

# A measure for chaos in string scattering

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see also

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For time-honoured DDF and its revival

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Future developments

MB, Di Russo 'HmEST' *w.i.p.*, Di Vecchia, Firrotta *w.i.p.*

- Motivation
- Probing and measuring chaos with particles, waves, strings and 'black-holes'
- Digression: RMT (Random Matrix Theory) and  $\beta$ -ensemble
- HES (Highly Excited String) and DDF (Del Giudice, Di Vecchia, Fubini) operators
- Chaos in the decay of HES into two light strings
  - Amplitude
  - Statistical analysis
- Chaos in 4-point amplitudes with HES
  - HES dressing factor wrt Veneziano amplitude ...
  - high energy: fixed-angle vs Regge regime
  - chaotic behavior, transition to 'regular' behavior
- Conclusions and outlook

... No chaos in Veneziano, neither in Remmen ...

Chaotic behaviour is common in a wide range of processes, including humans  
Energy spectrum of quantum Hamiltonian systems  $\{E_n\}$  (e.g. RMT) or better spacings

$$\delta_n = E_{n+1} - E_n$$

or even better, ratios

$$r_n \equiv \frac{E_{n+1} - E_n}{E_n - E_{n-1}} = \frac{\delta_{n+1}}{\delta_n} \quad , \quad \tilde{r}_n = \min\left\{r_n, \frac{1}{r_n}\right\}$$

For our purposes: analogy with dependence of scattering amplitudes  $\mathcal{A}(\alpha)$  or better log derivatives

$$F(\alpha) \equiv \frac{d}{d\alpha} \log \mathcal{A}(\alpha)$$

on some kinematical (angular) variable  $\alpha$

$$\{z_n\} = \{\alpha : F(\alpha) = 0\}$$

spacings

$$\delta_n = z_n - z_{n+1}$$

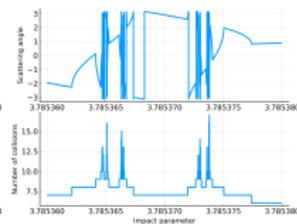
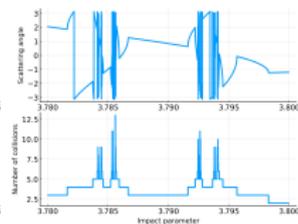
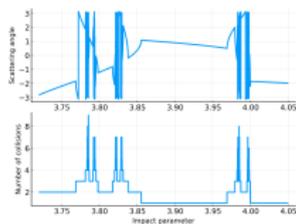
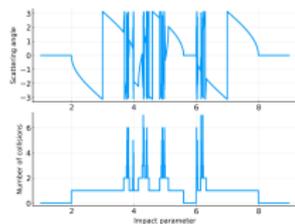
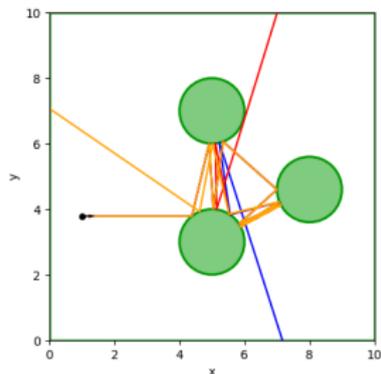
ratio's

$$r_n \equiv \frac{z_{n+1} - z_n}{z_n - z_{n-1}} = \frac{\delta_{n+1}}{\delta_n} \quad , \quad \dots \quad \tilde{r}_n$$

Classical example: pinball scattering

# From classical to quantum chaos

Pinball scattering: high-sensitivity on initial condition, classical 'deterministic' chaos



Quantum Chaos: quantum version of Sinai billiard (square with disk removed) ... ergodic [Bohigas, Giannoni, Schmit, ... ], Hadamard/Artin billiard ... deterministic chaos (Riemann surfaces with  $g \geq 2$  or with cusps)  
Chaos in the S-matrix ... 'leaky torus' [Gutzwiller] ...  $\zeta$  function!

Riemann hypothesis: all (infinite number) non-trivial zero's on critical line  $z_n = 1/2 + iy_n$ , normalized spacings

$$\bar{\delta}_n = \frac{y_n - y_{n-1}}{2\pi} \log \frac{y_n}{2\pi}$$

Probability Distribution Function (PDF): Wigner surmise

$$p_W(\bar{\delta}) = \frac{32}{\pi^2} \bar{\delta}^2 e^{-\frac{4}{\pi} \bar{\delta}^2}$$

GUE distribution ( $2 \times 2$ ,  $\beta = 2$ ) of ratio's  $r_n = \bar{\delta}_{n+1}/\bar{\delta}_n$

$$f_{GUE}(r) = \frac{81\sqrt{3}}{4\pi} \frac{(r + r^2)^2}{(1 + r + r^2)^4}$$

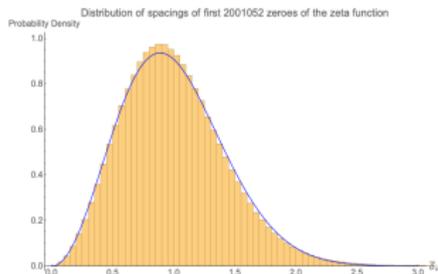
with  $r_{peak} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\langle r \rangle = 4/\pi \approx 1.273$ , well approximated by Log-Normal

$$f_{LN}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 r}} \exp\left(-\frac{[\log(r) - \mu]^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

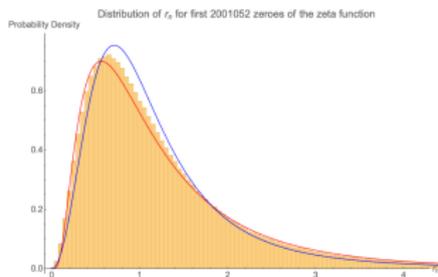
with  $r_{peak} = \exp(\mu - \sigma^2)$  and  $\langle r \rangle = \exp(\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2)$ , for  $\mu = 0$  and  $2\sigma^2 = \pi^2 - 8$

# Distribution of the first $N = 2,001,052$ zero's of the $\zeta$ function

Table available online: [A. Odlyzko, "Tables of zeros of the Riemann zeta function," [http://www.dtc.umn.edu/~odlyzko/zeta\\_tables](http://www.dtc.umn.edu/~odlyzko/zeta_tables)]



