

# NLO Parton Shower as Operator Replacement<sup>†</sup>

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# Outline

I. Application of SCET to the Shower

II. SCET<sub>i</sub> to LO

III. SCET<sub>i</sub> to NLO

IV. Conclusion

# Jets, Parton Showers, and Resummation

- ▶ Parton Showers allow us to bridge the order of magnitude gap between fixed order and final particle multiplicity.
- ▶ They achieve this by throwing out information we'd like to systematically put back.
- ▶ SCET, as an energy expansion, is well-suited to the kinematic ( $1/Q$  power corrections, NLL resummation) part of this task.

## Bauer-Schwartz\*

- ▶ The first attempt to apply SCET to the parton shower met with many successes.
- ▶ The amplitude for gluon emission in SCET,  $\bar{\chi}_n \rho^\alpha \Omega$  easily reproduces:
  - ▶ The usual  $q \rightarrow qg$  splitting function,  $|\rho|^2 \propto \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$
  - ▶ The factorization of each emission from the rest of the process,

$$|A|^2 = \frac{\bar{p}_q}{2} \text{Tr}[\not{n} \rho^\alpha \Omega \Omega^\dagger \rho_\alpha^\dagger] = \frac{\bar{p}_q}{2} |\rho|^2 \text{Tr}[\not{n} \Omega \Omega^\dagger]$$

- ▶ SCET also allows a smooth interpolation between fixed-order QCD and shower monte carlo computations.

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## Sudakov Factor as Operator Running

- ▶ Our justification of the no-branching, Sudakov factor came from treating the shower as a classical Markov process.
- ▶ In the Bauer-Schwartz picture, the parton shower comes from an operator  $\mathcal{O}_n^{(2)}$  describing the radiation of  $n - 2$  partons from an initial  $q\bar{q}$  pair.
- ▶ At LL level, Sudakovs ( $\Delta_{q,g}$ ) are just the RG evolution kernel ( $\Pi(Q, \mu)$ ) given by the  $n$ -parton operator's anomalous dimension:

$$\Pi_n(Q, \mu) = \Delta_q^{n_q}(Q, \mu) \Delta_g^{n_g}(Q, \mu).$$

## Going Further

- ▶ Work by B&S has been to LO in the SCET power counting.
- ▶ We take as our observable of interest the fully differential cross-section:  $\frac{d\sigma}{d^3k_1 \dots d^3k_n}$ .
- ▶ By going to NLO in  $\lambda$ , we hope to:
  - ▶ Describe partonic configurations away from the strongly ordered limit:  $q_{0\perp} \gg q_{1\perp} \gg \dots$
  - ▶ Include spin and color correlations as well as improving kinematic accuracy.
  - ▶ For simplicity we are only treating Abelian processes, though all results are extendable to non-Abelian case.
  - ▶ Determine how one can include NLL resummation.

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## Points of Confusion I: Broken Symmetry

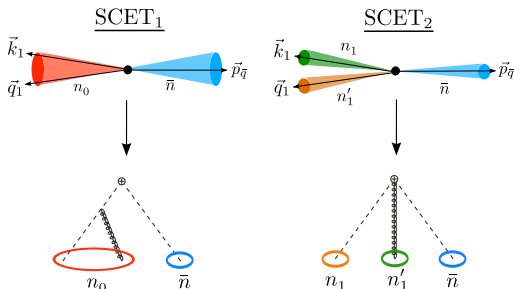
- ▶ Including such corrections is difficult with the Bauer-Schwartz setup because of their approach to LO.
- ▶ SCET fields (e.g.  $\chi_{nq}$ ) are only allowed to create particles whose momentum is perfectly aligned with  $n_q \equiv q/E_q$ , i.e.  $\chi_n|q\rangle = \delta_{n,n_q}$ .
- ▶ This is partly *convention* and partly *approximation*, and we need to disentangle the two.
- ▶ This **violates a symmetry of SCET (Reparametrization Invariance)**, which allows the creation of particles anywhere inside a cone with angle  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$ .

