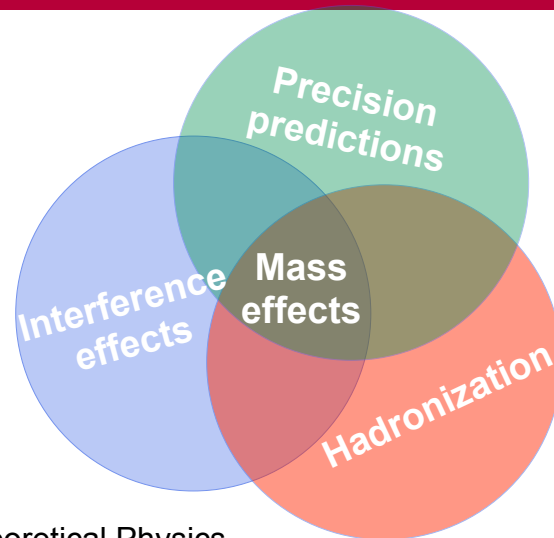
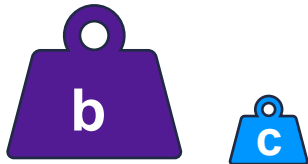


# Heavy Quark Effects in Soft-Collinear Effective Theory

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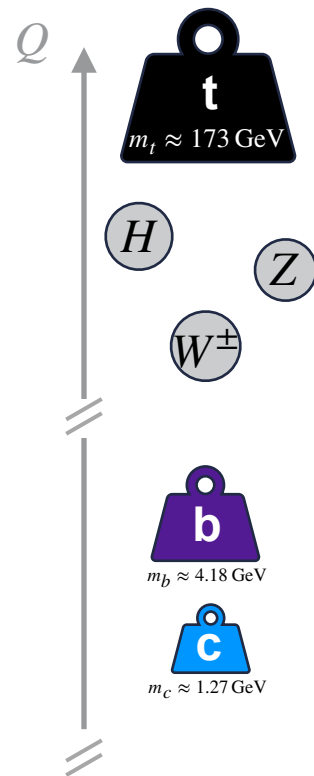
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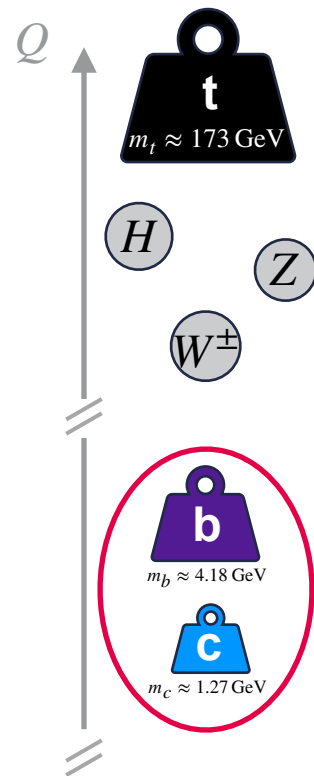
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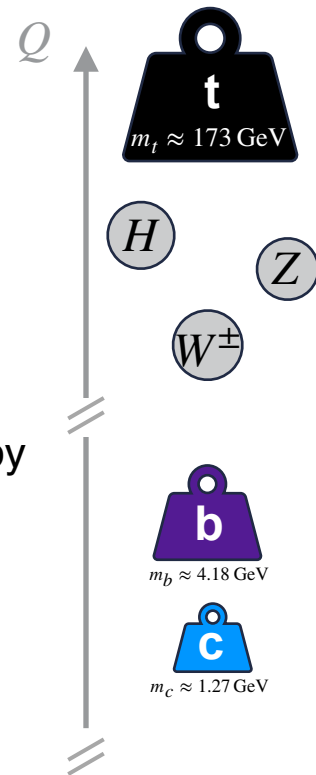
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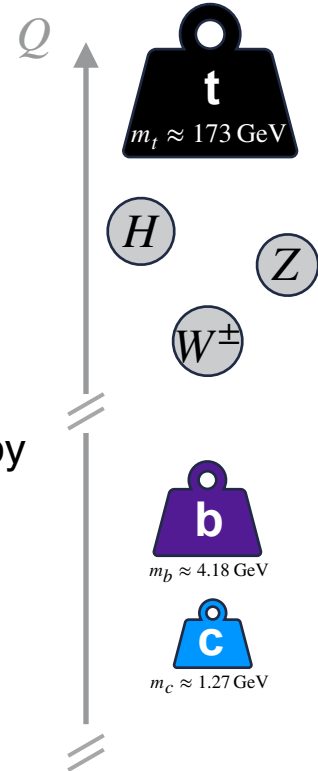
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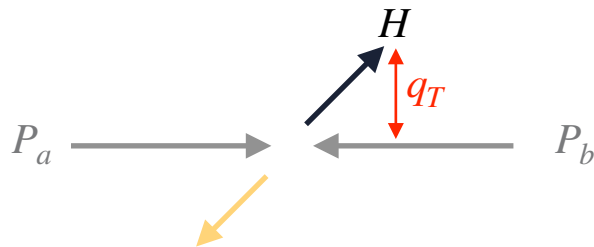
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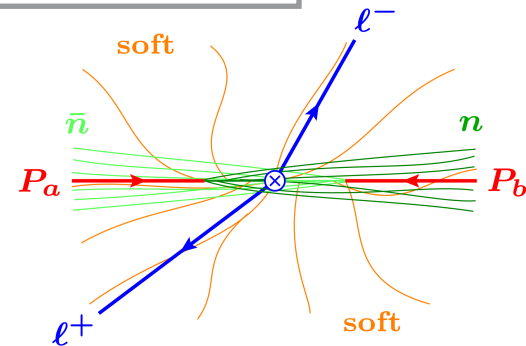
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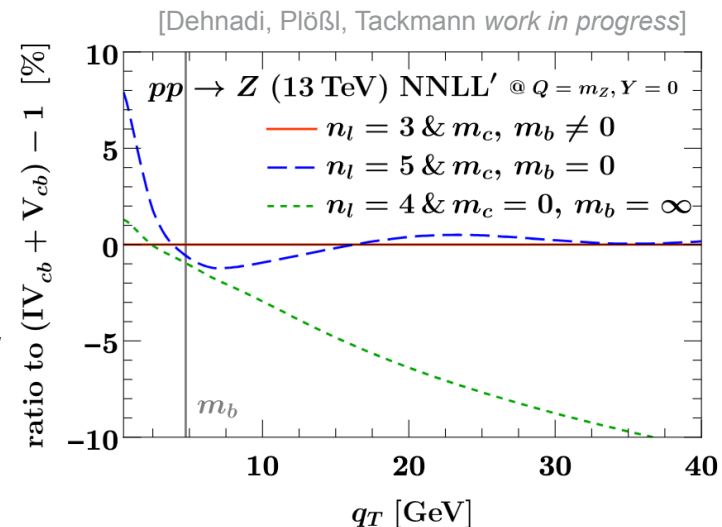
- **Hard function:** virtual contributions at hard scale  $Q$
  - **Beam function:** collinear radiation
  - **Soft function:** soft, isotropic radiation
- Solve RGEs for  $H(Q, \mu)$ ,  $B(q_T, \mu)$  and  $S(q_T, \mu)$  to resum large logs



# Mass effects in $q_T$ spectra

## Drell-Yan and $W$ mass measurement

- $Z$  and  $W$   $q_T$  spectra are high precision observables
- $\alpha_N^4$ LL prediction available for  $m_Q = 0$  [Billis, Michel, Tackmann '24]
  - but mass effects are important for  $m_W$  measurements
- Factorization theorem already worked out [Pietrulewicz, Samitz, Spiering, Tackmann '17]
  - three different regimes:  $q_T \ll m$ ,  $q_T \sim m$  and  $m \ll q_T$
- Implementation remains challenging
  - First results for results for  $Z$  and  $W$   $q_T$  spectra