Wigner surmise: distribution of 'normalized' spacings  $\bar{\delta}$  between consecutive zero's of Riemann  $\zeta$  function



GUE (blue) and Log-normal (orange) fits of ratio's  $r_n$

# Wave scattering: 'leaky' torus

Leaky torus: upper half plane [M. C. Gutzwiller, Physica D: Nonlinear Phenomena 7, 341 (1983)]

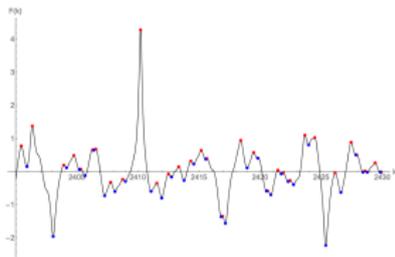
(a):  $x = -1$ , (b):  $x=1$ , (c):  $(x - 1/2)^2 + y^2 = 1/4$ , (d):  $(x + 1/2)^2 + y^2 = 1/4$   
with (a)=(c), (b)=(d)

Phase shift of waves from  $y = \infty$  to  $y = y_{out}$

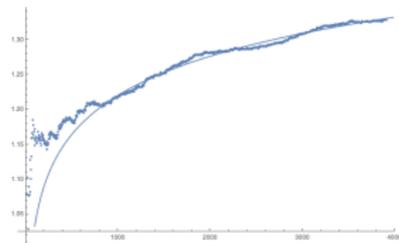
$$F(k) = \frac{\text{Im}[\zeta(1 + 2ik)]}{\text{Re}[\zeta(1 + 2ik)]}$$

$\sim$  phase of  $\zeta$  along  $z = 1$ , distribution of local extrema  $F'(z_n) = 0$

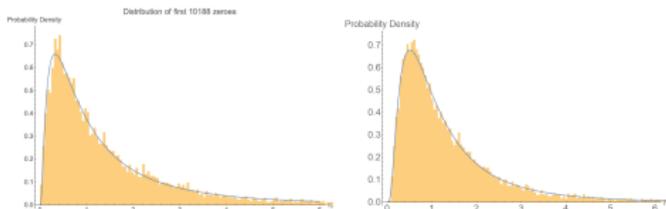
Sample of  $N = 22,618$  extrema from  $k_1 \approx 3.19$  to  $k_N \approx 12,927$ :  $\langle r \rangle_{min} = 1.394$ ,  
 $\langle r \rangle_{max} = 1.418$ ,  $\langle r \rangle_{all} = 1.944$



Left: Function  $F(k)$ .

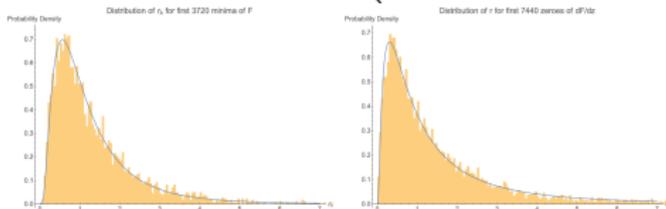


Right: Average value of the ratio  $\langle r \rangle$  as a function of number of zero's  $N$  of  $dF/dk$



Left: Distribution of the ratio  $r$  (first 10188 zero's of  $dF/dk$ )

Right: Distribution of the ratio  $r$  (first 3720 maxima of  $F(k)$ )



Left: Distribution of the ratio  $r$  (first 3720 minima of  $F(k)$ )

Right: Distribution of the ratio  $r$  (first 7440 zero's of  $dF/dk$ )

Large number of nuclear resonances ... impossible to diagonalize the Hamiltonian.  
Statistical approach: Porter-Thomas distribution, Wigner surmise  $\sim$  eigenvalues of a random matrix ... RMT ... excellent agreement with experimental data!  
Three universality classes: GOE, GUE or GSE (for gaussian matrices), COE, CUE, CSE (for circular ensembles  $\lambda = e^{i\theta}$ ) [Dyson, Wishart, Mehta, Gaudin, Berry ...]  
Level repulsion: Coulomb gas  $V(x_i, x_j) = \log|x_i - x_j|$ ,  $\beta$  ensemble

$$P_{\beta, N}(\lambda) = C_N e^{-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_i \lambda_i^2} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^\beta$$

Special cases: GUE  $\beta = 2$ , GOE  $\beta = 1$ , GSE  $\beta = 4$   
For  $3 \times 3$  matrices and ratio  $r = (\lambda_3 - \lambda_2)/(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)$

$$f_\beta(r) = \frac{3^{\frac{3+3\beta}{2}} \Gamma(1 + \frac{\beta}{2})^2}{2\pi\Gamma(1 + \beta)} \frac{(r + r^2)^\beta}{(1 + r + r^2)^{1 + \frac{3}{2}\beta}}$$

For  $N > 3$  mild dependence on  $N$ .

# From particles and waves to 'black holes' and strings

Hard to find systems with a large number of 'states' at weak coupling ... strings ... black holes

Black Holes: scrambling, thermalization, ... information loss ...

Scrambling time  $\sim$  Ehrenfest time, breakdown of semiclassical approximation

Holography [Festuccia, Liu 0506202] Butterfly effect [Shenker, Stanford 1306.0622]

Exponential growth of (OTOC) out-of-time-order correlator ... , [Kulaxizi, Ng, Parnachev 1812.03120,

Karlsson, Kulaxizi, Parnachev, Tadic, 1904.00060]

Quantum Lyapunov-like exponent ... (holographic) bound on chaos [Maldacena, Shenker, Stanford 1503.01409]

$$\lambda_L < 2\pi\kappa_B T_H/\hbar$$

horizon: large red-shift  $\sim$  exponentially large time delay vs photon-rings, chaotic behavior of critical geodesics

NB: 'merger' when photon-rings coincide NOT horizons [Christodoulou, Ruffini]

'classical' Lyapunov exponent ... chaos at the rim of BH and fuzzball shadows [MB, Grillo,

Morales 2002.05574, MB, Consoli, Grillo, Morales 2011.0434]

$$\lambda_L < \frac{C_d}{b_{min}} \approx -Im\omega_{QNM}$$

valid for (near)extremal 'gravitating objects' (BHs, branes, ... ECOs, fuzzballs)

# Why strings ?

(Open bosonic) strings: Regge resonances

$$\alpha' M^2 = N - 1$$

Very narrow at  $g_s =$ , broadening and mixing effects even at small  $g_s$  ... RMT?

