

On soft-collinear factorization in the presence of endpoint divergences: $e^- \mu^-$ backward-scattering as a template case

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Introduction

- soft-collinear factorization well understood at **leading power**
 - current status of **precision**: NNLL and N³LL resummation
 - NNLO or N³LO matching to fixed-order calculations
- soft-collinear factorization at subleading power active and largely unexplored field:
 - thrust spectrum for $H \rightarrow gg$ in pure glue QCD [Moult, Stewart, Vita, Zhu '18]
 - threshold resummation for Drell-Yan and Higgs [Beneke et al. '18,19]
 - soft quark Sudakov in $\mathcal{N} = 1$ [Moult, Stewart, Vita, Zhu '19]
 - bottom-quark contribution in $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [Neubert et al. '19-21]
 - threshold resummation for off-diagonal channels in DIS [Beneke et al. '20]
 - ...

Endpoint-singular convolution integrals appear as a generic problem!

Heavy-to-light form factors

Factorization of $B \rightarrow \pi$ form factors at large recoil suffers from endpoint-singularities, e.g.

[Beneke, Feldmann '01]

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\phi_+(\omega)}{\omega^2}, \quad \int_0^1 du \frac{\phi_\pi(u)}{\bar{u}^2}, \quad \dots \quad \text{log-divergent for } \omega, \bar{u} \rightarrow 0$$

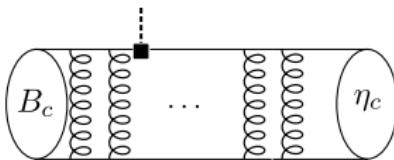
Idea: Study process in a **perturbative**, non-relativistic set-up: $B_c \rightarrow \eta_c$, with $m_b \gg m_c \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
 $\rightarrow \mu_s \sim \mu_c \sim m_c \rightarrow \text{SCET}_{\text{II}}$, requires additional **rapidity regulator**

Observations:

\rightarrow exponentiation of rapidity divergences (**coll. anomaly**) for some inverse moments, e.g.

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\phi_+(\omega)}{\omega^2} \times \int_0^1 du \frac{1 + \bar{u}}{\bar{u}^2} \phi_\pi(u) = r(\mu/m_c) \left(\frac{E}{m_c} \right)^{f(\mu/m_c)}$$

\rightarrow diagrammatically: "**ladder-type**" diagrams relevant for leading rapidity logarithms



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Complicated (bare) factorization formula for non-factorizable “soft” form factor ξ_π !

Tree-level matching:

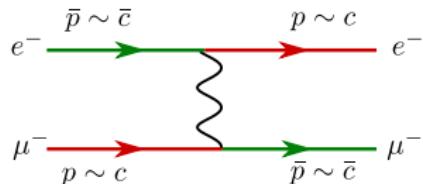
$$\begin{aligned}
 \xi_\pi(E_\pi) \sim & C_F \int_0^\infty d\omega \int_0^1 du \left[\frac{\phi_B^-(\omega)}{\omega} \frac{1 + \bar{u}}{\bar{u}^2} \phi_\pi(u) + \frac{\phi_B^+(\omega)}{\omega} \frac{u}{\bar{u}^2} \phi_\pi(u) \right. \\
 & + \frac{\phi_B^+(\omega)}{\omega^2} \left(- \frac{m_q \bar{u} + 2m_{\bar{q}}}{\bar{u}^2} \phi_\pi(u) + 3 \frac{\mu_\pi \phi_P(u)}{\bar{u}} + \frac{\tilde{\mu}_\pi}{6} \frac{\phi'_\sigma(u)}{\bar{u}} \right) \Big] \\
 & - 2(C_F - C_A/2) \frac{f_{3\pi}}{f_\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \frac{\phi_B^+(\omega)}{\omega^2} \int \mathcal{D}\alpha \frac{\phi_{3\pi}(\{\alpha_i\})}{\alpha_g \alpha_{\bar{q}} (\alpha_g + \alpha_{\bar{q}})} \\
 & + 2(C_F - C_A/2) \int_0^\infty d\omega \int_0^\infty d\xi \frac{\Psi_{A-V}(\omega, \xi)}{\omega \xi (\omega + \xi)} \int_0^1 du \frac{\phi_\pi(u)}{\bar{u}^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q: Is there a simpler perturbative process that shares all the relevant features we observed?

