

### 3. Quantum Field Theory (QFT) — Renormalisation

#### How do we measure particles

- We can measure tracks of individual charged particles with
  - pixel detectors
  - wire chambers

⇒ we measure the 3-momentum  $\vec{p}$
- We can measure the energy of particles in
  - calorimeters

⇒ we measure the energy  $E$
- We can distinguish different kinds of particles by
  - sets of Cherenkov counters
  - comparing calorimeter- and track-data

⇒ reconstructing the 4-momentum:  $E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2$

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#### How do we measure intermediate particles

- masses are measured for instance with "invariant-mass distributions"
- example:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ 
  - the 4-momenta of the muons are reconstructed
  - these 4-momenta are summed up and squared:  $M^2$
  - events with 2 muons are distributed according to  $M^2$ :
    - \* this gives a Breit-Wigner distribution (on top of a background)
  - measured mass = position of the peak in the Breit-Wigner curve
- couplings are measured with the strength of the interaction
- example:  $H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  versus  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ 
  - identifying the decaying particle in all events
  - relative coupling strength =  $\frac{\#events(H \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}{\#events(H \rightarrow b\bar{b})}$

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#### How do we calculate

- we generate all Feynman diagrams  $\{f\}$  for the process
- we calculate the amplitude for each Feynman diagram  $\mathcal{M}_f$
- we add up all amplitudes  $\mathcal{M} = \sum_f \mathcal{M}_f$
- we square the modulus  $|\mathcal{M}|^2$
- we integrate over the Lorentz invariant phase space  $d\text{Lips}$

$$d\sigma = \frac{\text{symmetry}}{\text{flux}} |\mathcal{M}|^2 d\text{Lips}(p_1^\mu \dots p_n^\mu)$$

- momentum-conservation  $P^\mu = P_{in}^\mu = \sum_i p_i^\mu$
- and each particle  $i$  in the final state contributes, so

$$d\text{Lips}(p_1^\mu \dots p_n^\mu) = (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(P - \sum_i p_i) \prod_i \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_i}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}_i}}$$

- in perturbation theory, we expand in orders of the coupling constant  $g$ :

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_k g^k \mathcal{M}^{(k)} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{M}^{(k)} = \sum_f \mathcal{M}_f^{(k)}$$

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- When perturbation theory is applicable:  $|g^n \mathcal{M}^{(n)}| > |g^{n+1} \mathcal{M}^{(n+1)}|$ 
  - the leading order (LO) is the smallest  $n$  with  $|\mathcal{M}^{(n)}| > 0$
  - the next-to leading order (NLO) is then  $n + 1$  or  $n + 2$ .
- the cross section is also a sum over powers of the coupling constant  $g$ :

$$d\sigma = \sum_{k=2n} g^k d\sigma^{(k)} \quad \text{where} \quad d\sigma^{(2n)} = |g^n \mathcal{M}^{(n)}|^2 d\text{Lips} \quad \text{and}$$

$$d\sigma^{(2n+1)} = \left[ (g^n \mathcal{M}^{(n)})^\dagger (g^{n+1} \mathcal{M}^{(n+1)}) + (g^n \mathcal{M}^{(n)}) (g^{n+1} \mathcal{M}^{(n+1)})^\dagger \right] d\text{Lips}$$

- we identified the "physical" coupling  $g$  from the measurement of  $\sigma$ 
  - LO:  $\sigma^{\text{LO}} = \int d\sigma^{(2n)}$
  - NLO:  $\sigma^{\text{NLO}} = \int (d\sigma^{(2n)} + d\sigma^{(2n+1)})$
- if  $\sigma^{\text{LO}} \neq \sigma^{\text{NLO}}$  ... what is now the right  $\sigma$  ?  $\Rightarrow$  Renormalisation

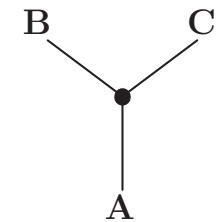
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#### Example of Renormalisation: ABC-theory

- we have 3 real scalar fields  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  and 1 coupling  $g$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -\frac{1}{2}\Phi_0(\partial^2 + m_{0,\Phi}^2)\Phi_0 + g_0 A_0 B_0 C_0 \quad \text{where } \Phi = A, B, C$$

