Soft Collinear Effective Theory & Collider Physics

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Soft Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)

"EFT for Collider Physics"

EFT for hard interactions which produce energetic (collinear) and soft particles.

Bauer, Fleming, Luke, Pirjol, IS `00, `01

Higgs production, DY, ...

Jet Physics

Jet Substructure

B-Decays and CP violation

Quarkonia Production

TMDs / Nuclear Physics

Higher order Resummation Gauge theory at Subleading Power Subtractions for Fixed Order QCD High Energy Limit / Regge phenomena

Infrared Structure of Gauge Theory

Factorization for Collider Processes



SCET Formalism:

- Introduction to SCET & Factorization
- Wilson Lines, Large Logs and Renormalization Group
- Forward Scattering & Factorization Violation
- Collider Physics Applications:
 - High Precision Resummation e^+e^-
 - High Precision Resummation *pp*
 - Power Corrections
 - Amplitudes in the Regge Limit





Perturbative Factorization: for multi-scale problems with N jets



Perturbative Factorization: for multi-scale problems with fixed # jets



Perturbative Universality

- H determined by hard process, independent of jet radius, etc.
- universal • J_i , $\mathcal{I}_{a,b}$ splitting and virtual effects for parton i, collinear encode jet dynamics, independent of H dynamics
- Soft radiation, all partons contribute, eikonal Feynman rules universal soft dynamics

Scale dependence \leftrightarrow RGE sums up logarithms $\log\left(\frac{\mu_H}{\mu_G}\right),...$

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Perturbative QCD Results:

fixed order:

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sigma_0 \left[1 + \alpha_s + \alpha_s^2 + \dots \right]$$

= LO + NLO + NNLO + ...

SCET anomalous dimensions:

resummation of large (double) logs $L = \log(...)$

$$\log\left(\frac{p_T}{Q}\right), \dots$$

 $\log\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}}{\Omega}\right)$

$$\ln \hat{\sigma}(y) = \sum_{k} L(\alpha_{s}L)^{k} + \sum_{k} (\alpha_{s}L)^{k} + \sum_{k} \alpha_{s}(\alpha_{s}L)^{k} + \sum_{k} \alpha_{s}^{2}(\alpha_{s}L)^{k} + \dots$$
$$= LL + NLL + NLL + N^{3}LL + \dots$$

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Soft Collinear Effective Theory



dominant contributions from isolated regions of momentum space

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{n-collinear} & \text{soft} \\ (n \cdot p, \bar{n} \cdot p, p_{\perp}) \sim Q(\lambda^2, 1, \lambda) & (n \cdot p, \bar{n} \cdot p, p_{\perp}) \sim Q\lambda^k \end{array}$

soft $(n \cdot p, \bar{n} \cdot p, p_{\perp}) \sim Q\lambda^k$ $k \ge 1$

power

counting

 $\lambda \ll 1$

Key Simplifying Principle is to Exploit the Hierarchy of Scales E μ_H μ_J μ_p ℓ^+ SCET μ_B J_2 μ_J, μ_B J_3 μ_S μ_S Wilson coefficients + operators at μ_H $\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i} C_{i} O_{i}$ μ_p **Amplitudes!** $d\sigma = \int (\text{phase space}) \left| \sum_{i} C_{i} \langle O_{i} \rangle \right|^{2} = \sum_{j} H_{j} \otimes (\text{longer distance dynamics})_{j}$ 10

Hard-collinear factorization



ds: $\frac{\mu_J}{\mu_p}$

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SCET

Hard scale operators from building block fields:

$$\mathcal{O} = (\mathcal{B}_{n_a\perp})(\mathcal{B}_{n_b\perp})(\mathcal{B}_{n_1\perp})(\bar{\chi}_{n_2})(\chi_{n_3})$$

"quark jet" $\chi_n = (W_n^{\dagger} \xi_n)$ "gluon jet" $\mathcal{B}_{n\perp}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{g} [W_n^{\dagger} i D_{\perp}^{\mu} W_n]$ or $\mathcal{B}_{n\perp}^{A\mu} = \frac{1}{g} \frac{1}{\bar{n} \cdot \partial_n} \bar{n}_{\nu} G_n^{B\nu\mu} \mathcal{W}_n^{BA}$



Often convenient to use helicity basis for building blocks to make it easier to match to amplitude calculations

$${\cal B}^\pm_{n\perp} \qquad J^\pm_{nar n}$$

see 1508.02397





Soft-collinear factorization

Soft radiation knows only about bulk properties of radiation in the jets (color & direction)





Soft Wilson lines:

 $\left(\mathcal{S}_{n_a}\mathcal{S}_{n_b}\mathcal{S}_{n_1}S_{n_2}S_{n_3}\right)$

Soft function S = Matrix Elements of Soft Wilson Lines

Leading Power Glauber Lagrangian:

Rothstein, IS (2016)



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- Glauber Lagrangian can spoil factorization by coupling sectors in a nonfactorizable manner. (Describes ONLY non-trivial fact. violation.)
- Its effects often cancel due to unitarity (summing over inclusive enough final states) or by exponentiating into an unobservable phase.
- Lagrangian can be used to systematically study non-factorizable
 Collider physics phenomena. (eg. super leading logs, "underlying event")

In Forward Scattering $s \gg |t|$

- Describes the leading scattering process. Old and well studied limit.
- SCET provides top-down EFT description, new tools

SCET Lagrangian at leading power

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{dyn}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{hard}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{G}^{(0)}$$

Dynamics of infrared modes

Hard Scattering operators (typically once) Glauber gluon exchange (only factorization violating term)

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$$\mathcal{L}_{hard}^{(0)} = \sum_{i} C_i^{(0)} \mathcal{O}_i^{(0)}$$

Leading operators for a given process

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Collinear and Soft dynamics (Factorizes after soft-collinear decoupling)



Copies of QCD* give dynamics in different sectors, with hard operators providing the only connection between sectors

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Factorization

$$d\sigma = f_a f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma} \otimes F$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_{\text{fact}} = \mathcal{I}_a \mathcal{I}_b \otimes H \otimes \prod_i J_i \otimes S$$

Applications















Thrust vs. thrust moments



Agreement beyond the fit region



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Thrust vs. C-parameter

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Small $\alpha_s(m_Z)$?

thrust 2010: $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1135 \pm 0.0011$ PDG 2023: $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0009$

thrust 2023 reanalysis: Bell, Lee, Makris, Talbert, Yan (2023), also small α_s

? Power corrections for 2-jets (Ω_1) versus 3-jets ($\neq \Omega_1$)

Luisoni, Monni, Salam (2021) Caola, Ravasio, Limatola, Melnikov, Nason, Ozcelik (`21-22) Nason, Zanderighi (2023) Benitez-Rathgeb, Hoang, Mateu, IS, Vita (2024)







Energy Energy Correlators and power corrections

Exciting class of observables for collider physics (both theoretically and experimentally)

 $\frac{d\Sigma}{d\chi}$ ι,j perturbative QCD universal power correction describing hadronization $c_n(\chi,\mu/Q)\alpha_s^n(\mu)$ Korchemsky, Sterman (1999) $1 d\hat{\Sigma}$ $1 \ d\Sigma$ $\Omega_1 \equiv rac{1}{N_c} \langle 0 | \operatorname{tr} \overline{Y}_{ar{n}}^{\dagger} Y_n^{\dagger} \mathcal{E}_T(0) Y_n \overline{Y}_{ar{n}} | 0 \rangle^{\dagger}$ $\overline{\sin^3 \chi}$ $\sigma_0 d\chi$ $\sigma_0 d\chi$ $\frac{1}{r} \frac{d\Sigma}{d\chi}$ C_e modified perturbative QCD scheme change to remove leading renorm $\sum c_n(\chi, \mu/Q) \alpha_s^n(\mu) + d_n$ -series $\alpha_{\prime} m_{\prime}$ $\Omega_1(R) \models \overline{\Omega}_1 - R \rightarrow d_{\overline{n}} (\mu/R) \alpha_{s}^{Q} (\overline{\mu})^{m_Z}$ 60n 80 100 120 140 160 180 20 400 $1 d\Sigma$ $\xrightarrow{\chi (deg Res)} cheme$ MS scheme \sin^3 $\sigma_0 d\chi$ σ_0 Hoang, I.S.(2007); Hoang Kluth(2008);

Schindler, Sun, I.S. (2023)

see talk by Ian Moult



here
$$e^+e^-$$

$$=\sum_{i,j}\int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta(\chi - \theta_{ij})$$

Perturbative Energy Energy Correlators

NLO (analytic): Dixon, Luo, Shtabovenko, Yang, Zhu (2018)

NNLO (CoLoRFul): Del Duca, Duhr, Kardos, Somogyi, Trócsányi (2017); Tulipánt, Kardos, Somogyi (2018)



EEC With Power Corrections



Projected N-point Energy Correlators

 e^+e^-

Chen, Moult, Zhang, Zhu (2020)

$$\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \cdots \mathcal{E}_N \rangle$$

 $\theta_L = \max(\theta_{ij})$

Power Corrections

Lee, Pathak, I.S., Sun (2024)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma^{[N]}}{d\theta_L} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{[N]}}{d\theta_L} + \frac{4N}{2^N} \frac{\overline{\Omega}_1}{Q\sin^3\theta_L}$$