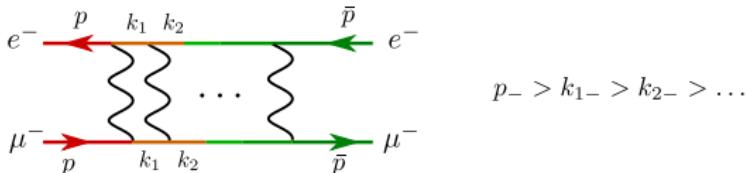
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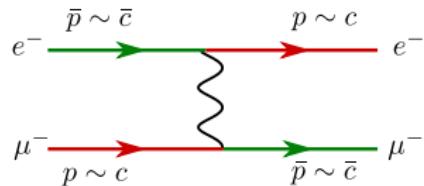


(note the unconventional momentum flow!)

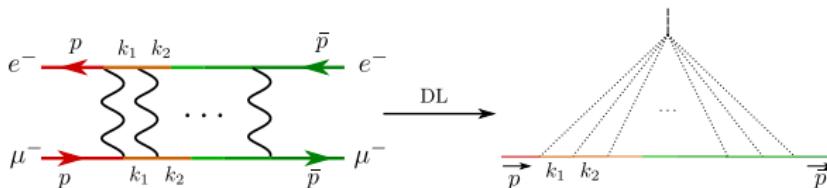
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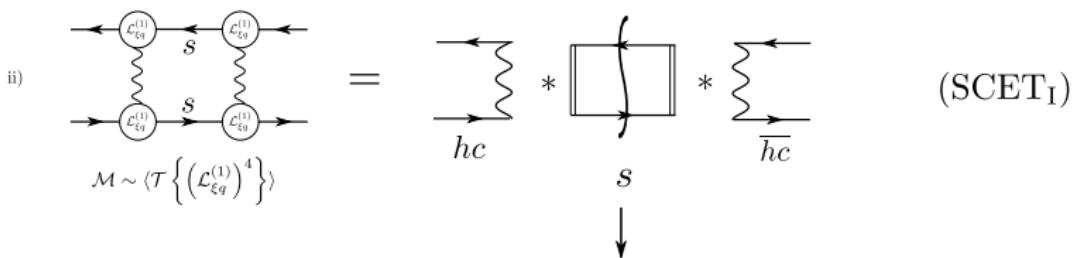
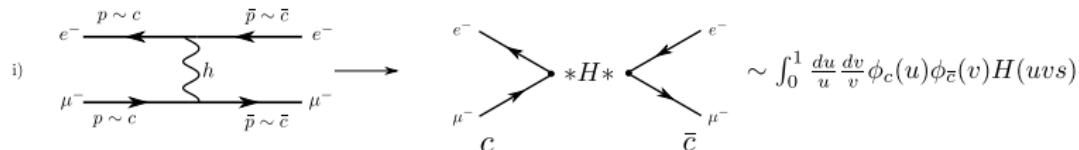


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→ large double log's (DL) map onto simple scalar integrals

Formulation in SCET



$$\int_0^1 \frac{du}{u} \frac{dv}{v} \int_0^\infty \frac{dk_+}{k_+} \frac{dk_-}{k_-} \phi_c(u) J_{hc}(uk_+) S(k_+ k_-) J_{\bar{h}c}(k_- v) \phi_{\bar{c}}(v) \quad (\text{SCET}_{II})$$

leading twist operators:

(analog. for other chiralities)

$$\phi_c(u) = n_+ p \int dt e^{it(n_+ p)u} \langle e_L^-(p) | \bar{\chi}^{(\theta)}(0) \frac{\not{n}_+}{2} \chi^{(\mu)}(tn_+) | \mu_L^-(p) \rangle = \delta(1-u) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha)$$

Bare factorization formula

$$\mathcal{M}(e\mu \rightarrow e\mu) \simeq \int_0^1 \frac{du}{u} \frac{dv}{v} \phi_c(u) \phi_{\bar{c}}(v) \left\{ H(uvs) + \int_0^\infty \frac{dk_+}{k_+} \frac{dk_-}{k_-} J_{hc}(uk_+) S(k_+ k_-) J_{\bar{h}\bar{c}}(k_- v) \right\}$$

Bare functions at DL-level/close to endpoint: [PB '18]

$(\hat{\alpha} = \alpha/2\pi)$

$$H(x) = J_{hc}(x) = J_{\bar{h}\bar{c}}(x) = 1 + \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\varepsilon^2} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{x} \right)^\varepsilon + \frac{\hat{\alpha}^2}{4\varepsilon^4} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{x} \right)^{2\varepsilon} + \dots$$

$$\phi_c(x) = \phi_{\bar{c}}(x) = \delta(1-x) + \theta(1-x) \left[\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^\varepsilon \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\varepsilon} + \hat{\alpha}^2 \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^{2\varepsilon} \frac{x^\varepsilon - 1 - 2\varepsilon \log x}{2\varepsilon^3} + \dots \right]$$