## Points of Confusion II,III: Double Counting, Kinematic Restriction

- ▶ From the  $n$ -jet operator  $\mathcal{O}_n$  we can project onto Fock states of any multiplicity  $> n$ .
- ▶ When we run  $\mathcal{O}_n$  down to the scale of an emission, we avoid double counting by threshold matching onto  $\mathcal{O}_n^{(n+1)}$ .
- ▶ This intrinsic “fuzziness” to the operators makes it **hard to implement corrections**.
- ▶ The Threshold Matching is intimately tied to strong-ordering,  $Q \gg p_{1\perp} \gg \dots \gg p_{m\perp}$ .
- ▶ **It is not clear how to extend beyond this configuration.**

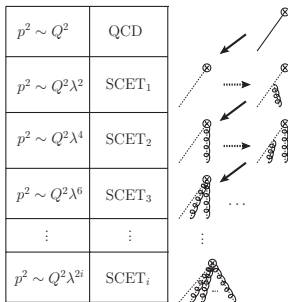


## Our Resolution: Multiple SCETs



- ▶ A SCET<sub>i</sub> is defined by a set of collinear directions  $\{[n_i]\}$ , plus a resolution parameter,  $\lambda_i$ .
- ▶ Same process seen in two different resolutions, related by **standard running and matching**.
- ▶ Will ultimately terminate in some SCET<sub>N</sub> with  $\mathcal{O}(\text{GeV})$  resolution.

# Building the Parton Shower with SCET<sub>i</sub>



Sequence of emissions and matching to get one branch of a LO Shower.

- ▶ We can define sets  $\Omega_i$  such that  $\Omega_0 \supset \Omega_2 \supset \dots \Omega_N$ .
- ▶ These contain all momenta  $p$  such that  $p^2 \lesssim Q^2 \lambda^{2i}$ .
- ▶  $\lambda^i$  is resolution parameter for the theory, SCET<sub>i</sub>.
- ▶ We can remove an arbitrary number of particles going from  $\Omega_i$  to  $\Omega_{i+1}$ , allowing us to match any phase space configuration.

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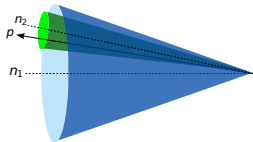
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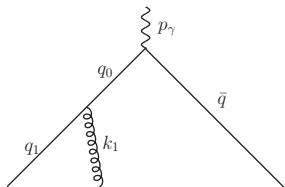
# RPI<sub>i</sub>

- ▶ SCET<sub>i</sub> possesses a symmetry called *Reparametrization Invariance* (RPI<sub>i</sub>).
- ▶ RPI<sub>i</sub> transformation of interest sends  $n \rightarrow n + \Delta_{\perp}$ , where  $\Delta_{\perp} \sim \lambda^i$ .



Larger Cone is symmetric region for SCET<sub>i</sub>, smaller one for SCET<sub>i+1</sub>

## Matching to Single Emission



Kinematics for single emission

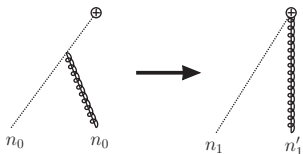
- ▶ For concreteness, we consider starting with a process in QCD,  
 $J_{QCD}^\mu = \bar{q}\Gamma^\mu q$ .
- ▶ Single gluon emission in SCET for the kinematics shown is ( $q_{0\perp} = 0$ ):  

$$\bar{\xi}_{n_0}(q_1) \left( n_{0\alpha} + \frac{\not{q}_{1\perp} \gamma_{\perp\alpha}}{\bar{q}_1} \right) \frac{\bar{q}_0}{q_0^2} \times \Gamma^\mu \xi_{\bar{n}}(\bar{q}).$$



## Matching to Single Emission (cont'd)

Want to annihilate  $|q(q_1) \bar{q}(p_{\bar{q}}) g(k_1)\rangle_2$



**L:** Lagrangian emission in SCET<sub>1</sub>

**R:** Matches to  $qg$  operator in SCET<sub>2</sub>

- ▶ The matching to SCET<sub>2</sub> is straightforward.
- ▶ The **2** subscript on the state means that only fields whose  $n$ -index lies within a cone of size  $\lambda^2$  about the particle can **annihilate** it.
- ▶ Need to use a **finite Reparametrization Invariance transformation** on the SCET<sub>1</sub> fields to guarantee this.

## Using RPI<sub>i</sub>

- ▶ By performing an RPI<sub>1</sub> transformation on the SCET<sub>1</sub> objects, e.g.:

$$n_1 = n_0 + \frac{2q_{1\perp}}{\bar{q}_1} - \frac{q_{1\perp}^2}{\bar{q}_1^2} \bar{n}$$

$$\xi_{n_0} = \frac{\not{n}_0 \bar{n}}{4} \xi_{n_1}$$

we can move the SCET<sub>1</sub> labels *inside* the SCET<sub>2</sub> symmetry cones.

