### **Soft Dilatons**

Universality in the soft behavior of dilatons in string and field theories

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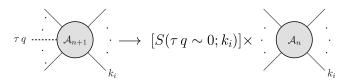
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# Broken Symmetries in Observables

Soft emission theorems: universal low-energy properties of amplitudes



Factorization only symmetry-dependent (universal)

$$S(\tau q; k_i) = \tau^{-1} S_L + \tau^0 S_{sL} + \tau^1 S_{ssL} + \cdots + \mathcal{O}(\tau^p)$$

### Famous Examples:

'58 Low's soft photon theorem - gauge invariance

'64 Weinberg's soft graviton theorem - gauge invariance

'65 Adler's pion zero condition - shift symmetry

'66 Double-soft pion theorem - coset symmetry

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### Recent developments (\*) categorized reference list in [arxiv:1604.03355, Di Vecchia, Marotta, M.]

- Renewal of interest following work by Strominger et al. '13, '14, '15
   Gauge theory soft theorems as Ward identities of asymptotic symmetries in GR
- ► New graviton ssL soft theorem (tree-level) '14
  Spinor-helicity & BCFW: [Cachazo, Strominger]
  CHY formalism: [Afkhami-Jeddi], [Schwab, Volovich]
  Gauge invariance: [Broedel, De Leeuw, Plefka, Rosso], [Bern, Davies, Di Vecchia, Nohle]
- New (double) soft theorems in gauge, string, supersymmetric and effective field theories\* (hidden symmetries?)

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► New uses of soft theorems: (see Y. Wang, C. Wen, and C. Cheung's talks tomorrow)

Effective field theories from soft theorems [Weinberg '67]

[Cheung, Kampf, Novotny, Trnka '14], [Low '14], [Huang, Wen '15], [Bianchi, Guerrieri, Huang, Lee, Wen '16]

Soft BCFW construction [Cheung, Kampf, Novotny, Shen, Trnka '15], [Luo, Wen '15]

Extended theories from soft limits in CHY [Cachazo, Cha, Mizera '16]

$$A_n^{\text{theory}_1} \xrightarrow{\text{soft limit}} \tau^p A_{n-1}^{\text{theory}_1 \oplus \text{ theory}_2} + \mathcal{O}(\tau^{p+1}), \quad p > 0.$$

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# This Talk: Soft behavior of dilatons in string and field theory

 Soft emission of gravitons and dilatons in string and field theory Work with Paolo Di Vecchia and Raffaele Marotta:

I. JHEP 1505 [arXiv:1502.05258], II. JHEP 1606 [arXiv:1604.03355], III. [arXiv:16xx.xxxxx]

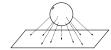
Two surprises in new dilaton soft theorems

Soft emission of a dilaton in conformal field theories (and in YM<sup>2</sup>)
 Work with Paolo Di Vecchia, Raffaele Marotta and Josh Nohle:
 IV. Phys.Rev. D93 [arXiv:1512.03316]

New (exact) theorem in spontaneously broken CFTs

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# String Amplitudes and their soft limits



Tree-level string amplitude (cf. talk by M. B. Green)

$$\mathcal{M}_n(k_1,\ldots,k_n) \sim \int \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n dz_i}{d\Omega_{\mathrm{M}}} \langle V_1(z_1,k_1)\cdots V_n(z_n,k_n)\rangle [\otimes c.c.]_{\mathrm{closed}}$$

Suitable for studying soft limits

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}(q, k_1, \dots, k_n) \sim \underbrace{\int \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n dz_i}{d\Omega_{\mathrm{M}}} \langle V_1(z_1, k_1) \cdots V_n(z_n, k_n) \rangle}_{\mathcal{M}_n(k_1, \dots, k_n)} \underbrace{\int dz \prod_{j=1}^n \langle V_q(z, q) V_j(z_j, k_j) \rangle}_{S_q(q, \{k_i, z_i\})}$$

Existence of a soft theorem for  $q \ll k_i$  implies

$$\mathcal{M}_n * S_q(q, \{k_i, z_i\}) = \hat{S}(q, k_i) \mathcal{M}_n + \mathcal{O}(q^p)$$

Straightforward extension to multi-soft expansions

For double-soft gluons and scalars, see [1507.00938, Di Vecchia, Marotta, M.]