Ω_1 , $lpha_s$ from thrust fit



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 e^+e^-

Resummation $\theta_L \ll 1$

Dixon, Moult, Zhu (2019) Chen, Moult, Zhang, Zhu (2020)

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma^{[N]}}{d\theta_L} \sim \int dx \, x^N \vec{J}^{[N]} \cdot \vec{H}$$



EEC in back-to-back limit

 N^4LI Duhr, Mistlberger, Vita (2022)

using factorization: Moult, Zhu (2018)

Key new ingredients:

 OPE for TMD PDFs and FFs to 3-loops (all channels)
 Ebert, Mistlberger, Vita (2020)
 Luo, Yang, Zhu, Zhu (2020)

$$f_{i/h}^{\text{pert}}(x, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = \sum_j \int \frac{dy}{y} C_{ij}(x/y, b_T, \mu, \zeta) f_{j/h}(y, \mu)$$

Accuracy	H, \mathcal{J}	$\Gamma_{\rm cusp}(\alpha_s)$	$\gamma^q_H(lpha_s)$	$\gamma_r^q(\alpha_s)$	$eta(lpha_s)$
LL	Tree level	1-loop	—	_	1-loop
NLL	Tree level	2-loop	1-loop	1-loop	2-loop
NLL'	1-loop	2-loop	1-loop	1-loop	2-loop
NNLL	1-loop	3-loop	2-loop	2-loop	3-loop
NNLL'	2-loop	3-loop	2-loop	2-loop	3-loop
N ³ LL	2-loop	4-loop	3-loop	3-loop	4-loop
$N^{3}LL'$	3-loop	4-loop	3-loop	3-loop	4-loop
N^4LL	3-loop	5-loop	4-loop	4-loop	5-loop
N^4LL'	4-loop	5-loop	4-loop	4-loop	5-loop

Resummation $\chi \rightarrow \pi$



High Precision Resummation pp



Small q_T factorization

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dq_TdY} = W^{(0)}(q_T, Y) + W^{\text{non.sing.}}(q_T, Y)$$

Collins, Soper, Sterman SCET

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$$W(x_a, x_b, m_H, \vec{b}) = \left| C_V(m_t, m_H, \mu) \right|^2 S(\vec{b}, \mu, \nu) B_{g/N_1}^{\alpha\beta}(x_a, Q, \vec{b}, \mu, \nu) B_{g/N_2}^{\alpha\beta}(x_b, Q, \vec{b}, \mu, \nu)$$
Resummation:

$$\ln W = L \sum_k (\alpha_s L)^k + \sum_k (\alpha_s L)^k + \alpha_s \sum_k (\alpha_s L)^k + \alpha_s^2 \sum_k (\alpha_s L)^k$$

$$L = \ln(m_H b)$$
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The Higgs p_T Spectrum and Total Cross Section with Fiducial Cuts at N³LL'+N³LO

Billis, Dehnadi, Ebert, Michel, Tackmann (2021)

Consider $gg
ightarrow H
ightarrow \gamma\gamma$ with ATLAS fiducial cuts:

$$p_T^{\gamma 1} \ge 0.35 \, m_H \,, \quad p_T^{\gamma 2} \ge 0.25 \, m_H \,, \quad |\eta^{\gamma}| \le 2.37 \,, \quad |\eta^{\gamma}| \notin [1.37, 1.52]$$
$$\sigma^{\text{fid}} = \int dq_T dY A(q_T, Y; \Theta) \, W(q_T, Y) \qquad \qquad \text{A=acceptance}$$

Fiducial cross section measures deviation from SM gluon-fusion:



Acceptance causes a need for resummation to obtain Fiducial cross section



Resummation Inputs

- Three-loop soft and hard function ... includes in particular the three-loop virtual form factor [Li, Zhu, '16] [Baikov et al. '09; Lee et al. '10; Gehrmann et al. '10]
- Three-loop unpolarized and two-loop polarized beam functions
 [Ebert, Mistlberger, Vita '20; Luo, Yang, Zhu, Zhu '20]
 [Luo, Yang, Zhu, Zhu '19; Gutierrez-Reyes, Leal-Gomez, Scimemi, Vladimirov '19]
- Four-loop cusp, three-loop noncusp anomalous dimensions
 [Brüser, Grozin, Henn, Stahlhofen '19; Henn, Korchemsky, Mistlberger '20; v. Manteuffel, Panzer,
 Schabinger '20] [Li, Zhu, '16; Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt '05; Idilbi, Ma, Yuan '06; Vladimirov '16]
- Four-loop CS kernel, from conformal relation between UV & rapidity anom. dims [Vladimirov, 1610.05791 → Duhr, Mistlberger, Vita, 2205.02242; Moult, Zhu, Zhu, 2205.02249]

