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Endpoint Factorization for Inclusive Semileptonic Top Quark Decays in Off-Shell Boosted Top Quark Production

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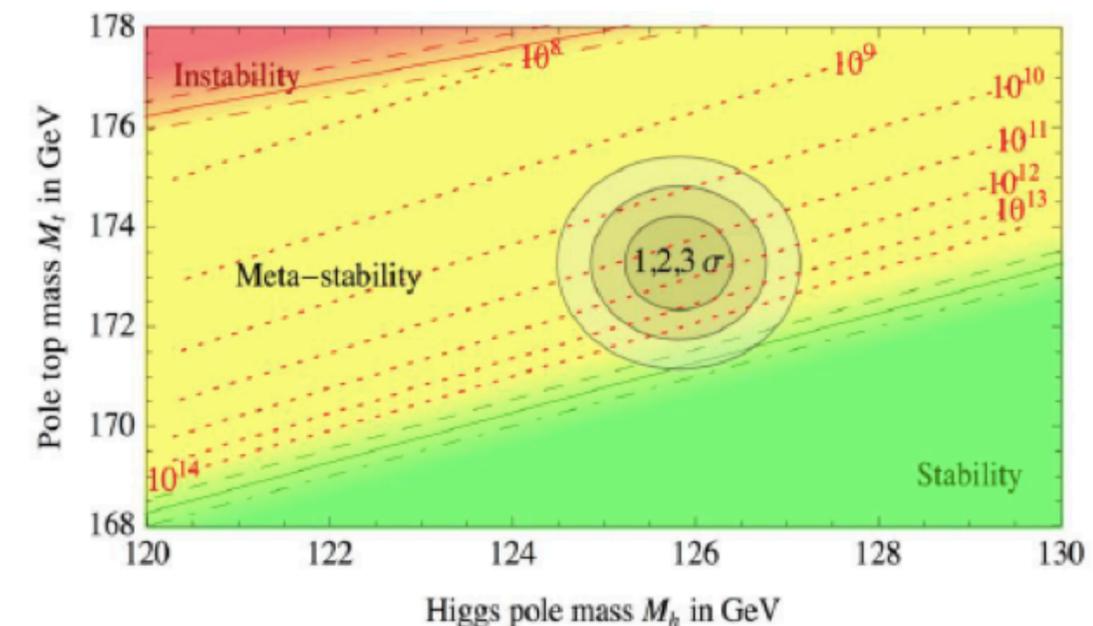
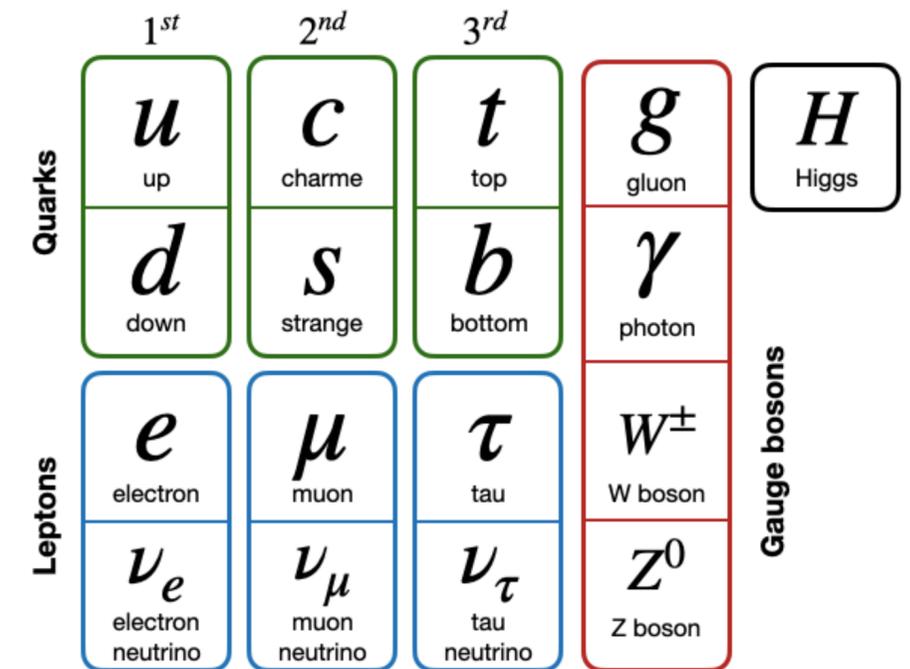
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Motivation — Top Quark Physics

- The **top quark** is the heaviest known elementary particle.
- Due to its large mass the top quark plays a key role in consistency checks of the Standard Model and new-physics searches.
- Most precise mass determinations come from “**direct mass measurements**”.
 - Kinematic reconstruction of the top quark decay products.
 - Theoretical computations used for the mass measurements rely on **multipurpose Monte Carlo event generators (MMCs)**.
- Relation between MC top mass parameter m^{MC} and field theoretic mass definitions unresolved → “**top mass interpretation problem**”.
 - First principle study initiated in [Hoang, Plätzer, Samitz JHEP 10 (2018 200)]
- To resolve this issue, significant theoretical progress is required. (improved precision of MC parton showers, **QCD factorization approaches** for boosted top quarks, ...)



[Degrassi et. al JHEP 1208 (2012) 098]

Motivation — Top Quark Physics

- Studies of top quark production and its decay commonly based on two approaches:

- **Narrow-width (NW) limit:**

- Top quark treated as on-shell particle.
- Factorization of top production and decay dynamics.

- **Off-shell fixed-order computation:**

- Accounts for non-resonant, non-factorizable and finite lifetime effects.
- Start-of-the-art: fixed-order NLO QCD.

- **New approach:** Combine properties of NW limit and off-shell computations.

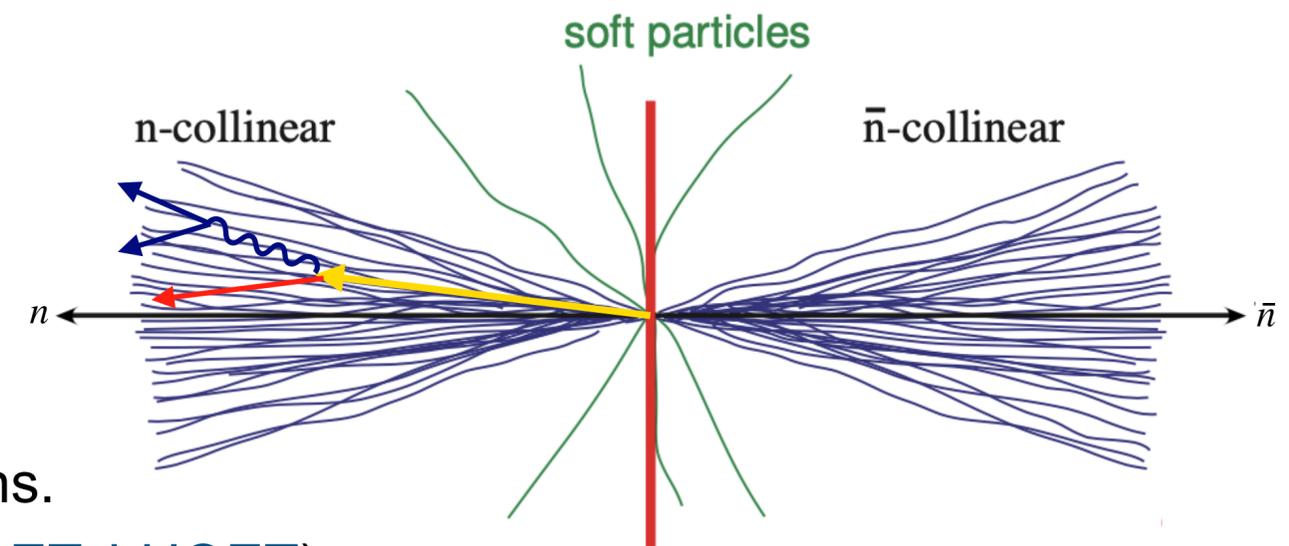
- **QCD factorization theorem** for off-shell boosted top quarks (→ **SCET, bHQET**)

- Merge factorization approaches for boosted top production and semileptonic B decays.

- Top quark state **based on a measurement** (and not on the concept of a “top particle”).

- Incorporate resummed QCD corrections for differential top decay observables.

- **Aim:** Analytic control of top mass dependent decay observables.



Outline

- Effective field theories:
 - Heavy Quark Effective Theory (HQET)
 - Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)
- Semileptonic \bar{B} meson decays
- Boosted top pair production in e^+e^- collisions
- SCET electroweak + QCD top quark jet function
- Endpoint factorization theorem for inclusive semileptonic top quark decays
- Summary & Outlook

Effective Field Theories

Basic problem: Predictions of QFTs in high-energy physics inevitably involve multiple length scales.

- **EFTs** provide a general theoretical framework to deal with these **multi-scale problems**.

- Reduction of multi-scale problems to a combination of simpler single-scale problems.
- Basic principles of EFTs used in a wide range of areas in high-energy physics.

- Crucial ingredients for the construction of EFTs:

- Identification of the relevant degrees of freedom.
- Identification of the symmetries that constrain the interactions.
- Identification of an appropriate expansion parameter. \longrightarrow **Power counting**

- Power counting: Consider e.g. the hierarchy of scales $m_Q \ll \Lambda$

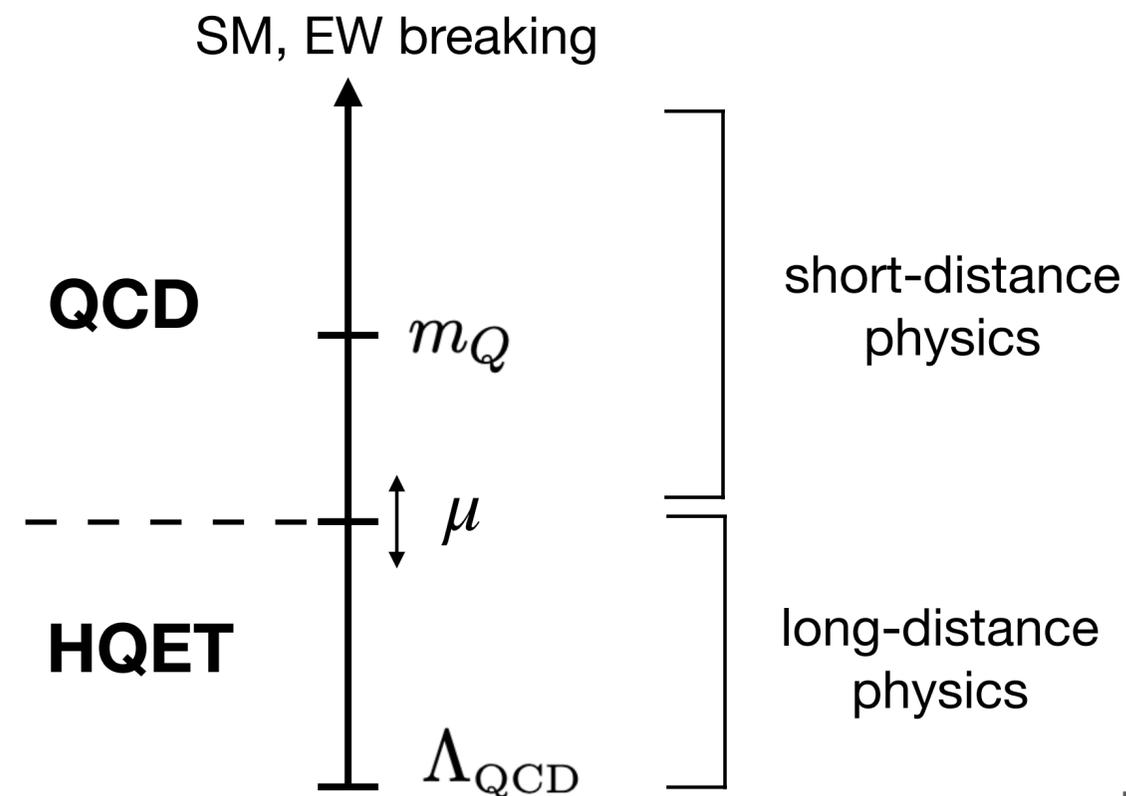
\longrightarrow expansion parameter $\lambda = \frac{m_Q}{\Lambda} \ll 1$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \sum_n \mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{(n)}$$