### A Soft Massless Closed String State graviton, dilaton, NS-NS B-field (Kalb-Ramond)

#### Polarization stripped amplitude contains triple information

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}(q, k_i) = \epsilon_{q,\mu} \bar{\epsilon}_{q,\nu} \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{\mu\nu}(q, k_i)$$

Simplest case: Bosonic string scattering on *n* closed tachyons

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{\mu\nu}(q,k_{i}) \sim \underbrace{\int \frac{\prod_{i} d^{2}z_{i}}{d\Omega_{M}} \prod_{i< j}^{n} |z_{i} - z_{j}|^{\alpha' k_{i} \cdot k_{j}}}_{\mathcal{M}_{n}(k_{1},...,k_{n})} \underbrace{\int d^{2}z \prod_{l=1}^{n} |z - z_{l}|^{\alpha' q \cdot k_{l}} \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \frac{k_{i}^{\mu} k_{j}^{\nu}}{(z - z_{i})(\bar{z} - \bar{z}_{j})}}_{S_{q}^{\mu\nu}(q,\{k_{i},z_{i}\}) \equiv \sum_{i,j} k_{i}^{\mu} k_{j}^{\nu} \mathcal{I}_{i}^{j}}$$

Soft-expansion of  $\mathcal{I}_i^j$  (master-integral)

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{I}_{i}^{i} \sim & \frac{2}{\alpha' q \cdot k_{i}} \left( 1 + \alpha' \sum_{j \neq i} (k_{j}q) \log|z_{i} - z_{j}| + \frac{(\alpha')^{2}}{2} \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k \neq i} (k_{j}q) (k_{k}q) \log|z_{i} - z_{j}| \log|z_{i} - z_{k}| \right) \\ & + (\alpha')^{2} \sum_{j \neq i} (k_{j}q) \log^{2}|z_{i} - z_{j}| + \log \Lambda^{2} + \mathcal{O}(q^{2}) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{I}_{i}^{j} \sim & \sum_{m \neq i,j} \frac{\alpha' q \cdot k_{m}}{2} \left( \operatorname{Li}_{2} \left( \frac{\overline{z}_{i} - \overline{z}_{m}}{\overline{z}_{i} - \overline{z}_{j}} \right) - \operatorname{Li}_{2} \left( \frac{z_{i} - z_{m}}{z_{i} - z_{j}} \right) - 2 \log \frac{\overline{z}_{m} - \overline{z}_{j}}{\overline{z}_{i} - \overline{z}_{j}} \log \frac{|z_{i} - z_{j}|}{|z_{i} - z_{m}|} \right) \\ & - \log|z_{i} - z_{i}|^{2} + \log \Lambda^{2} + \mathcal{O}(q^{2}) \end{split}$$

For  $\mathcal{I}_i^j + \mathcal{I}_i^i$ : Dilogs vanish. For  $\mathcal{I}_i^j - \mathcal{I}_i^i$ : Bloch-Wigner Dilog.

## Soft graviton or dilaton emission from *n*-tachyon interaction

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\mu\nu)} = \mathcal{M}_n * S_q^{(\mu\nu)}(q, \{k_i, z_i\}) \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{S}^{(\mu\nu)}(q, k_i) \mathcal{M}_n + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

? = Yes: (I, IV)

$$\hat{S}^{(\mu\nu)}(q,k_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \frac{k_i^{\mu} k_i^{\nu}}{q \cdot k_i} - i \frac{k_i^{\mu} q_{\rho} J_i^{\nu\rho}}{q \cdot k_i} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{q_{\rho} J_i^{\mu\rho} q_{\sigma} J_i^{\nu\sigma}}{q \cdot k_i} + \frac{q_{\alpha} q_{\beta}}{q \cdot k_i} \left\{ \eta^{\mu\nu} \right\}_{\rho\sigma}^{\alpha\beta} k_i^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{i\sigma}} \right]$$

No  $\alpha'$ -term!

In the field theory limit  $\alpha' \to 0$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_n$  becomes the amplitude of n massive  $\phi^3$  scalars [Scherk '71].