# The Higgs $q_T$ spectrum

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow H$$

- Higgs  $q_T$  spectrum allows to access Yukawa coupling from Higgs production

- gluon fusion and quark flavors exhibit different shapes

[Ebert et al. '16, Bishara et al. '16]

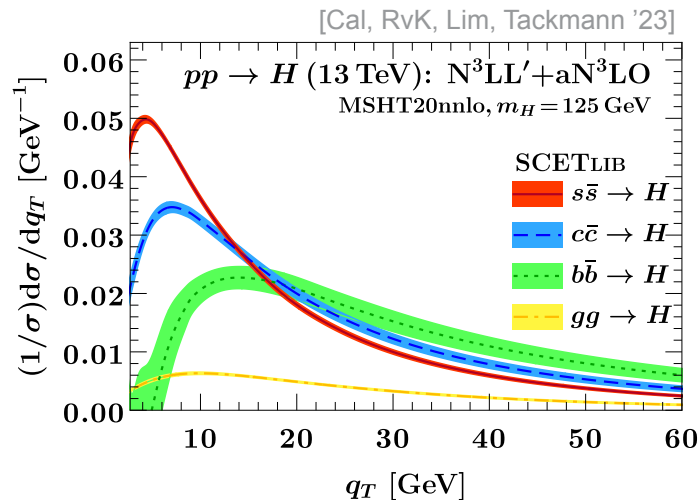
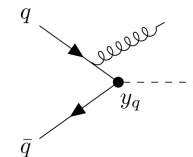
- N<sup>3</sup>LL' + a N<sup>3</sup>LO prediction available

- treat quarks as massless but  $y_b \neq 0$

- **b-quark mass effects become relevant!**

- plot is cut off a 5 GeV

- **Outlook:** include mass effects and fit Yukawa couplings from  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow H$



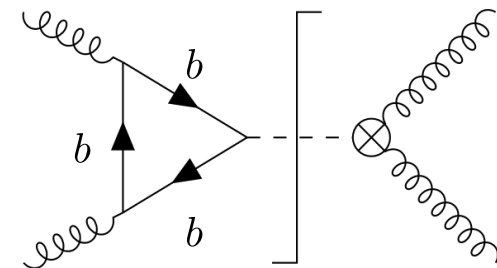
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## Bottom mass effects in gluon fusion

- Consider  $gg \rightarrow H$  with massive bottom-quark loop
- Usually consider top-quark loop as  $m_t \gg m_b$
- $\mathcal{O}(5 - 10\%)$  contribution from interference with top-quark to total cross section [Liu, Penin '17 and '18]
- Lighter quarks only make up for a few percent of the Higgs cross section
- **Challenging problem already at 1-loop!**

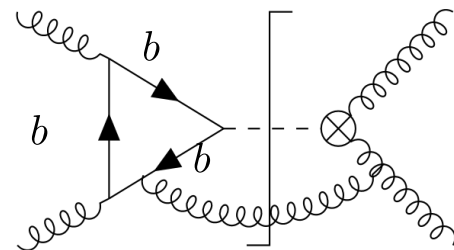


# $y_b y_t$ interference in the Higgs $q_T$ spectrum

[Caola, Lindert, Melnikov, Monni, Tancredi, Wever '18]

## so far: interference effects at NLO+NNLL

- NLO+NNLL prediction for Higgs  $q_T$  spectrum for  $m_b \lesssim q_T \lesssim m_H$  including b mass effects
- Mass effects enter only through hard matrix elements
  - no genuine mass-dependent resummation
- No rigorous factorization theorem or all-order resummation