Heavy Quark Effective Theory

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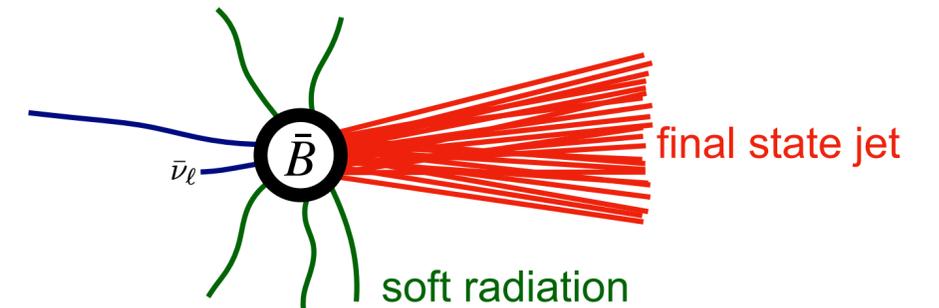
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- **Heavy Quark Effective Theory:** Describes the dynamics of hadrons with one heavy quark with mass m_Q .
 - Separation of perturbative and non-pert. QCD effects due to scale hierarchy $m_Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$.
 - Heavy quark symmetry



[Neubert, *Subnucl. Ser.* 34 (1997) 98-165]

Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)

- **SCET:** Used to describe energetic QCD processes where the final state particles have large energies compared to their invariant mass.
 - ▶ B meson decays to light particles in kinematic endpoint regions, e.g. $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u l \bar{\nu}$. ($m_X \ll E_X \sim \frac{m_B}{2}$)
 - ▶ Jet production in pp collisions and e^+e^- collisions. ($m_J \ll E_J$)
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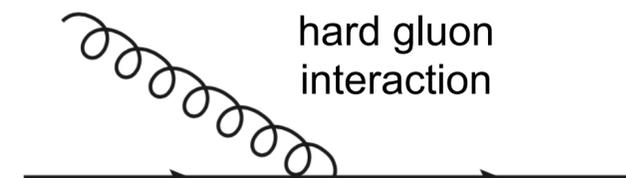
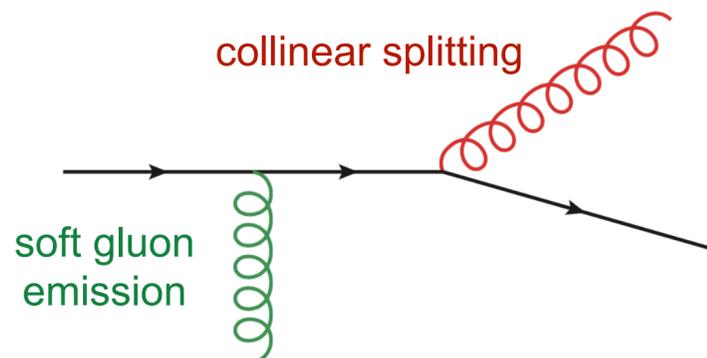


- Momentum modes:

collinear dofs :	$p_n \sim Q(\lambda^2, 1, \lambda)$
	$p_{\bar{n}} \sim Q(1, \lambda^2, \lambda)$
soft dofs :	$p_s \sim Q(\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)$
hard dofs :	$p_h \sim Q(1, 1, 1)$

$$p^\mu = \underbrace{n \cdot p}_{p^+} \frac{\bar{n}^\mu}{2} + \underbrace{\bar{n} \cdot p}_{p^-} \frac{n^\mu}{2} + p_\perp^\mu \equiv (p^+, p^-, p_\perp)$$

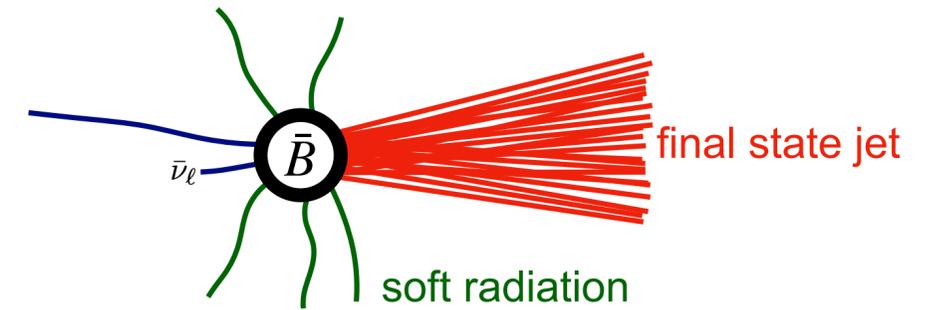
$$p^2 = p^+ p^- + p_\perp^2$$



- Not described by SCET. \longrightarrow Hard modes integrated out.

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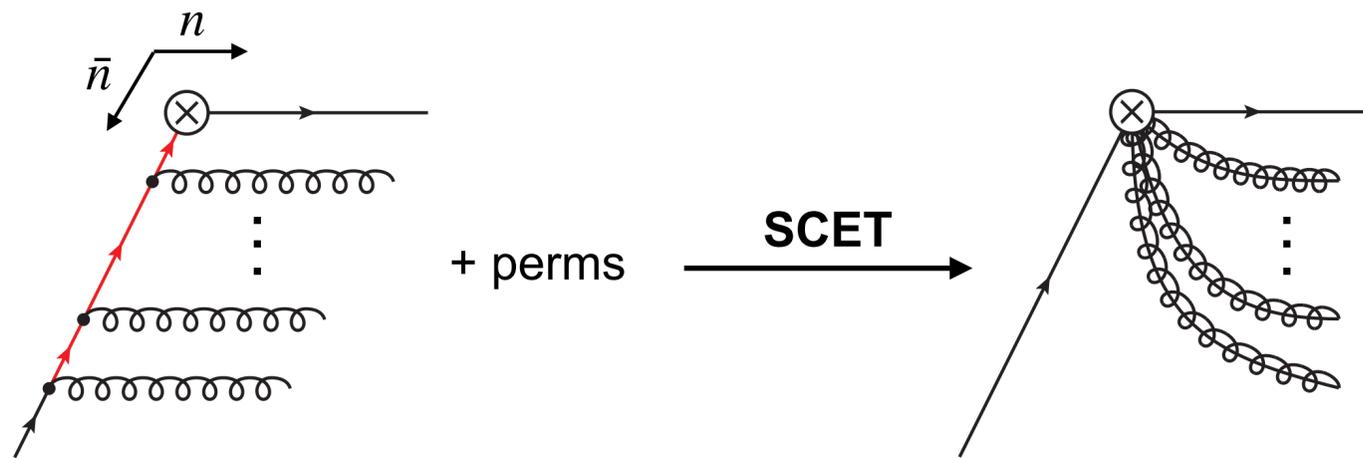


- Leading order collinear quark Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_n = \bar{\xi}_n \left[i \bar{n} \cdot D_s + g_n \cdot A_n + g_n \cdot A_s + i \not{D}_n^\perp W_n^\dagger \frac{1}{\bar{n} \cdot \mathcal{P}} W_n i \not{D}_n^\perp \right] \frac{\not{\bar{n}}}{2} \xi_n$$

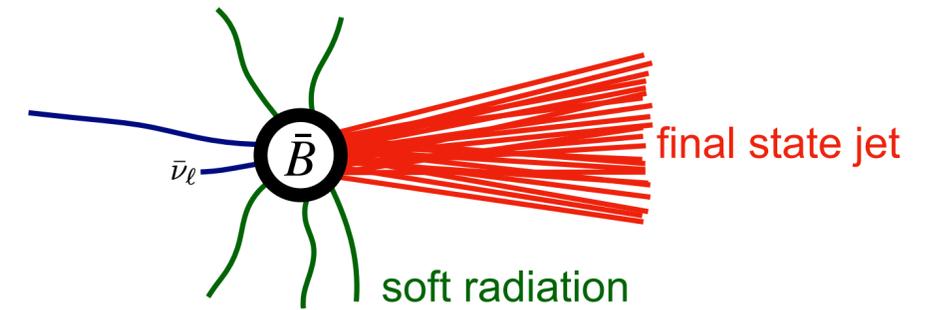
collinear Wilson line

$$W_n(x) = P \exp \left(-ig_s \int_{-\infty}^0 ds \bar{n} \cdot A_n(s\bar{n} + x) \right)$$



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collinear-soft coupling $iD_s^\mu = i\partial^\mu + gA_s^\mu$

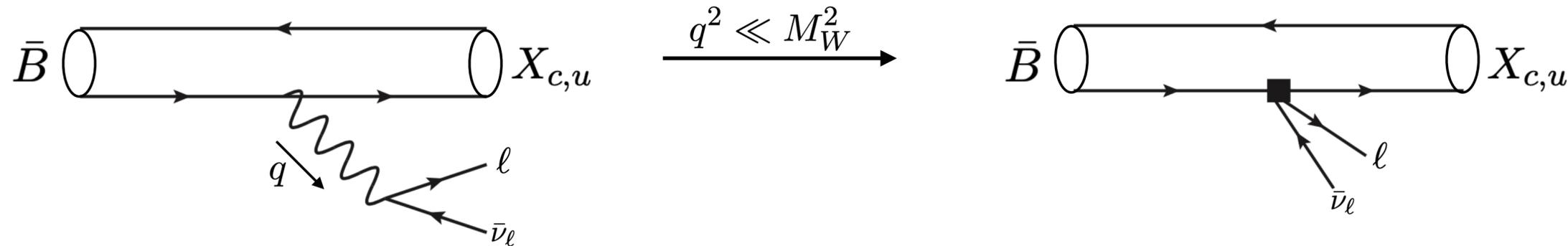
$$\xi_n \rightarrow Y_n \xi_n, \quad W_n \rightarrow Y_n W_n Y_n^\dagger$$

$$Y_n(x) = \bar{\text{P}} \exp \left(-ig_s \int_0^\infty ds n \cdot A_s(ns + x) \right) \longleftarrow \text{soft Wilson line}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_n = \bar{\xi}_n i n \cdot \partial_s \frac{\not{n}}{2} \xi_n + \dots$$

Recap: Semileptonic B decays

- Inclusive semileptonic decays $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ and $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$ allow extraction of $|V_{cb}|$ and $|V_{ub}|$ from measurements of the decay spectra.



$$\frac{d^3\Gamma}{dE_\ell dq^2 dh^2} \sim G_F^2 L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2m_B} \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \left[\langle \bar{B} | i \int d^4x e^{-iq \cdot x} T \{ J^{\dagger\mu}(0) J^\nu(x) \} | \bar{B} \rangle \right], \quad J^\nu = (\bar{c} \gamma^\nu P_L b)$$

- $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_c \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$: $W^{\mu\nu}$ can be studied by using a **local OPE** within HQET.
 - Non-pert. physics encoded in matrix elements of local operators.
- $\bar{B} \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell$: Cuts on E_ℓ or h^2 needed to eliminate $b \rightarrow c$ background events.
 - Restriction to phase space region of energetic jets with small invariant mass \longrightarrow **SCET**
 - OPE not applicable in this region \longrightarrow need to rely on **factorization tools**.