Highly excited strings (HES): large  $N$  and many different harmonics  $\sim$  random walks

String/BH correspondence: transition when string inside its 'horizon' [Horowitz, Polchinski; Damour,

Veneziano; Susskind, ...]

$$2GM = \ell_s = \sqrt{\alpha'}$$

Since  $G \approx g_s^2 \alpha'$  and  $\sqrt{\alpha'} M \approx \sqrt{N}$  need  $g_s^2 = 1/\sqrt{N}$ ... weak coupling

Test of the correspondence [Amati, Russo]: emission from an ensemble of excited strings at mass/level  $N$ , get 'expected' black-body spectrum for (low-energy) emitted quanta

More recently [Firrotta, Rosenhaus; Firrotta] e.g. decay amplitude of a 'micro-state' at level  $N$  into a 'micro-state' at level  $N' < N$  with tachyon/photon (low-mass) emission with

$$E_k \ll M_{N'} < M_N$$

... thermalization at

$$T_{\text{eff}} = T_{\text{Hag}}/\sqrt{N} \quad , \quad 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{c}{6}} T_{\text{Hag}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha'}}$$

# Highly excited strings and DDF operators

Focus on open bosonic strings ... closed string: KLT/double copy

Spectrum  $\alpha' M_N^2 = N - 1$  with  $S \leq N$

Exponentially growing degeneracy ... Hagedorn / 'CHardy-Ramanujan' / Dedekind

$$d_N \approx e^{2\pi\sqrt{\frac{c}{6}N}}$$

Hard to identify BRST invariant vertex operators for  $N > 3$  [Stieberger, Taylor; MB, Lopez, Richter; Schlotterer; ...]

DDF [Del Giudice, Di Vecchia, Fubini] approach

Choose null momentum  $q$  ( $q^2 = 0$ ) and  $p$  ( $\alpha' p^2 = 1$ ) such that  $2\alpha' pq = 1$

Then  $p_N = p - Nq$  on-shell at level  $N$ , 'transverse' DDF operators

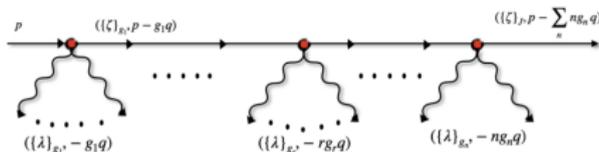
$$A_n^i(q) = \oint \frac{dz}{2\pi} \partial X^i e^{inqX} \quad , \quad [A_n^i, A_m^j] = n\delta^{ij} \delta_{n+m}$$

Most general BRST invariant state

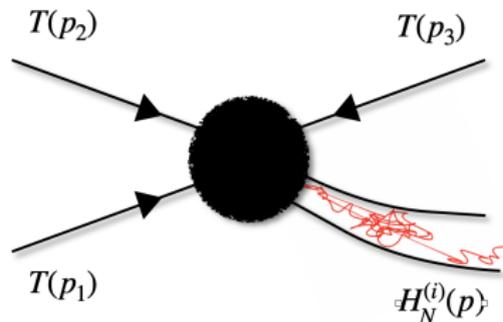
$$|\{n_k\} : N = \sum_k kn_k, p_N\rangle = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} A_{-k}^i(q) |0, p\rangle$$

Transverse 'covariant' polarizations:  $\zeta_k^\mu = \lambda_k^i (\delta_i^\mu - 2\alpha' p_i q^\mu)$  with  $\zeta_k \cdot p = 0 = \zeta_k \cdot q$

$$|H_N^{(i)}(\{\zeta\})\rangle = \left| \{n_k\} : N = \sum_k k n_k, p_N = p - Nq \right\rangle$$



Physical picture: tachyon absorbing/emitting photons



4-point HTTT amplitude

## From low-mass to typical states ...

Low-mass: tachyon ( $N = 0$ ), vector boson ( $N = 1$ ), tensor boson ( $N = 2$ :  $n_1 = 2$  or  $n_2 = 1$ ), ... integer partitions

$$N = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k n_k, \quad J = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k$$

Leading Regge trajectory  $n_1 = N = J$  ... very special / a-typical

Typical state  $\gamma \langle J \rangle_N = \sqrt{N} \log N$  with  $\gamma = \pi \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ , Gumbel distribution

$$d_N(J) = \gamma \exp\left(-\gamma(J - \langle J \rangle_N) - e^{\gamma(J - \langle J \rangle_N)}\right)$$

Coherent states [Skliros, Hindmarch; Copeland; MB, Firrotta; Aldi, Addazi, Marciandò; ...] ... normal ordering

$$|\mathcal{C}, \lambda_n; p\rangle = e^{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \lambda_k \cdot A_{-k}} |p\rangle, \quad V_C = e^{\sum_k \frac{1}{k} \hat{\zeta}_k \cdot \mathcal{P}_k + \sum_{k,n} \frac{1}{2kn} \hat{\zeta}_k \cdot \hat{\zeta}_n \mathcal{S}_{k,n}} e^{ipX}$$

where  $\hat{\zeta}_k^\mu = e^{-ikq} \zeta_k^\mu$  and

$$\hat{\zeta}_k \cdot \mathcal{P}_k = \sum_{h=1}^k \frac{i}{(h-1)!} \mathcal{Z}_{k-h}(u_\ell^{(k)}) \zeta_k \cdot \partial^h X, \quad \mathcal{S}_{k,n} = \sum_{h=1}^k h \mathcal{Z}_{k-h}(u_\ell^{(k)}) \mathcal{Z}_{n+h}(u_\ell^{(n)}) = \mathcal{S}_{n,k}$$

with  $u_\ell^{(k)} = \frac{-ik}{(\ell-1)!} q \cdot \partial^\ell X$  and cycle index polynomial  $\mathcal{Z}_k(u_\ell) = \sum_{n_\ell: \sum_\ell \ell n_\ell = k} \prod_{\ell=1, k} \frac{u_\ell^{n_\ell}}{n_\ell! \ell^{n_\ell}}$