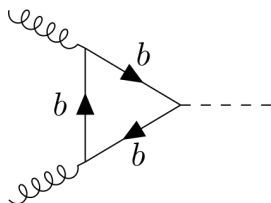


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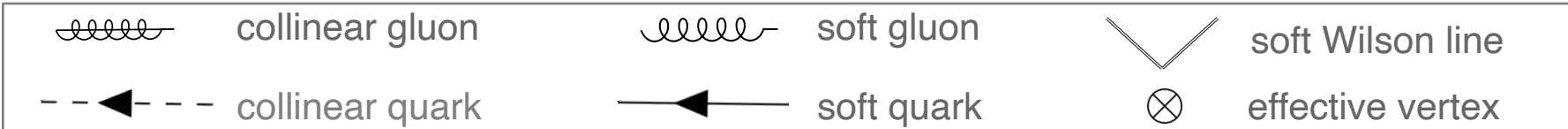
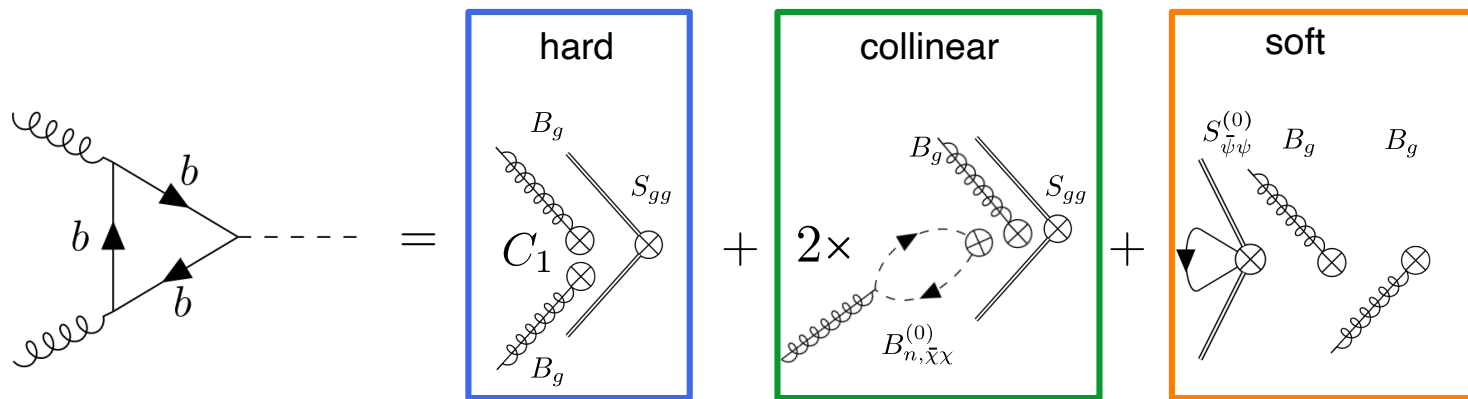


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**Notation: leading-order NLP contribution**

