

Conformal Collider Meet the LHC



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- String theory and high energy scattering
- Field theory description of multi-jet production
- Scaling phenomena in jet substructure
- Celestial block expansion and transverse spin phenomenal
- Analyticity in transverse spin \bullet

High energy scattering in QCD





Stringy model for high energy scattering



Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, 2018

Kotikov, Lipatov, 2002, 2004

Multi-particle/jet production in e+e-

- high energy collision?
- What D.O.F. to keep, and what to be integrated out?



Projection to low dimensional space that one can calculate, at least perturbatively

How do we theoretically describe the production of multi particles/jets in





Two approaches to describe final state in e+e-

Event shape/jet cross section

$f(O) = \sum \int dP.S.^{(n)} |\mathcal{M}_{2\to n}|^2$ $\times \delta(O - \hat{O}(k_1, \cdots, k_n))$ Mellin transformation

O invariant under soft/collinear radiation $\Sigma(\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \cdots$

Linear energy weighting

Infrared & collinear safety

Sterman, Weinberg, 1975

M-point energy correlators

$$\cdots, \theta_{m-1,m} = \sum_{n} \int dP.S.^{(n)} |\mathcal{M}_{2\to n}|$$

 $E_1 \cdots E_m \times \delta(\theta_{12} - \hat{\theta}(k_1, k_2)) \cdots \delta(\theta_{m-1, m} - \hat{\theta}(k_{m-1}, k_m))$







Observable for testing QCD at earlier days

How do we define obsevable multi-particles production in e+e-?



Thrust

EEC



Energy Correlations in electron - Positron Annihilation: Testing QCD

Seattle), Sherwin T. Love (Washington U., Seattle) Aug, 1978



- Theoretically:
 - Operator definition for collider measurement: Sveshnikov, Tkachov, 1995; Hofman, Maldacena, 2008
 - Viability of analytic calculation: Belitsky, Hohenegger, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Zhiboedov, 2013; Dixon, M.X. Luo, Shtabovenko, T.Z. Yang, HXZ, 2018
 - OPE, factorization and resummation: Hofman, Maldacena 2008; Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, Zhiboedov, 2019; Korchemsky, 2019; Dixon, Moult, HXZ, 2019
 - Application in jet substructure: H. Chen, Moult, X.Y. Zhang, HXZ, 2020, H. Chen, Moult, HXZ, 2020
- Experimentally:
 - Superb energy reach and angular resolution at the LHC and open data program: Komiske, Moult, Thaler, HXZ, 2022

Quantum field definition for calorimetric detector









cuss the experimental procedures employed e.g. in the recent discovery of the top quark [3], [4] without using the language of hadron jets. Yet apart from the early discussion of the issue of perturbative IR safety in connection with perturbative calculability [5], [6], remarkably little (if anything at all) has been done to integrate the jet paradigm into the framework of Quantum Field Theory. This is despite the fact that perturbative QFT is the only systematic calculational framework for obtaining theoretical predictions about jets. The conventional theory of jets was developed by trial and error within experimental and phenomenological communities and is based on the notion of jet definition algorithm which is foreign to QFT. On the other



Energy correlators as correlation function of ANEC operator

 $\Sigma(\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \cdots, \theta_{m-1, n})$

$E_1 \cdots E_m \times \delta(\theta_{12} - \hat{\theta}(k_1, k_2))$

Sink $\langle \Omega | O(x) \mathcal{E}(n_1) \mathcal{E}(n_2) \mathcal{E}(n_3) \cdots O^{\dagger}(0) | \Omega \rangle$ a. Manifest soft and collinear finite! in transverse spin)

$$m_n) = \sum_n \int dP.S.^{(n)} |\mathcal{M}_{2\to n}|^2$$

$$\cdots \delta(\theta_{m-1,m} - \hat{\theta}(k_{m-1}, k_m))$$

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \to \infty} r^2 \int_0^\infty dt \ \vec{n}_i T^{0i}(t, t)$$

Source **b.** Analytic calculability (allows to see analyticity





Energy-Energy Correlator (EEC)

Mellin amplitude

 $\langle O^{\dagger}(x_1)\widetilde{O}(x_2)\widetilde{O}(x_3)O(x_4)\rangle_c = \int \prod_{1 \le i \le i \le 4} \frac{d\delta_{ij}}{2\pi i} (x_{ij}^2)^{\delta_{ij}} M(\delta_{ij})$

- Belitsky, Hohenegger, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Zhiboedov, 2013 $\langle \Omega | O(x) T_{0\vec{n}_1}(y_1) T_{0\vec{n}_2}(y_2) O^{\dagger}(0) | \Omega \rangle_{\text{Euclidean}}$
 - Analytic continuation
 - $y_k^4 = -\epsilon_k + it_k$
 - $0 < \epsilon_0 < \cdots \epsilon_n$

