

RPI-Assisted Renormalization of Subleading SCET Operators

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SCET beyond Leading Power

Unlike most other EFTs, including higher-power corrections in SCET is challenging — even from a conceptual standpoint.

→ Breakdown of Factorization, Endpoint-Divergent Convolutions, ...

[Beneke et al., Moulton et al., Neubert et al., Stewart et al.]

Even standard renormalization is not completely understood!

Naive calculations yield a subleading anomalous dimension that is incompatible with QCD.

Use **Reparameterization Invariance (RPI)** to reconstruct the proper operator mixing.

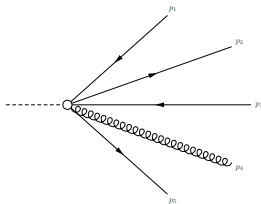
→ Throughout the talk: Position-Space Formalism, SCET I

N-Jet Operators

N-Jet operators describe hard scattering processes involving N well-separated jets.

$$J(x) = \int dt C(t) \prod_{i=1}^N J_i(t)$$

Built out of **collinear quark fields** χ_i and **collinear gauge fields** $\mathcal{A}_{\perp}^{\mu}$.



Operator Basis at Subleading Power

A0 Operator

$$J^{(A0)} = \prod_{j \neq i} \psi_j(t_j n_{j+}) \chi_i(t_i n_{i+})$$

A1 Operator

$$J^{(A1)\mu} = \prod_{j \neq i} \psi_j(t_j n_{j+}) i\partial_{\perp i}^{\mu} \chi_i(t_i n_{i+})$$

B1 Operator

$$J^{(B1)\mu} = \prod_{j \neq i} \psi_j(t_j n_{j+}) \mathcal{A}_{\perp i}^{\mu}(t_{i2} n_{i+}) \chi_i(t_{i1} n_{i+})$$

T1 Operator

$$J^{(T1)} = i \int d^4x T \left\{ J^{(A0)}, \mathcal{L}^{(1)}(x) \right\}$$

Renormalization of SCET beyond Leading Power

Standard Problem: Renormalize subleading N -jet operators.

→ Regulate IR divergences with small off-shellness p_i^2 .

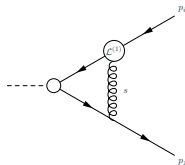
→ Apparently no major problems.

[Beneke, Garry, Szafron, Wang, 1712.04416,1808.04742]

But: UV poles do not match the IR divergences of QCD!

Only a **specific set of fields** $\hat{\xi}, \hat{A}_c$ correctly reproduces QCD amplitudes **off-shell**.

$$\psi \xrightarrow[\text{Collinear Fields}]{\text{Split into Soft \&}} \hat{\xi} + q \xrightarrow{\text{Field Redefinition}} \xi + q$$



[Beneke, Garry, Szafron, Wang, 1907.05463]

Treat SCET as a full-fledged, stand-alone EFT:

Renormalize subleading N-Jet operators without referencing QCD or preferred fields.

Reparameterization Transformations

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$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{I} & n_{i+} \longrightarrow n_{i+} & \text{II} & n_{i+} \longrightarrow n_{i+} + \epsilon_{\perp i} & \text{III} & n_{i+} \longrightarrow n_{i+} + \alpha n_{i+} \\ & n_{i-} \longrightarrow n_{i-} + \Delta_{\perp i} & & n_{i-} \longrightarrow n_{i-} & & n_{i-} \longrightarrow n_{i-} - \alpha n_{i-} \end{array}$$

[Manohar et al., 0204229; Marcantonini, Stewart, 0809.1093]

Transformations of the SCET Fields?

Derive the transformations directly in SCET by demanding:

A The SCET Lagrangian is reparameterization-invariant.

B Reparameterizations preserve the projection $\not{n}_{i-} \chi_i = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\text{I}} \chi_i &= \frac{\Delta_{\perp i} \not{n}_{i+}}{4} \chi_i + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2 \chi_i), \\ \delta_{\text{II}} \chi_i &= \frac{1}{in_{i+} \partial} \frac{\not{\epsilon}_{\perp}}{2} (i \not{\partial}_{\perp i} + \mathcal{A}_{\perp i}) \chi_i + \left[\frac{1}{in_{i+} \partial} \epsilon_{\perp i} \cdot \mathcal{A}_{\perp i} \right] \chi_i + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2 \chi_i), \\ \delta_{\text{III}} \chi_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Reparameterization Constraints on the Wilson Coefficients

Ansatz:

$$J(x) = \int dt C^{(A0)}(t) J^{(A0)}(t) + \int dt C^{(A0)}(t) J^{(T1)}(t) \\ + \int dt C^{(A1)}(t) J^{(A1)}(t) + \int dt C^{(B1)}(t) J^{(B1)}(t) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2 J^{(A0)})$$