factorization in SCET:  $HB \otimes B \otimes S$

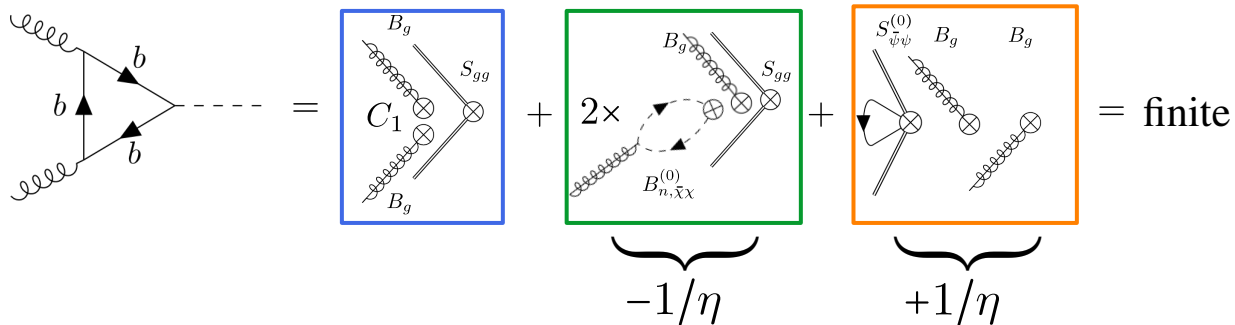


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## Endpoint divergences

Similar to dim. reg.  
 $\nu \leftrightarrow \mu, \epsilon \leftrightarrow \eta$

- Subtlety at sub-leading power: endpoint divergences in soft and collinear sectors
- Endpoint divergences appear when soft and collinear regions overlap
- Introduce regulator e.g. abs. value  $|\ell_z/\nu|^{-\eta}$



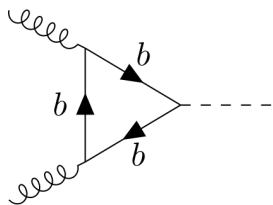
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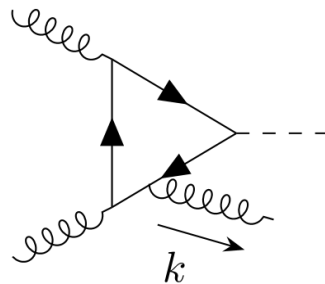
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## now: spectrum $d\sigma(q_T, m_b, m_H)$

- $q_T$  measurement adds additional scale
- ➡ three scale problem!

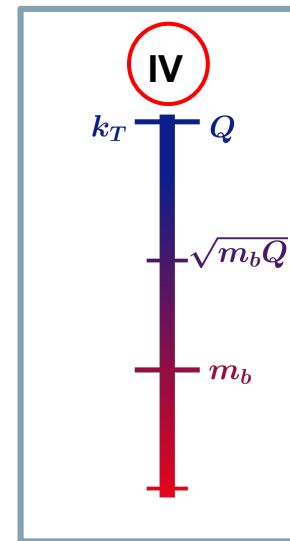
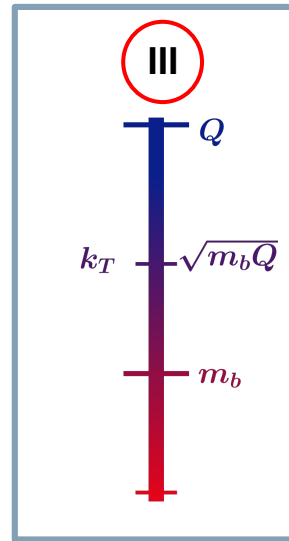
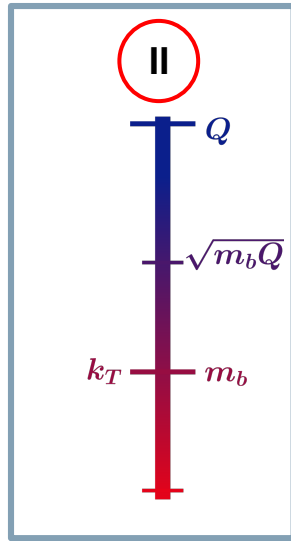
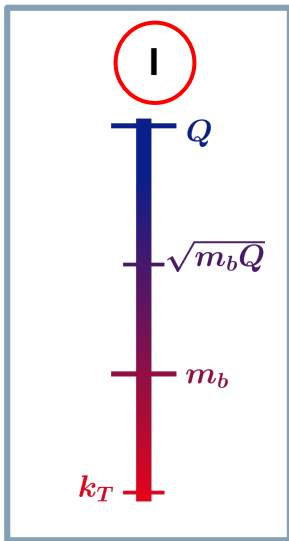


- add emission with  $\vec{k}_T = -\vec{q}_T$
- still have  $m_b \ll Q$ , but  $k_T$  can have different scalings