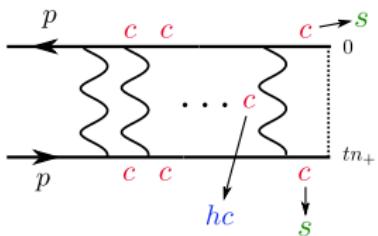
and [Bell,PB,Feldmann in progress]

$$S(x) = -\hat{\alpha} \left[\theta(x-m^2) S_a(x) + \theta(m^2-x) S_b(x) \right]$$

$$S_a(x \rightarrow \infty) = \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^\varepsilon x^{-\varepsilon} + \hat{\alpha} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^{2\varepsilon} \frac{x^{-\varepsilon}}{\varepsilon^2} + \dots \quad S_b(x \rightarrow 0) = \hat{\alpha} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{m^2} \right)^{2\varepsilon} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} + \dots$$

- endpoint singularities all over the place
 - $u, v, k_+, k_- \rightarrow 0$
 - $k_+, k_- \rightarrow \infty$ (“infinity-bin”)
 - requires **rapidity regulator** (sometimes)!

Endpoint re-factorization



e μ -scattering [PB '18; Bell,PB,Feldmann in progress]

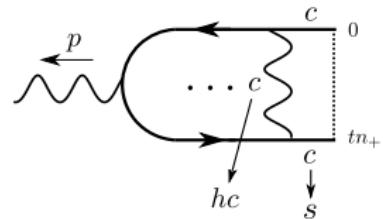
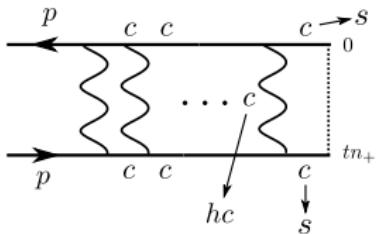
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$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ [Neubert et al. '19-21]

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle \simeq \int \frac{dk_+}{k_+} J(-p_- k_+) S(k_+ u)$$

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle - [[\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle]]$$

$$S(k_+ k_- \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0$$

$\langle \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle \sim \phi_\gamma(u)$: photon-LCDA

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- in $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$: S and ϕ_γ m_b -suppressed → cannot appear twice!
- in SCET_I problems get new mode with lower virtuality (→ see next talk by S. Jaskiewicz)

Resummation from consistency relations

Double log's completely fixed by **re-factorization** and **pole cancellation!**

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- each order in matching: large rapidity log's exponentiate

- infinite number of remainder functions $r_i = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha)$
- and infinite number of coll. anomalies $f_i \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{i+1})$ (e.g. f_1 contributes first at 3-loop!)
- rapidity divergences under control, but complicated cross-talk of $1/\varepsilon$ poles

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$$L = \log m^2/s$$

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5. one-loop gives $h_1 = 1$.

known since 1967, but highly non-trivial endpoint dynamics in SCET!
 (see e.g. Landau/Lifschitz "QED")

Conclusion

- renormalized factorization theorem for $e\mu$ backward-scattering currently unknown
- but template case to study endpoint singularities in SCET_{II}

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \int_0^1 \frac{du}{u} \frac{dv}{v} \phi_c(u) \phi_{\bar{c}}(v) H(uv) \quad \text{for regulator } (\nu/k_-)^\delta$$

- perturbative, simple factorization formula
- each DL from endpoint configuration (consistency constraints, simple scalar integrals)

- self-similar endpoint structure
 - exponentiation of rapidity poles in inverse moments (as in heavy-to-light form factors)
 - infinite number of coll. anomaly exponents
 - more complicated than $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (single rapidity divergence to all orders)
 - single additive re-arrangement does not cure the problem

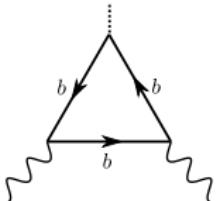
For discussion part: problem of dim.-reg./analytic regularization?

- factorization with rapidity cutoff's (w.i.p.; see backup slides)

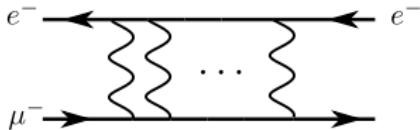
Backup-Slides

probably oversimplified!

$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



$e\mu$ -scattering



→ single endpoint-divergence \otimes off-shell Sudakov form-factor?