## Decay of a HES into two light particles (tachyons)

Simple, yet 'generic', HES (Highly Excited String) at level  $N (>> 1)$

$$|H_N^{(J)}\rangle = \prod_{k=1}^N (\lambda \cdot A_{-k}(q))^{n_k} |0, p\rangle = \prod_{k=1}^N \left( \lambda \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{J}_k} \right)^{n_k} |\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{J}_k; p\rangle$$

with  $\lambda_k = \lambda_\ell = \lambda$  complex null polarisation  $\lambda \cdot \lambda = 0 = p \cdot \lambda = q \cdot \lambda$

Decay amplitude  $\sim$  3-point function on the disk

$$\mathcal{A}(p_1, p_2, p_3) = \langle cV_T(p_1) cV_T(p_2) cV_{HES}(p_3) \rangle$$

where  $c$  ghost ( $h = -1$ ) and  $V$ 's BRST invariant vertex operators.

If  $H_N^{(S)}$  had definite spin  $S$

$$\mathcal{A}_{H_S TT} = C_S(\{n_k\}) [\lambda \cdot (p_1 - p_2)]_{\lambda \otimes S = H_S}^S$$

In the rest frame  $\vec{p}_2 = -\vec{p}_1$ , Legendre/Gegenbauer polynomial ... NO chaotic behaviour  
Generic partitions of  $N$ , 'random' superposition of many different 'spins'  $N \geq S \geq J$  ...  
chaotic behavior of angular distribution.

Decay amplitude [Gross, Rosenhaus; MB, Firrotta, Sonnenschein, Weissmann]

$$\mathcal{A}_{H_N^{(J)} \rightarrow \pi\pi} = (\sin \alpha)^J \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sin(\pi m \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}) \frac{\Gamma(m \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}) \Gamma(m \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2})}{\Gamma(m)} \right]^{n_m}$$

where  $\cos \alpha = 2\alpha' q \cdot p_T$  ( $\alpha \sim \pi - \alpha$ )

Consider logarithmic derivative

$$F(\alpha) \equiv \frac{d}{d\alpha} \log \mathcal{A}(\alpha) = J \cot \alpha - \frac{\pi}{2} \sin \alpha \sum_{m=1}^N n_m \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \frac{m}{m - k - m \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

Setting  $z = \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}$ , look for solutions of  $F(z) = 0$ : extrema ('peaks' of  $|\mathcal{A}|$ )

Result: ratios  $r_n$  of the spacings between consecutive peaks of the amplitude distributed according to  $\beta$ -ensemble

Selection of 'generic' state at level  $N$ : technical difficulties in selecting un-biased random states *i.e.* non-trivial algorithm that generate random partitions at a given level  $N$  such that all partitions be equally likely

a) Large  $N \sim 10,000$  ... sufficient number of zeros for single amplitude

b) Intermediate  $N \sim 100$  many different states  $\sim$  union of many sets  $\{r_n\}_{N(J)}$

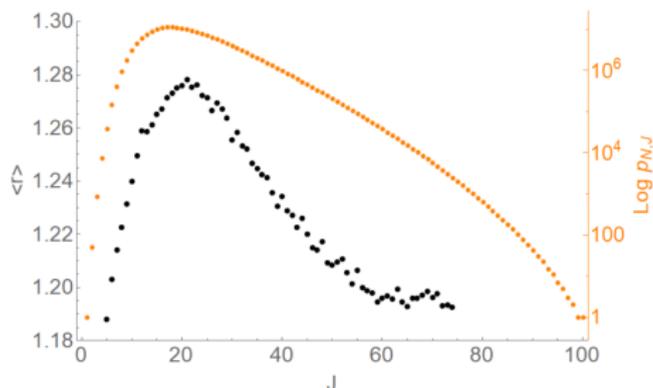
Fit with  $\beta$ -ensemble or log-normal distributions:

$$\beta(N) = \beta_0 + \frac{\beta_1}{N} + \dots$$

with  $\beta_0 = 1.68$  up to slow log terms

Average  $\langle r_n \rangle$  increases slowly (logarithmically) with  $N$

Mild dependence on  $J$  at fixed  $N$



$N$	$J$	Total number of states	Points in sample	Per state	Average $\langle r_n \rangle$	Fitted $\beta$
50	11	17,475	46,354	24	1.206	3.36
75	15	552,767	69,247	34	1.247	2.81
100	18	$11.1 \times 10^6$	92,251	46	1.271	2.55
150	23	$1.90 \times 10^9$	139,428	70	1.307	2.26
200	28	$158 \times 10^9$	184,705	90	1.333	2.09
300	37	$295 \times 10^{12}$	276,244	138	1.357	1.96
400	45	$184 \times 10^{15}$	370,123	186	1.372	1.88
800	70	$1.08 \times 10^{26}$	728,048	362	1.400	1.76
1600	109	$4.22 \times 10^{38}$	1,446,008	720	1.413	1.72

Dependence of  $\langle r \rangle$  and  $\beta$  on  $N$   
 for samples of 2000 states at each  $N$  and  $J = \langle J \rangle_N$

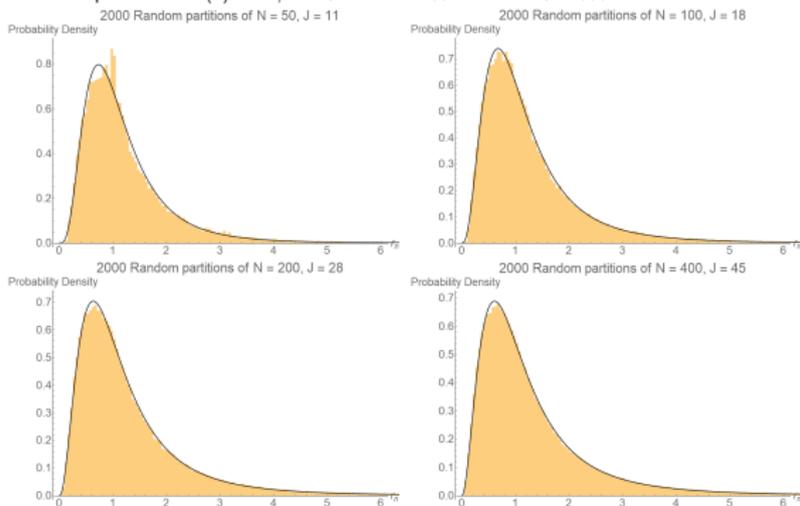
$N$	Total number of states	Points in sample	Per state	Average $\langle r_n \rangle$	Fitted $\beta$
50	204,226	215,980	22	1.194	3.58
60	966,467	261,619	26	1.213	3.27
80	$15.8 \times 10^6$	352,526	34	1.244	2.87
100	$191 \times 10^6$	441,100	44	1.266	2.62
150	$40.9 \times 10^9$	668,831	66	1.301	2.32
200	$3.97 \times 10^{12}$	886,007	88	1.325	2.15

