho_r} - (\text{Traces})$$

- Relate terms of quadratic reduction to these multipoles:

$$\mathcal{M}_0 = 1^{(j)} = t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}} \prod_{r=1}^0 \prod_{s=1}^{2j} \eta^{\alpha_s} = t_{0 \dots 0}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_1^{\mu\rho} = \mathbb{M}^{\mu\rho} = i Q_{\text{red}}^{\mu\rho\alpha_1} \left(\prod_{s=2}^{2j} \eta^{\alpha_s} \right) (j) t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_2^{\mu_1\rho_1, \mu_2\rho_2} = \frac{1}{2} j(2j-1) \left(-Q_{\text{red}}^{\mu_1\rho_1\beta_1} Q_{\text{red}}^{\mu_2\rho_2\beta_2} t_{\beta_1\beta_2 0 \dots 0} + \frac{1}{3} C_{\text{red}}^{\mu_1\rho_1\mu_2\rho_2} \mathbf{1}^{(j)} \right)$$

- Decompose operators with **physical interpretation** for each term
→ mono-, di-, quadrupole, ...

See also [Cotogno, Lorcé, Lowdon, Morales PRD 2020)]

Local EM current: spin-1 example

- Local current: $\langle p_f, \lambda_f | j^\mu(0) | p_i, \lambda_i \rangle = \bar{u}(p_f, \lambda_f) \Gamma^\mu(P, \Delta) u(p_i, \lambda_i)$
(using all constraints)

$$\Gamma^\mu = P^\mu \left(F_C(\Delta^2) \mathcal{M}_0 + F_Q(\Delta^2) \mathcal{M}_2^{\nu\rho,\xi\sigma} g_{\rho\sigma} \frac{\Delta_\nu \Delta_\xi}{M^2} \right) + \frac{i}{2M} F_D(\Delta^2) \mathcal{M}_1^{\mu\rho} \Delta_\rho$$

- Monopole $\mathcal{M}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1}^{(j)} & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1}^{(j)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t_{00} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{t}_{00} \end{pmatrix}$

- Dipole $\mathcal{M}_1^{\mu\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{M}^{\mu\rho} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\mathbb{M}}^{\mu\rho} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i(j) \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu\rho\alpha} t_{\alpha 0} & 0 \\ 0 & -i(j) \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{red}}^{\mu\rho\alpha} \bar{t}_{\alpha 0} \end{pmatrix}$

- Quadrupole

$$\mathcal{M}_2^{\mu_1\rho_1, \mu_2\rho_2} = -\frac{j(2j-1)}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_1\rho_1\beta_1} \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_2\rho_2\beta_2} t_{\beta_1\beta_2} + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{C}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_1\rho_1\mu_2\rho_2} \mathbf{1}^{(j)} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_1\rho_1\beta_1} \bar{\mathcal{Q}}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_2\rho_2\beta_2} \bar{t}_{\beta_1\beta_2} + \frac{1}{3} \bar{\mathcal{C}}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_1\rho_1\mu_2\rho_2} \mathbf{1}^{(j)} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Bilinear expressions are evaluated using t -algebra relations.

Applications

- Using basis of bilinears and Gordon identities we can identify a minimal set of independent bilinears
- These will form the basis in decompositions of matrix elements of QCD operators (currents/correlators)
- Each basis element comes with FF/distribution
- Has a multipole interpretation, **construction is identical for all spin** cases
- **Unified framework** to discuss spin in hadronic physics
- Extension to transition matrix elements

Summary

- Construction allows for **efficient** and manifestly **covariant** calculations
- Central role of covariant t -tensors → **spinors, boosts, propagators, gamma matrices**
- Simple/basic ingredients → **reps.** of generators of rotations
- Covariant $sl(2,\mathbb{C})$ -multipole basis for operators → **transparent interpretation**
- Unique framework for **any spin** → **intuition from spin-1/2 carries over**
- Avoid calculations with **(Dirac)** matrices.
Everything reduces to number multiplication → $\mathcal{C}^{\mu\rho\sigma\alpha}$, $\mathcal{Q}^{\mu\rho\alpha}$

Thank You For Your Time!

Questions?

