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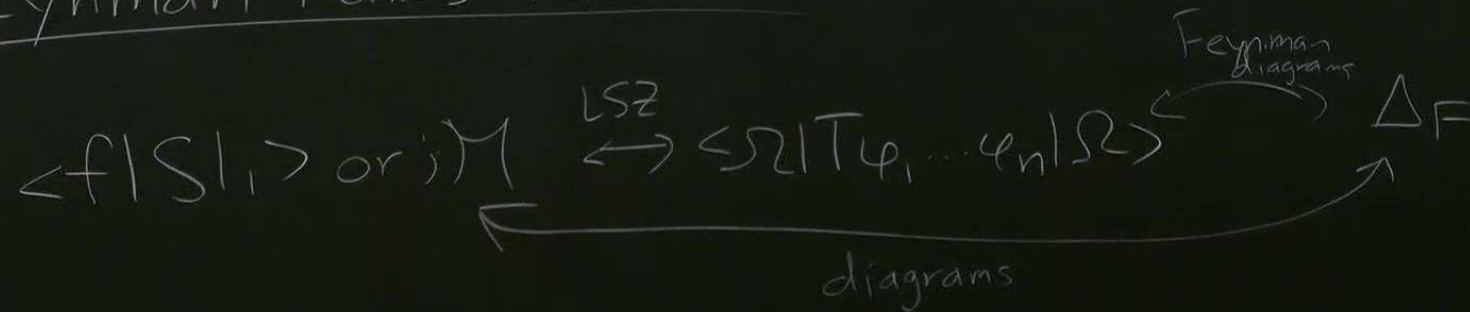
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# Feynman rules for $iM$



Last

$\langle \Omega | T \varphi_1 \varphi_2 \varphi_3 \varphi_4 | \Omega \rangle$  in  $\varphi^4$  theory  
 $\updownarrow$  LSZ  
 $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering  
 $(\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\frac{\lambda}{4!} \varphi^4)$

Last time:  $\delta^4(\Sigma p)$  per connected component

$$\langle \Omega | T \varphi_1 \varphi_2 \varphi_3 \varphi_4 | \Omega \rangle = \text{---} + | \quad | + \text{X} + \text{first interesting} + \text{---} + \dots$$

$$\langle f | S | i \rangle_X = i^4 \int \prod_i d^4 x_i e^{i\lambda \sum_i x_i \cdot p_i} (\partial_i^2 + m^2) (-i\lambda) \int d^4 y \Delta_{1y} \Delta_{2y} \Delta_{3y} \Delta_{4y}$$

$$= (-i\lambda) \int d^4 y e^{i\lambda (p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4) \cdot y} (\partial_i^2 + m^2) \Delta_{iy} = (-i)^4 \int d^4 y (\partial_i^2 + m^2) \Delta_{iy} = -i \delta^{(4)}(x_i - y)$$

$$= (-i\lambda) (2\pi i)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4)$$

$$iM_x = -i\lambda \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{no propagators for external lines!} \end{array} \right.$$

→ Amputate

## Amputation

$$\langle \Omega | T \phi_1 \phi_2 | \Omega \rangle = \underbrace{\frac{1}{k}}_{\text{involves } m_{\text{Lag}}^2} + \underbrace{\left( \text{loop} + \text{two loops} + \text{three loops} + \dots \right)}_{\text{corrections to free propagator}}$$

↑  
 expect to depend on physical mass  
 related to amplitude for particle to propagate from  $x_2$  to  $x_1$

$\partial^2 + m_{\text{ph}}^2$  kills  $\Delta_F + \text{corrections}$

$$iM_x = -i\lambda \quad \leftarrow \text{no propagators for external lines!}$$

→ Amputate

### Amputation

$$G_2(x_1, x_2) = \langle \Omega | T \phi_1 \phi_2 | \Omega \rangle = \underbrace{\text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---}}_{\text{corrections to free propagator}} + \dots$$