Dependence of  $\langle r \rangle$  and  $\beta$  on  $N$   
 for samples of 10,000 random partitions of  $N$  and  $J$  Gumbel-distributed

# Plots for HTT decay

$J$	Total number of states	Points in sample	Per state	Average $\langle r_n \rangle$	Fitted $\beta$
6	143,247	155,162	80	1.203	3.60
10	$2.98 \times 10^6$	126,008	64	1.241	2.95
14	$8.86 \times 10^6$	105,502	54	1.263	2.65
<b>18</b>	$11.1 \times 10^6$	92,251	46	1.271	2.55
22	$9.24 \times 10^6$	83,405	42	1.276	2.52
26	$6.32 \times 10^6$	76,211	38	1.272	2.57
30	$3.91 \times 10^6$	70,650	30	1.262	2.69
50	204,226	51,287	26	1.209	3.38
70	5604	31,060	16	1.197	3.50

Dependence of  $\langle r \rangle$  and  $\beta$  on  $J$  for  $N = 100$ . For each  $J$ : 2000 random states.



## 4-point amplitudes with HES

Simplest case: HES and 3 tachyons  $\mathcal{A}(T, T, T, H)$

Use coherent states in DDF approach 'as' generating function

$$\mathcal{A}_{gen}(T, T, T, \mathcal{C}; \mathcal{J}_n) = \int_0^1 dz z^{-\frac{s}{2}-2} (1-z)^{-\frac{t}{2}-2} e^{\mathcal{J}_n(\mathcal{T}_n^{(2)}(z) + \mathcal{T}_n^{(3)}(z))}$$

where

$$\mathcal{T}_n^{(2)}(z) = zp_2 \frac{(nq \cdot p_3)_{n-1}}{\Gamma(n)} {}_2F_1(1 + nq \cdot p_2, 1-n; 2-n(1+q \cdot p_3)|z)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_n^{(3)}(z) = p_3 \frac{(nq \cdot p_3)_n}{nq \cdot p_3 \Gamma(n)} {}_2F_1(nq \cdot p_2, 1-n; 1-n(1+q \cdot p_3)|z)$$

Project onto specific amplitude(s)

$$\mathcal{A}(T(p_1), T(p_2), T(p_3), H_N^{(J)}(q, p)) = \prod_n \left( \zeta \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathcal{J}_n} \right)^{g_n} \mathcal{A}_{gen}(T, T, T, \mathcal{C}) \Big|_{\mathcal{J}_n=0}$$

with  $N = \sum_n n g_n$ ,  $J = \sum_n g_n$  and  $\zeta_n = \zeta_m = \zeta$ , as before

$$\mathcal{A}_{gen}^{HES}(s, t) = \mathcal{A}_{Ven}(s, t) e^{\sum_n \mathcal{J}_n \mathcal{O}_n \left( \frac{d}{d\xi} \right) + \sum_{n,m} \mathcal{J}_n \mathcal{J}_m \mathcal{M}_{n,m} \left( \frac{d}{d\xi} \right)} {}_1F_1(-\alpha' s - 1; -\alpha' s - \alpha' t - 2 | \xi) \Big|_{\xi=0}$$

Veneziano amplitude ...

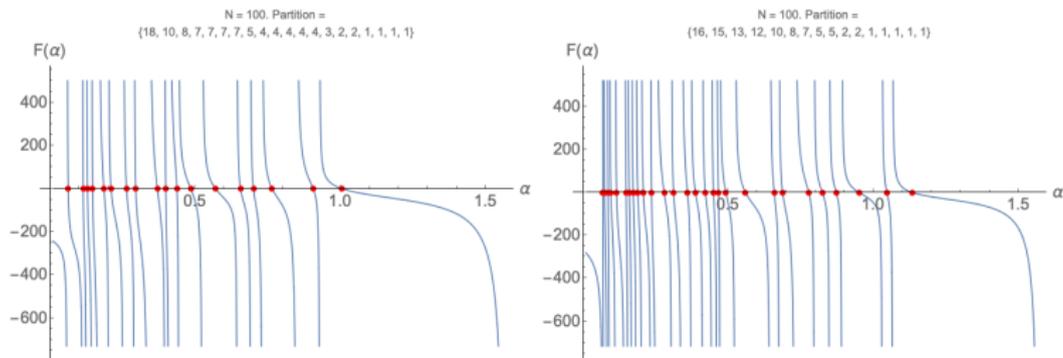
$$\mathcal{A}_{Ven}(s, t) = \int_0^1 dz z^{-\alpha' s - 2} (1 - z)^{-\alpha' t - 2} = \frac{\Gamma(-\alpha' s - 1) \Gamma(-\alpha' t - 1)}{\Gamma(-\alpha' s - \alpha' t - 2)}$$

× Dressing Factor:

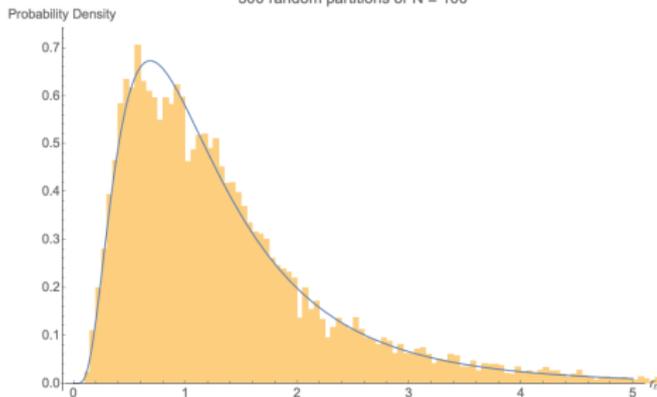
$$\mathcal{D}_{HES} = \sum_{\ell} C_{\ell} \frac{(-\alpha' s - 1)_{\ell}}{(-\alpha' s - \alpha' t - 2)_{\ell}}$$