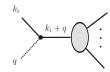
Soft dilaton ( $k_i^2 = -m_i^2 = \frac{4}{c'}$ ): [Ademollo, D'Adda, D'Auria, Gliozzi, Napolitano, Sciuto, Di Vecchia '75]

$$\epsilon_d^{\mu\nu} \hat{S}_{\mu\nu} = 2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{D}_i + \frac{q_\rho}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{K}_i^\rho - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i^2}{q \cdot k_i} \left( 1 + q^\rho \frac{\partial}{\partial k_i^\rho} + \frac{1}{2} q^\rho q^\sigma \frac{\partial^2}{\partial k_i^\rho \partial k_i^\sigma} \right)$$

Non-singular terms are conformal transformations:

Singular mass-terms:

$$\mathcal{D}_{i} = k_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{i}^{\rho}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{K}_{i}^{\rho} = k_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial k_{i}^{\mu} \partial k_{i\mu}} - 2k_{i}^{\mu} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial k_{i}^{\mu} \partial k_{i\rho}} + i \mathcal{S}_{i}^{\mu\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial k_{i}^{\mu}}$$



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## One soft + n hard massless closed strings

Soft part of  $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{M}_n * S^{\mu\nu}$ 

$$\begin{split} S^{\mu\nu}(q,\{k_i,z_i\}) &= \int d^2z \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\theta_i \epsilon_i^\mu}{(z-z_i)^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} \frac{k_i^\mu}{z-z_i} \right) \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{\bar{\theta}_j \bar{\epsilon}_j^\nu}{(\bar{z}-\bar{z}_j)^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} \frac{k_i^\nu}{\bar{z}-\bar{z}_i} \right) \\ &\times \exp \left[ -\sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta_i \epsilon_i \cdot q}{\bar{z}-z_i} \right] \exp \left[ -\sqrt{\frac{\alpha'}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\bar{\theta}_j \bar{\epsilon}_i \cdot q}{\bar{z}-\bar{z}_i} \right] \prod_{i=1}^n |z-z_i|^{\alpha' q \cdot k_i} \end{split}$$

All integrals involved (after partial expansion in *q*)

$$\mathcal{I}_{i_{1}i_{2}...}^{j_{1}j_{2}...} = \int d^{2}z \frac{\prod_{l=1}^{n}|z-z_{l}|^{\alpha'\,q\cdot k_{l}}}{(z-z_{i_{1}})(z-z_{i_{2}})\cdots(\bar{z}-\bar{z}_{j_{1}})(\bar{z}-\bar{z}_{j_{2}})\cdots}$$

All can be related to the master integral by simple tricks as:

$$\mathcal{I}_{ii}^{j} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\alpha' q \cdot k_{i}}{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i}} \mathcal{I}_{i}^{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{I}_{i}^{ij} = \frac{\mathcal{I}_{i}^{j} - \mathcal{I}_{i}^{j}}{\bar{z}_{i} - \bar{z}_{j}}$$

Is the soft theorem universal? (I,II)

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\mu\nu)}(\textbf{q},\textbf{k}_i) = \mathcal{M}_n * S^{(\mu\nu)} = \left(\hat{S}_{tachyon}^{(\mu\nu)} + \hat{S}_{spin}^{(\mu\nu)}\right) \mathcal{M}_n + \mathcal{O}(\textbf{q}^2)$$

$$\hat{S}_{\mathrm{spin}}^{(\mu\nu)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \frac{q_{\alpha}q_{\beta}}{q \cdot k_{i}} \left\{ \eta^{\mu\nu} \right\}_{\rho\sigma}^{\alpha\beta} + \alpha' \left( \frac{k_{i}^{\mu}k_{i}^{\nu}}{2} \frac{q_{\rho}q_{\sigma}}{q \cdot k_{i}} + q_{\alpha} \left\{ K_{i}^{\mu\nu} \right\}_{\rho\sigma}^{\alpha} \right) \right] \left( \epsilon_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_{i\sigma}} + \bar{\epsilon}_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\epsilon}_{i\sigma}} \right)$$

Antisymmetric part: Soft theorem through  $\mathcal{O}(q^0)$  - problem of dilogs at  $\mathcal{O}(q)$  ...