Double discontinuity

$$\frac{d\delta_{ij}}{2\pi i} (x_{ij}^2)^{\delta_{ij}} M(\delta_{ij}) \qquad \text{dDisc}_{w=w_0} g(w) = g(w) - \frac{1}{2}g(w^{\circlearrowright}) - \frac{$$







Analytic calculability

C parameter

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma^{(3)}}{dC} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \int_{x_2^-(C)}^{x_2^+(C)} dx \quad \text{Elliptic integral at tree-level!} \\ \times \frac{6x \Big[C \Big(x^3 + (x-2)^2 \Big) - 6(1-x)(1+x^2) \Big]}{C (C+6)^2 (x-6/(C+6)) \sqrt{(6/(C+6)-x)(x_2^+-x)(x-x_2^-)}} \Big]$$

EEC

1. N=4 SYM

One-loop, Belitsky, Hohenegger, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Zhiboedov, 2013 Two-loop, Henn, Sokatchev, K. Yan, 2019

2. QCD

One-loop, Dixon, M.X. Luo, Shtabovenko, T.Z. Yang, HXZ, 2018

alpha

bet:
$$\left\{\zeta, 1-\zeta, \frac{1-\sqrt{\zeta}}{1+\sqrt{\zeta}}\right\} \qquad \zeta = \frac{1}{2}(1-\cos\theta)$$

|x|

Lightray OPE



Lightray OPE

 $\lim_{\vec{}} \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1)\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) =$ $\vec{n}_2 \rightarrow \vec{n}_1$

Hofman, Maldacena, 2008

Collinear limit of EEC















 $\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \sim \sum c_i \theta^{\tau_i - 4} \mathbb{O}_i(\vec{n}_2)$

Small angle expansion reduce to twist expansion of local operator









Polchinski: There is a lot of QCD data, can you see this (scaling behavior) there?

Maldacena: People do not do this. I haven't figured out why they don't. I think they just haven't thought about this. I was talking to people who did this calculation of two-point function at LEP, computing alpha_s and so on, and they focused mostly on the large angles. But they didn't study the small angles. And I asked him whether they had a good reason for not studying the small angles and they said well we didn't know the resummation formula, didn't study it.

KITP workshop, 2009

Seeing hadronization phase transition from EEC



A puzzle from different viewpoints

Coordinate space OPE



DGLAP spacelike kernel $P_S(z)$

$$\gamma_{S}(J) = \int_{0}^{1} dz \, z^{J-1} P_{S}(z)$$
$$\theta \gamma_{S}(J)$$





Konishi, Ukawa, Veneziano, 1979 Korchemsky, 2019 Dixon, Moult, HXZ, 2019

DGLAP timelike kernel $P_T(z)$

$$\gamma_T(J) = \int_0^1 dz \, z^{J-1} P_T(z)$$

 $\theta^{\gamma_T(J)}$



Resolution: generalized Gribov-Lipatov Reciprocity

$$\mu^2 \frac{d\Sigma(\zeta,\mu)}{d\mu^2} = \int_0^1 dy \, y^2 \Sigma(\zeta y^2,\mu) P_T(y,\mu)$$

$$\gamma_S(J) = \gamma$$

Analyticity in spin at work! $\gamma_S(J - \gamma_T(J)) = \gamma_T(J)$



Note: This relation also holds in QCD, at least to three loops H. Chen, T.Z. Yang, HXZ, Y.J. Zhu, 2020

EEC as a defect conformal field theory



Lightray operator as a local operator living on a fictitious 2D Eucildean defect CFT

Application of symmetry: conformal block expansion

Lightray OPE

 $\mathbb{O}_{\Delta,J}$

$$\langle \Omega | O(x) \mathcal{E}(n_1) \mathcal{E}(n_2) O^{\dagger} | \Omega \rangle = \sum_{\Delta} \mathcal{C}_{\delta,0}(z_1, z_2, \partial_{z_2}) \langle \Omega | O(x) \mathbb{O}_{\Delta,J}(z_2) O^{\dagger} | S$$

Eigenvector of Casimir operator
$$C_{\delta,0}(z_1, z_2, \partial_{z_2}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(p_{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^{\nu}} - p_{\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial p^{\mu}} \right) \left(p^{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\nu}} - p^{\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{\mu}} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Celestial} \\ \textbf{Block} \end{array} \quad f_{\Delta}^{\Delta_1,\Delta_2}(\zeta) = \zeta^{\frac{\Delta-\Delta_1-\Delta_2+1}{2}} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\Delta-1+\Delta_1-\Delta_2}{2},\frac{\Delta-1-\Delta_1+\Delta_2}{2},\Delta+1-\frac{d}{2},\zeta\right) \end{array}$$

