

# Soft - Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)

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Bauer, Fleming, Pirjol, Stewart 2000, ...

## Outline

### \* Lecture 1

- Introduction
- Soft Effective Theory
- Factorization of soft g's in QED

### \* Lecture 2

- Momentum regions in the Sudakov form factor
- Soft - Collinear Effective Theory

## \* Lecture 3

- Soft collinear interactions
- Vector current in SCET
- Factorization of Sudakov FF
- PDF factorization in DIS

Time permitting ....

" It is better to uncover a little  
than to cover a lot. "

V. Weiszkopf

## Summary of Wednesday:

$$k^h = n \cdot k \frac{\bar{n}^h}{2} + \bar{n} \cdot k \frac{n^h}{2} + k_\perp^h$$

scalings:  $(n \cdot k, \bar{n} \cdot k, k_\perp)$

hard  $h$   $(1, 1, 1) Q$

collinear to  $p^h$   $c$   $(\lambda^2, 1, \lambda) Q$

collinear to  $l^h$   $\bar{c}$   $(1, \lambda^2, \lambda) Q$

soft  $s$   $(\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2) Q$

split QCD fields into modes

$$\psi \rightarrow \xi_c + \eta_c + \psi_s + " \bar{c}"$$

$\uparrow$                      $\uparrow$   
 $\frac{h\bar{h}}{4} \psi_c$          $\frac{\bar{h}h}{4} \psi_c$

integrated out!

$$\mathcal{L}_{SCT} = \mathcal{L}_c + \mathcal{L}_s + \mathcal{L}_{c+s}$$

+ ....

$$\mathcal{L}_c = \bar{\psi}_s i\cancel{D}_s \psi_s - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu,a}^s G_s^{\mu\nu,a}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_c = \bar{\xi}_c \frac{\not{n}}{2} \left[ i n \cdot \cancel{D}_c + i \cancel{D}_1 \frac{1}{i n \cdot \cancel{D}_c} i \cancel{D}_1 \right] \xi_c$$

$\uparrow$

## Soft-Collinear Interactions

- \*  $\Gamma_s \sim \lambda^3$ . No soft quarks at leading power.
- \*  $\bar{n} \cdot A_s \ll \bar{n} \cdot A_c, A_{\perp s} \ll A_{\perp c}$   
→ Only  $n \cdot A_s$  at leading power!

Substitute  $n \cdot A_c \rightarrow n \cdot A_c + n \cdot A_s$   
in  $L_c$  to obtain  $L_{c+s}$ .

$$S_{c+s} = \int d^4x \bar{\xi}_c^{(x)} \frac{i}{2} n \cdot A_s(x) \xi_c(x)$$

Counting:  $\overset{\curvearrowleft}{p_{c_1}} + \overset{\curvearrowleft}{p_s} + \overset{\curvearrowleft}{p_{c_2}}$

$$P^M \sim (\lambda^2, 1, \lambda)$$

$$x^M \sim (1, \lambda^{-2}, \lambda^{-1})$$

Derivative expansion

$$x_+ \cdot \partial_+ \psi_s(x) \sim \lambda$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \diagdown \lambda \\ \lambda^2 \end{array}$$