Backup Slides

Properties of the t-tensors

Properties of the t -tensors

- Each $t^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}}$ is a $2j$ -rank tensor
- Symmetric and (covariantly) **traceless** $g_{\mu_k \mu_l} t_{\sigma \sigma'}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_k \dots \mu_l \dots \mu_{2j}} = 0$
- Transform covariantly $\left(D_{[\Lambda]}^{(j)}\right)_{\sigma \delta} t_{\delta \delta'}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \left(D_{[\Lambda]}^{(j)\dagger}\right)_{\delta' \sigma'} = \Lambda_{\nu_1}{}^{\mu_1} \dots \Lambda_{\nu_{2j}}{}^{\mu_{2j}} t_{\sigma \sigma'}^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_{2j}}$
- Right chiral (t) and left chiral (\bar{t})
are related by charge conjugation $\bar{t}_{\sigma \sigma'}^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_{2j}} = (\pm) t_{\sigma \sigma'}^{\mu'_1 \mu'_2 \dots \mu'_{2j}}$
(+ for even (- for odd) spacelike indices)

Spin 1/2 Example: Spinors

Right Chiral Rep

- $t^0 = \mathbf{1}$, $t^i = \sigma_i$
- t^μ Transform Covariantly: $D_{[\Lambda]}^{(1/2)} t^\mu D^{(1/2)\dagger}_{[\Lambda]} = \Lambda_\rho{}^\mu t^\rho$
- Propagator (Lorentz invariant): $\Pi^{(1/2)}(p) = t^\mu p_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} E - p_z & -(p_x - ip_y) \\ -(p_x + ip_y) & E + p_z \end{pmatrix}$
 $p_\mu = (E_p, \vec{p})$
- Boost/spinors (Canonical): $D_{\text{IF}}^{(1/2)} = t^\mu \tilde{p}_\mu^{\text{C}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2m(m+p_0)}} \begin{pmatrix} m + p^- & -p_\ell \\ -p_r & m + p^+ \end{pmatrix}$
 $\tilde{p}_\mu^{\text{C}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2(m+p^0)}}(p^0 + m, \vec{p})$

Similarly for the Left Chiral Rep, only change is: $J_i^{(1/2)} \rightarrow \bar{J}^\mu = (1, -\vec{J}^{(1/2)})$

Spin 1 Example: Spinors

Right Chiral Rep

- $t^{00} = \mathbf{1}$, $t^{0i} = t^{i0} = J_i^{(1)}$, $t^{ij} = \{J_1^{(1)}, J_1^{(1)}\} - \mathbf{1}\delta_{ij}$
- $t^{\mu\nu}$ Transform covariantly $D_{[\Lambda]}^{(1)} t^{\mu\nu} D_{[\Lambda]}^{(1)\dagger} = \Lambda_\rho^\mu \Lambda_\sigma^\nu t^{\rho\sigma}$
- Propagator ($p_\mu = (E_p, \vec{p})$): $\Pi^{(1)}(p) = t^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} (p^-)^2 & -\sqrt{2}p_\ell p^- & p_\ell^2 \\ \sqrt{2}p_r p^+ & p^+ p^- + p_T^2 & \sqrt{2}p_\ell p^- \\ p_r^2 & \sqrt{2}p_r p^- & (p^+)^2 \end{pmatrix}$
- Boost/spinors ($t^{\mu\nu} \tilde{p}_\mu \tilde{p}_\nu$)
Canonical: $D_{\text{IF}}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2m(m+p_0)} \begin{pmatrix} (m+p^-)^2 & -\sqrt{2}p_\ell(m+p^-) & p_\ell^2 \\ -\sqrt{2}p_r(m+p^-) & 2(m^2 + mp_0 + p_T^2) & -\sqrt{2}p_\ell(m+p^+) \\ p_r^2 & -\sqrt{2}p_r(m+p^+) & (m+p^+)^2 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\tilde{p}_{\text{C}}^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2(m+p^0)}}(p^0 + m, \vec{p})$

Similarly for the Left Chiral Rep, only change is: $J_i^{(1)} \rightarrow \bar{J}^\mu = (1, -\vec{J}^{(1)})$

Canonical Space-Time Parameterization

Parameterizations (Foliations) of space-time → Specify equal time surfaces

Canonical or Instant time: $x^0 = t$

[Wigner(1939)]