Fixed Order Inputs

- At NNLO, renormalize & implement bare analytic results for $W(q_T, Y)$ [Dulat, Lionetti, Mistlberger, Pelloni, Specchia '17]
- At N³LO, use existing binned NNLO₁ results from NNLOjet
 [Chen, Cruz-Martinez, Gehrmann, Glover, Jaquier '15-16; as used in Chen et al. '18; Bizoń et al. '18]
- Use N³LO total inclusive cross section as additional fit constraint on underflow [Mistlberger '18]

Implemented in C++ Library "SCETlib"

Higgs Results

Billis, Dehnadi, Ebert, Michel, Tackmann (2021)

The fiducial q_T spectrum at N³LL'+N³LO



The total fiducial cross section at N^3LO and $N^3LL'+N^3LO$ (SM)



Precision and convergence improved

Drell-Yan Results

Billis, Michel, Tackmann (in progress)



Fixed Order Inputs

- Fiducial Z+jet MC data at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ from MCFM [Campbell, Ellis, et al. '99, '15]
- Very recently: Precise fiducial Z+jet MC data at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ from NNLOjet [Chen et al., 2203.01565 many thanks to the NNLOjet collaboration for providing the raw data.]

Power Corrections

(typically once)

Subleading Lagrangians



Subleading Hard Scattering Operators





Regge Amplitudes

Regge Amplitudes in SCET

 $\mathcal{A}(i,j)$

Rothstein, IS (2016) Moult, Raman, Ridgway, IS (2022) Gao, Moult, Raman, Ridgway, IS (2024)

 $s \gg |t|$

$$\mathcal{O}_n^A \ \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_{\perp}^2} \ \mathcal{O}_S^{AB} \ \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_{\perp}^2} \ \mathcal{O}_{\bar{n}}^B \quad , \quad \mathcal{O}_n^A \ \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}_{\perp}^2} \ \mathcal{O}_s^A$$

Lagrangian gives forward scattering amplitudes $J_{\kappa(i)}$ any loop order $p_1 \rightarrow$ $p_4 \rightarrow$ both planar and non-planar graphs any color channel $S_{(i,j)}$ large (Regge) logs from rapidity RGE $p_2 \rightarrow$ $p_3 \rightarrow$ $\ln\left(\frac{s}{-t}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{s}{\nu^2}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{\nu^2}{-t}\right)$ $\bar{J}_{\kappa'(j)}$

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collinear soft loop loop









Same color as QCD box graph (includes 8_A)

Glauber \neq Reggeon











2 Glauber exchange reproduces 1_S (pomeron), 8_S , 27 BFKL equations





Interesting complementarity to Reggeon EFTs



 \star operator definition for impact factors

$$\langle p|O_n^{A_1}\cdots O_n^{A_N}|p'\rangle$$

- \star collinear loop calculations for rapidity logs
- \star different structure for vanishing transitions $1 \rightarrow j$ vs. eg. $(j-1) \rightarrow j$
- \star signature and crossing symmetry not manifest from start
- Glauber operators can also be used to study factorization violation in hard scattering

Other Areas (no time to discuss)

- SCET for **B-physics** (SCET+HQET)
- SCET for quarkonia (SCET+NRQCD)
- SCET for jet substructure, often called SCET₊
- SCET for heavy-ions (SCET coupled to medium)
- SCET for electroweak logarithms
- SCET for Dark Matter annihilation
- SCET for gravitational scattering amplitudes

For further references see my SCET review in 50 yrs of QCD, 2212.11107

Summary:

Precision Resummation

Regge Amplitudes



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$\overline{n} \xrightarrow{n} \overline{n} \qquad n \xrightarrow{s} \overline{n} \xrightarrow{s}$

• Power Corrections

$$J_{\mathcal{P}}^{(1)\mu} \sim \frac{C_{f}^{(0)}}{2\omega_{a}} \bar{\chi}_{\bar{n},\omega_{b}} [S_{\bar{n}}^{\dagger} S_{n}] \gamma^{\mu} \mathcal{P}_{\perp} \bar{n} \chi_{n,\omega_{a}}$$
$$J_{\mathcal{B}}^{(1)\mu} \sim (n^{\mu} + \bar{n}^{\mu}) \int d\omega_{c} C_{f}^{(1)}(Q,\omega_{c}) \ \bar{\chi}_{\bar{n},\omega_{b}} [S_{\bar{n}}^{\dagger} S_{n}] \mathcal{B}_{\perp n,-\omega_{c}}$$

• Nonperturbative corrections