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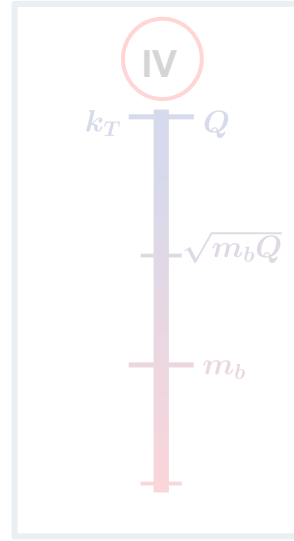
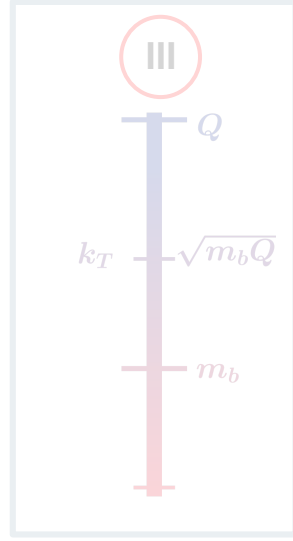
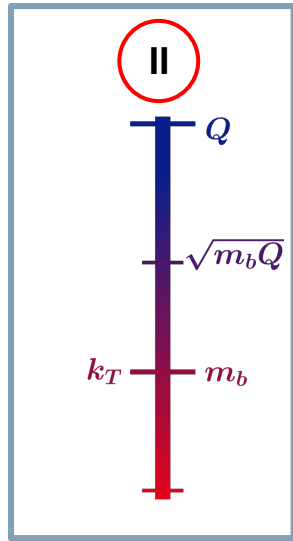
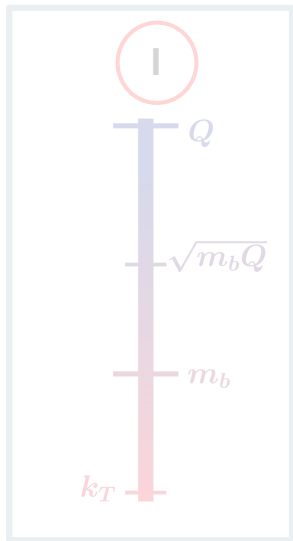
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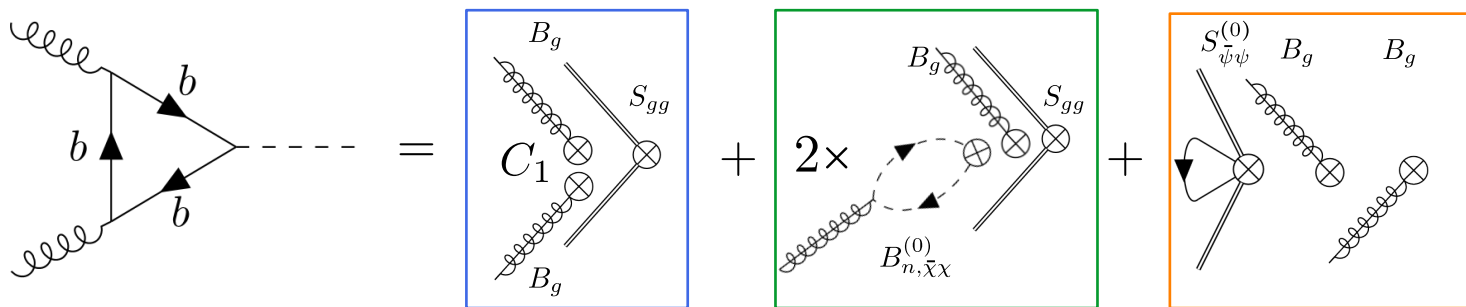
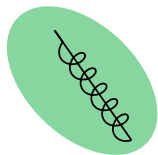
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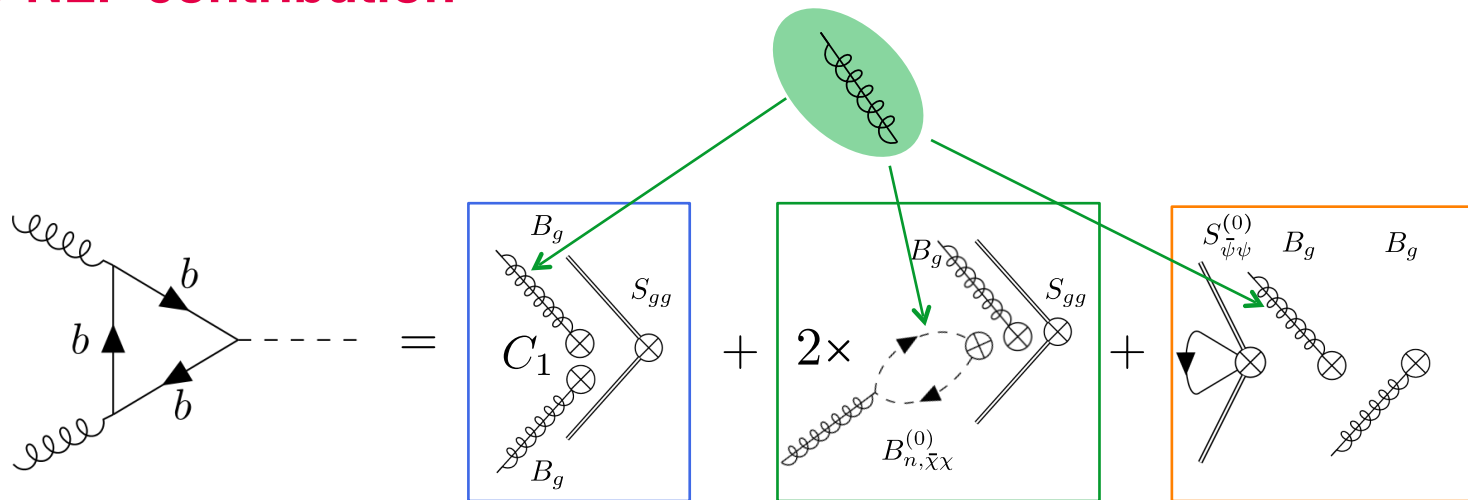
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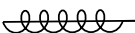
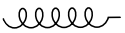