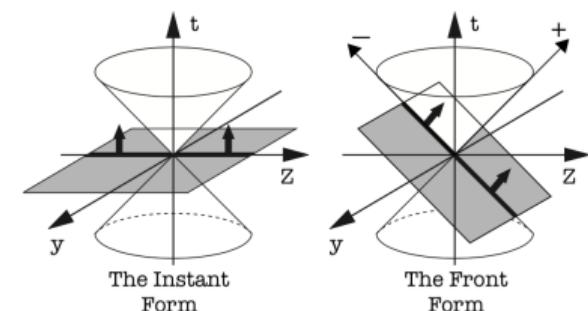
- Defined by rotationless boosts from rest: $\overset{\circ}{p}{}^\mu = (m, 0, 0, 0)$

to final momentum: $p^\mu = (E_p, \vec{p}) = (\sqrt{m^2 + \vec{p}^2}, \vec{p})$

$$\Lambda^{\text{IF}} = \exp\left(i\vec{\mathbb{K}} \cdot \hat{\phi}\right) = \exp\left(i\phi\vec{\mathbb{K}} \cdot \hat{\phi}\right)$$

- Then, $p^\mu = (E, \vec{p}) = (\Lambda^{\text{IF}})^\mu_\nu \overset{\circ}{p}{}^\nu$

implies, $\cosh(\phi) = \frac{E}{m}$, $\hat{\phi}_j \sinh(\phi) = \frac{p_j}{m}$



Leading to the well known result: $(\Lambda^{\text{IF}})^\mu_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E}{m} & \frac{\vec{p}}{m} \\ \frac{m}{p} & \delta_{ij} + \frac{m p_i p_j}{(E+m)m} \end{pmatrix}$

Light-Front Space-Time Parameterization

Light Front time: $x^+ = t + z$

$$p^+ = E_p + p_z, \quad p^- = E_p - p_z$$

- Defined by a longitudinal boost followed by a transverse boost

$$\Lambda_{\text{def.}}^{\text{LF}} = \exp [i \vec{G} \cdot \vec{v}_T] \cdot \exp [i \mathbb{K}_3 \eta]$$

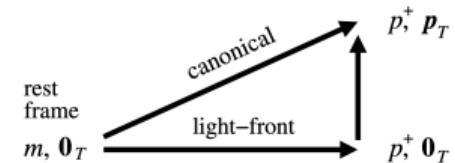
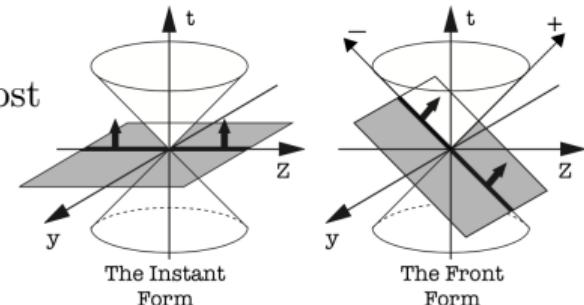
- LF Boost Generators (light front along z -axis),

$$\mathbb{G}_1 = \mathbb{G}_x = \mathbb{K}_x - \mathbb{J}_y, \quad \mathbb{G}_2 = \mathbb{G}_y = \mathbb{K}_y + \mathbb{J}_x, \quad \mathbb{K}_3 = \mathbb{K}_z$$

- Comparing the action of both boosts on the same rest momentum one finds the LF boost parameters

$$e^\eta = \frac{p^+}{m}, \quad \vec{v}_T = \frac{\vec{p}_T}{p^+} \rightarrow \Lambda^{\text{LF}} = \exp \left[i \frac{\eta}{p^+ - m} \vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{G} + i \eta \mathbb{K}_3 \right]$$

Dirac(1949)



Dirac Bilinear Calculus Generalization

Generalized Bilinears

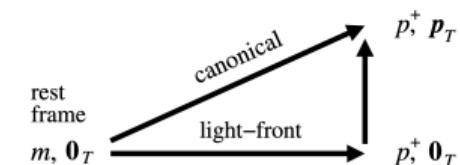
- $\bar{u}_{(p_f, s_f)}^{(j)} \Gamma u_{(p_i, s_i)}^{(j)} = \overset{\circ}{u}_{s_f}^{(j)\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t^{\beta_1} \cdots \tilde{p}_{\beta_1}^f \cdots \\ \bar{t}^{\beta_1} \cdots (\tilde{p}_{\beta_1}^f \cdots)^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Gamma \begin{pmatrix} t^{\alpha_1} \cdots \tilde{p}_{\alpha_1}^i \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{t}^{\bar{\alpha}_1} \cdots (\tilde{p}_{\alpha_1}^i \cdots)^* \end{pmatrix} \overset{\circ}{u}_{s_i}^{(j)}$