$$x_+ \cdot \partial_- \psi_s(x) \sim \lambda^2$$

$$1 \cdot \lambda^2$$

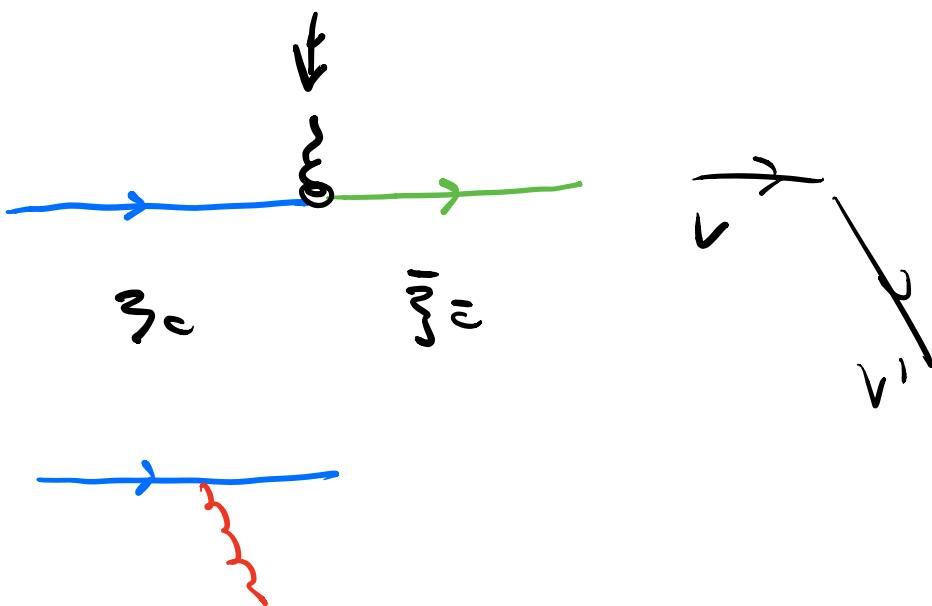
$$x_- \cdot \partial_+ \psi_s(x) \sim \lambda^0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \diagdown \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^2 \end{array}$$

and

$$S_{c+s} = \int d^4x \bar{\xi}_c^{(x)} \frac{i}{2} n \cdot A_S(x) \xi_c(x) + O(\lambda)$$

Summary :  $x^m \rightarrow x_-^n$  in soft  
fields in s-c interactions



# $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}}$ : Summary

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After performing the multipole expansion, we arrive at the final form of the leading-power SCET Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}} = \bar{\psi}_s i \not{D}_s \psi_s + \bar{\xi}_c \frac{\not{n}}{2} \left[ i n \cdot D + i \not{D}_{c\perp} \frac{1}{i \bar{n} \cdot D_c} i \not{D}_{c\perp} \right] \xi_c - \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu}^{s,a})^2 - \frac{1}{4} (F_{\mu\nu}^{c,a})^2 . \quad (3.38)$$

This expression involves the collinear and soft covariant derivatives

$$iD_\mu^s = i\partial_\mu + gA_\mu^s(x), \quad iD_\mu^c = i\partial_\mu + gA_\mu^c(x), \quad (3.39)$$

as well as the mixed derivative

$$in \cdot D = in \cdot \partial + g n \cdot A_c(x) + g n \cdot A_s(x_-) . \quad (3.40)$$

The associated field-strength tensors are

$$igF_{\mu\nu}^{s,a}t^a = [iD_\mu^s, iD_\nu^s], \quad igF_{\mu\nu}^{c,a}t^a = [iD_\mu^c, iD_\nu^c], \quad (3.41)$$

where the derivative appearing in the second commutator in (3.41) is defined as

$$D^\mu = n \cdot D \frac{\bar{n}^\mu}{2} + \bar{n} \cdot D_c \frac{n^\mu}{2} + D_{c\perp}^\mu . \quad (3.42)$$

As stated above, we omitted the terms involving the  $\bar{c}$  fields for brevity in the Lagrangian (3.38). They have the same form as the ones involving  $c$  fields, but with  $n \leftrightarrow \bar{n}$  and  $x_- \leftrightarrow x_+$ .

$$n \leftrightarrow \bar{n}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_c \leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\bar{c}}$$

# Vector current in SCET

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$$j^\mu = \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q \rightarrow j_{\text{SCET}}^\mu = \bar{s}_c \gamma^\mu s_c$$

tree  
level!

$$\bar{s}_c \gamma^\mu s_c = \bar{s}_c \left[ h^\mu \cdot \frac{k}{2} + \bar{u}^\mu \frac{k}{2} + g_\perp^\mu \right] s_c$$

$$= \bar{s}_c \gamma_\perp^\mu s_c$$

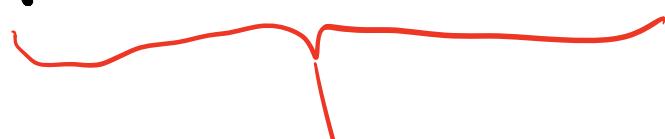
Problem: Operators with derivatives not always suppressed.