- ▶ In SCET<sub>2</sub>, the label can perfectly align with the field momentum,  $n_1 = k_1/E_1$ , for simplicity of matching.
- ▶ After getting operators in this way, we can get the results for other choices of  $n$  using an RPI<sub>2</sub> transformation.

## Single Emission in SCET<sub>2</sub>

- ▶ We get the operator:  $C_{2,LO}^{(1)} \mathcal{O}_2^{(1)}$ , where

$$\mathcal{O}_2^{(1)} = (\bar{\chi}_j)_{n_1} \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}^\alpha \Gamma^\mu (\chi_k)_{\bar{n}} ,$$

$$C_{2,LO}^{(1)} = \left[ \frac{\bar{q}_0}{q_0^2} \left( n_0^\alpha + \frac{(\not{q}_1)_{n_0 \perp} \gamma_{n'_1 \perp}^\alpha}{\bar{q}_1} \right) \frac{\not{n} \not{n}_0}{4} \right]_{jk} .$$

- ▶ This can be encoded as an operator replacement on  $\bar{\chi}_{n_0}$  in  $J^\mu = \bar{\chi}_{n_0} \Gamma^\mu \chi_{\bar{n}}$ :

$$\bar{\chi}_{n_0} \rightarrow C_{2,LO}^{(1)} \bar{\chi}_{n_1} \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}$$

## Replacement Rule

$$\bar{\chi}_{n_0} \rightarrow C_{2,LO}^{(1)} \bar{\chi}_{n_1} \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}$$

- ▶ Our EFT approach has taken the particle splitting,  $q \rightarrow qg$  and turned it into an operator one.
- ▶ By iterating this over and, we can **build up an entire parton shower**.
- ▶ We can interpret the **Wilson coefficient** for this,  $C_{2,LO}^{(1)}$ , as the **square root of the splitting function**.

$$|C_{2,LO}^{(1)}|^2 \propto \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

## SCET<sub>i</sub> → SCET<sub>i+1</sub>

- ▶ Subsequent strongly-ordered emissions factorize from the previous ones.
- ▶ We can generalize the procedure by going to **even lower-scale theories**.
- ▶ Doing  $(\bar{\chi}_n \rightarrow c \bar{\chi}_{n'} \mathcal{B}_{\perp n'})$   $i$  times gets  $C_{i+1, \text{LO}}^{(i)} \mathcal{O}_{i+1}^{(i)}$ .
- ▶ This gives us the **parton shower amplitude for  $i$ -gluon emission** as a SCET<sub>i+1</sub> operator.
- ▶ We never needed any information **beyond that for single emission**.

$$C_{i+1, \text{LO}}^{(i)} \mathcal{O}_{i+1}^{(i)}$$

- Our operator for  $i$ -gluon emission is exactly what we would expect from our single emission calculation:

$$\mathcal{O}_{i+1}^{(i)} = \chi_{n_i} \left( \prod_{k=1}^i \mathcal{B}_{\alpha_k}^{n'_k \perp} \right) \Gamma_{\mu} \chi_{\bar{n}},$$

$$C_{i+1, \text{LO}}^{(i)} = \left( \prod_{k=1}^i c_{\text{LO}}^{\alpha_k} \right),$$

$$c^{\alpha_k} = \frac{\bar{q}_{k-1}}{q_{k-1}^2} \left( n_{k-1}^{\alpha_k} + \frac{(\not{q}_{k\perp})_{n_{k-1}} \gamma_{n'_k \perp}^{\alpha_k}}{\bar{q}_k} \right) \left( \frac{\not{n} \not{p}_{k-1}}{4} \right)$$

## Regaining the Parton Shower

- ▶ To LO,  $|c^{\alpha_k}|^2 \propto \frac{1+z_k^2}{1-z_k}$ . Thus, we reproduce the factorized product of  $1 \rightarrow 2$  splittings.
- ▶ There are similar replacement formulas for gluon splittings as well:

$$\mathcal{B}_{\perp n_1} \rightarrow C_{q \rightarrow q\bar{q}} (\bar{\chi}_{n2} \gamma^\mu \chi_{n3}) + C_{q \rightarrow gg} (\mathcal{B}_{\perp n_2} \mathcal{B}_{\perp n_3})$$