Factorization for Semi-leptonic B decays

- Factorized form of differential decay rate in the endpoint region:

$$\frac{d^3\Gamma}{dE_\ell dq^2 dh^2} \sim \Gamma_0 H(E_\ell, \mu) \int dk^+ J(k^+, \mu) S_{\text{shape}}(m_B - m_b - k^+, \mu)$$

Neubert '94
Korchinsky, Sterman '94
Bauer, Pirjol, Stewart '02

hard function

$$H \sim C^2$$

- perturbative
- $\mu_H \sim m_b$

soft function

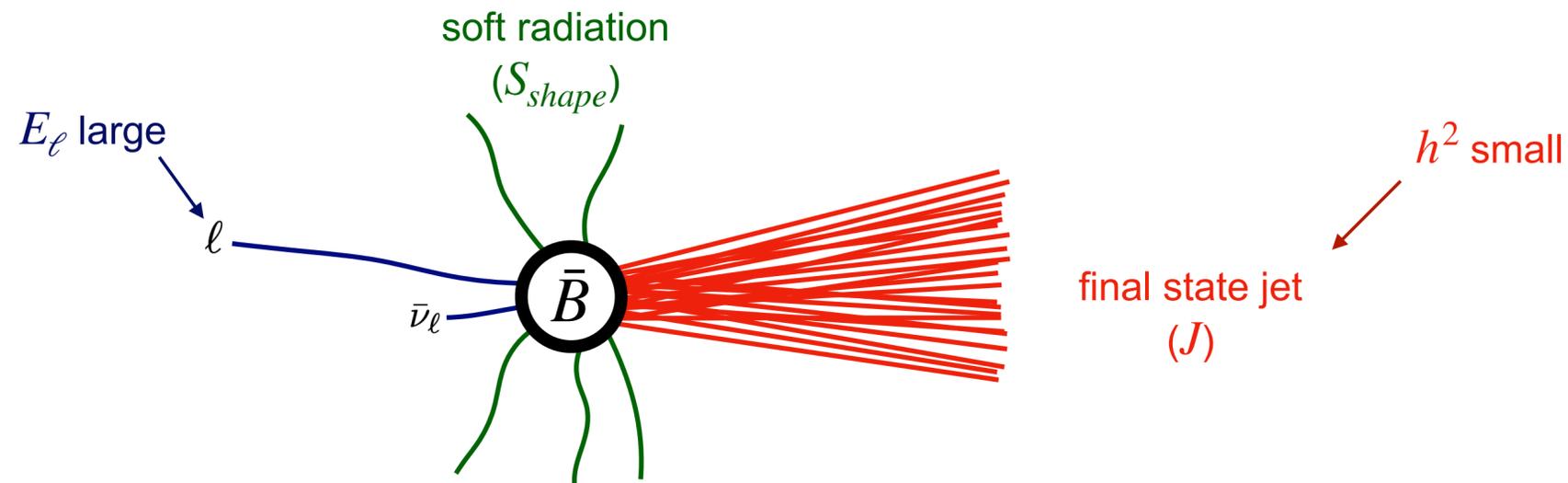
$$S_{\text{shape}}(k^+) = \langle \bar{B} | \bar{h}_v Y_n \delta(k^+ - i n \cdot \partial) Y_n^\dagger h_v | \bar{B} \rangle$$

- non-perturbative
- $\mu_S \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

jet function

$$J(k) \sim \text{Im} \left[\int d^4x e^{ik \cdot x} \langle 0 | T[\bar{\xi}_n W_n(0) \not{n} W_n^\dagger \xi_n(x)] | 0 \rangle \right]$$

- perturbative
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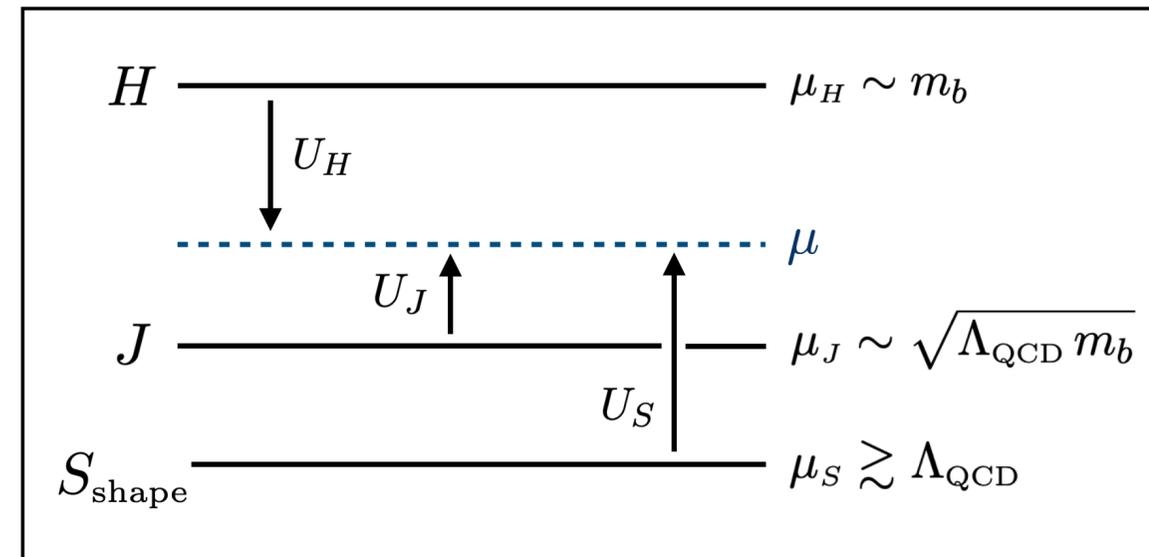
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hard function: $\mu_H \sim m_b$
jet function: $\mu_J \sim \sqrt{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} m_b}$
soft function: $\mu_S \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

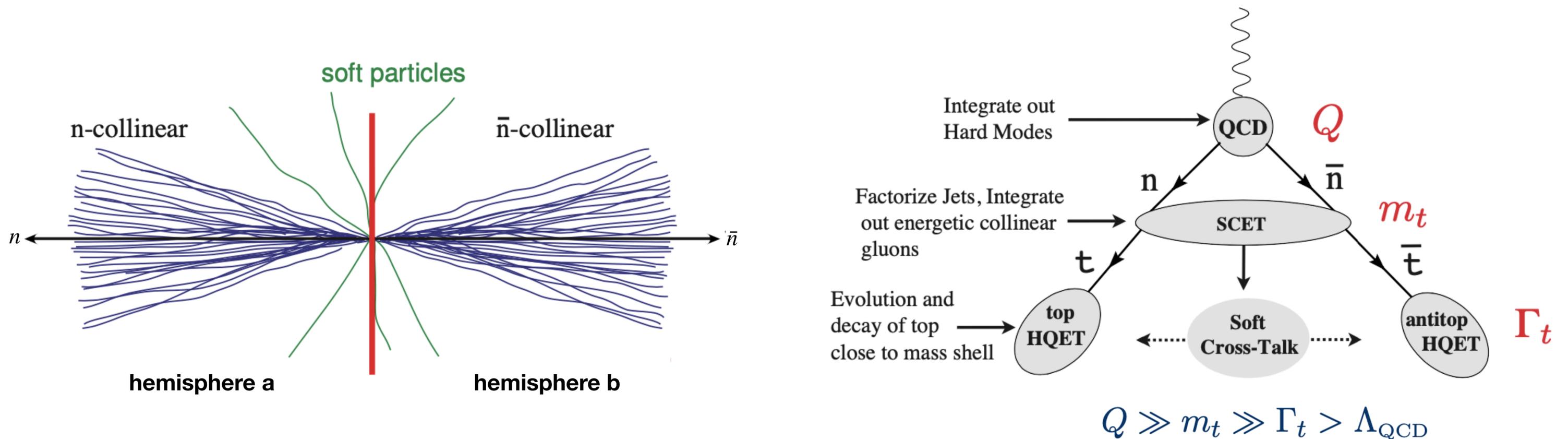


- Each sector depends only on a single physical scale \longrightarrow Large logarithms can be avoided.
- RGEs can be used to evolve the distinct sectors to a common scale.

Recap: Boosted top pair production in e^+e^- collisions

- Factorization approach for inclusive boosted top hemisphere jet production in $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ at c.m. energies $Q \gg m_t$.
 - Dijet region for factorization characterized by $s_{a,b} = M_{a,b}^2 - m_t^2 \ll m_t^2$.
 - Top state defined by measurements of $M_{a,b}$.

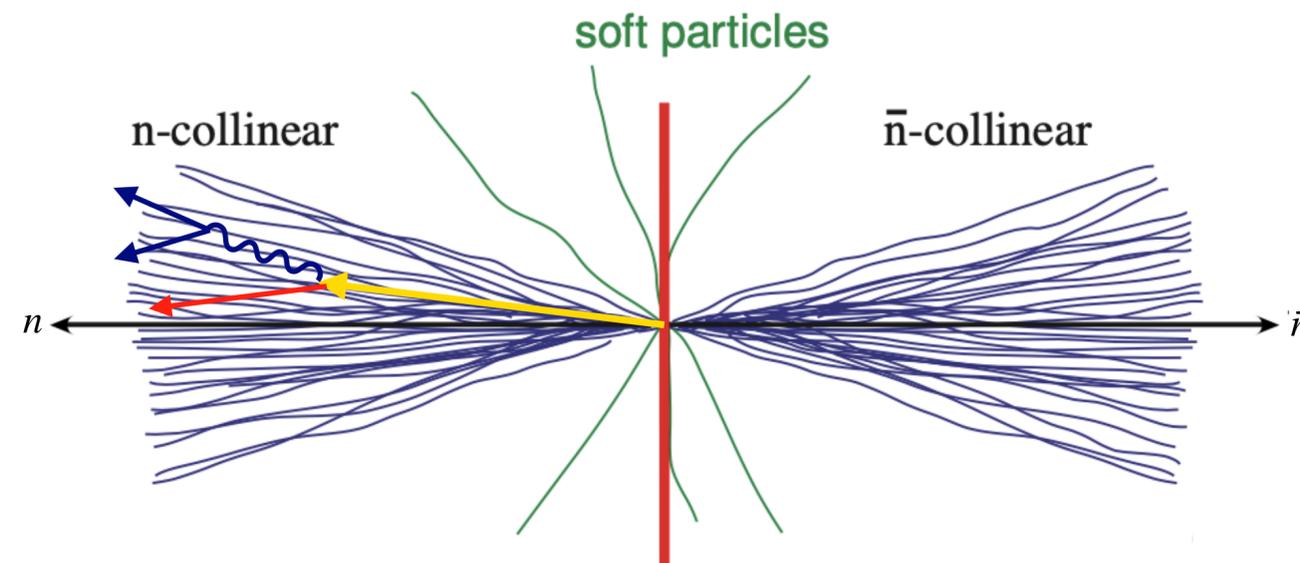
$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dM_a^2 dM_b^2} \sim \sigma_0 H_Q(Q, \mu) \int dl dl' J_t(s_a - Ql, \mu) J_{\bar{t}}(s_b - Ql', \mu) S(l, l', \mu)$$



[Fleming, Hoang, Mantry, Stewart: Phys.Rev.D77:074010 (2008)]

Boosted top pair production in e^+e^- collisions

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- Combination of factorization approaches for top quark production in e^+e^- collision with factorization methods known from heavy quark decays.
 - Combine hemisphere mass measurements with measurements of top decay sensitive observables.
 - Treatment of finite lifetime effects and of the dynamics of the top quark decay products.
 - Study of effects at kinematic endpoint regions.
- **Important application:** Gauge invariant off-shell top quark decay.