$$\bar{n} \cdot \partial \phi_c \sim \lambda^0 Q \phi_c$$

→ Need arbitrarily high derivatives

$$\phi_c(x + t\bar{u})$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} (\bar{n} \cdot \partial)^n \phi_c(x)$$



$$\int dt C(t) \phi_c(x + t\bar{v})$$

↓

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{C_n}{n!} (\bar{v} \cdot \partial)^n \phi_c(x)$$

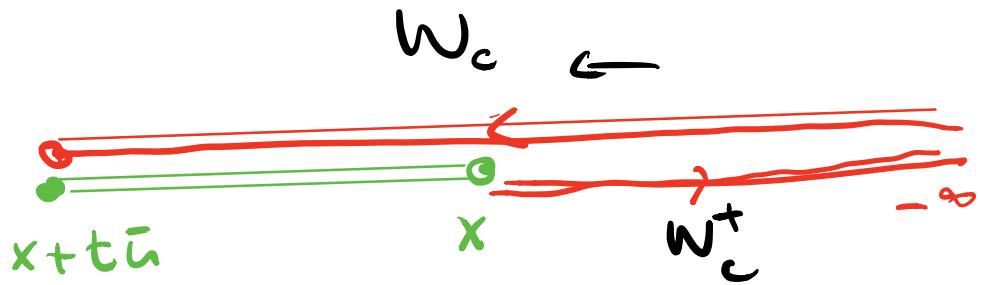
↙ n.D for generic  
v!

where  $C_n = \int dt C(t) t^n$

$$\bar{\xi}_c(x + t\bar{v}) U_c(x + t\bar{v}, x) \xi_c(x)$$

$$U_c(x + t\bar{v}, x) = P \exp \left[ i g \int_0^t dt' \bar{v} \cdot A_c(x + t'\bar{v}) \right]$$

$\bar{v} \cdot A_c^a t^a$   
↓



$$U_c(x+t\bar{u}, x) = W_c(x+t\bar{u}) W_c^+(x)$$

define building blocks:

$$\chi_c^{(x)} = W_c^+(x) \xi_c(x)$$

$$A_c^\mu = W_c^+ (D_c^\mu W_c)$$

$$\tilde{J}_{\text{scet}}^\mu(0) = \int ds dt C_V(s, t) \bar{\chi}_c(s\bar{u}) \delta_\perp^\mu \chi_c(t\bar{u})$$

$$\text{Tree-level: } C_V(s, t) = \delta(s)\delta(t)$$

$$\chi_c(t\bar{n}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} (\bar{n} \cdot D)^n \tilde{\xi}_c(0)$$

$$C_V(s, t) \rightarrow C_V^{\text{nm}}$$

↓ moment  
nm

Take matrix element:

$$\langle q(e) | J_{SCET}^n(0) | q(p) \rangle$$

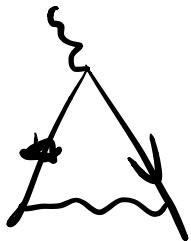
$$= \int ds \int dt C_V(s, t) \bar{u}(e) \gamma_5 u(p) e^{it\bar{n} \cdot p}$$

$$\cdot e^{-is\bar{n} \cdot e}$$

$$= \tilde{C}_V(\bar{n} \cdot p n \ell) \bar{u}(e) \gamma_5 u(p)$$

$$\tilde{C}_v \sim (Q^2)$$

QCD:



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✓ on-shell FF!

$$\tilde{C}_v(Q^2) = \text{Gluon from Wilson line!} + (P^2)^\epsilon + (L^2)^{-\epsilon}$$

Diagram illustrating the decomposition of the vertex function  $\tilde{C}_v(Q^2)$  into its components. The first term is labeled "Gluon from Wilson line!" and shows a gluon line (wavy line) connecting the two external quark lines. The second term is labeled  $(P^2)^\epsilon$  and shows a quark loop with a gluon line. The third term is labeled  $(L^2)^{-\epsilon}$  and shows a quark loop with a gluon line.

$$+ s + \bar{e} \text{ interaction}$$

Diagram illustrating the "soft gluon" component of the vertex function. It shows a quark loop with a gluon line, with a red arrow pointing to the gluon line labeled "soft gluon".