Canonical: $\tilde{p}_C^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m(m+p^0)}}(p^0 + m, \vec{p})$

Light-Front: $\tilde{p}_{LF}^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4mp^+}}(p^+ + m, p_\ell, ip_\ell, p^+ - m)$

$$p^+ = p^0 + p_z$$

$$p_\ell = p_x - ip_y$$



- $2j$ -rank Tensor bilinear $\tilde{P} = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{p}_f + \tilde{p}_i), \quad \tilde{\Delta} = \tilde{p}_f - \tilde{p}_i$

$$\bar{u}_f \gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} u_f = m^{2j} \prod_{l=1}^{2j} \left[2 \left(\tilde{P}^{\mu_l} \tilde{P}^{\tau_l} - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^{\mu_l} \tilde{\Delta}^{\tau_l} \right) - \left(\tilde{P}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^2 \right) g^{\mu_l \tau_l} + i \varepsilon^{\mu_l \tau_l} \tilde{P} \tilde{\Delta} \right] \langle \lambda_f | t_{\tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2j}} | \lambda_i \rangle$$

$$+ m^{2j} \prod_{l=1}^{2j} \left[2 \left(\tilde{P}^{\mu_l} \tilde{P}^{\tau_l} - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^{\mu_l} \tilde{\Delta}^{\tau_l} \right) - \left(\tilde{P}^2 - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{\Delta}^2 \right) g^{\mu_l \tau_l} + i \varepsilon^{\mu_l \tau_l} \tilde{P} \tilde{\Delta} \right]^* \langle \lambda_f | \bar{t}_{\tau_1 \cdots \tau_{2j}} | \lambda_i \rangle$$

Propagators - Spinors - t-tensors

The **boosts/spinors** for the most used forms of dynamics

$$D_{[L(p)]}^{(j)} = t^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_{2j}} \tilde{p}_{\mu_1} \tilde{p}_{\mu_2} \dots \tilde{p}_{\mu_{2j}}$$

- In general

$$\bar{D}_{[L(p)]}^{(j)} = \bar{t}^{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_{2j}} \tilde{p}_{\mu_1} \tilde{p}_{\mu_2} \dots \tilde{p}_{\mu_{2j}}$$

Instant form dynamics
(Canonical) $\tilde{p}_C^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2m(m+p^0)}}(p^0 + m, \vec{p})$

Light-Front dynamics
(Light Cone time) $\tilde{p}_{LF}^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4mp^+}}(p^+ + m, p_\ell, ip_\ell, p^+ - m)$

\tilde{p}^μ not four-vectors, but same for any spin. Left/right related by complex conjugation.
(Helicity spinor also recovered with specific parameters)

Algorithm for construction of t -tensors

- Use recursion relation

$$t_{\sigma\dot{\tau}}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_{2j}} = \langle j\sigma|j - \frac{1}{2}\sigma_1\frac{1}{2}\sigma_2\rangle \langle j\dot{\tau}|j - \frac{1}{2}\dot{\tau}_1\frac{1}{2}\dot{\tau}_2\rangle t_{\sigma_1\dot{\tau}_1}^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_{2j-1}} t_{\sigma_2\dot{\tau}_2}^{\mu_{2j}}$$

- Efficient in +-RL Lorentz coordinates

- Pauli matrices have only 1 non-zero element (=2)
- $(t^{\mu_1\mu_2\dots\mu_{2j}})_{\lambda'\lambda}$ elements in that basis have only 1 non-zero matrix element
 - position follows from +-RL counting
 - value from CG recursion
 - value depends only on j, λ', λ

- Appropriate for efficient numerical implementation

Introduction: Review of Weinberg's formalism

Bi-Spinors (direct sum representation $(j, 0) \oplus (0, j)$)

- For Parity conserving interactions the direct sum of both chiral representations is used, like the spin 1/2 case
- Boosts and bispinor (Weyl rep.)