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# The Superstring Story and the Question of Universality

Soft part of integrand separates (III)

$$S^{\mu\nu}(q, \{k_i, z_i\}) = S^{\mu\nu}_{\text{bosonic}}(q, \{k_i, z_i\}) + S^{\mu\nu}_{\text{susy}}(q, \{k_i, z_i\})$$

No new integrals appear in  $S_{\text{susy}}$  through  $\mathcal{O}(q^2)$ !

Soft theorem

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{\mu\nu} = \left(\hat{S}_{\text{bosonic}}^{\mu\nu}\big|_{\alpha'=0}\right)\mathcal{M}_n + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

Soft graviton + n massless closed strings in the bosonic/super-string

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu}^{g} \, \hat{S}_{\text{bosonic}}^{\mu\nu} = \hat{S}_{\text{field theory}}^{\text{graviton}} + \alpha' \epsilon_{\mu\nu}^{g} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \frac{k_{i}^{\mu} k_{i}^{\nu}}{2} \frac{q_{\rho} q_{\sigma}}{q \cdot k_{i}} + q_{\alpha} \left\{ K_{i}^{\mu\nu} \right\}_{\rho\sigma}^{\alpha} \right] \left( \epsilon_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_{i\sigma}} + \bar{\epsilon}_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\epsilon}_{i\sigma}} \right)$$

Soft behavior in field theory = superstring/sugra  $\neq$  bosonic string.

Soft dilaton + n massless closed strings in the bosonic/super-string

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu}^{d} \, \hat{S}_{\text{bosonic}}^{\mu\nu} = 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{D}_{i} + \frac{q_{\rho}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \mathcal{K}_{i}^{\rho} + \frac{q^{\sigma}}{q \cdot k_{i}} \left( \mathcal{S}_{i,\rho\mu} \eta^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{S}_{i\nu\sigma} + D\left( \epsilon_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \epsilon_{i\sigma}} + \bar{\epsilon}_{i}^{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\epsilon}_{i\sigma}} \right) \right) \right]$$

 $\alpha'$ -terms vanish!

divergent terms due to d-d-g and d-B-B interactions

Universal soft behavior in field theory = superstring/sugra = bosonic string

## Three-point Amplitudes and Low-Energy Actions

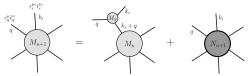
Bosonic, Heterotic and Type II Superstring low-energy actions  $(\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, 0)$ [Zwiebach, PLB156, '85], [Metsaev, Tseytlin, NPB293, '87]

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_D^2} \int d^D x \sqrt{-G} \left\{ R - G^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial_{\nu} \phi - \frac{1}{12} e^{-\frac{4}{\sqrt{D-2}} \phi} H_{\mu\nu\rho} H^{\mu\nu\rho} + \alpha' \frac{\lambda_0}{\sqrt{D-2}} e^{-\frac{2}{\sqrt{D-2}} \phi} \left[ R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}^2 + R^2 + \cdots \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha'^2) \right\}$$

Amplitude of three massless closed bosonic or super strings ( $\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{4}, 0$ )

$$\mathcal{M}_{3}^{\mu_{1}\nu_{1},\mu_{2}\nu_{2},\mu_{3}\nu_{3}}(k_{1},k_{2},k_{3}) = 2\kappa_{D}\left(\eta^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}}k_{1}^{\mu_{3}} + (\circlearrowleft 1,2,3) + 2\alpha'\frac{\lambda_{0}}{\lambda_{0}}k_{1}^{\mu_{3}}k_{2}^{\mu_{1}}k_{3}^{\mu_{2}}\right) \times \left(\mu_{i} \leftrightarrow \nu_{i}\right)$$

For the heterotic case take (bosonic) × (supersymmetric).