Identical to conformal block for 2D CFT with co-dimension 1 boundary

Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, Zhiboedov, 2019





EEEC: Three-point energy correlator



K. Yan, X.Y. Zhang, 2203.04349; T.Z. Yang, X.Y. Zhang, 2208.01051

 x_1, x_2

Appearance of a A₃ cluster algebra

 $x_5 =$

$$g_{1} = \operatorname{Li}_{2}(-v_{2})$$

$$g_{2} = \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+w_{3}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) + 2\operatorname{Li}_{2}(-\frac{1}{2}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+w_{1}) - \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{1}) - 2\operatorname{Li}_{2}(-\frac{1}{2}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{1}) - 2\operatorname{Li}_{2}(-\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}\ln|z_{2}|^{2}\ln|z_{2}|^{2}\ln|z_{3}|^{2}$$

$$g_{3} = \operatorname{Li}_{2}(-z_{2}) - \operatorname{Li}_{2}(-\bar{z}_{2}) + \frac{1}{2}\ln|z_{2}|^{2}\ln|z_{3}|^{2} + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{1}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{1}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{1}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{1}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{1}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{2}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) - \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) - \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) - \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) - \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{w}_{3}) + \operatorname{Li}_{2}(1+\bar{$$

$$x_2, \, x_3 = rac{1+x_2}{x_1}, \, x_4 = rac{1+x_3}{x_2} = rac{1+x_1+x_2}{x_1x_2}, \ rac{1+x_4}{x_3} = rac{1+x_1}{x_2}, \, x_6 = rac{1+x_5}{x_4} = x_1, \, x_7 = rac{1+x_6}{x_5} = x_2, \, \ldots$$



 $_{3}|^{2}$

Boundary of EEEC



EEEC cubic

Triple collinear limit



The defect is boosted to a point at infinity on the celestial sphere

Boosted EEEC

 $\langle \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \mathcal{E}_3 \rangle_{\text{boost}} = \int dt \, e^{itP^+} \langle \Omega | \bar{\psi}((t^+, t^- = 0, 0)) \gamma^+ \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \mathcal{E}_3 U[(t^+, 0, 0), 0] \psi(0) | \Omega \rangle$





Explicit result in the triple collinear limit

H. Chen, M.X. Luo, Moult, T.Z. Yang, X.Y. Zhang, HXZ, 2019

$$G_{\mathcal{N}=4}(z) = \frac{1+u+v}{2uv}(1+\zeta_2) - \frac{1+v}{2uv}\log(u) - \frac{1+u}{2uv}\log(v) - (1+u+v)(\partial_u + \partial_v)\Phi(z) + \frac{(1+u^2+v^2)}{2uv}\Phi(z) + \frac{(z-\bar{z})^2(u+v+u^2+v^2+u^2v+uv^2)}{4u^2v^2}\Phi(z) + \frac{(u-1)(u+1)}{2uv^2}D_2^+(z) + \frac{(v-1)(v+1)}{2u^2v}D_2^+(1-z) + \frac{(u-v)(u+v)}{2uv}D_2^+\left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right), \quad (2.12)$$



$$(ar{z})+rac{1}{2}\left(\log(1-z)-\log(1-ar{z})
ight)\log(zar{z})
ight)$$

$$(z^{2}) + \frac{1}{2}\log(|1-z|^{2})\log(|z|^{2})$$



Where is the cos comes from?



Squeeze



$$\begin{aligned} \text{limit in QCD} \quad & \frac{d^3 \Sigma_i}{d\theta_L^2 d\theta_S^2 d\phi} \simeq \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{\mathrm{Sq}_i^{(0)}(\phi)}{\theta_L^2 \theta_S^2} + \cdots \\ \mathrm{Sq}_q^{(0)}(\phi) &= C_F n_f T_F \left(\frac{39 - 20 \cos(2\phi)}{225}\right) + C_F C_A \left(\frac{273 + 10 \cos(2\phi)}{225}\right) + C_F^2 \frac{16}{5} \\ \mathrm{Sq}_g^{(0)}(\phi) &= C_A n_f T_F \left(\frac{126 - 20 \cos(2\phi)}{225}\right) + C_A^2 \left(\frac{882 + 10 \cos(2\phi)}{225}\right) + C_F n_f T_F \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

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Intriguing $cos(2\phi)$ modulation