$$u_{(p,s)}^{(j)} = \mathcal{D}_{[L_p]}^{(j)} \overset{\circ}{u}_s^{(j)} = \begin{pmatrix} D_{[L_p]}^{(j)} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{D}_{[L_p]}^{(j)} \end{pmatrix} \overset{\circ}{u}_s^{(j)} = \begin{pmatrix} \Pi_{(\tilde{p})}^{(j)} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\Pi}_{(\tilde{p})}^{(j)} \end{pmatrix} \overset{\circ}{u}_s^{(j)}$$

$$\overset{\circ}{u}_s^{(j)} = \begin{pmatrix} \overset{\circ}{\phi}_s^{(j)} \\ \overset{\circ}{\phi}_s^{(j)} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \overset{\circ}{\phi}_s^{(j)} = m^j \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ in the } s\text{-th position})$$

- Adjoint bispinor ($\mathcal{D}_{[\Lambda]}^\dagger = \beta \mathcal{D}_{[\Lambda]}^{-1} \beta$)

$$\bar{u}_{(p,s)}^{(j)} = u_{(p,s)}^{(j)\dagger} \beta = \overset{\circ}{u}_s^{(j)\dagger} \mathcal{D}_{[L_p]}^{(j)\dagger} \beta = \overset{\circ}{u}_s^{(j)\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Pi_{(\tilde{p})}^{(j)} \\ \bar{\Pi}_{(\tilde{p})}^{(j)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{1}^{(j)} \\ \mathbf{1}^{(j)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Algebra of γ -tensors

Generalized Dirac basis (Weyl rep)

- $2j$ -rank symmetric tensors: $\gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \\ \bar{t}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $(2j+1)$ independent matrices
 - $2j$ -rank symmetric psuedo-tensors: $\gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \\ -\bar{t}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $(2j+1)$ independent matrices
 - $4j$ -rank bi-tensors: $\gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \gamma^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}} = \begin{pmatrix} t^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \bar{t}^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{t}^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} t^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}} \end{pmatrix}$
 $2(2j+1)$ independent matrices
- $$\gamma^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{2j}} \gamma^{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}} = \sum_{m=0}^{2j} \frac{1}{(2j)!} \sum_{\{\rho_1 \dots \rho_{2j}\}} \sum_{n=1}^{B_m^{2j}} \left(\text{Re} \left\{ \prod_{l \in \pi_{m,n}} \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_l \rho_l \alpha_l} \right\} \gamma_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}} \gamma^{0 \dots 0} \right. \\ \left. + i \text{Im} \left\{ \prod_{l \in \pi_{m,n}} \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_l \rho_l \alpha_l} \right\} \gamma_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}} \gamma_5 \gamma^{0 \dots 0} \right) \prod_{k \in \pi_{m,n}^c} g^{\mu_k \rho_k} \eta^{\alpha_k}$$

Dirac Bilinear Calculus Generalization

Generalized Bilinears

$$\bullet \bar{u}_{(p_f, s_f)}^{(j)} \Gamma u_{(p_i, s_i)}^{(j)} = \frac{1}{(m_f m_i)^{2j}} \overset{\circ}{u}_{s_f}^{(j)\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t^{\beta_1} \cdots \tilde{p}_{\beta_1}^f \cdots \\ \bar{t}^{\beta_1} \cdots (\tilde{p}_{\beta_1}^f \cdots)^* & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Gamma \begin{pmatrix} t^{\alpha_1} \cdots \tilde{p}_{\alpha_1}^i \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{t}^{\bar{\alpha}_1} \cdots (\tilde{p}_{\alpha_1}^i \cdots)^* \end{pmatrix} \overset{\circ}{u}_{s_i}^{(j)}$$

$$\bullet \text{Dirac basis: } \Gamma = \mathbf{1} \text{ (1)}, \quad \gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} (2j+1)^2, \quad \gamma_5 \gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}} (2j+1)^2, \quad \gamma_5 \text{ (1)}$$

$$4(2j+1)^2 \quad [\gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}}, \gamma^{\nu_1 \cdots \nu_{2j}}] \quad 2 \sum_{n=1,3,\dots}^{2j} (2n+1)$$

$$\text{ind. elements} \quad \{\gamma^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_{2j}}, \gamma^{\nu_1 \cdots \nu_{2j}}\}_{\text{traceless}} \quad 2 \sum_{n=0,2,\dots}^{2j} (2n+1)$$