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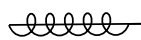
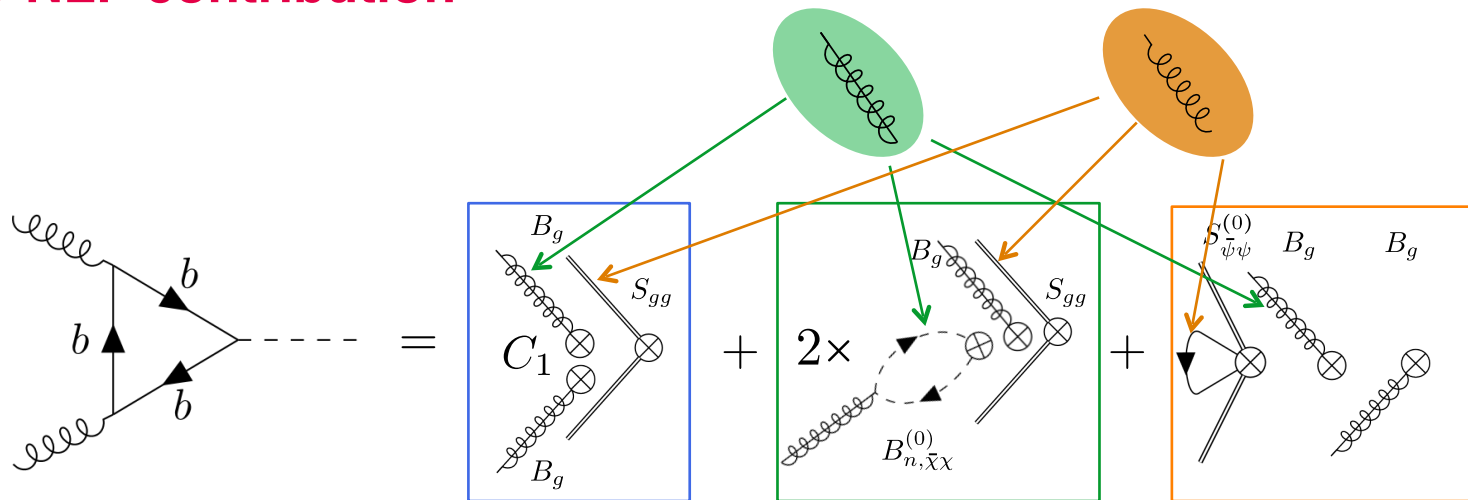
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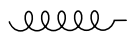
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# $y_b y_t$ interference in the Higgs $q_T$ spectrum