# Decoupling trsf' & factorization

$$\tilde{\xi}_c(x) = S_n(x_-) \xi_c^{(0)}(x)$$

$$A_c^r(x) = S_n(x_-) A_c^{gr}(x) S_n^+(x_+)$$

↑  
Set Wilson line along n

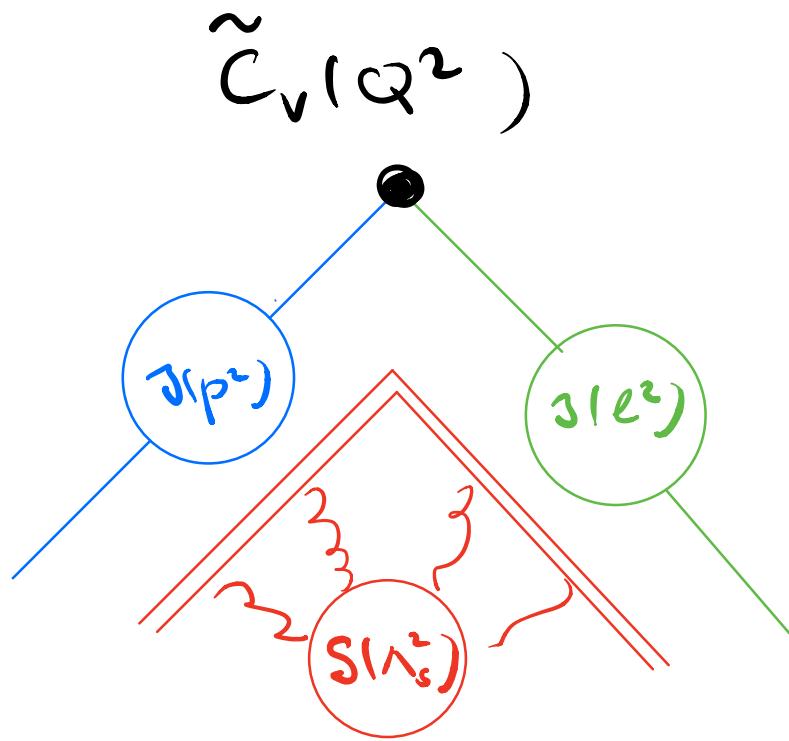
$$\bar{\xi}_c \frac{i}{2} u \cdot D \xi_c$$

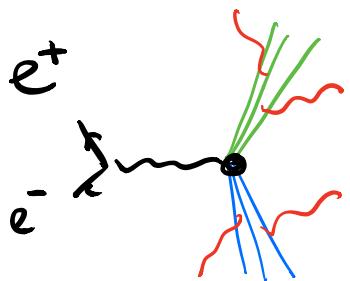
$$= \bar{\xi}_c^{(0)} \frac{i}{2} u \cdot D_c^{(0)} \xi_c^{(0)}$$

$$J_{\text{scat}}^{\mu} = \int ds \int dt C_v(s, t)$$

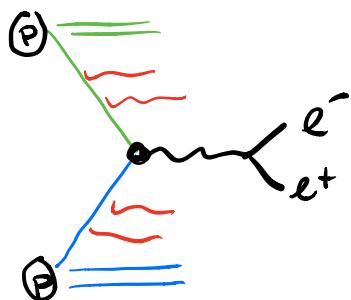
$$\bar{\chi}_{\pm}^{(0)}(s\bar{u}) S_{\mp}^{+}(0) \cancel{J_{\perp}^{\mu}} S_{\mp}(0)$$

$$\chi_c^{(0)}(t\bar{u})$$

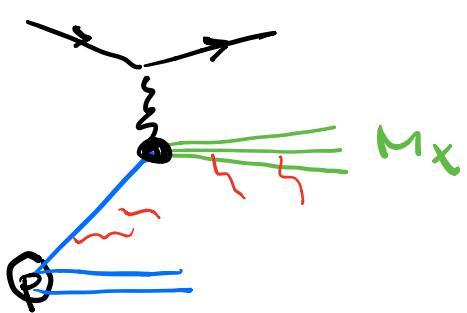




Event - shapes in 2-jet  
production ( e.g. thrust )



Drell-Yan process  
 $(pp \rightarrow e^+e^- + X)$  near  
threshold .



Deep Inelastic Scattering  
 $(e^-p \rightarrow e^- + X)$   
for small  $M_x$