- masses are the poles in the propagators  $i \times [p^2 - m_{0,\Phi}^2 + i\epsilon]^{-1}$
- the coupling connects all three different fields



- having the physical masses as  $m_A > m_B + m_C$ ,

- $A$  will decay into  $B$  and  $C$ :
- at LO there is only one diagram, which gives  $g^1 \mathcal{M}^{(1)} = g$

$$- d\text{Lips} = (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_A - p_B - p_C) \frac{d^3\vec{p}_B}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}_B}} \frac{d^3\vec{p}_C}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\vec{p}_C}} = \frac{d\Omega}{(4\pi)^2} \kappa_{ABC}$$

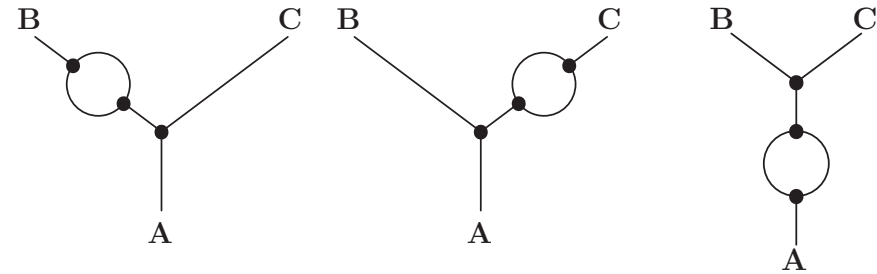
$$\sigma^{\text{LO}}(A \rightarrow BC) = \frac{1}{2m_A} \int |g|^2 \frac{d\Omega}{(4\pi)^2} \kappa_{ABC} = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{\kappa_{ABC}}{2m_A}$$

- $g$  or  $\alpha = \frac{g^2}{4\pi}$  can be determined from the decay!

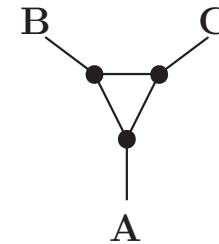
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we calculate now  $\sigma^{\text{NLO}}(A \rightarrow BC)$



- there is no diagram of order  $g^2$
- there are 4 diagrams of order  $g^3$ 
  - 3 of them have a "bubble" on an external line
    - $\Rightarrow$  we will have to renormalise also the propagators!
    - \* as it turns out, they will not contribute (on-shell scheme)
  - the 4<sup>th</sup> diagram is just a triangle
    - \* which is usually not zero
    - \* but depends on incoming and outgoing momenta
- so  $g^3 \mathcal{M}^{(3)} = g^3 t_{ABC}$



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{(A \rightarrow BC)}^{\text{NLO}} &= \frac{1}{2m_A} \int \left[ |g|^2 + g \times (g^3 t_{ABC})^\dagger + g^\dagger \times (g^3 t_{ABC}) \right] \frac{d\Omega}{(4\pi)^2} \kappa_{ABC} \\ &= \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{\kappa_{ABC}}{2m_A} \left( 1 + 2g^2 T_{ABC} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad T_{ABC} = \int \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi} \mathcal{R}e[t_{ABC}] \end{aligned}$$

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- but we calculated with  $g_0$ , not with the measured  $g$  !
- the same happens to the other parameters of the theory
- writing

$$g_0 = g + \delta g \quad , \quad m_{0,\Phi}^2 = m_\Phi^2 + \delta m_\Phi^2 \quad , \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_0 = \sqrt{Z_\Phi} \Phi = \Phi + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_\Phi \Phi$$

we get a new Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -\frac{1}{2} Z_\Phi \Phi (\partial^2 + m_\Phi^2 + \delta m_\Phi^2) \Phi + (g + \delta g) \sqrt{Z_A Z_B Z_C} ABC = \mathcal{L} + \delta \mathcal{L}$$

with

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \Phi (\partial^2 + m_\Phi^2) \Phi + g ABC$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \Phi [\delta Z_\Phi (\partial^2 + m_\Phi^2) + \delta m_\Phi^2] \Phi + \left[ \frac{g}{2} (\delta Z_A + \delta Z_B + \delta Z_C) + \delta g \right] ABC$$

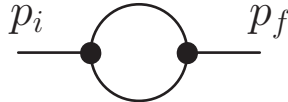
where only terms **linear** in the expansion of the parameters are kept.