## Soft Emission

- ▶ Getting the parton shower also requires proper treatment of soft emissions.
- ▶ Redefining the quark field to decouple softs from the lagrangian introduces **soft Wilson lines into our jet operators**:

$$\mathcal{O}_i^{(i-1)} = \prod_{k=1}^{i-1} C_{\text{LO}}^{\alpha_j} \bar{\chi}_{n_k}^{(0)} Y_{n_k}^\dagger Y_{n'_k} \mathcal{B}_{n'_k \perp}^{(0)\alpha_k} Y_{n'_k}^\dagger \Gamma_\mu Y_{\bar{n}} \chi_{\bar{n}}$$

- ▶ Note that in SCET<sub>j</sub>, for  $j < i$ , the  $n$ -index on some of the  $Y_n$ 's would be the same, causing  $Y_n Y_n^\dagger$  to cancel.
- ▶ **More soft emissions become apparent as we run down in scale.**



# Angular Ordering

- ▶ The soft-collinear coupling contributes a multiplicative factor
$$\frac{n \cdot \varepsilon_s}{n \cdot k} = \frac{p \cdot \varepsilon_s}{p \cdot k},$$
where  $k$  is the gluon momentum
- ▶ This term reproduces the well-known angular ordering result for soft gluons, which states that soft gluons are only emitted in the cone between the quark and a previously emitted gluon.
- ▶ Note that here we avoid soft 0-bin subtraction by working at the level of the differential cross-section  $d\sigma$ .
- ▶ Tempting in SCET to distinguish soft and collinear. [In parton shower, though only one kind of emission.]

## Mapping to the Parton Shower

- ▶ Our operators  $\bar{\chi}(\mathcal{B}_\perp)^n \chi$  have the **same one-loop cusp anomalous dimension** calculation as Bauer-Schwartz, and we can **also incorporate Sudakov factors** as one-loop running.
- ▶ We therefore get the following **SCET  $\rightarrow$  Parton Shower** map:

One – Loop Cusp AD  $\rightarrow$  No – branching Factor

LO Replacement Rule  $\rightarrow$  Splitting Probability

Softs  $\rightarrow$  Choice of soft implementation<sup>†</sup>

- ▶ Note that the information in the first two lines above comes from **single branching considerations alone**.

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<sup>†</sup>cf. C. Bauer's talk

## Not Mapping to the Parton Shower

- ▶ As EFTs, the SCET<sub>i</sub> contain objects which are not needed for the above mapping.
- ▶ For example, we could get the contribution to a three parton amplitude in SCET<sub>2</sub> from the following:

$$A^{q\bar{q}gg} = \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_2 \mathcal{L}_2 \mathcal{O}_2^{(0)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle$$

- ▶ This corresponds to a quark which had **not branched** until after the scale of matching  $Q\lambda$ .
- ▶ However, the **RG kernels already give us the no-branching probability**.
- ▶ We perform standing matching between EFTs first, *then* worry about shower mapping.

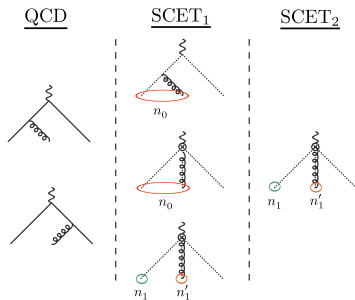
$\lambda$

- ▶ While we could set up a SCET<sub>i</sub> picture for a concrete numerical  $\lambda \dots$
- ▶ For us it is a bookkeeping device to define classes of strongly-ordered partices. [In order to perturb about LL shower.]
- ▶ As we will see, a set of our  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$  corrections will lead to collinear NLL resummation.
- ▶ A strongly ordered process removes one particle in going from  $\Omega_i \rightarrow \Omega_{i+1}$ .
- ▶ However, at  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$ , we will have to remove more. No obstacle to this with standard matching.

## Types of Corrections

- ▶ We will find two distinct types of  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda)$  corrections:
  1. **Hard-scattering** corrections that come from **matching QCD to SCET at higher orders**. They involve information about the process that created the partons and other fields involved.
  2. **Jet-structure** corrections that arise in **matching SCET<sub>i</sub> → SCET<sub>i+1</sub> at higher orders**. They appear throughout the shower and are related to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  corrections to the splitting kernel.
- ▶ We will proceed by discussing corrections to **single gluon emission** first (just **hard-scattering**), then **double emission** (**hard-scattering** and **jet-structure**).