Differential top jet function

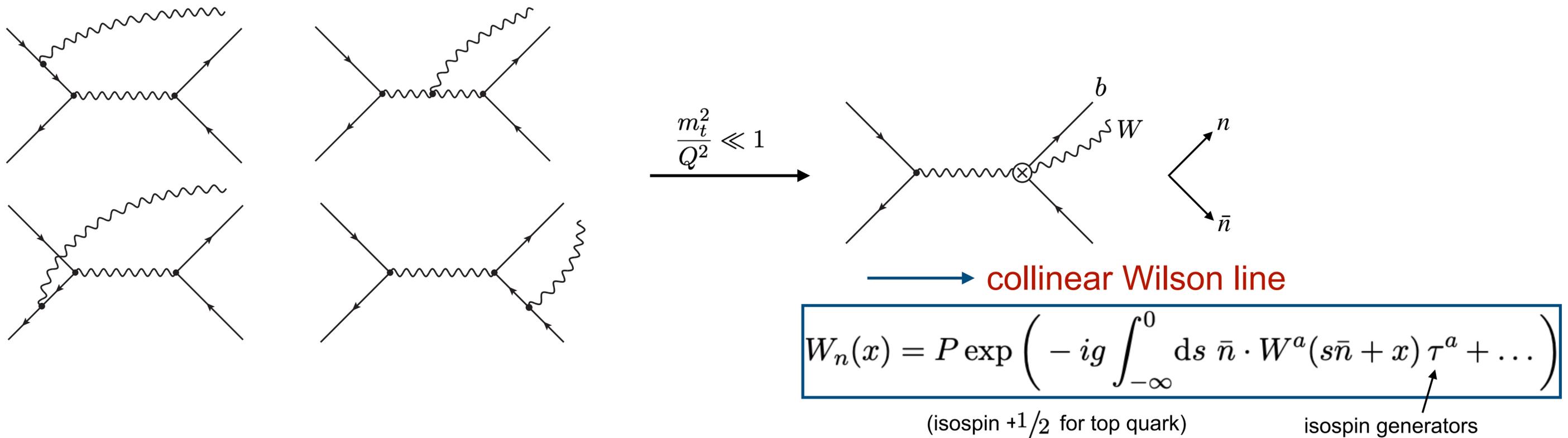
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contains phase space integration over final state particles

chiral jet field $\chi_n^{L/R} = W_n^\dagger P_{L/R} \xi_n$

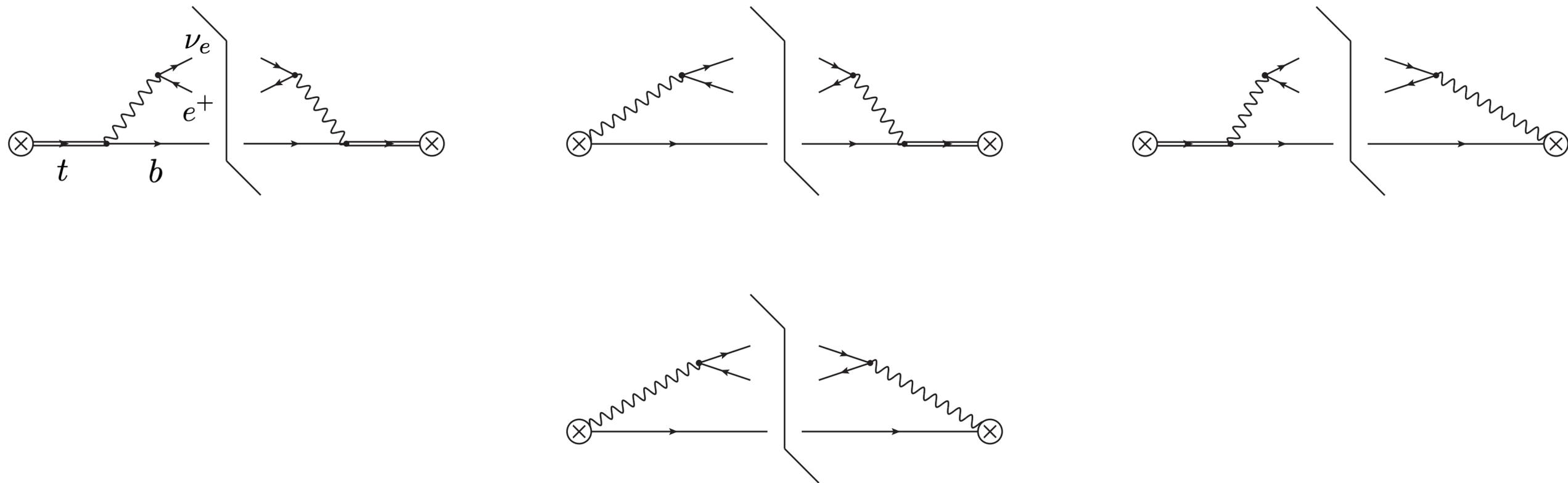
- Underlying aspect of the collinear sector:



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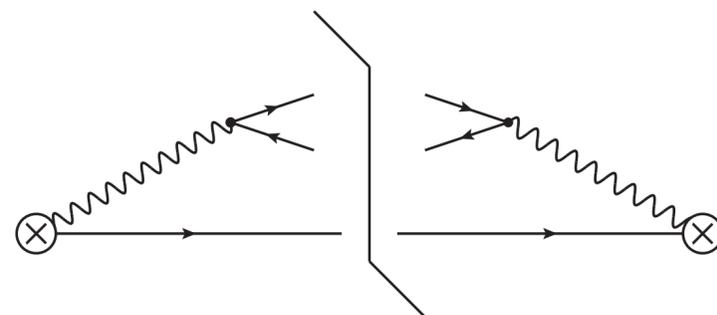
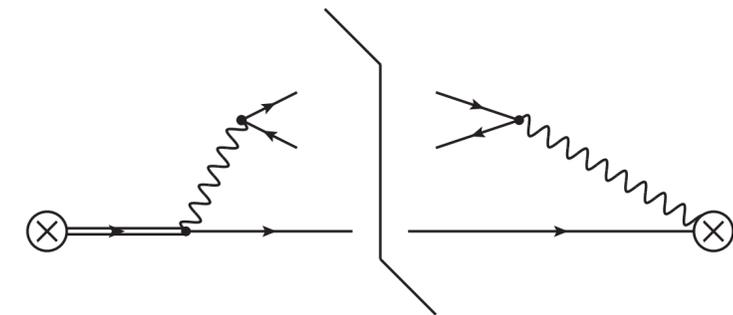
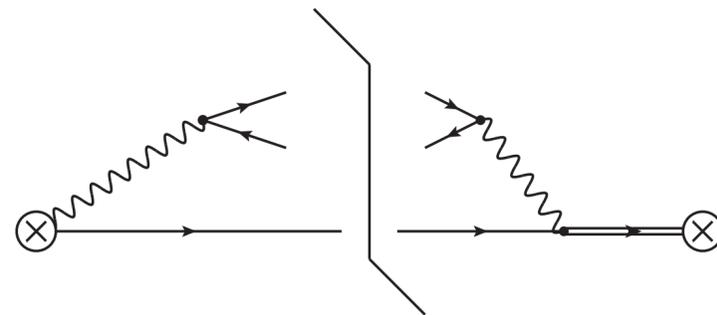
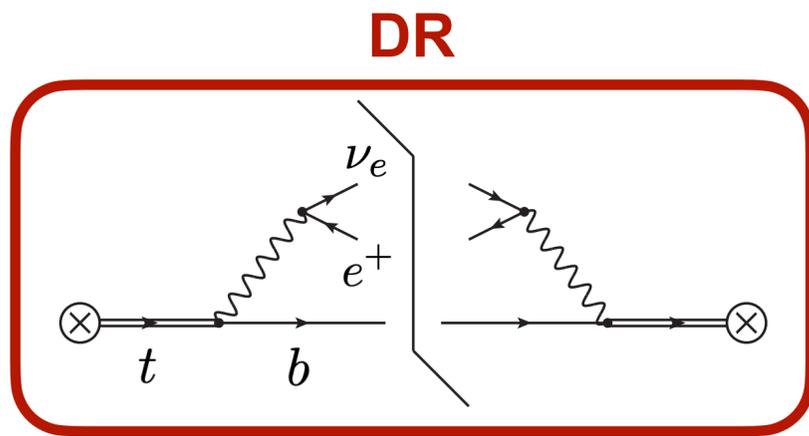
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Relevant for bHQET jet function