- We assume only **one-loop accuracy** for now.

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#### Example of Renormalisation: ABC-theory

- Introducing abbreviations for the loops

- The self energies  $i\Pi(p^2) =$    $= i\frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2}B_0(p^2; m_0^2, m_1^2)$

- Using the Feynman rules we get to **one loop**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & i\Pi(p_i^2)(2\pi)^4\delta^4(p_i - p_f) \\
 &= \int \frac{d^4k_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4k_2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(ig)(2\pi)^4\delta^4(p_i - k_1 - k_2)i}{k_1^2 - m_1^2} \frac{(ig)(2\pi)^4\delta^4(k_1 + k_2 - p_f)i}{k_2^2 - m_0^2} \\
 &= i(2\pi)^4\delta^4(p_i - p_f) \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{i\pi^2} \int d^4q [q^2 - m_0^2]^{-1} [(q + p_i)^2 - m_1^2]^{-1} \\
 &=: i(2\pi)^4\delta^4(p_i - p_f) \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} B_0(p_i^2; m_0^2, m_1^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

- In a similar way the vertex correction  $iT(p_A^2, p_B^2, p_C^2) =$  


is written with the function  $\frac{g^3}{(4\pi)^2}C_0(p_C^2, p_A^2, p_B^2; m_A^2, m_B^2, m_C^2)$

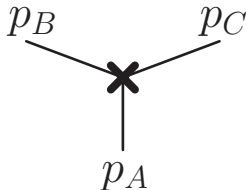


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- Now we have 7 counterterms that we should determine:  $\delta m_\Phi^2$ ,  $\delta Z_\Phi$ ,  $\delta g$
- they also give rise to new diagrams:

— six counterterms are used by  $i\delta Z_\Phi(p^2 - m_\Phi^2) - i\delta m_\Phi^2 =$  

— the 7<sup>th</sup> counterterm by  $iC_g = \frac{ig}{2}(\delta Z_A + \delta Z_B + \delta Z_C) + i\delta g =$  

- We have to choose **Renormalisation conditions** for them.

We can take (without proof):

1. the pole of the full propagator should be at  $m_\Phi^2$

$$\Rightarrow \delta m_\Phi^2 = \Pi(m_\Phi^2)$$

2. the residuum of the full propagator should be 1

$$\Rightarrow \delta Z_\Phi = -\frac{d}{dx}\Pi(x)|_{x=m_\Phi^2} = -\Pi'(m_\Phi^2)$$

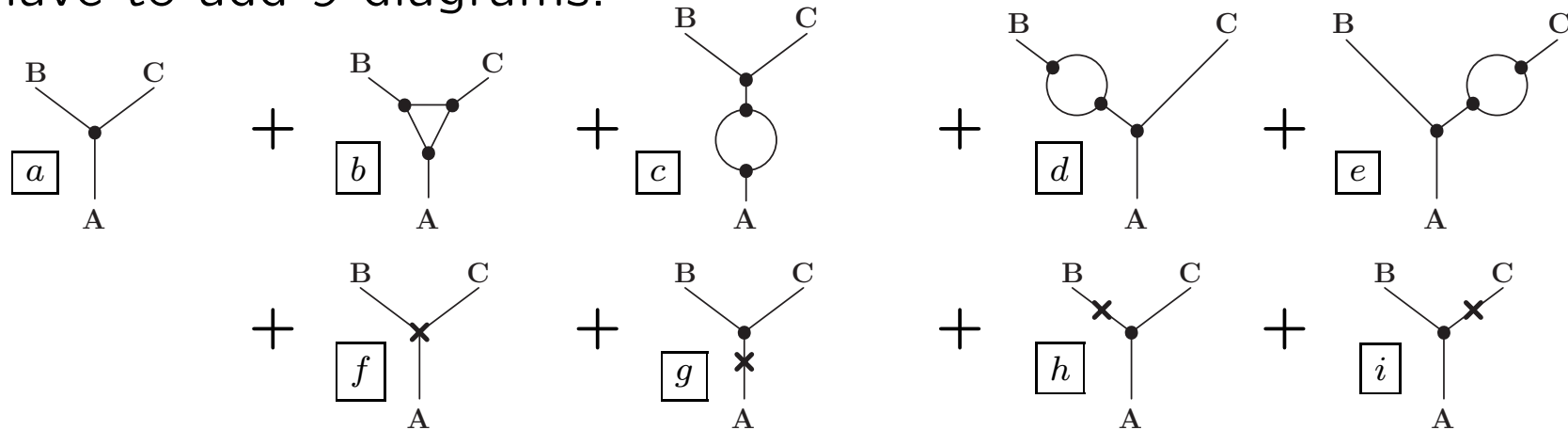
3. the full decay width of  $A$  should be like in the tree level.