Examples

$$\bullet \text{Spin-1/2 (16): } \mathbf{1}(1), \quad \gamma^\mu(4), \quad [\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu](6), \quad (\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} - 2g^{\mu\nu})(0), \quad \gamma^\mu \gamma_5(4), \quad \gamma_5(1)$$

$$\bullet \text{Spin-1 (36): } \mathbf{1}(1), \quad \gamma^{\mu\nu}(9), \quad [\gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2}, \gamma^{\mu_3 \mu_4}](6), \quad \{\gamma^{\mu_1 \mu_2}, \gamma^{\mu_3 \mu_4}\}_{\text{trless}}(10), \quad \gamma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5(9), \quad \gamma_5(1)$$

$$\bullet \text{Matrix elements of Operators, covariant Density matrices, Amplitudes, \dots}$$

Spin 1/2 Example: Bilinears

Spin 1/2 Bilinears

Final evaluations recover the results of [Lorcé(2017)]
(Canonical)

- Scalar $\bar{u}_{(p_f, s_f)}^{(1/2)} u_{(p_i, s_i)}^{(1/2)} = \tilde{N} \phi_{s_f}^\dagger [4P^2 \mathbf{1}_2 + 4mP_\lambda (\sigma^\lambda + \bar{\sigma}^\lambda) - \frac{i}{2} (\sigma_\lambda + \bar{\sigma}_\lambda) \varepsilon^{\lambda\beta\alpha\rho} \Delta_\beta P_\alpha (\sigma_\rho - \bar{\sigma}_\rho)] \phi_{s_i}$
 $= \tilde{N} \phi_{s_f}^\dagger [4(P^2 + mP^0) + 2i\varepsilon^{0\beta\alpha\rho} \Delta_\beta P_\alpha \sigma_\rho] \phi_{s_i}$

Pseudoscalar

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_{(p_f, s_f)}^{(1/2)} \gamma_5 u_{(p_i, s_i)}^{(1/2)} &= \tilde{N} \phi_{s_f}^\dagger [m\Delta_\lambda (\sigma^\lambda - \bar{\sigma}^\lambda) + (P_\mu (\sigma^\mu + \bar{\sigma}^\mu)) (\Delta_\nu (\sigma^\nu - \bar{\sigma}^\nu)) - (\Delta_\mu (\sigma^\mu + \bar{\sigma}^\mu)) (P_\nu (\sigma^\nu - \bar{\sigma}^\nu))] \phi_{s_i} \\ &= \tilde{N} \phi_{s_f}^\dagger [2\Delta^0 \vec{P} \cdot \vec{\sigma} - 2(P^0 + m) \vec{\Delta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}] \phi_{s_i}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{N} = \tilde{N}_f \tilde{N}_i = \frac{1}{2m} \left[(p^0 + m)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \Delta \right)^2 \right]^{-1}$$

Spin 1/2 Example: Bilinears

Bilinears

- Vector

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_{(p_f, s_f)}^{(j)} \gamma^\mu u_{(p_i, s_i)}^{(j)} &= \tilde{N} \phi_{s_f} + \left[\frac{1}{2} \Delta^2 (\sigma^\mu + \bar{\sigma}^\mu) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta_\lambda (\sigma^\lambda + \bar{\sigma}^\lambda) \Delta^\mu \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4m P^\mu \mathbf{1}_2 + 2P_\lambda (\sigma^\lambda + \bar{\sigma}^\lambda) P^\mu \right. \\ &\quad \left. i\varepsilon^{\mu\beta\alpha\rho} \Delta_\beta (m (\sigma_\alpha + \bar{\sigma}_\alpha) + P_\alpha) (\sigma_\rho - \bar{\sigma}_\rho) \right] \phi_{s_i} \\ &= \tilde{N} \phi_{s_f}^\dagger \left[(4 (P^0 + m) P^\mu + \Delta^2 g^{0\mu} - \Delta^0 \Delta^\mu) \mathbf{1}_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2i\varepsilon^{0\mu\beta\rho} \Delta_\beta \sigma_\rho + i\varepsilon^{\mu\beta\alpha\rho} \Delta_\beta P_\alpha (\sigma_\rho + \bar{\sigma}_\rho) \right] \phi_{s_i}\end{aligned}$$