- a) Veneziano (or first Regge trajectory) ... NO chaos
- b) dressing factor ... chaotic behavior
- c) high energy ( $\mathcal{M}_{n,m}$  sub-leading): fixed angle regime vs Regge regime
- d) transition from chaotic to 'regular' behavior

# H<sub>TTT</sub> amplitudes



Log-derivative of H<sub>TTT</sub> amplitude. Two generic 'nearby' partitions.  
500 random partitions of  $N = 100$



Distribution of  $r_n$  for 500 random partitions of  $N = 100$ , with log-normal fit

## Chaotic behavior in the Regge regime (1)

Regge  $\alpha's \gg \alpha'|t| \gg 1$

$$\mathcal{A}_{gen}(T, T, T, \mathcal{C}) = \int_0^1 dz z^{-\frac{s}{2}-2} (1-z)^{-\frac{t}{2}-2} e^{\mathcal{J}_n(\mathcal{T}_n^{(2)}(z) + \mathcal{T}_n^{(3)}(z))}$$

captured by leading behavior around  $z \simeq 1$

$$\mathcal{T}_n^{(3)} \Big|_{z=1} = (-)^{n+1} p_3 \frac{\Gamma(n + nq \cdot p_1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1 + nq \cdot p_1)}$$

and

$$\mathcal{T}_n^{(2)} \Big|_{z=1} = (-)^{n+1} p_2 \frac{\Gamma(n + nq \cdot p_1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1 + nq \cdot p_1)}$$

and the amplitude simplifies to

$$\mathcal{A}_{Regge} = (-)^N \prod_n \left( \frac{\Gamma(n + nq \cdot p_1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1 + nq \cdot p_1)} \zeta \cdot p_1 \right)^{g_n} \int_0^1 dz (1-z)^{-t/2-2} e^{-(s/2-2)(1-z)}$$

that after integration yields

$$\mathcal{A}_{Regge} = (-)^N (\zeta \cdot p_1)^J \Gamma\left(-\frac{t}{2}-1\right) s^{\frac{t}{2}+1} \prod_n \left( \frac{\Gamma(n + nq \cdot p_1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1 + nq \cdot p_1)} \right)^{g_n}$$

## Chaotic behavior in the Regge regime (2)

Setting  $t = -\left(s - \sum_j M_j^2\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$

$$\frac{\Gamma(n + nq \cdot p_1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1 + nq \cdot p_1)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \Gamma\left(n - \frac{n}{\sin\theta + 1}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{\sin\theta + 1}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{\sin\theta + 1}\right)$$

for  $s \gg |t|$ :  $\theta \ll 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{1+\sin\theta} \simeq 1 - \sin\theta$  and

$$\frac{\Gamma(n + nq \cdot p_1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(1 + nq \cdot p_1)} \simeq \frac{(-)^{n+1}}{\Gamma(n)} \Gamma(n \sin\theta) \Gamma(n - n \sin\theta) \sin(n\pi \sin\theta)$$

and finally, using  $\zeta \cdot p_1 \simeq \sqrt{s}$ ,

$$\mathcal{A}_{Regge} = (-\sqrt{s})^J \Gamma\left(-\frac{t}{2} - 1\right) s^{\frac{t}{2} + 1} \prod_n \left( \frac{\Gamma(n \sin\theta) \Gamma(n - n \sin\theta)}{\Gamma(n)} \sin(n\pi \sin\theta) \right)^{\xi_n}$$

Barring overall dependence on  $s$ , very similar to 2-body decay after  $\cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1+\sin\theta}$

# Chaotic behavior in the high energy fixed angle regime (1)

In the generating function

$$\mathcal{A}_{gen}(T, T, T, \mathcal{C}) = \int_0^1 dz z^{-\frac{s}{2}-2} (1-z)^{-\frac{t}{2}-2} \prod_n W_n(\mathcal{J}_n; z)$$

with  $s \gg 1$ ,  $t \gg 1$  with  $s/t$  fixed, factor

$$W_n(\mathcal{J}_n; z) = e^{\mathcal{J}_n(\mathcal{T}_n^{(2)}(z) + \mathcal{T}_n^{(3)}(z))}$$

slowly varying, saddle point at  $z^* = \frac{s}{s+t}$  that yields

$$\mathcal{A}_{gen}^{f.a} \simeq \prod_n W_n(\mathcal{J}_n; \frac{s}{s+t}) e^{-s \log s - t \log t + (s+t) \log (s+t)}$$

so that

$$\mathcal{A}^{f.a} \simeq \prod_n \left( \mathcal{T}_n^{(2)} \left( \frac{s}{s+t} \right) + \mathcal{T}_n^{(3)} \left( \frac{s}{s+t} \right) \right)^{g_n} e^{-s \log s - t \log t + (s+t) \log (s+t)}$$

## Chaotic behavior in the high energy fixed angle regime (2)

Using kinematics in the fixed-angle regime

$$q \cdot p_2 = -\frac{1}{1 + \sin \theta}, \quad q \cdot p_3 = \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{1 + \sin \theta} = -2q \cdot p_2 - 1$$

$$\zeta \cdot p_2 = -\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}, \quad \zeta \cdot p_3 = -\sqrt{s} \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}$$

one has

$$\mathcal{T}_n^{(2)}(s, \theta) = \frac{\sqrt{s} \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta} - 1 \right) \left( n \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{1 + \sin \theta} \right)_{n-1}}{2\Gamma(n) \left[ \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{M_{tot}^2}{s} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right]} {}_2F_1\left(1 - \frac{n}{1 + \sin \theta}, 1 - n; 2 - \frac{2n}{1 + \sin \theta} \middle| \frac{1}{\sigma}\right)$$