$$\Rightarrow \delta g = -T(m_A^2, m_B^2, m_C^2) - \frac{g}{2}(\delta Z_A + \delta Z_B + \delta Z_C)$$

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- Calculating the NLO matrix element for the decay of  $A \rightarrow B + C$ , we have to add 9 diagrams:



- adding  $\boxed{c} + \boxed{g}$  and Taylor expanding around  $p_A^2 = m_A^2$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -g \frac{\Pi(m_A^2) + \Pi'(m_A^2)(p_A^2 - m_A^2) + \mathcal{O}((p_A^2 - m_A^2)^2)}{p_A^2 - m_A^2} - g \frac{\delta Z_A(p_A^2 - m_A^2) - \delta m_A^2}{p_A^2 - m_A^2} \\
 & = \mathcal{O}((p_A^2 - m_A^2))
 \end{aligned}$$

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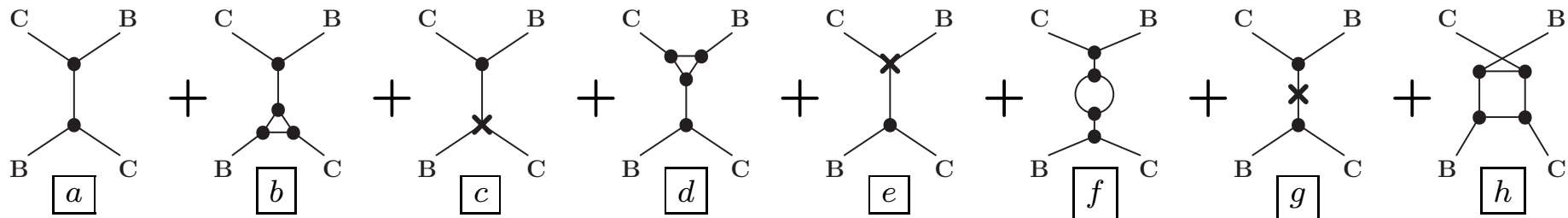
- $\boxed{a}$  gives now  $g^1 \mathcal{M}^{(1)} = g$
- $\boxed{c} + \boxed{g}$ ,  $\boxed{d} + \boxed{h}$ , and  $\boxed{e} + \boxed{i}$  are all  $\mathcal{O}((p_A^2 - m_A^2))$
- so  $g^3 \mathcal{M}^{(3)} = \lim_{p_\Phi^2 \rightarrow m_\Phi^2} (\boxed{b} + \dots + \boxed{i}) = \lim_{p_\Phi^2 \rightarrow m_\Phi^2} (\boxed{b} + \boxed{f})$   
$$= T(m_A^2, m_B^2, m_C^2) + \frac{g}{2}(\delta Z_A + \delta Z_B + \delta Z_C) + \delta g = 0$$
- So now  $\sigma^{\text{LO}} = \sigma^{\text{NLO}}$  for this decay !
- $g$  can be determined unambiguously.
- but where do come new predictions?
  - $A \rightarrow 3B + C$  or  $A \rightarrow B + 3C$  or ...
  - scattering  $B + C \rightarrow B + C$ :  $d\sigma(BC \rightarrow BC)$

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#### Example of Renormalisation: ABC-theory, $d\sigma(BC \xrightarrow{s} BC)$

- with the same argument as before: no corrections on external legs
- contributing diagrams to the s-channel,

initial momenta  $k$ , final momenta  $p$ :



- $k_B^2 = p_B^2 = m_B^2$ ,  $k_C^2 = p_C^2 = m_C^2$ , and  $(k_B + k_C)^2 = (p_B + p_C)^2 = s$ .