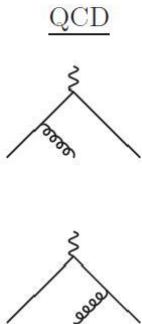
# Single Emission



$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{O}_1^{(0)}(n_0) &= \bar{\chi}_{n_0} \chi_{\bar{n}}, \\
 \mathcal{O}_1^{(1)}(n_0, n_0) &= \bar{\chi}_{n_0} g \mathcal{B}_{n_0 \perp}^\alpha \chi_{\bar{n}}, \\
 \mathcal{T}_1^{(1)}(n_0, n_0) &= \bar{\chi}_{n_0} \left[ \mathcal{P}_{n_0 \perp}^\beta g \mathcal{B}_{n_0 \perp}^\alpha \right] \\
 &\quad \times \chi_{\bar{n}}, \\
 \mathcal{O}_1^{(1)}(n_1, n'_1) &= \bar{\chi}_{n_1} g \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}^\alpha \chi_{\bar{n}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure: Diagrams for Matching  
 $\text{QCD} \rightarrow \text{SCET}_1 \rightarrow \text{SCET}_2$ .

# Matching QCD $\rightarrow$ SCET<sub>1</sub>



- ▶ Expand the QCD amplitude in the limit of the **gluon being collinear to the quark**.
- ▶ We match to the SCET lagrangian emission at LO. This process is at  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-1})$ , since the virtual quark propagator goes like  $(Q^2\lambda^2)^{-1}$  and The vertex,  $\sim q_{1\perp}$  is  $\mathcal{O}(Q\lambda)$ .
- ▶ Quark emission graph contributes **both Wilson-line gluons and  $\mathcal{B}_\perp$  ones**. Antiquark emission **only gives Wilson-line**.

## Subleading SCET<sub>1</sub> Operators

For  $\mathcal{O}_1^{(1)}(n_0, n_0) = \bar{\chi}_{n_0} g \mathcal{B}_{n_0 \perp}^\alpha \chi_{\bar{n}}$ , there are two contributions:

1.  $\mathcal{B}_\perp$  emission from the antiquark. The virtual antiquark propagator  $\sim \lambda^0$ , as is the perp momentum of the gluon.
2. We can write the QCD spinor in terms of the collinear SCET spinor in direction  $n$ .

$$u_{\text{QCD}}(p) = \left(1 + \frac{p_\perp \vec{\eta}}{2\bar{p}}\right) u_n(p).$$

We can get a vertex off the “suppressed” propagator, corresponding to the second term. The vertex factor is  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$ , which multiplies the propagator  $\sim \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-2})$ .



## Subleading SCET<sub>1</sub> Operators (cont'd)

- ▶ Running  $\mathcal{O}_1^{(1)}(n_0, n_0)$  will its anomalous dimension.  
 Fortunately, **this is the same as**  $\mathcal{O}_1^{(0)}(n_0) = \bar{\chi}_{n_0} \chi_{\bar{n}}$  as the soft Wilson-line structure is the same. (Also true for  $\mathcal{T}_1^{(1)}(n_0, n_0)$ ).
- ▶ The Ward identity forces these two contributions to join up with the same coefficient.
- ▶ If the  $q\bar{q}$  pair comes from a vector current,  $\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q$ , then this subleading operator has the structure **different from a single-field replacement rule**:

$$\bar{\chi}_{n_{q_1}} \mathcal{B}_{\perp n_{q_1}}^\alpha (\bar{n}_\mu - n_\mu) \chi_{\bar{n}}.$$

## Hard-scattering corrections

- ▶ These corrections do involve information about the parton's **coupling to the rest of the process** under consideration.
- ▶ They affect partonic production from the hard vertex, but do not appear in the subsequent shower.
- ▶ They represent a **non-universal** set of corrections that one can use to **improve hard matrix elements**.
- ▶ Fortunately, at the lowest orders they have a small basis, and one can compute them with just a **few partons**.
- ▶ **Traditional shower has difficulty with double-counting between fixed order and shower contributions. In SCET, this distinction is straightforward as each type simply originates with different operators.**

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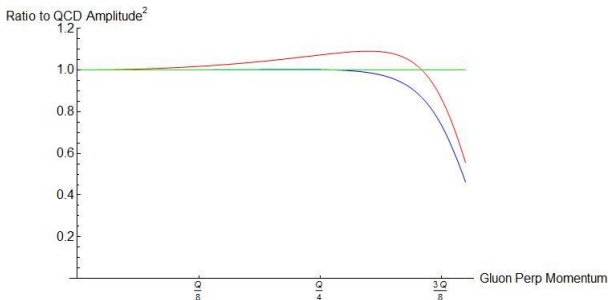


Figure: LO (red), LO+NLO (blue) for  $q\bar{q}g$  emission.