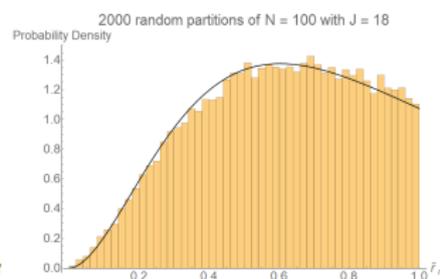
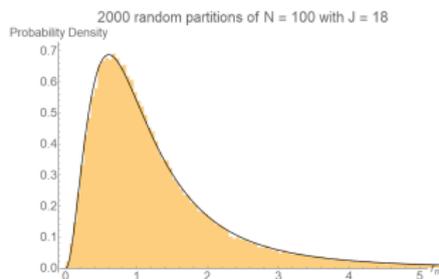
with  $\sigma = \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{M_{tot}^2}{s} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  and

$$\mathcal{T}_n^{(3)}(s, \theta) = -\frac{\sqrt{s} \cos \theta \left( n \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{1 + \sin \theta} \right)_n}{\Gamma(n) n \left( 1 - \frac{2N}{s} - \sin \theta \right)} {}_2F_1\left(-\frac{n}{1 + \sin \theta}, 1 - n; 1 - \frac{2n}{1 + \sin \theta} \middle| \frac{1}{\sigma}\right)$$

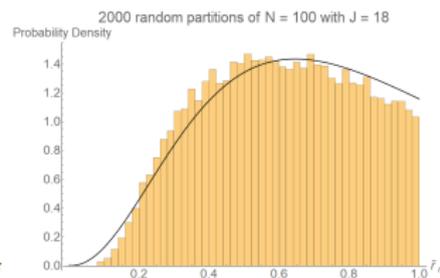
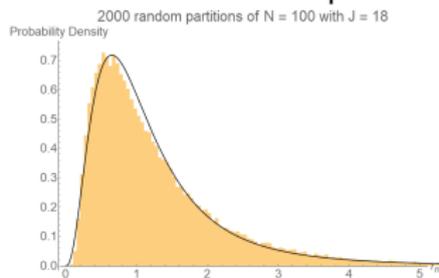
Finally

$$\mathcal{A}^{f.a} \simeq \prod_n \left( \mathcal{T}_n^{(2)}(s, \theta) + \mathcal{T}_n^{(3)}(s, \theta) \right)^{g_n} e^{-s f(\theta)}$$

# Fixed-Angle regime vs Regge regime

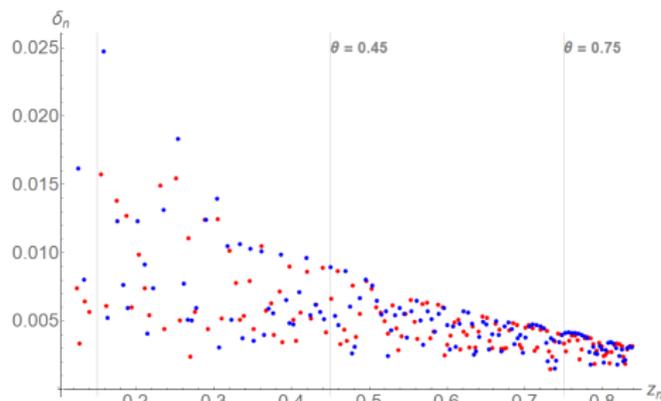


Dressing factor in fixed-angle regime: distributions of  $r$  and  $\tilde{r}$  for 2000 random partitions of  $N = 100$  and  $J = 18$

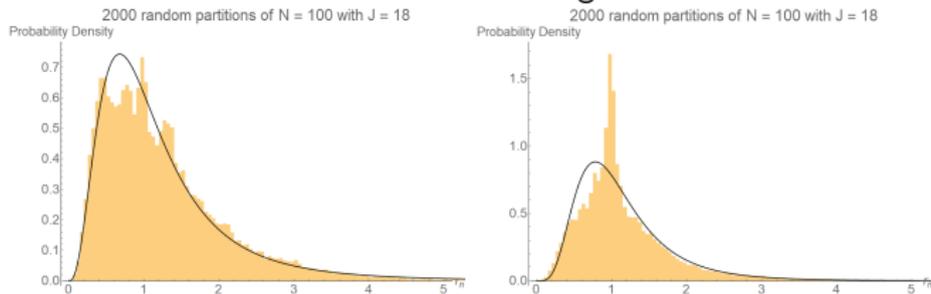


Dressing factor in Regge regime: distributions of  $r$  and  $\tilde{r}$  for 2000 random partitions of  $N = 100$  and  $J = 18$

# Transition from chaos to regular behavior



Spacings  $\delta_n$  as a function of  $z_n$  for two random states of  $N = 100$  transition from random to regular behavior



Distribution of spacing ratios  $r_n$  in the ranges  $\theta \in (0.15, 0.45)$  (left) and  $\theta \in (0.15, 0.75)$  (right). In the latter, narrow peak at  $r = 1$  on top of chaotic distribution.

- For 2-body decay processes: distribution of spacings of peaks well modelled by  $\beta$ -ensemble, with the parameter  $\beta$  depending on the level  $N$  and the helicity  $J$  of HES state.  
For  $N = 50 - 1600$ ,  $\beta$  decreasing from 3.4 to 1.7, while  $\langle r \rangle$  slow-monotonously increasing with  $N$ .
- For 4-point scattering amplitude: Veneziano (non-chaotic) times dressing factor ('chaotic'), depending on HES state.  
High-energy: fixed-angle limit vs Regge regime.  
For HES states with  $N = 100$  GUE-like distributions for  $r_n$  with  $\beta$  around 2.
- Transition from chaotic to regular spacings as range of scattering angle from small to large.
- Chaotic behavior completely disappears for leading Regge trajectory or nearby states, *i.e.* for HES with  $N \approx J$

- Clarify (origin of) dependence of  $\beta$  on  $N$  and  $J$  ... more statistics
- More amplitudes with one HES and amplitudes with two or more HES [Di Vecchia, Firrotta *w.i.p.*]
- Chaotic behaviour in other kinematical variables ... Coon amplitude and Remmen amplitude
- Coherent states as proxy's of 'spinning BHs' ... (neutral) fuzzballs ... top stars [Bah, Berti, Heidmann, Spinney; MB, Di Russo, Grillo, Morales, Sudano]
- HmEST ... [MB, Di Russo *w.i.p.*]
- Higher-loops

# Appendix 1: Random partitions of a large integer

As discussed in the talk, the number of partitions of an integer  $N$  grows exponentially in  $\sqrt{N}$ .