- $\boxed{a} = (ig)^2 \frac{i}{s - m_A^2}$  so  $g^2 \mathcal{M}^{(2)} = -\frac{g^2}{s - m_A^2}$

- $\boxed{b} + \boxed{c} + \boxed{d} + \boxed{e} = \frac{i^3 g T(s, k_B^2, k_C^2)}{s - m_A^2} + \frac{i^3 g C_g}{s - m_A^2} + \frac{i^3 g T(s, p_B^2, p_C^2)}{s - m_A^2} + \frac{i^3 g C_g}{s - m_A^2}$   
 $= -2ig \frac{T(s, m_B^2, m_C^2) - T(m_A^2, m_B^2, m_C^2)}{s - m_A^2} = \mathcal{O}((s - m_A^2)^0)$

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- $$\begin{aligned} \boxed{f} + \boxed{g} &= \frac{(ig)^2 i^2 i \Pi(s)}{(s - m_A^2)^2} + \frac{(ig)^2 i^2 i \delta Z_A (s - m_A^2) - \delta m_A^2}{(s - m_A^2)^2} \\ &= ig^2 \frac{\Pi(s) - \delta m_A^2 + \delta Z_A (s - m_A^2)}{(s - m_A^2)^2} = \mathcal{O}((p_A^2 - m_A^2)^0) \end{aligned}$$

- $$\boxed{h} = g^4 D_{\text{box}}(p_B^2, p_C^2, k_C^2, k_B^2; (-p_B - p_C)^2, (-p_C + k_C)^2; m_A^2, m_C^2, m_A^2, m_B^2)$$

- $$g^4 \mathcal{M}^{(4)} = \frac{g^2 [\Pi(s) - \Pi(m_A^2)]}{(s - m_A^2)^2} - \frac{2g [T(s) - T(m_A^2)] + g^2 \Pi'(m_A^2)}{s - m_A^2} + D_{\text{box}} =: \frac{g^2}{s - m_A^2} \Delta \mathcal{M}$$

- $$\text{so } d\sigma_{(BC \xrightarrow{s} BC)}^{\text{LO}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{sBC}} \left| \frac{-g^2}{s - m_A^2} \right|^2 \frac{d\Omega}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{\kappa_{sBC}}{2s} = \left( \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{d\Omega}{4s(s - m_A^2)^2}$$

- $$\begin{aligned} \text{and } d\sigma_{(BC \xrightarrow{s} BC)}^{\text{NLO}} &= \frac{1}{2\kappa_{sBC}} \left[ \frac{g^4}{(s - m_A^2)^2} + \frac{-g^2}{s - m_A^2} \cdot 2\text{Re}[g^4 \mathcal{M}^{(4)}] \right] \frac{d\Omega}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{\kappa_{sBC}}{2s} \\ &= \left( \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{d\Omega}{4s(s - m_A^2)^2} (1 - 2\text{Re}[\Delta \mathcal{M}]) \neq d\sigma_{(BC \xrightarrow{s} BC)}^{\text{LO}} \end{aligned}$$

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#### Regularisation

- is the prescription, how to deal with undefined integrals
- examples:
  - only integrating up to  $p^2 < \Lambda$
  - subtracting the integrand with a regulator mass (Pauli-Villars)
  - making the dimension continuous (dimensional regularisation)
- the physical result cannot depend on the regularisation
- the counterterms can "absorb" the regularisation constants  
⇒ renormalisable theory

#### Regularisation in ABC

- only the selfenergies had ill defined integrals
- $\delta Z_\Phi$  and  $\delta m_\Phi^2$  contain regularisation constants
- but they drop out in all physical processes