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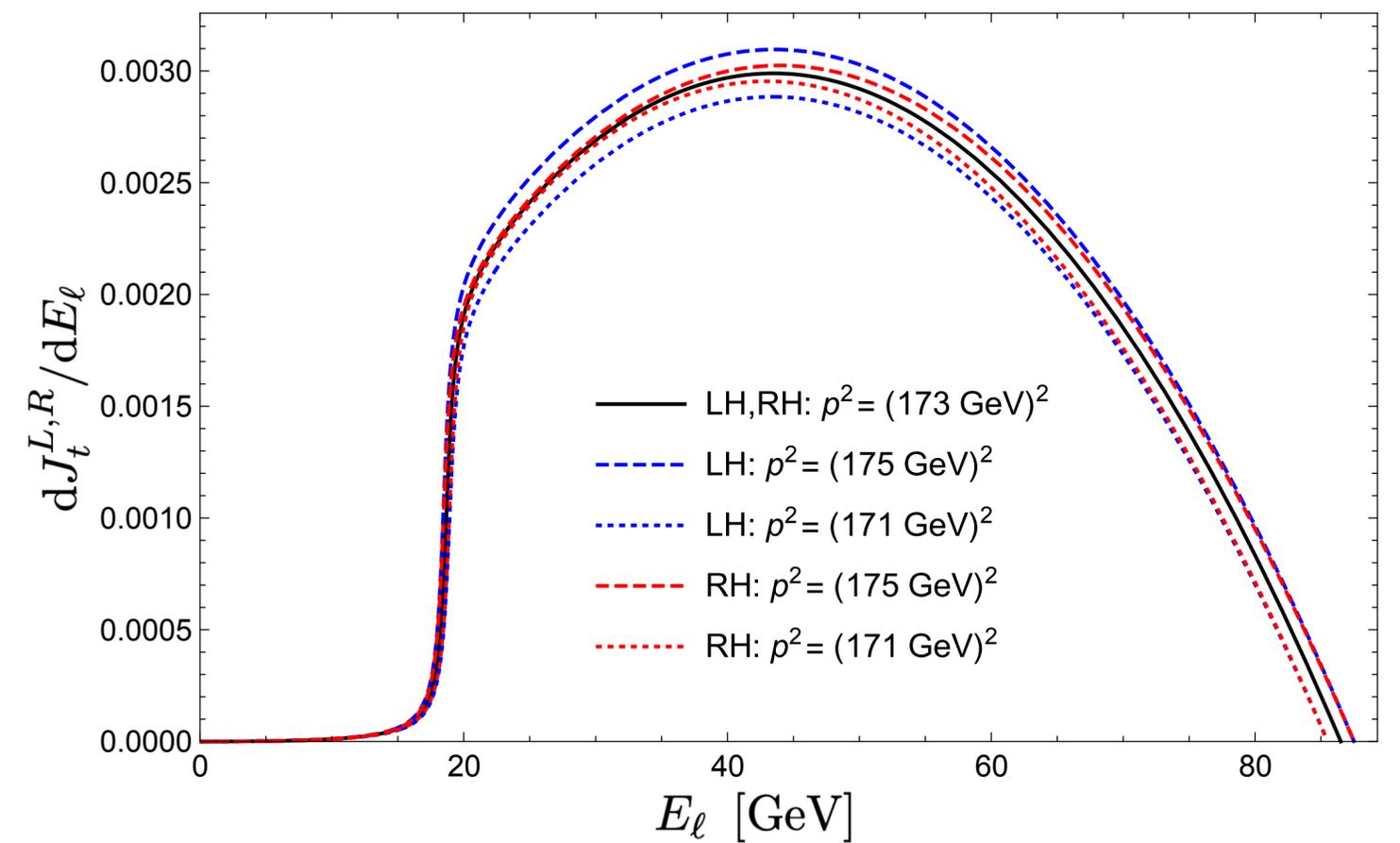
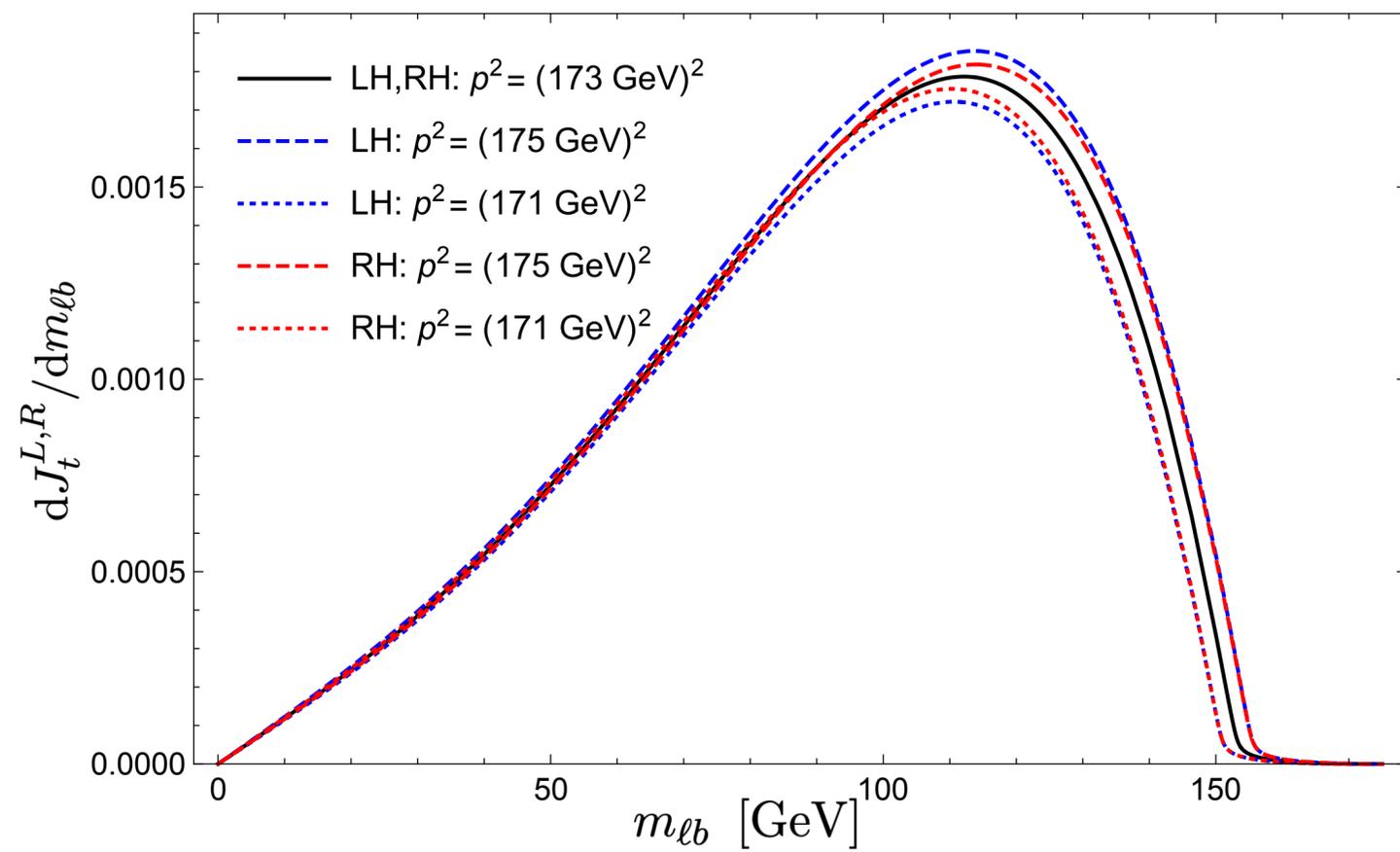
- **Result:** (valid for **boosted** top quarks)

- Universal, process independent and **gauge invariant jet function**.
- Generalization of the concept of an on-shell top including off-shell effects.
- Accounts for spin correlations.
- Possible application: Top spin measurements for off-shell top decays.
- Excellent approximation for off-shell top production.

Differential top jet function

- $m_{\ell b}$ and E_ℓ distribution for differential top jet function including all tree level contributions:

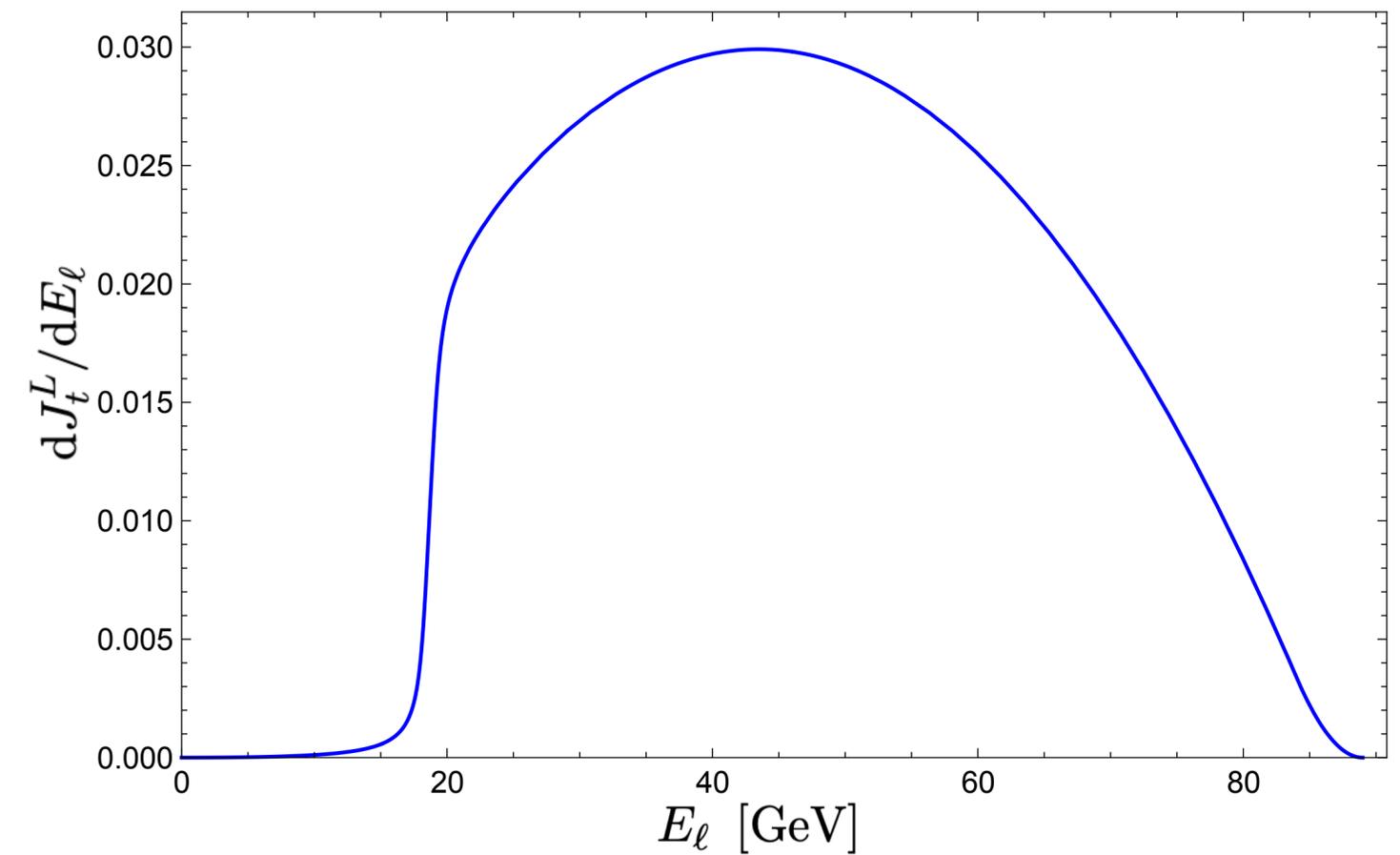
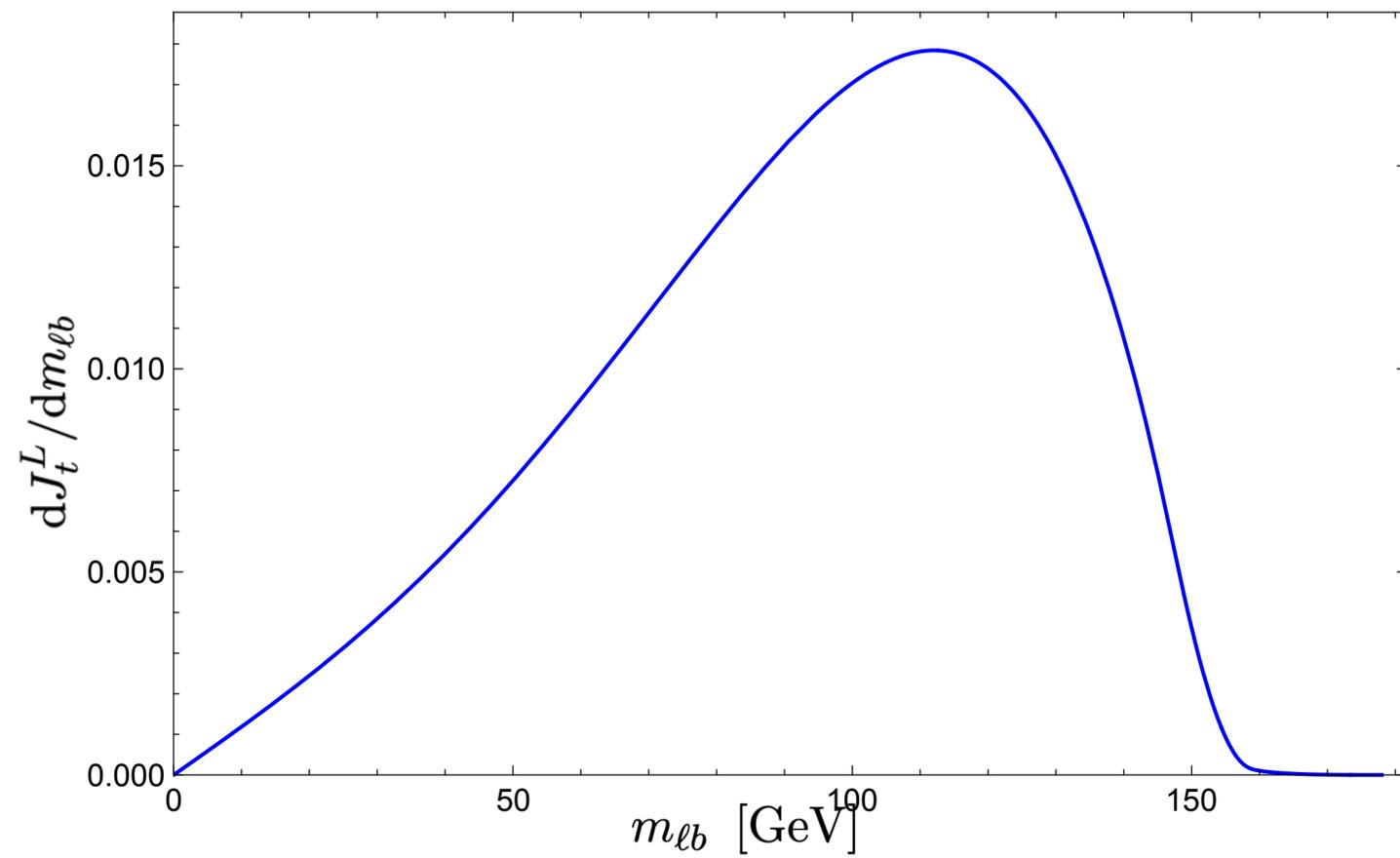
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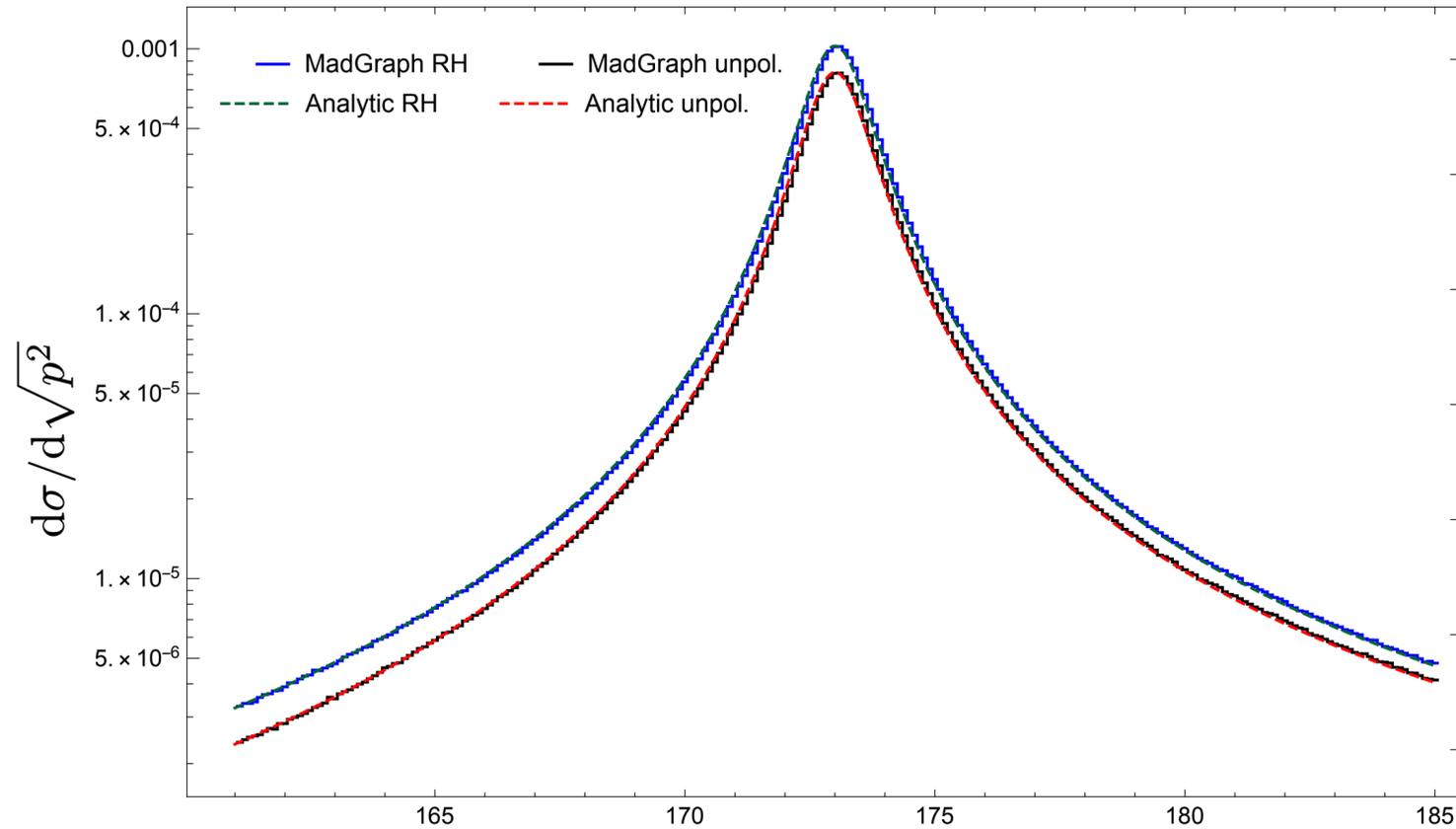