Since we cannot probe the full space of states, we need a reliable method of picking representative, generic states in a random way.

Picking a partition of a large integer  $N$  at random, which each partition having an equal probability of being chosen, is a non-trivial task. We present here one algorithm that accomplishes this goal.

We represent a partition as a list  $n_m$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , where  $n_m$  is the number of times that  $m$  occurs in the partition.

Rely on probabilistic algorithm presented in [Arratia:2016]. It relies on an observation by Fristedt [Fristedt:1993] on the asymptotic distributions of  $\{n_m\}$  for large  $N$ , namely that each  $n_m$  has the geometric distribution

$$P(n_m = k) = (1 - p_m)^k p_m$$

with

$$p_m = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{m\pi}{\sqrt{6N}}\right)$$

One can generate a random partition of  $N$  by drawing values of  $\{n_m\}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots, N$  from the above distribution, until one reaches one that corresponds to a partition of  $N$ . That is, until we get a set of  $\{n_m\}$  that satisfy the constraint  $\sum_m mn_m = N$ . The result of [Fristedt:1993] implies that the partitions of  $N$  that will be reached by this algorithm will be uniformly distributed.

The downside of the algorithm is that it needs to reject many sets of  $\{n_m\}$  until it reaches one that satisfies the constraint, with the expected number of rejections being  $\mathcal{O}(N^{3/4})$ . By use of probabilistic algorithms one can improve the number of rejections to  $\mathcal{O}(N^{1/4})$  or even  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  [Arratia:2016].

The simpler,  $\mathcal{O}(N^{1/4})$  algorithm is as follows:

- 1 Draw  $\{n_m\}$  for  $m \geq 2$ , with  $n_m$  distributed according to (??).
- 2 Set  $k \equiv N - \sum_{m=2}^N mn_m$ . If  $k < 0$  restart from step 1.
- 3 Draw a random variable  $u \in (0, 1)$  from the uniform continuous distribution. If  $u < e^{-\frac{k\pi}{\sqrt{6N}}}$ , reject the partition and return to step 1.
- 4 Set  $n_1 = k$  to finish.

Step 3, where some partitions are rejected at a specifically chosen probability, assures that the probability to output a given partition is as before.

We can use a modification of the above algorithm to generate a partition of a given length  $J$ . We modify only step 1, where we start by choosing  $\{n_m\}$  such that  $n_J \geq 1$  and  $n_m >_J = 0$ . Then, the result after step 4 will be a partition of  $N$  where the maximum summand in the partition is  $m_{\max} = J$ . Then, taking the conjugate partition, we get a partition of  $N$  into  $J$  parts.

We have used several methods of picking random partitions. One is the brute force method: generate a list of all possible partitions of a given  $N$  (and  $J$  when that is constrained), then, select random elements from the list with equal probability.

This is the simplest method at smaller  $N$ , but becomes impractical quickly as one increases  $N$ . For unconstrained partitions of  $N$  we have used Mathematica's built-in (as part of the Combinatorica package) RandomPartition function.

To produce constrained partitions, i.e. of large  $N$  with fixed  $J$ , we have used the algorithm described above in the cases where the brute force method was unavailable.

## Appendix 2: Kinematical setup

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1 &= (E_1, p_{in}, 0, \vec{0}), & p_2 &= (E_2, -p_{in}, 0, \vec{0}) \\
 p_3 &= -(E_3, p_{out} \cos \theta, p_{out} \sin \theta, \vec{0}), & p &= -(E_4, -p_{out} \cos \theta, -p_{out} \sin \theta, \vec{0}) \\
 q &= \frac{(1, 0, 1, \vec{0})}{E_4 + \sin \theta p_{out}}, & \lambda &= \frac{(0, 1, 0, \vec{\lambda})}{\sqrt{1 + |\vec{\lambda}|^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_1 &= \frac{s + M_1^2 - M_2^2}{2\sqrt{s}} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}, & E_2 &= \frac{s + M_2^2 - M_1^2}{2\sqrt{s}} = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2} \\
 E_3 &= \frac{s + M_3^2 - M_4^2}{2\sqrt{s}} = \frac{s - 2N}{2\sqrt{s}}, & E_4 &= \frac{s + M_4^2 - M_3^2}{2\sqrt{s}} = \frac{s + 2N}{2\sqrt{s}}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$p_{in}^2 = \frac{F(s, M_1^2, M_2^2)}{4s} = 2 + \frac{s}{4}; \quad p_{out}^2 = \frac{F(s, M_3^2, M_4^2)}{4s} = 2 + \frac{s}{4} \left(1 - \frac{2N}{s}\right)^2$$

relevant scalar products

$$\begin{aligned}
 q \cdot p_1 &= -\frac{E_1}{\sin \theta p_{out} + E_4} = \frac{-1}{1 + \frac{2N}{s} + 2 \sin \theta \sqrt{\frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{2N}{s}\right)^2}} = q \cdot p_2 \\
 q \cdot p_3 &= \frac{E_3 - p_{out} \sin \theta}{E_4 + p_{out} \sin \theta} = \frac{1 - \frac{2N}{s} - 2 \sin \theta \sqrt{\frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{2N}{s}\right)^2}}{1 + \frac{2N}{s} + 2 \sin \theta \sqrt{\frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{2N}{s}\right)^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda \cdot p &= p_{out} \cos \theta = \sqrt{s} \cos \theta \sqrt{\frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{2N}{s}\right)^2} = -\lambda \cdot p_3 \\
 \lambda \cdot p_1 &= p_{in} = \sqrt{s} \sqrt{\frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{4}} = -\lambda \cdot p_2
 \end{aligned}$$

where for convenience  $\vec{\lambda} = \vec{0}$

Since  $\zeta \cdot p_j = \lambda \cdot p_j - \lambda \cdot p q \cdot p_j$ , it follows that

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{s} + \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{2N}{s}\right)^2}$$