On-shell gauge invariance fixes soft theorems of the graviton and dilaton! [Bern, Davies, Di Vecchia, Nohle '14], [Di Vecchia, Marotta, Nohle, M. '15], [Di Vecchia, Marotta, M. '16]

#### Remarks

- Studied soft behavior of  $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{\mu\nu}$  generically in different string theories
- ► Found generic ssL soft theorem for  $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\mu\nu)}$  (and sL soft theorem for  $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{[\mu\nu]}$ )  $\alpha'$  appears at the ssL order consequence of  $\mathcal{M}_3$  and gauge invariance
- Gauss-Bonnet terms modify graviton soft theorem at ssL graviton soft theorem is different in bosonic/heterotic/superstring
- ► The dilaton soft theorem instead has two surprises:
  - 1. It is universal among all string and field theories!
  - 2. Contains the **space-time** generators of dilatation and special conformal transformation!
- ► Is there a symmetry reason behind the universality of the soft dilaton?

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# Dilaton as the Nambu-Goldstone boson of spontaneously broken conformal symmetry

- ▶ CFT with a Lorentz-scalar primary operator  $\xi$  with  $\langle 0|\xi(0)|0\rangle \neq 0$  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mu}$  broken,  $\mathcal{P}_{\mu}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu\nu}$  (Poincaré) unbroken
- ► Only one Goldstone mode (dilaton) [Low, Manohar '01]

$$\langle 0|T_{\mu\nu}|\xi;q\rangle \sim q_{\mu}q_{\nu}\langle 0|\xi(0)|0\rangle$$
,  $\langle 0|T_{\mu}^{\mu}|\xi;q\rangle \sim q^2 = 0$ 

► Field theory dilaton: Energy-momentum tensor and broken currents

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{D-2}{2(D-1)} \langle \xi \rangle (\eta_{\mu\nu} \partial^2 - \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu}) \xi(x) + \cdots$$
  
$$\partial_{\mu} j^{\mu}_{\mathcal{D}} = T^{\mu}_{\mu} = v(-\partial^2 \xi) , \qquad \partial_{\mu} j^{\mu}_{\mathcal{K},\rho} = 2x_{\rho} v(-\partial^2 \xi)$$

► Ward identity (WI) of  $\langle j^{\mu}\phi \cdots \rangle_{n+1} \equiv T^*\langle 0|j^{\mu}(x)\phi(x_1)\cdots\phi(x_n)|0\rangle$ 

$$-iq_{\mu}(\tilde{j}^{\mu}(q)\tilde{\phi}\cdots)_{n+1}=\langle\partial_{\mu}\tilde{j}^{\mu}\tilde{\phi}\cdots\rangle_{n+1}+\sum_{i=1}^{n}\langle\cdots\delta\tilde{\phi}(k_{i}+q)\cdots\rangle_{n}$$

 $\blacktriangleright$  Conformal field transformations of  $\phi$  with scaling dimension d

$$\delta_{\mathcal{D}}\phi = [\mathcal{D}, \phi] = i(d + x \cdot \partial)\phi , \quad \delta_{\mu}\phi = [\mathcal{K}_{\mu}, \phi] = i[(2x_{\mu}x_{\nu} + \eta_{\mu\nu}x^{2})\partial^{\nu} + 2dx_{\mu}]\phi$$

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#### Soft Theorem from Ward Identities

LSZ on WI of broken dilatation current [Callan '70, Boels&Wormsbecher '15], (IV)

$$\begin{split} vq^2\langle\tilde{\xi}(q)\tilde{\phi}(k_1)\cdots\rangle_{n+1} &= -i\sum_{i=1}^n\left(d-D-(k_i+q)\cdot\partial_{k_i}\right)\langle\cdots\tilde{\phi}(k_i+q)\cdots\rangle_n\\ \stackrel{LSZ}{\Longrightarrow} &v\mathcal{T}_{n+1}(q,k_i) &= \left[D-nd-\sum_ik_i\cdot\partial_{k_i}-\sum_i\frac{m_i^2}{k_i\cdot q}\left(1+q\cdot\partial_{k_i}\right)\right]\mathcal{T}_n(k_i)+\mathcal{O}(q) \end{split}$$