- ▶ Including the  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)$  corrections extends the region where tree-level SCET and QCD agree.

## NLO Two Gluon Emission: Hard-Scattering

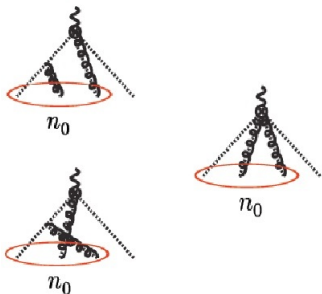


Figure: Two-gluon processes from **3,4-parton hard-scattering operators** in SCET<sub>1</sub>

- ▶ We match SCET<sub>1</sub> → SCET<sub>2</sub> for the hard-scattering contributions to double gluon emission.
- ▶ Three-parton operators in SCET<sub>2</sub> have same structure as we found in SCET<sub>1</sub>,
- ▶ We also get the four-parton contributions:

$$\mathcal{O}_2^{(2)}(n_2, n_2, n'_1) = \bar{\chi}_{n_1} \mathcal{B}_{n_1 \perp}^\alpha \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}^\beta \chi_{\bar{n}},$$

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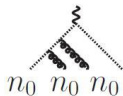
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## NLO Two Gluon Emission: Hard-Scattering (cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [C_{1,\text{NLO}}^{(1)}(n_0, n_0) + C_{1,\text{NLO}}^{(1)}(n_1, n'_1)] \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_1} \mathcal{O}_{1,\text{NLO}}^{(1)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_1 \\
 & \quad + C_{1,\text{NNLO,T}}^{(1)}(n_0, n_0) \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_1} \mathcal{T}_{1,\text{NNLO}}^{(1)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_1 \\
 & \quad + C_{1,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)}(n_0, n_0, n_0) \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{1,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_1 \\
 = & [C_{2,\text{NLO}}^{(1)}(n_0, n_0) + C_{2,\text{NLO}}^{(1)}(n_1, n'_1)] \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_2} \mathcal{O}_{2,\text{NLO}}^{(1)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_2 \\
 & \quad + C_{2,\text{NNLO,T}}^{(1)}(n_0, n_0) \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_2} \mathcal{T}_{2,\text{NNLO}}^{(1)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_2 \\
 & + [C_{2,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)}(n_2, n_2, n'_1) + C_{2,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)}(n_2, n'_1, n'_1) + C_{2,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)}(n_2, n'_1, n'_2)] \\
 & \quad \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{2,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_2
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\mathcal{O}^{(j)} \sim \bar{\chi}(\mathcal{B}_\perp)^j \chi$  and  $\mathcal{T}^{(j)} \sim (\mathcal{P}_\perp)^\ell \bar{\chi}(\mathcal{B}_\perp)^j \chi$
- ▶  $C_{1,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)}(n_0, n_0, n_0) \mathcal{O}_{1,\text{NNLO}}^{(2)}$  only contributes at N<sup>3</sup>LO.

## NLO Two Gluon Emission: Jet-Structure

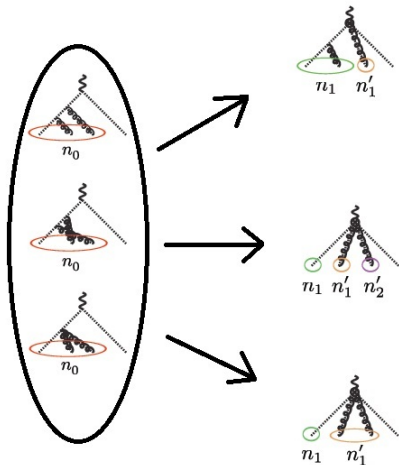


Subleading terms can come from SCET<sub>1</sub> lagrangian emission

- ▶ Previously, we calculated the corrections from hard-scattering operators.
- ▶ However, the SCET<sub>1</sub> lagrangian contains **more than the LO replacement rule**.
- ▶ To get our LO replacement rule, we **threw out subleading contributions**.
- ▶ Now we need to put this back.