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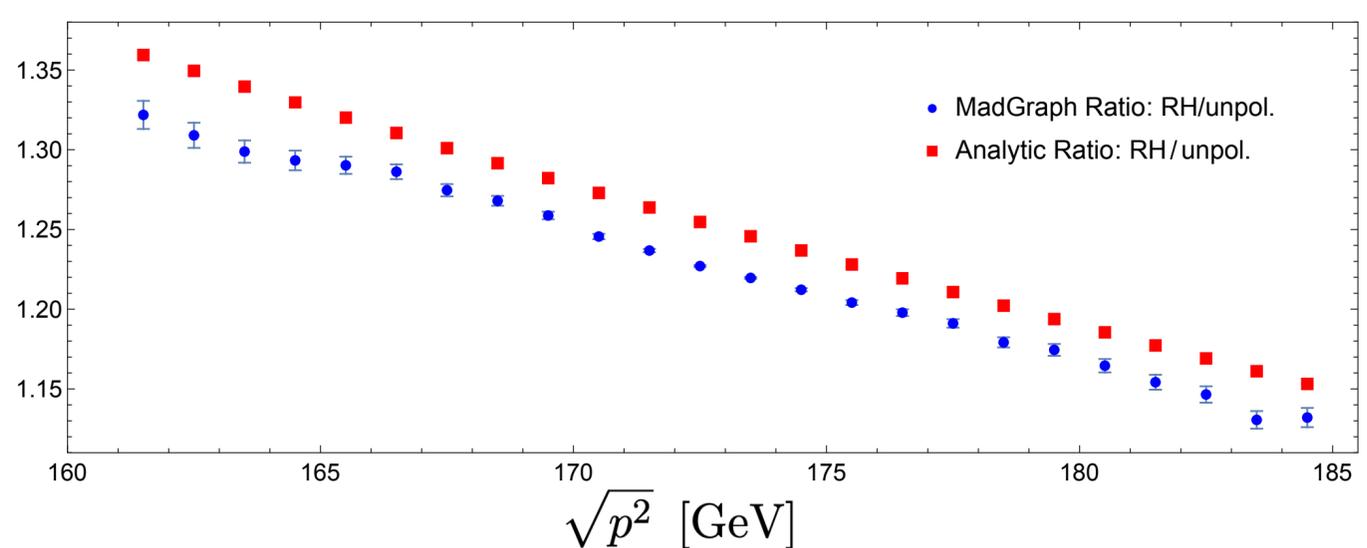
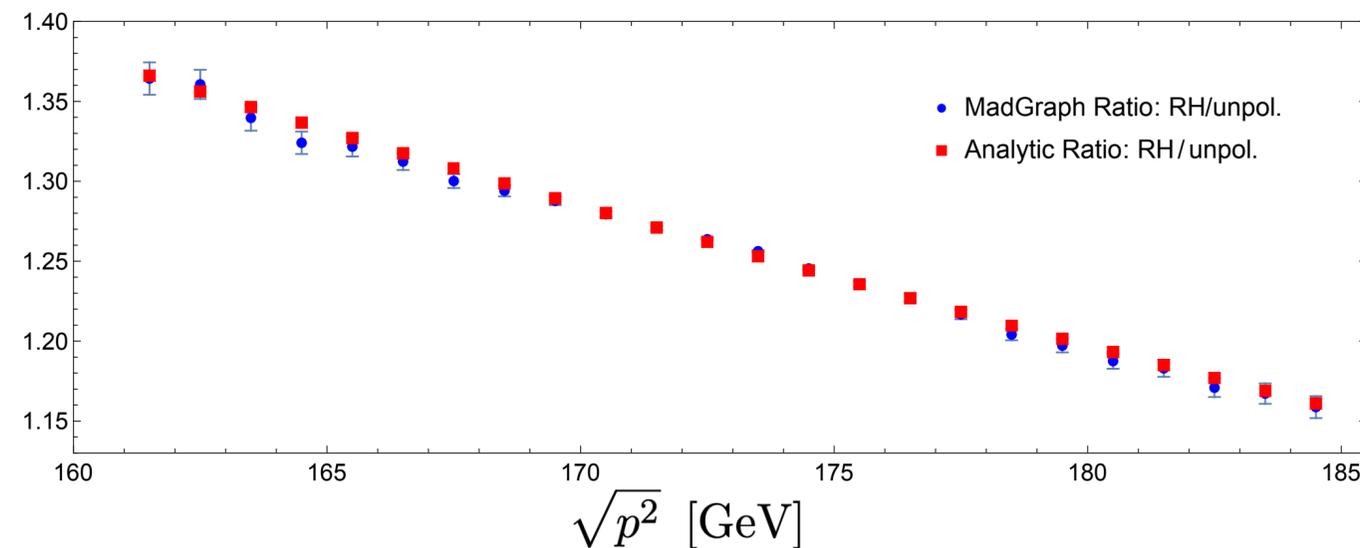
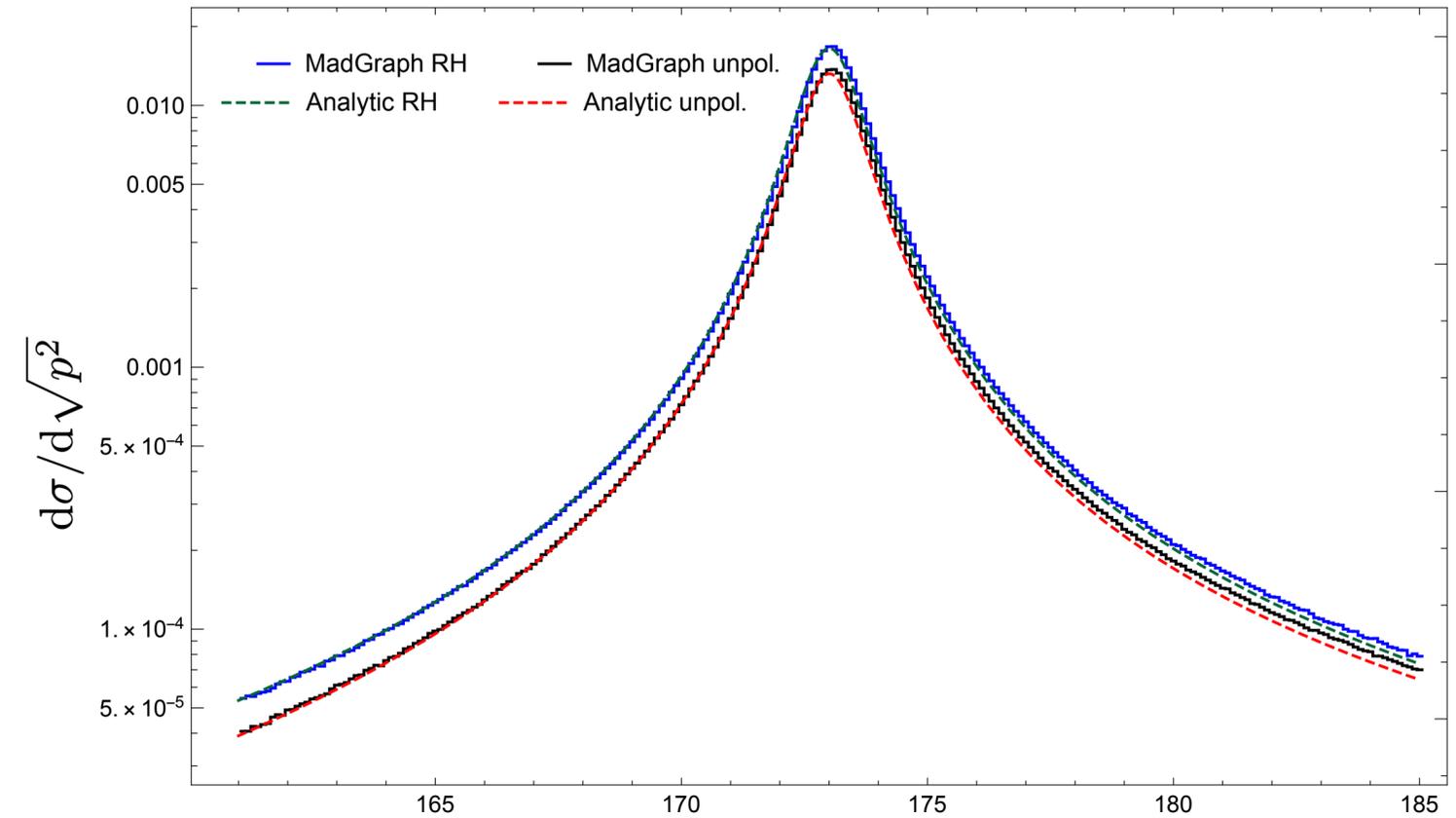
[A. H. Hoang, S. Plätzer, CR, I. Ruffa, work in progress]