Reparameterization Constraints on the Wilson Coefficients of Subleading Operators:

$$C^{(A1)\mu}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{n_{i+p_i}} C^{(A0)}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) \frac{\not{p}_{i+}}{2} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\mu} \\ - \frac{1}{n_{i+p_i}} \sum_{j \neq i} \left[Q_{ij}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial Q_{ij}^2} C^{(A0)}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) \right] \frac{2n_{j-}^{\mu}}{n_{i-} n_{j-}}$$

$$C^{(B1)A\mu}(Q_{ij}, x, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{n_{i+p_i}} C^{(A0)}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) \frac{\not{p}_{i+}}{2} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\mu} T^A \\ + \frac{1}{n_{i+p_i}} \sum_{j \neq i} \left[\frac{1}{x} C^{(A0)}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) \right] \frac{2n_{j-}^{\mu}}{n_{i-} n_{j-}} T^A, \\ + (\text{unconstrained}),$$

where x denotes the fraction of momentum carried by the additional gluon.

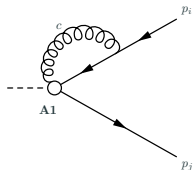
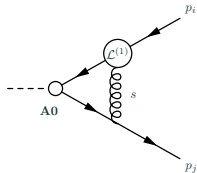
Reconstruction of the Missing Mixing Terms

Subleading Anomalous Dimension

$$\begin{array}{c} J^{(T1)} \\ J^{(A1)} \\ J^{(B1)} \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{A0A0} & \Gamma_{T1A1} & \Gamma_{T1B1} \\ \Gamma_{A1T1} & \Gamma_{A1A1} & \Gamma_{A1B1} \\ \Gamma_{B1T1} & \Gamma_{B1A1} & \Gamma_{B1B1} \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix elements are associated with the following representations:

$J^{(T1)}$	$J^{(A1)}$	$J^{(B1)}$
Γ_{A0A0}	Γ_{T1A1}	Γ_{T1B1}
Γ_{A1T1}	Γ_{A1A1}	Γ_{A1B1}
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The field representations differ only at higher power,

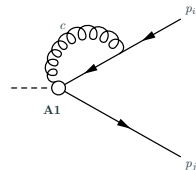
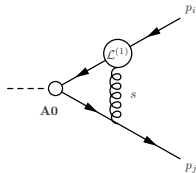
$$\hat{\chi}_i = \chi_i + \lambda F^{(1)} + \lambda^2 F^{(2)} + \dots$$

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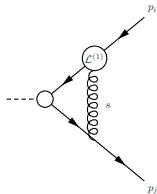


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Reconstruction of the Mixing into A1 Operators



The A1 Wilson coefficient is **fully constrained** by RPI,

$$C^{(A1)\mu}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{n_i + p_i} C^{(A0)}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) \frac{\not{p}_{i+}}{2} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\mu} - \frac{1}{n_i + p_i} \sum_{j \neq i} \left[Q_{ij}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial Q_{ij}^2} C^{(A0)}(Q_{ij}, \mu^2) \right] \frac{2n_{j-}^{\mu}}{n_i - n_{j-}}.$$

RPI constraints hold **independently** of the factorization scale μ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} C^{(A1)\mu} &= \frac{1}{n_i + p_i} \Gamma_{A0A0} C^{(A0)} \frac{\not{p}_{i+}}{2} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\mu} - \frac{1}{n_i + p_i} \sum_{j \neq i} \left[Q_{ij}^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial Q_{ij}^2} \Gamma_{A0A0} C^{(A0)} \right] \frac{2n_{j-}^{\mu}}{n_i - n_{j-}} \\ &= \Gamma_{T1A1} C^{(T1)} + \Gamma_{A1A1} C^{(A1)}. \end{aligned}$$

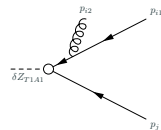
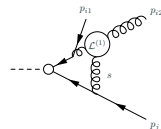
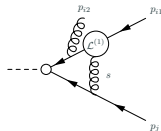
Solve for the missing **T1** \rightarrow **A1** mixing: [\[Beneke et al., 1907.05463\]](#)

$$\Gamma_{T1A1}^{\mu} = - \frac{1}{n_i + p_i} \gamma_{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{T}_i \cdot \mathbf{T}_j \frac{2n_{j-}^{\mu}}{n_i - n_{j-}}$$

Reconstruction of the Missing Mixing Terms

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 \end{pmatrix}$$



Remaining: Reconstruct $T1 \rightarrow B1$ Mixing.

But first: Ensure Convolutions and Anomalous Dimension are well-defined!