- Pseudovector

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_{(p_f, s_f)}^{(1/2)} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_{(p_i, s_i)}^{(1/2)} &= \tilde{N} \phi_{s_f}^\dagger \left[-(4P^\mu P_\alpha - \Delta^\mu \Delta_\alpha) (\sigma^\alpha - \bar{\sigma}^\alpha) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(P^2 - \frac{1}{4} \Delta^2 \right) (\sigma^\mu - \bar{\sigma}^\mu) - i\varepsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho} \Delta_\alpha P_\beta (\sigma_\rho + \bar{\sigma}_\rho) \right] \phi_{s_i}\end{aligned}$$

Algebra of t -tensors

Covariant $sl(2, \mathbb{C})$ Multipole expansion

[S. Cotogno, C. Lorcé, P. Lowdon, M. Morales (2020)]

- $m = 0 \rightarrow$ Identity

$$\prod_{r=1}^0 \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_r \rho_r \alpha_r} \left(\prod_{s=1}^{2j} \eta^{\alpha_s} \right) t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}} = t_{0 \dots 0} = \mathbf{1}$$

- $m = 1 \rightarrow$ Gen of Lorentz transf $(i [\mathbb{M}^{\mu\rho}, \mathbb{M}^{\nu\lambda}] = g^{\rho\lambda} \mathbb{M}^{\mu\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{M}^{\rho\lambda} + g^{\rho\nu} \mathbb{M}^{\mu\lambda} - g^{\mu\lambda} \mathbb{M}^{\rho\nu})$

$$\prod_{r=1}^1 \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_r \rho_r \alpha_r} \left(\prod_{s=2}^{2j} \eta^{\alpha_s} \right) (j) t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2j}} = \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu\rho\alpha}(j) t_{\alpha_0 \dots 0} = -i \mathbb{M}^{\mu\rho}$$

- In general

$$\prod_{r=1}^m \mathcal{Q}_{\text{red}}^{\mu_r \rho_r \alpha_r}(j) t_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_m 0 \dots 0} = \frac{(-i)^m}{m!} \sum_{\{\mu_1 \rho_1, \dots, \mu_m \rho_m\}} \prod_{r=1}^m \mathbb{M}^{\mu_r \rho_r} - (\text{Lower Multipoles})$$

Decompose operators with physical interpretation for each term

Multipole expansion \rightarrow mono-, di-, quadrupole, ...

Spin 1 Example: EM Current

Using spinor representation: $\langle p', s' | j^\mu(0) | p, s \rangle = \overset{\circ}{\phi}_{s'}^{(1)} \Gamma_{(p', p)}^\mu \overset{\circ}{\phi}_s^{(1)}$

$$m^2 \Gamma_{(p', p)}^\mu = 2P^\mu \left[P^2 \mathbf{1} G_C(Q^2) - \Delta^\rho \Delta^\sigma \left(t_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{3} g_{\rho\sigma} \mathbf{1} \right) G_Q(Q^2) \right]$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2}(p' + p)$$

$$\Delta = p' - p \quad (\Delta^2 = -Q^2)$$

$$-i\epsilon^{\mu\rho\sigma\lambda} \left[\Delta_\rho P_\sigma \left(t_{\lambda\nu} - \frac{1}{3} g_{\lambda\nu} \mathbf{1} \right) n_t^\nu G_M(Q^2) \right]$$

$$n_t^\nu = (1, 0, 0, 0)$$

Using polarization vectors: $\langle p', s' | j^\mu(0) | p, s \rangle = \varepsilon_{s'}^{*\alpha}(p') \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu(P, \Delta) \varepsilon_s^\beta(p)$

[Wang & Lorcé (2022)]

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{\mu\alpha\beta} &= 2P^\mu \left(\Pi^{\alpha\beta} G_C(Q^2) - \frac{\Delta^\rho \Delta^\sigma (\Sigma_{\rho\sigma})^{\alpha\beta}}{2m^2} \frac{P^2}{m^2} G_Q(Q^2) \right) \\ &\quad - i\epsilon^{\mu\rho\sigma\lambda} \left(\frac{\Delta_\rho P_\sigma (\Sigma_\lambda)^{\alpha\beta}}{\sqrt{P^2}} G_M(Q^2) \right) \end{aligned}$$