Particle interpretation: spin double slit experiment





Helicity flip interference

Interpretation from operator transverse spin

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \ \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \sim \sum_i c_i \ \theta^{\tau_i - 4} \mathbb{O}_i(\vec{n}_2)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_q^{[J]} = \frac{1}{2^J} \bar{\psi} \gamma^+ (iD^+)^{J-1} \psi$$

$$\mathcal{O}_g^{[J]} = -\frac{1}{2^J} F_a^{\mu+} (iD^+)^{J-2} F_a^{\mu+}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{g}}^{[J]} = -\frac{1}{2^{J}} F_{a}^{\mu+} (iD^{+})^{J-2} F_{a}^{\nu+} \epsilon_{\lambda,\mu} \epsilon_{\lambda,\nu}$$
 helicity ±

 $\frac{d}{d\ln\mu^2}\vec{\mathcal{O}}^{[J]} = -\widehat{\gamma}(J)\cdot\vec{\mathcal{O}}^{[J]}$





 $\delta = \Delta - 1$

$$\widehat{\gamma}(J) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{qq}(J) \\ \gamma_{gq}(J) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\frac{2n_f \gamma_{qg}(J)}{\gamma_{gg}(J)}$ 0

 $\gamma_{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}}(J)\mathbf{1}/$



In principle observable at the LHC!





H. Chen, Moult, HXZ, 2020 H. Chen, Moult, Thaler, HXZ, 2022

Conformal block expansion for boosted EEEC



 $\langle \Omega | \bar{\psi}((t^+, t^- = 0, 0)) \gamma^+ \mathcal{E}_1 \mathcal{E}_2 \mathcal{E}_3 U[(t^+, 0, 0), 0] \psi(0) | \Omega \rangle$ $= \sum \langle \Omega | \bar{\psi} \gamma^{+} \mathbb{O}_{\Delta,J} \mathcal{E}_{3} \psi(0) | \Omega \rangle$ $c_{\delta,j}G_{\delta,j}$

 $\int dt \, e^{itP^+} \bar{\psi}((t^+, t^- = 0, 0)) U[(t^+, 0, 0), 0] \psi(0)$

$$\mathcal{C}_2 = -2u^2(u-v-1)\partial_u^2 - 4uv(u)$$

$$G_{\delta,j}(u,v) \equiv G_{\delta,j}(z,\bar{z}) = \frac{1}{1+\delta_{j,0}} \Big(k_{\frac{\delta-j}{2}}(z)k_{\frac{\delta+j}{2}}(\bar{z}) + k_{\frac{\delta+j}{2}}(z)k_{\frac{\delta-j}{2}}(\bar{z}) \Big)$$
2D conformal block
$$k_h(x) \equiv x^h \ _2F_1 \ (h+a,h+b,x)$$
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Euclidean 2

H. Chen, Moult, Sandor, HXZ, 2022 Chang, Simmons-Duffin, 2022

 $(-v+1)\partial_u\partial_v - 2v(u(1+v) - (1-v)^2)\partial_v^2$





Explicit example of conformal block expansion



$$g_q(z) = C_F n$$





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Analyticity of transverse spin



$$\begin{split} \bar{z}) \supset \left(\frac{11939}{1200} - \pi^2\right) g_{6,0}(z,\bar{z}) + \left(\frac{2953}{100} - 3\pi^2\right) g_{7,1}(z,\bar{z}) \\ &+ \left(\frac{233603}{4200} - \frac{79}{14}\pi^2\right) g_{8,2}(z,\bar{z}) + \left(\frac{662863}{8400} - 8\pi^2\right) g_{9,3}(z,\bar{z}) \\ &+ \left(\frac{9863251}{110880} - \frac{595}{66}\pi^2\right) g_{10,4}(z,\bar{z}) + \left(\frac{99805933}{1201200} - \frac{1204}{143}\pi^2\right) g_{11,5}(z,\bar{z}) \\ &+ \cdots \end{split}$$

See also CFT with Wilson line defect Barret, Liendo, Plefka, 2020





Scattering Amplitudes Form factor



lightray operator



Intrinsically IR finite Admit OPE Manifest analyticity in spin Directly measurable!

Summary

Correlation Functions

Correlation function of



- ON-SHELL BAD OFF GOOD
- Why String Field Theory is ٥r Needed to Determine the Effects of D-instantons



Backup slides

Lorentzian Inversion Formula [Caron-Huot, 2017]

Extracting block coefficients from double discontinuity of CFT 4-point correlator



Discontinuity

Conformal block expansion $g(z,ar{z}) = \sum c_{\delta,j} g_{\delta,j}(z,ar{z})$

tzian inversion
$$c(\delta, j) = c^t(\delta, j) + (-1)^j c^u(\delta, j)$$

$$=\frac{\kappa_{\delta+j}}{4}\int_0^1 dz d\bar{z}\mu(z,\bar{z})g_{j+d-1,\delta+1-d}(z,\bar{z})\mathrm{dDisc}\left[g(z,\bar{z})\right]$$