# Matching diagrams for two-gluon emission

SCET<sub>2</sub> operators  
 obtained from taking  
 kinematic limits of  
 double SCET<sub>1</sub>  
 lagrangian emission



## Matching Calculation

- ▶ Now we want the coefficients for

$$\mathcal{O}_2^{(2)} = \bar{\chi}_{n_1} \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}^\alpha \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}^\beta \chi_{\bar{n}}, \quad \mathcal{O}_2^{(2)} = \bar{\chi}_{n_2} \mathcal{B}_{n'_1 \perp}^\alpha \mathcal{B}_{n'_2 \perp}^\beta \chi_{\bar{n}}.$$

- ▶ Matching equation for previous diagrams is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{1, \text{LO}}^{(0)} \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_1} \mathcal{O}_1^{(0)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_1 &= \\ C_{2, \text{LO}}^{(1)} \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_2} \mathcal{O}_2^{(1)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_2 & \\ + [C_{2, \text{NLO}}^{(2)J}(n_1, n'_1, n'_1) + C_{2, \text{NLO}}^{(2)J}(n_1, n'_1, n'_1)] \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_2^{(2)} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle_2. & \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $C_{2, \text{LO}}^{(1)} \mathcal{O}_2^{(1)}$  is the operator we already have from LO replacement rule.



## Limit Matching

- ▶ Despite writing the matching as a sum, we get each term individually, by taking a particular limit of the SCET<sub>1</sub> two-gluon amplitude,  $A^{q\bar{q}gg}$ .

$$\lim_{n_q \cdot n_{g2} \sim \lambda^4} A^{q\bar{q}gg} =$$

$$C_{2, \text{LO}}^{(1)} \langle 0 | T \{ \mathcal{L}_{\text{SCET}_2} \mathcal{O}_2^{(1)} \} | q\bar{q}gg \rangle$$


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## Collinear Bin

- ▶ At the operator and amplitude<sup>2</sup> level, the  $n$ -structure keeps the contributions distinct.
- ▶ In matching SCET<sub>i</sub>  $\rightarrow$  SCET<sub>i+1</sub>, formerly different operators,  $\{\mathcal{O}_i(n_j, n'_j), \mathcal{O}_i(n_j, n_j)\}$  collapse to a single one  $\mathcal{O}_{i+1}(n_j, n'_j)$ .
- ▶ Distinction maintained using Wilsonian cutoff functions whose arguments are dot products of  $n$ 's, e.g.  $\theta(\lambda^{2i} - n_j \cdot n'_j)$ . In practice we use smoothed  $\theta$ 's to minimize cutoff dependence.
- ▶ Scaleless, dimreg type 0-bin procedures don't obviously work because our overlap involves angle not energy scale.
- ▶ Integrating also leads to double-counting issues resolved by  $\theta$ 's.

## Operator Merging

- ▶ We can illustrate the  $\theta$ -function procedure for the case of  $q\bar{q}g$  configurations with 2 and 3 different collinear directions.

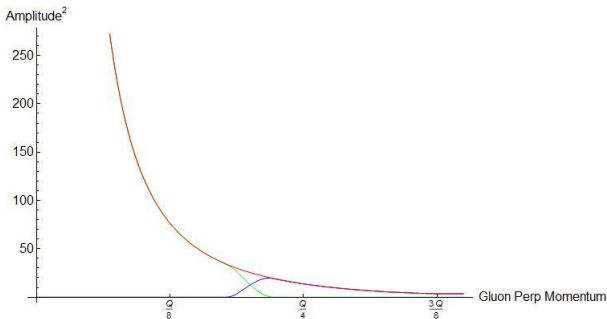


Figure: 2 and 3 “jet” merged amplitude<sup>2</sup> in  $q\bar{q}g$  process with two-jet (green), three-jet (blue), and total (red).

# $C_{3,\text{NLO}}^{(2)J} \mathcal{O}_3^{(2)}$

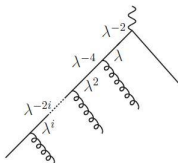
- ▶ The different jet-structure correction operators in SCET<sub>2</sub> collapse to the same form in SCET<sub>3</sub>.
- ▶ Our suppressed operator has the following structure:

$$C_{3,\text{NLO}}^{(2)J} \mathcal{O}_3^{(2)} = h_{\text{I}}^{\alpha\beta} \bar{\chi}_{n_2} \mathcal{B}_{n'_1\perp}^{\alpha} \mathcal{B}_{n'_2\perp}^{\beta} \Gamma^{\mu} \chi_{\bar{n}}$$

- ▶ Just like our LO replacement rule, it doesn't depend on the rest of process.
- ▶ Thus, we can write it as an NLO replacement rule:  
 $\bar{\chi} \rightarrow h_{\text{I},\alpha\beta} \bar{\chi} \mathcal{B}_{\perp}^{\alpha} \mathcal{B}_{\perp}^{\beta}$ .
- ▶ The I subscript refers to the different operators that contribute from SCET<sub>2</sub>. **Need to keep contributions distinct as the different terms have different anomalous dimensions.**

## NLO Replacement Rule

- ▶ The replacement rule suggests that we can generalize it to SCET<sub>i</sub> → SCET<sub>i+1</sub> matching.
- ▶ Consider the strongly-ordered emission of  $i + 1$  gluons.