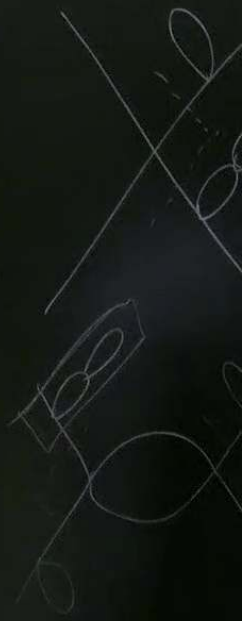
involves  $m_{\text{lag}}^2$

$k$

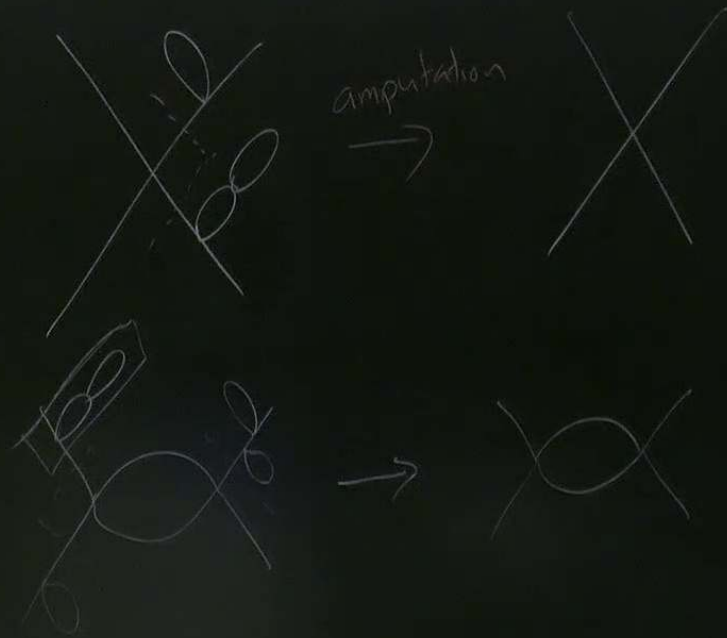
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$$\tilde{G}_2(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m_{\text{ph}}^2} + \text{finite } p^2 m_{\text{ph}}^2$$



→ Amputate diagrams



# Momentum Conservation

V vertices

$$\int d^4x \rightarrow \delta^{(4)}(p)$$

E lines

$$\int d^4p e^{ip \cdot x}$$

↑  
edge

# moment

Examine fully connected  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering in  $\phi^4$  theory

$$\boxed{\text{\# momentum integrals in } iM} = E - 4 - (V - 1) = E - V - 3 = E - V + \chi = \boxed{\text{\# loops}}$$

↑  
no  $\int d^4p$   
for external

Euler characteristic

$$\chi = V - E + L$$

↑  
# loops

$$\chi = 1 - 4 + 0 = -3$$

# Feynman rules for $iM$

$iM$  = sum of connected, amputated diagrams  
↑ interesting contribution    ↑ asymptotic to

1.  $\frac{\text{internal}}{\vec{p}} = \frac{i}{p^2 - m_{\text{lag}}^2 + i\epsilon}$

2.  $\frac{\text{external}}{\vec{p}} = 1$

$$= (-i\lambda) (2\pi i)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 + p_2 - p_3 - p_4)$$

$\int \mathcal{M} = E - 4 - (V - 1) = E - V - 3 = E - V + \chi = \# \text{ loops}$

no fdtp  
 for external

$\chi = V - E + L$

$\swarrow \# \text{ loops}$

$$\chi = 1 - 4 + 0 = -3$$

$$\Delta_{12} = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi i)^4} \frac{i e^{ip(x_1 - x_2)}}{p^2 - m_{Lag}^2 + i\epsilon}$$

3.  =  $-i\lambda$  (depends on theory)

4. Impose momentum conservation at each vertex (No  $\delta'$ )

5. Integrate over undetermined momenta  
( $\int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4}$  per loop)

Divide by symmetry factor

$-i\lambda$  (depends on theory)

momentum conservation at each vertex (No  $\delta'$ )

over undetermined momenta  
(per loop)

symmetry factor

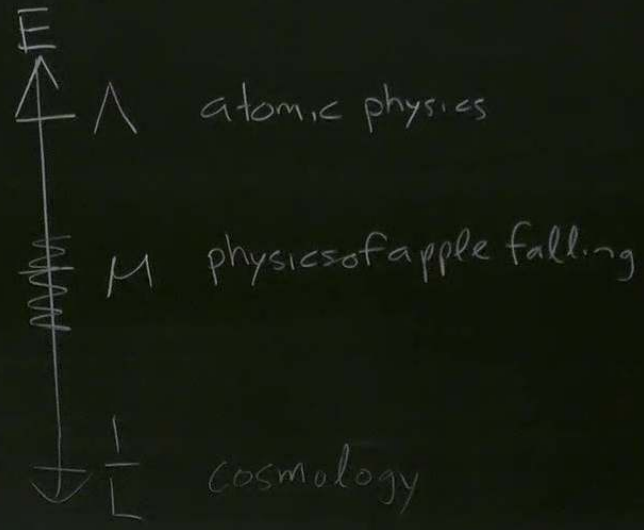
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(-i\lambda)^2}{2} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{1}{(k + p_1 - p_3)^2 + m^2 + i\epsilon} \\
 &= iM_{\alpha\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