→ double log's:

$$_2 F_2 \sim \int^{M_h} \underbrace{JSJ}_{\text{exponentiation}}$$

→ ren. factorization theorem with cutoff

→ all DL's from endpoint configuration

$$F \sim I_1 \sim 1 + \hat{\alpha} L^2 \int F * F$$

→ renormalized factorization theorem unknown

Factorization with rapidity cutoff's

Idea: Decompose phase-space of DL integrals in full theory ($L = \log \lambda^2 = \log m^2/s$)

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{\alpha}^n \int_{\lambda^2}^1 \frac{du_1}{u_1} \cdots \int_{\lambda^2}^{u_{n-1}} \frac{du_n}{u_n} \int_{\lambda^2/u_n}^1 \frac{dv_n}{v_n} \cdots \int_{\lambda^2/u_1}^{v_2} \frac{dv_1}{v_1} = \frac{I_1(2\sqrt{\hat{\alpha}L^2})}{\sqrt{\hat{\alpha}L^2}}$$

into momentum regions defined by **longitudinal cutoffs** ξ^*, η^* :

$$\left(\xi = \frac{\log u}{\log \lambda^2}, \eta = \frac{\log v}{\log \lambda^2} \right)$$

hard: $\xi < \xi^*, \eta < \eta^*$ collinear: $\xi < \xi^*, \eta > \eta^*$ soft: $\xi > \xi^*, \eta > \eta^*$

→ recover factorization formula ...

$$\mathcal{M} = \int_0^{\xi^*} d\xi \int_0^{\eta^*} d\eta \phi_c(\xi, \eta^*) H(\xi^* - \xi, \eta^* - \eta) \phi_{\bar{c}}(\eta, \xi^*) + \text{2nd term } \sim S$$

... with longitudinal cutoff's! (endpoint $u(v) \rightarrow 0$ maps onto $\xi(\eta) \rightarrow \infty$)

⇒ no endpoint divergence!

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RG evolution for hard function

$$\frac{d^2 H(\xi, \eta)}{d\xi d\eta} = \hat{\alpha} L^2 H(\xi, \eta)$$

$$H(\xi, \eta) = I_0(2\sqrt{\hat{\alpha} L^2 \xi \eta}) = \int_0^\xi d\xi' H(\xi', \eta_H) U_H(\xi - \xi', \eta - \eta_H)$$

Wave function obeys similar differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 \phi_c(\xi, \eta^*)}{d\xi d\eta^*} = \hat{\alpha} L^2 H(\xi, \eta^*)$$

$$\phi_c(\xi, \eta^*) = \delta(\xi) + \theta(\xi)(\eta^* - \xi)\hat{\alpha} L^2 \frac{I_1(2\sqrt{\hat{\alpha} L^2 \xi \eta^*})}{\sqrt{\hat{\alpha} L^2 \xi \eta^*}} = \int_0^\xi d\xi' \phi_c(\xi', \eta_c) U_c(\xi - \xi', \eta^* - \eta_c)$$

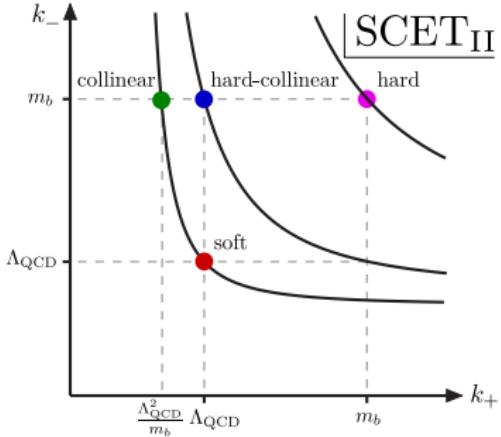
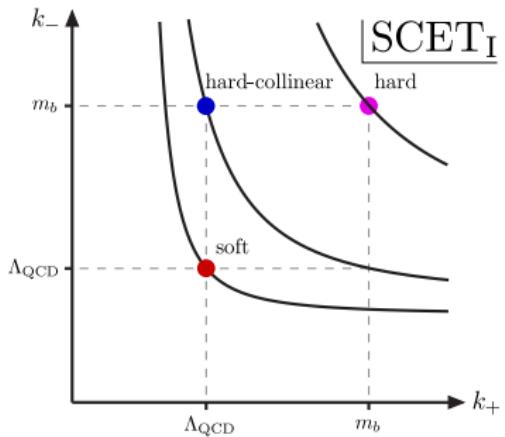
In dim-reg. get:

not allowed to expand in ε !

$$H(uvs) = I_0(2\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\varepsilon^2} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{uvs} \right)^\varepsilon}) \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_c(u) = \delta(1-u) + \theta(1-u) \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\varepsilon} \frac{I_1(2\sqrt{-\hat{\alpha}/\varepsilon \ln u})}{\sqrt{-\hat{\alpha}/\varepsilon \ln u}}$$

Modes in SCET_I and SCET_{II}

→ The scaling shown in the fig's below is relevant for heavy-to-light form factors at large recoil.



$h : (1, 1, 1)$
$hc : (1, \lambda, \lambda^2)$
$c : (1, \lambda^2, \lambda^4)$
$s : (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)$
$(\lambda^2 \equiv \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_b)$