- ▶ If instead the last gluon is as collinear as the previous one, we have a process suppressed by a single power of  $\lambda$  for all  $i$ .

## Using the NLO Replacement Rule

- ▶ LO emissions factorize from everything, so we can just apply the replacement rule  $\bar{\chi} \rightarrow h_{\alpha\beta} \bar{\chi} B_{\perp}^{\alpha} B_{\perp}^{\beta}$  to generate a subleading operator.
- ▶ We get a set of NLO operators for *i*-gluon emission by taking  $(i - 2)$  uses of the LO replacement rule, and using the NLO replacement rule once.

## Interference: An Interesting Result for SCET<sub>i</sub>

- ▶ The SCET<sub>i</sub> picture greatly **simplifies the interference structure** when we square amplitudes.
- ▶ Fields in SCET with a particular label index,  $n_i$ , can **only interfere with fields carrying the same index**.
- ▶ This is enforced in integration by the inclusion of smoothed  $\theta$ -functions in the Wilson coefficients.

## Interference: An Interesting Result for SCET<sub>i</sub> (cont'd)

- ▶ Once again our formula for NLO jet-structure corrections is:

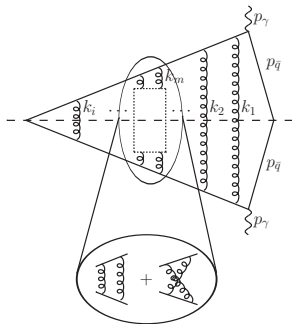
$$\mathcal{O}^{\text{NLO}} = \bar{\chi}_{n_q} \left( h_{\beta_{j-1}\gamma_{j'}} \mathcal{B}_{n_{j-1}\perp}^{\beta_{j-1}} \mathcal{B}_{n_{j'}\perp}^{\gamma_{j'}} \right) \times \left( \prod_{k=1, k \neq j-1, j}^i C_{\alpha_k}^{\text{LO}}(\mathcal{B}_{n_k\perp}^{\alpha_k}) \right) \Omega,$$

- ▶ Different values of  $j$  lead to different structures in the indices.
- ▶ Thus, each term **only interferes with itself**:

$$|A_{q+(ig)}|_{\text{to NNLO}}^2 = \langle |\mathcal{O}_{\text{LO}}^{q(ig)}|^2 \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \langle |\mathcal{O}_{\text{NLO},j}^{q(ig)}|^2 \rangle.$$



## Interference Structure in SCET<sub>i</sub>



Deviation from strong-ordering in one location causes  
 the above interference pattern.

It is just the usual parton shower with a two-parton  
 phase space defect.

## Subleading splitting function

- ▶ The coefficient of our LO replacement rule had a nice interpretation as the “square-root” of the usual splitting function.
- ▶ We want to test the idea that our subleading replacement rule captures the subleading behavior of the parton splitting.
- ▶ We checked if it could reproduce the  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$  correction to the splitting function (Curci, Furmanski, and Petronzio).

## Subleading splitting function

- ▶ We matched for the gauge invariant piece we checked:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{qq}^{(1)} &= C_F^2 \frac{\alpha_s^2}{2\pi} \left[ (1-x) \ln(x) - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln(x) \right. \\
 &\quad - 2 \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln(x) \ln(1-x) - \frac{1}{2} (1+x) \ln^2(x) \\
 &\quad \left. - 5(1-x) - \frac{5}{2} (1+x) \ln(x) \right] \\
 &\quad + \{\text{other color structures}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Including such contributions is a **non-trivial step toward including NLL resummation.**

## Subleading splitting function (cont'd)

- ▶ Resumming NLL requires improving the Sudakov factor to include the subleading splitting:

$$\Delta(t_j) = \exp \left[ - \int_{t_i}^{t_j} \frac{dt'}{t'} \int dz \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left[ P_{jk}^{(0)}(z) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{jk}^{(1)}(z) \right] \right].$$

- ▶ Doing this alone will **violate conserved probability** of the parton shower.
- ▶ We also need to include the subleading splitting information for **real emissions discussed above**.
- ▶ It is still an **unsolved problem at the algorithmic level** to have  $1 \rightarrow 2$  and  $1 \rightarrow 3$  splittings simultaneously.

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