- Comparison with **MadGraph** prediction for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{t} b W^+$ at tree level:

$Q = 3 \text{ TeV}$



$Q = 700 \text{ GeV}$



Factorization of top quark jet function

- We want to study QCD corrections in the endpoint region.

$$J_t^{\text{SCET}} = H_m J_t^{\text{bHQET}} \quad \frac{d^3\sigma}{dM_a^2 dM_b^2 dE_\ell} \sim \sigma_0 H_Q H_m \left[J_t^{\text{bHQET}}(E_\ell) \otimes J_{\bar{t}}^{\text{bHQET}} \otimes S \right]$$

(SCET \longrightarrow bHQET)

$$J_t^{\text{bHQET}} \sim H [J_b \otimes S_{\text{ucs}}]$$

- Starting point: *bHQET top jet function* ($\hat{s} \equiv (p^2 - m^2)/m = 2v \cdot k$)

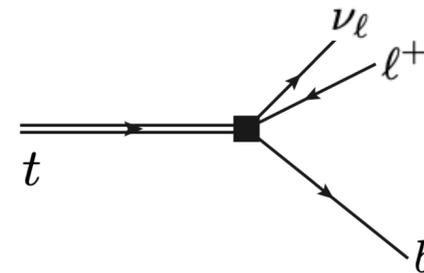
$$J_t^{\text{bHQET}}(\hat{s}) \propto \sum_X (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(4)}(mv + k - P_X) \text{Tr} \left[\langle 0 | \bar{T} \frac{\not{n}}{4} [W_n^\dagger h_v](0) | X \rangle \langle X | T [\bar{h}_v W_n](0) | 0 \rangle \right]$$

contains phase space integration over final state particles

heavy top quark field

- Insert decay operator describing the top quark decay:

$$C_\Gamma \mathcal{O}_\Gamma = \left(\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 (\bar{b}\gamma^\mu P_L t) (\bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma_\mu P_L \ell)$$



- Match QCD current onto heavy-to-light EFT currents:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\text{QCD}}^\mu = \bar{b}\gamma^\mu P_L t \longrightarrow \mathcal{J}^\mu \sim \sum_i \int d\omega C_i(\omega) (\bar{\chi}_{n',\omega} \Gamma_i^\mu h_v), \quad \Gamma_i^\mu = \left\{ \gamma^\mu P_L, v^\mu P_R, \frac{n'^\mu}{n' \cdot v} P_R \right\}$$

light b quark jet field

b jet direction [new aspect!]

Factorization of top quark jet function

3. Phase space factorization: (Define total hadronic momentum $h = \sum_n p_n$ and leptonic momentum $q = p_\ell + p_{\nu_\ell}$.)

$$d\Pi_{n+2}(p) = \frac{dq^2}{2\pi} \frac{dh^2}{2\pi} d\Pi_2(p; q, h) d\Pi_2(q; p_\ell, p_{\nu_\ell}) d\Pi_n(h), \quad d\Pi_n(h) = \prod_n \frac{dp_n}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_n} (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}\left(h - \sum_n p_n\right)$$

4. Decoupling of n' -collinear and ultracollinear-soft degrees of freedom:

$$\mathcal{L}_{n'} = \bar{\xi}_{n'} i n' \cdot D_s \frac{\bar{n}'}{2} \xi_{n'} + \dots$$



$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{n'} &\rightarrow Y_{n'} \xi_{n'}, & W_{n'} &\rightarrow Y_{n'} W_{n'} Y_{n'}^\dagger, \\ Y_{n'}(x) &= \bar{P} \exp\left(-ig_s \int_0^\infty ds n' \cdot A_s(n's + x)\right) \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \text{soft Wilson line}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{n'} = \bar{\xi}_{n'} i n' \cdot \partial_s \frac{\bar{n}'}{2} \xi_{n'} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow J_t(\hat{s}) \sim \int \frac{dq^2}{2\pi} \frac{dh^2}{2\pi} d\Pi_2(p; q, h) d\Pi_2(q; p_\ell, p_{\nu_\ell}) L_{\mu\nu}(p_\ell, p_{\nu_\ell}) K^{\mu\nu}(h, \hat{s}, \bar{n} \cdot n')$$

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$$K^{\mu\nu} \sim \int d^4 z_1 d^4 z_2 \int d\Pi_n(h) \sum_{j,j'} \int d\omega d\omega' C_j(\omega) C_{j'}(\omega')$$

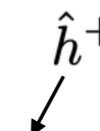
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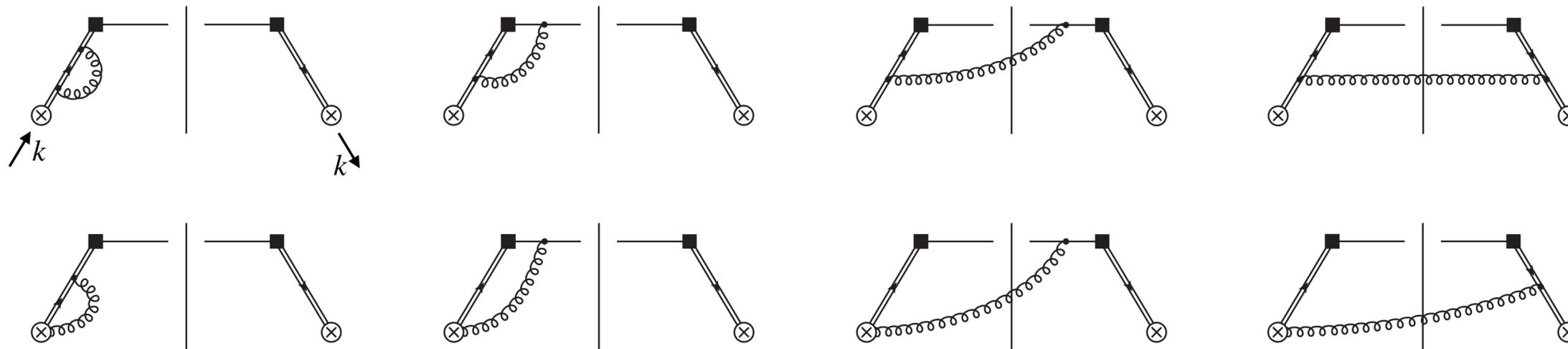
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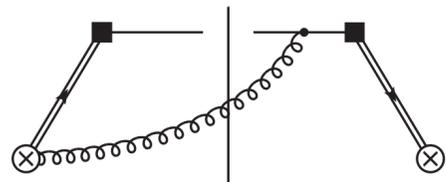
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Factorization for boosted top pair production

- **New factorization theorem** for boosted top quark pair production in e^+e^- collisions including the effects of the top quark decay:

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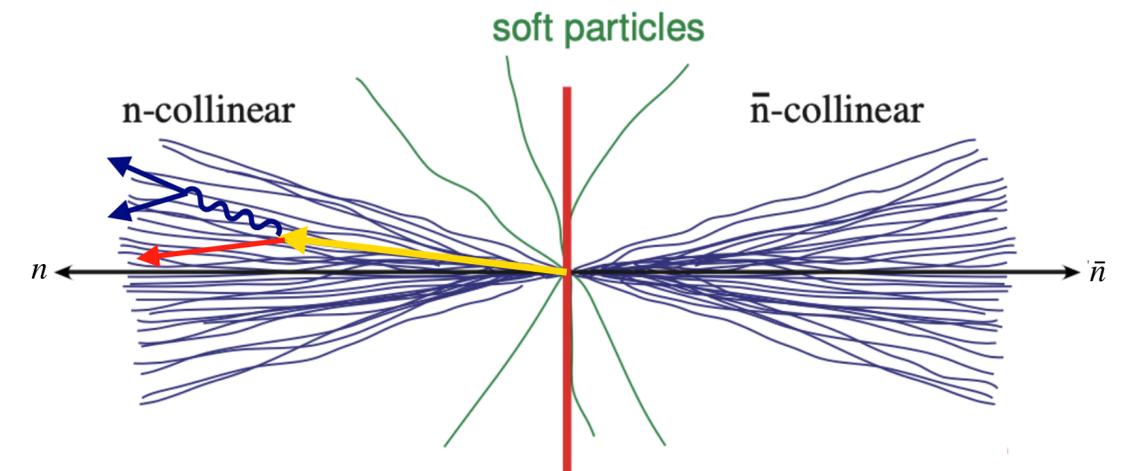
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inclusive