$k + p_1 = k + p_1 - p_3 + p_3$   
 $p_2 + k + p_1 - p_3 = p_2 + k$

$L=0$

# Renormalization

## Separation of Scales



# Scattering



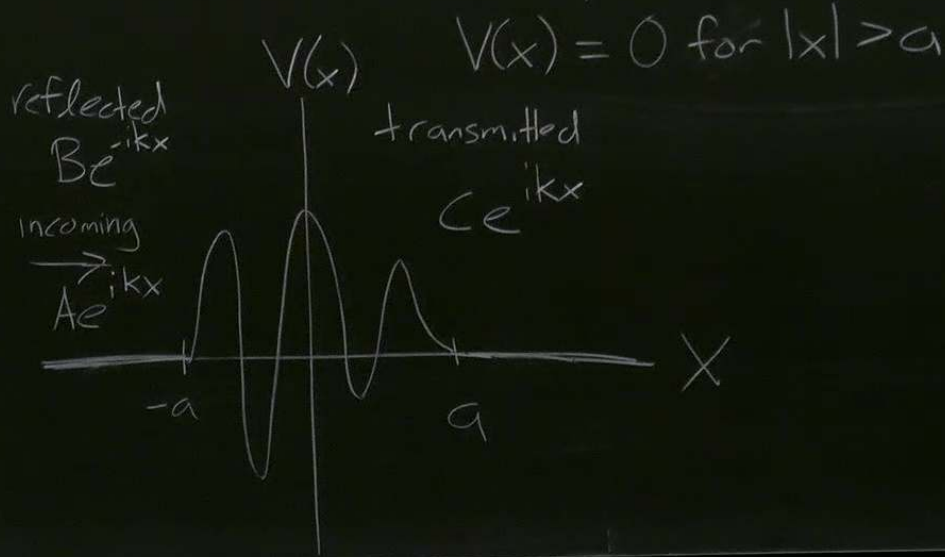
$$L=0$$

## Scattering in a local potential

$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + V$$

↑  
local potential

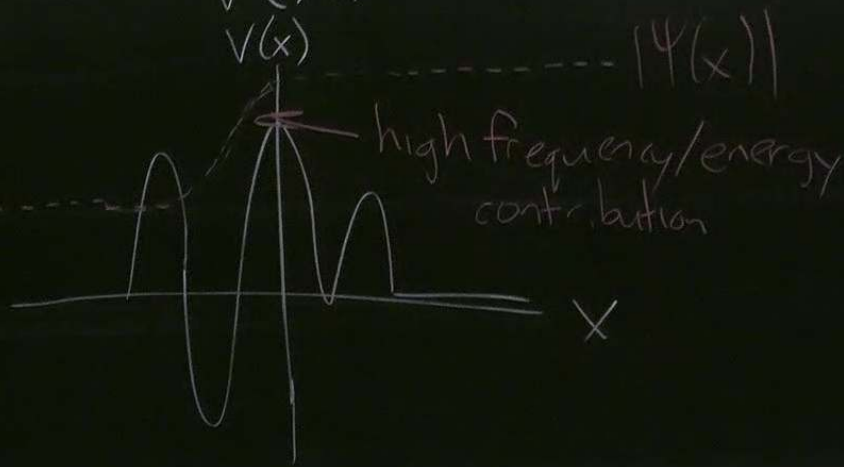
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Expect: low energy probes cannot learn about detailed shape of  $V$

$p \ll \frac{1}{a}$  local potential approximation

$$V(x) = c_0 \delta(x) + c_1 \delta'(x) + \dots$$




$$T(p) = f(c_0, c_1)$$

but calculation involves high energies

$\rightarrow c_i(\mu)$  constants depend on energy at which measured

## Renormalization of $\varphi^3$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{naive}} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\varphi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \varphi^2 - \frac{g}{3!} \varphi^3$$


$$= -ig \int d^4x$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{LSZ: } \langle \Omega | \varphi(x) | \Omega \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle k | \varphi(x) | \Omega \rangle &= e^{ikx} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{shift + rescale}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ct}}$$

↑  
counterterm

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\varphi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2\varphi^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \frac{1}{3!}Z_g g \varphi^3$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{ct} = \frac{1}{2}(Z_\varphi - 1)(\partial\varphi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(Z_m - 1)m^2\varphi^2 + Y\varphi$$

4 independent parameters (degeneracy between  $Z_g$  and  $Z_m$ )  
LSZ eliminate 2  $\rightarrow$  2 physical parameters

$$L = L_0 + L_{int} + L_{ct}$$

↑  
counterterm

$$Z_1 = 1 + \mathcal{O}(g)$$

$$Y = 0 + \mathcal{O}(g)$$