Mixing into B1 Operators: Endpoint Divergences

Complication 1: Endpoint-Divergent Convolution

$$\int_0^1 dx \underbrace{C^{(B1)}(x)}_{\sim \frac{1}{x} + \dots} \langle J^{(B1)}(x) \rangle$$

But: The singular part of the convolution is **constrained by RPI**,

$$C^{(B1)A\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{n_{i+p_i}} C^{(A0)} \frac{\not{n}_{i+}}{2} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\mu} T^A + \frac{1}{n_{i+p_i}} \sum_{j \neq i} \left[\frac{1}{x} C^{(A0)} \frac{2n_{j-}^{\mu}}{n_{i-}n_{j-}} T^A, \right. \\ \left. + (\text{unconstrained}) \right].$$

The unconstrained part of the B1 Wilson coefficient is regular,

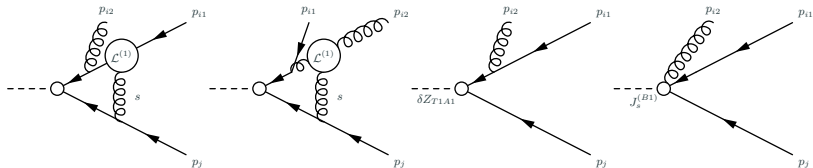
$$C_{\text{unconstrained}}^{(B1)} = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_F \left[\frac{\pi^2}{6} - 3 + \frac{4}{x} \ln \bar{x} + \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{1}{x} \ln^2 \bar{x} - \frac{2}{x} \ln \bar{x} \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} - \ln^2 \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right] \\ + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_A \left[-\frac{2}{x} \ln \bar{x} - \frac{1}{\bar{x}} \ln x + \frac{1}{2x} \ln^2 \bar{x} + \frac{1}{x} \ln \bar{x} \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right].$$

Absorb the endpoint divergence into a **Singular B1 Operator**: [\[1907.05463\]](#)

$$J_s^{(B1)\mu} = \prod_{j \neq i} \psi_j(t_j n_{j+}) \left[\frac{1}{in_{i+}\partial} \mathcal{A}_{\perp i}^{\mu}(t_i n_{i+}) \right] \chi_i(t_i n_{i+}).$$

Mixing into B1 Operators: Non-Local Poles

Complication 2: Non-Local Poles



Non-Local Poles proportional to $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \times \frac{1}{(p_{i,1} + p_{i,2})^2}!$

Solution: Combine the $T1$ operator and the singular $B1$ operator into \check{J} such that the non-local poles cancel,

$$\check{J} = J^{(T1)} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{2n_{j-}^{\mu}}{n_i - n_{j-}} J_{s\mu}^{(B1)}.$$

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Reconstruction of the Missing Mixing Terms

Subleading Anomalous Dimension

	\check{J}	$J^{(A1)}$	$J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}$
\check{J}	Γ_{A0A0}	$\Gamma_{\check{J}J^{(A1)}}$	$\Gamma_{\check{J}J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}}$
$J^{(A1)}$	$\Gamma_{J^{(A1)}\check{J}}$	$\Gamma_{J^{(A1)}J^{(A1)}}$	$\Gamma_{J^{(A1)}J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}}$
$J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}$	$\Gamma_{J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}\check{J}}$	$\Gamma_{J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}J^{(A1)}}$	$\Gamma_{J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}}$

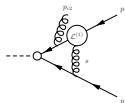
Mixing of \check{J} into the regular B1 Operator

The $B1$ Wilson coefficient is **only partially constrained** by RPI,

$$C_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)A\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{n_{i_+p_i}} C^{(A0)} \not{p}_{i_+} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\mu} T^A + (\text{unconstrained}).$$

The $\check{J} \rightarrow J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}$ mixing thus **cannot be reconstructed** using RPI constraints.

But: $T1$ diagrams with extra collinear emission produce **only non-local poles!**



$$\propto \frac{1}{(p_{i,1} + p_{i,2})^2} \left\langle q\bar{q}g \left| J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)} \right| 0 \right\rangle$$

Only the singular $B1$ operator contributes to the $\check{J} \rightarrow J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)}$ mixing,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\check{J} J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)\mu}} &= \underbrace{\Gamma_{J^{(T1)} J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)\mu}} + \Gamma_{J_s^{(B1)} J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)\mu}}}_{=0} = \Gamma_{J_s^{(B1)} J_{\text{reg}}^{(B1)\mu}} \\ &= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \frac{1}{n_{i_+p_i}} \left[\left(C_F - \frac{C_A}{2} \right) \frac{\ln \bar{x}}{x} + C_F \right] \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{2n_{j-}^{\nu}}{n_{i-} n_{j-}} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\nu} \gamma_{\perp i}^{\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

Renormalization of Subleading N-Jet Operators

Treat SCET as a full-fledged, stand-alone EFT.

Subleading renormalization can be completely calculated without referencing QCD or a preferred field representation.

- I The **RPI transformations** of SCET fields can be obtained from the SCET Lagrangian and their projection properties.
- II RPI constraints reconstruct the $\check{J} \rightarrow J^{(A1)}$ mixing.
- III **Non-Local Poles** and **End-Point Divergences** require a rearrangement of the operator basis.

$$\check{J} = J^{(T1)} + J_s^{(B1)}$$

- IV Only the singular $B1$ Operator contributes to the $\check{J} \rightarrow J^{(A1)}$ mixing.

Thanks for Your Attention!