differential

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Summary & Outlook

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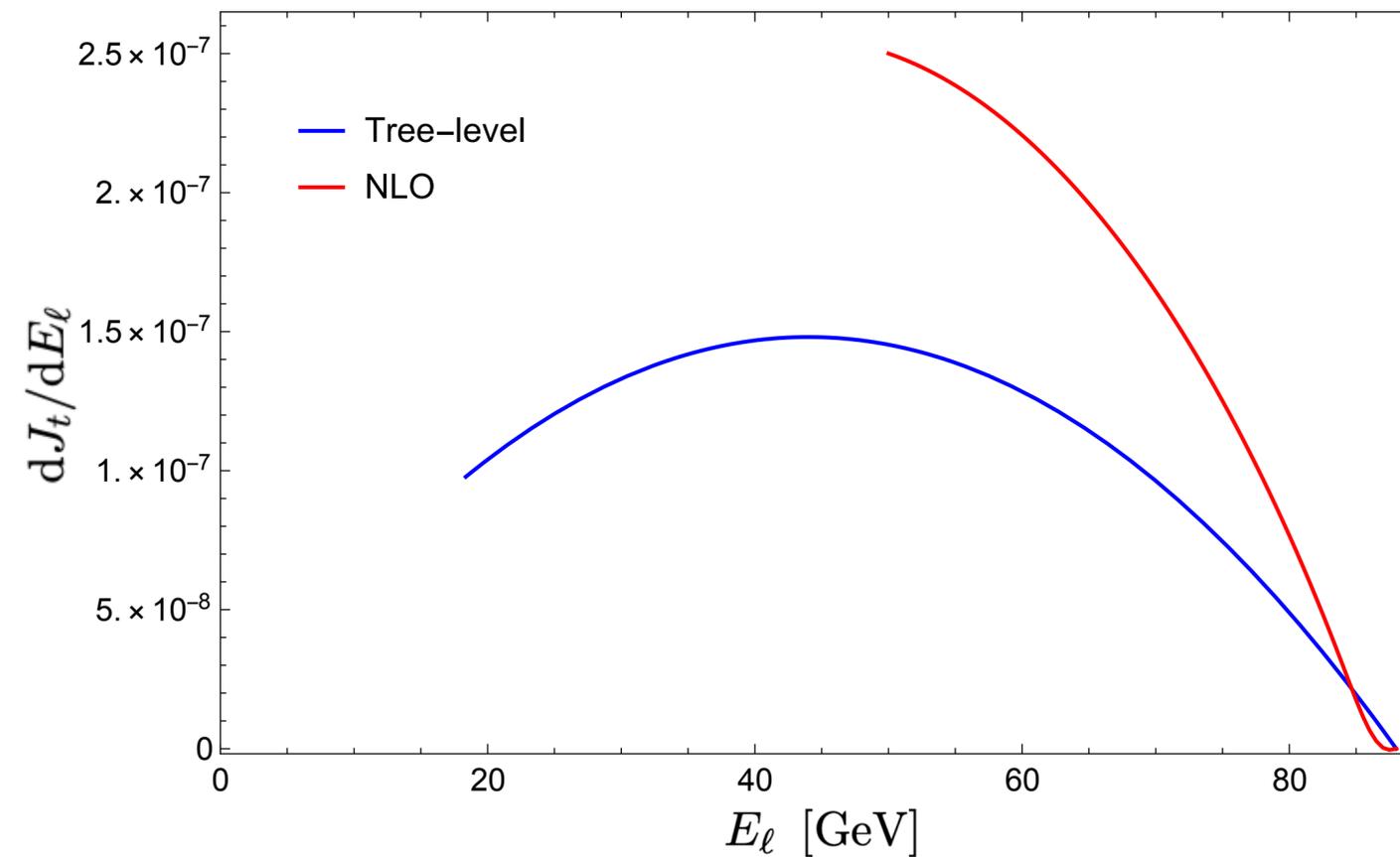
Outlook:

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Back-up Slides

NLO QCD Corrections (Preliminary)

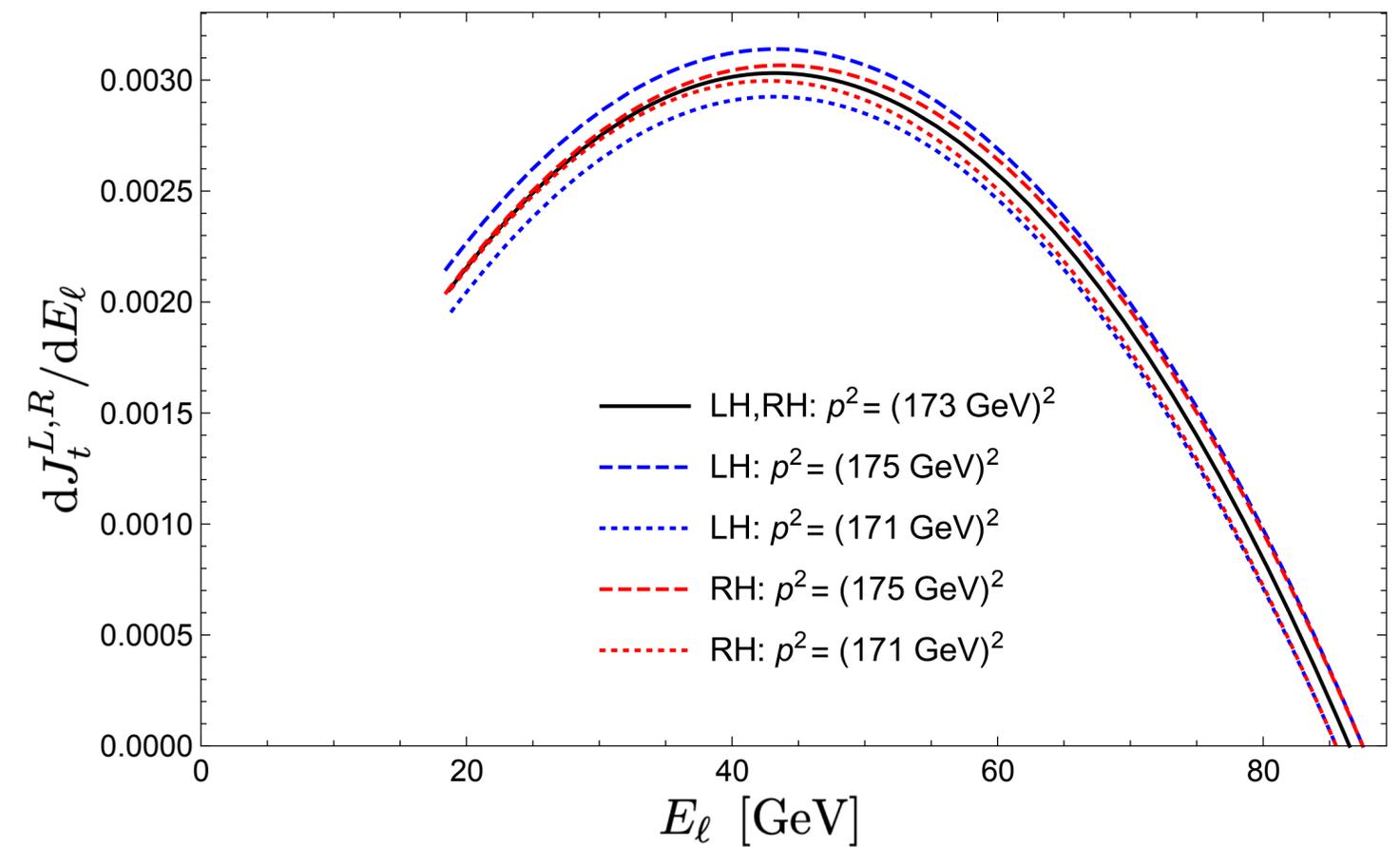
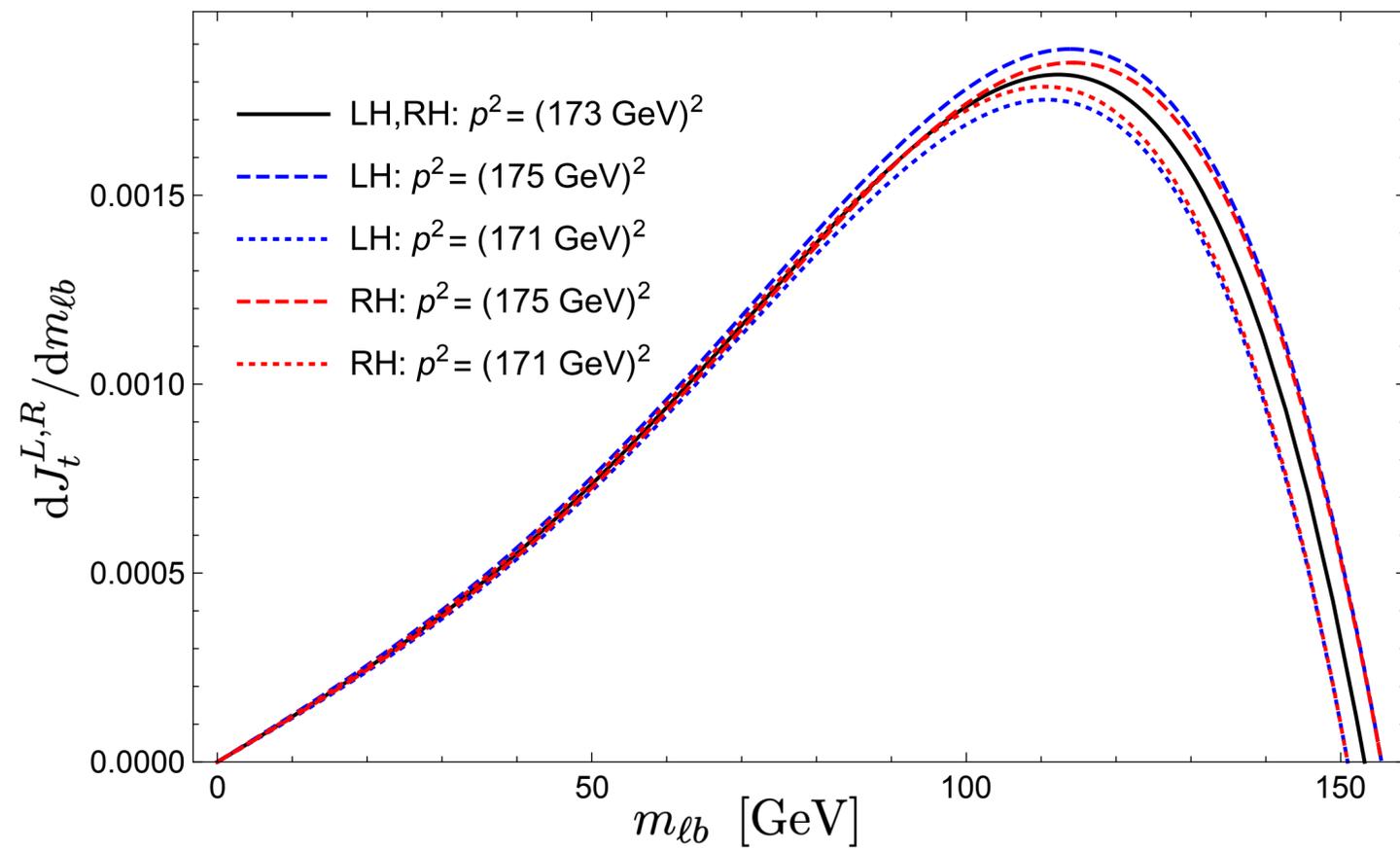
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