LSZ on WI of broken  $\mathcal{K}_{\mu}$  currents (IV)

$$\begin{split} &-2v\partial_{q}^{\mu}\mathcal{T}_{n+1}(q,k_{i}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left[\mathcal{K}_{i}^{\mu} - 2d\partial_{k_{i}}^{\mu} + \frac{m_{i}^{2}}{k_{i}\cdot q}\left(\frac{k_{i}^{\mu}}{k_{i}\cdot q} - \partial_{k_{i}}^{\mu}\right)\left(1 + q\cdot\partial_{k_{i}} + \frac{q\nu\,q\rho}{2}\,\partial_{k_{i}}^{\nu}\partial_{k_{i}}^{\rho}\right)\right]\mathcal{T}_{n}(k_{i}) + \mathcal{O}(q)\\ \Longrightarrow & v\mathcal{T}_{n+1}(q,k_{i})|_{\mathcal{O}(q)} = \left[\frac{q\mu}{2}\sum_{i}\left(\mathcal{K}_{i}^{\mu} - 2d\partial_{k_{i}}^{\mu}\right) - \sum_{i}\frac{m_{i}^{2}}{k_{i}\cdot q}\left(\frac{q\nu\,q\rho}{2}\,\partial_{k_{i}}^{\nu}\partial_{k_{i}}^{\rho}\right)\right]\mathcal{T}_{n}(k_{i}) \end{split}$$

Soft behavior completely fixed through ssL order

$$\label{eq:total_total_total_total_total} \textit{vT}_{n+1}(\textit{q};k_{\textit{i}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \frac{\textit{D}-\textit{nd}}{\textit{n}} - \mathcal{D}_{\textit{i}} + \frac{\textit{q}_{\mu}}{2} \left( \mathcal{K}_{\textit{i}}^{\mu} - 2\textit{d} \; \partial_{k_{\textit{i}}}^{\mu} \right) - \frac{\textit{m}_{\textit{i}}^{2}}{k_{\textit{i}} \cdot \textit{q}} \left( 1 + \textit{q}_{\mu} \partial_{k_{\textit{i}}}^{\mu} + \frac{\textit{q}_{\nu} \textit{q}_{\rho}}{2} \partial_{k_{\textit{i}}}^{\nu} \partial_{k_{\textit{i}}}^{\rho} \right) \right] \mathcal{T}_{\textit{n}}(k_{\textit{i}}) + \mathcal{O}(\textit{q}^{2})$$

Similar relations derived for scale-invariant primordial fluctuations in cosmology [Maldacena '02, Kundu et al. '15]

Comparison with the 'gravity' dilaton

$$\kappa_D^{-1} \mathcal{M}_{n+1}(q; k_i) \sim \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{2}{n} - \mathcal{D}_i + \frac{q_\mu}{2} \mathcal{K}_i^{\mu} - \frac{m_i^2}{k_i \cdot q} \left( 1 + q_\mu \partial_{k_i}^{\mu} + \frac{q_\nu q_\rho}{2} \partial_{k_i}^{\nu} \partial_{k_i}^{\rho} \right) \right] \mathcal{M}_n(k_i) + \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

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# Summary and Conclusions

- String theory offers a convenient framework to study soft behaviors of amplitudes Natural factorization at integrand level. Few moduli space master integrals.
- Graviton: Soft-theorem receives corrections from Gauss-Bonnet term.
   Examples are the Bosonic and Heterotic Strings.
- ▶ NS-NS B-field: Discovered sL soft theorem needs further studies.
- Dilaton: Discovered universal ssL soft theorem, containing dilatation and special conformal transformations. What happens at loop-level?
- ▶ All a consequence of the same tree-level on-shell gauge invariance.
- ► Generalized form of factorization appearing at sLL order (not discussed here). Cf.  $R\phi^2$  and  $R^2\phi$  interactions [Bianchi, He, Huang, Wen '14], [Di Vecchia, Marotta, M. '16]
- Ward identities of D and K<sub>μ</sub> control soft behavior of the Nambu-Goldstone dilaton of a spontaneously broken CFT through ssL order: Similar, but not exactly equal to the gravity dilaton soft theorem - why?
- ► Side-story: ssL soft theorem for NG dilaton new and exact. Uses: dilaton effective action, Coulomb-branch of N = 4 sYM, soft-BCFW relations, ... [see C. Wen's talks] Applications: cosmology (inflation) and particle phenomenology [Boels, Wormsbecher '15]