## Scatterings by Higher Spin Exchange

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Massless Scalar

#### we are interested in



- Massless Scalar
- Some HS Theory
- Proper Interactions



• Summation over Spins



Why this happens?because of free CFTHow this happens?magic of zeta fn regularization





- Summation over Spins
- Conformal HS Theory / Induced HS Theory
  - Generic Massless HS
     Bekaert, EJ, Mourad (2009)
  - Effective HS Theory

`` (2010)

#### **Massless HS Exchanges**



- Current Coupling: fixed up to coupling constant
- Propagator: massless one

#### Amplitude

$$A(s,t,u) = -\frac{\lambda^{-2}}{t} \left[ a\left(-\frac{\lambda^2}{8}\left(\sqrt{s}+\sqrt{-u}\right)^2\right) + a\left(-\frac{\lambda^2}{8}\left(\sqrt{s}-\sqrt{-u}\right)^2\right) - a_0 \right]$$

#### **Massless HS Exchanges**



#### However,

- Coupling Constants are Arbitrary
- Various No-Go's for Massless HS



Fradkin-Tseyltin, Segal, Vasiliev, Shaynkman



- HS Theory : for tree diagrams,
   I) Conformal HS effectively the same
   II) Induced HS Theory
- Coupling Constants are fixed up to a factor **g**  $S[\phi,h] = \int d^d x \left[ (\partial \phi)^2 + \sum_s \phi \, \partial^s \phi \, h_s \right] + \frac{1}{g^2} \, S_{\text{CHS}}[h]$

## **Conformal HS Exchanges**



- **HS** generalization of
  - Charged Scalar + QED
  - Conformal Scalar + Weyl Gravity
- Re-introduce Coupling Const. fixed by CHS action

#### **Conformal HS Exchanges**



$$F_d(z) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (s + \alpha_d) C_s^{(\alpha_d)}(z), \qquad \alpha_d = \frac{d-3}{2}$$

- For a fixed z, the series is **divergent**
- We need to **regularize** it somehow

$$F_d(z) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (s + \alpha_d) C_s^{(\alpha_d)}(z), \qquad \alpha_d = \frac{d-3}{2}$$

$$F_d(z,w) = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (s + \alpha_d) w^s C_s^{(\alpha_d)}(z)$$

$$= w^{1-\alpha_d} \frac{d}{dw} \left( w^{\alpha_d} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} w^s C_s^{(\alpha_d)}(z) \right) = \alpha_d \frac{1-w^2}{(1-2zw+w^2)^{\alpha_d+1}}$$

Regularized  
Sum
$$F_d^{\text{reg}}(z) = \frac{(-1)^{d-4}}{(d-4)!} \,\delta^{[d-4]}(z-1) \qquad \text{t-channel} \\ z = \frac{u-s}{u+s}$$

• same result in a few other regularizations

# **CHS Exchange Amplitude** $A_{\phi\phi\to\phi\phi} = \frac{g^2}{2} \left[ \delta\left(\frac{s}{t}\right) + \delta\left(\frac{s}{u}\right) \right] = \mathbf{0}$ $A_{\phi\bar{\phi}\to\phi\bar{\phi}} = \frac{g^2}{2} \left[ \delta\left(\frac{u}{t}\right) + \delta\left(\frac{u}{s}\right) \right] = \mathbf{0}$ $A_{\mathbb{R}} = \frac{g^2}{4} \left[ \delta\left(\frac{s}{t}\right) + \delta\left(\frac{u}{t}\right) + \delta\left(\frac{u}{s}\right) + \delta\left(\frac{t}{s}\right) + \delta\left(\frac{t}{u}\right) + \delta\left(\frac{s}{u}\right) \right] = \mathbf{0}$

#### vanishing amplitude



## **CHS Symmetry and Amplitude**



- They have the same symmetry : Vasiliev HS Algebra  $CHS_d = hs(so(2, d)) = VA_{d+1}$
- Regularizations compatible with the symmetries?

## **CHS Symmetry and Amplitude**



- we know how CHS sym. act
- Tree-level amplitude should be invariant under this CHS sym.

 $\delta\phi^{a}(x) = \varepsilon^{\mu_{1}...\mu_{r}} \partial_{\mu_{1}} \cdots \partial_{\mu_{r}} \phi^{a}(x) \quad \text{(hyper-translations)}$  $\delta\phi^{a}(x) = (e^{y \cdot \partial_{x}} - e^{-y \cdot \partial_{x}})\phi^{a}(x) = \phi^{a}(x+y) - \phi^{a}(x-y)$ 

 $\sin(p_{12} \cdot y) \, \sin(p_{13} \cdot y) \, \sin(p_{14} \cdot y) \, \langle \tilde{\phi}^{a_1}(p_1) \, \tilde{\phi}^{a_2}(p_2) \, \tilde{\phi}^{a_3}(p_3) \, \tilde{\phi}^{a_4}(p_4) \rangle = 0$ 

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with  $y = 4 (\sigma p_{12} + \tau p_{13} + v p_{14})$  $\sin(\sigma \mathbf{s}) \sin(\tau \mathbf{t}) \sin(v \mathbf{u}) A_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{u}) = 0$ 

 $\operatorname{III}(0, 0) \operatorname{III}(1, 0) \operatorname{III}(0, 0) \operatorname{III}(0, 0)$ 

since  $\sigma, \tau, v$  are arbitrary  $A_{\mathbb{R}}(s, t, u) = c \,\delta(st \, u)$ 

combining with dilatation sym.

$$A_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathsf{s},\mathsf{t},\mathsf{u})=0$$

#### What we have shown

- Scattering of conf. scalars by exchanges of CHS (or induced HS) fields
- The system has CHS symmetry at tree level
- CHS symmetry requires the amplitude to vanish
- However, for a given spin s exchange, the amplitude is non-trivial
- we need a regularization of the spin sum to recover vanishing amplitude even at classical level !!
   we need to (properly) throw away

### Next

- Understand spin-sum regularizations
  - If no idea about the correct result ?
  - Study compatibility between
     HS sym and Regularization
- Include loop corrections (in progress)