- Expect endpoint divergences in soft and collinear contribution
- Form factor  $F(m_b, m_H)$  depends on two scales
- The spectrum introduces an additional scale  $k_T$

$$\frac{1}{\eta} f_n \left( \frac{m}{k_T} \right) \longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{\eta} f_s \left( \frac{m}{k_T} \right)$$

- **How does the additional scale affect the structure of the endpoint divergences?**
- In general  $f_n(m/k_T)$  and  $f_s(m/k_T)$  can be non-trivial functions of  $m/k_T$

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## collinear NLP one-gluon contribution

[RvK, Michel, Stewart, Sun, Tackmann  
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- Now: add emission  $k_T$  to contribution from collinear loop

$$\left( \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5} \right) \times \text{diagram 6} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\eta}\right)$$

- There can also be collinear emissions from collinear LP beam function

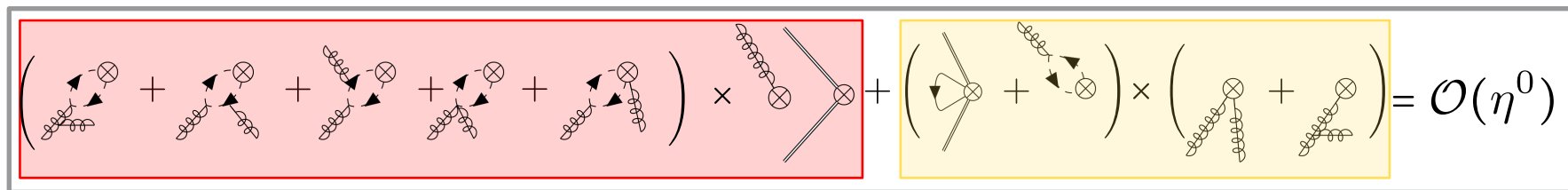
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The diagram shows a mathematical expression for the cancellation of endpoint divergences. It consists of two main terms in parentheses, separated by a plus sign, followed by an equals sign and the order symbol  $\mathcal{O}(\eta^0)$ . The first term is enclosed in a red box and contains five diagrams representing NLP emission diagrams, each with a cross in a circle, summed together and multiplied by a diagram representing LP emission. The second term is enclosed in a yellow box and contains two diagrams representing LP emission diagrams, each with a cross in a circle, summed together and multiplied by a diagram representing NLP emission. The overall expression is  $\mathcal{O}(\eta^0)$ .

- **Non-trivial result:** NLP emission diagrams cancel against LP emission!

→ Mass and transverse-momentum dependence factorizes at this order!

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## Summary

- Factorization theorem for different regimes ✓
- All endpoint divergences cancel in a non-trivial way ✓
- $m$  and  $k_T$  dependence factorizes at this order! ✓

## Next steps

- Coming soon: NLP factorization and NLP beam and soft functions of  $y_b y_t$  interference
- Resummed prediction for  $gg \rightarrow H$  including  $m_b$  effects

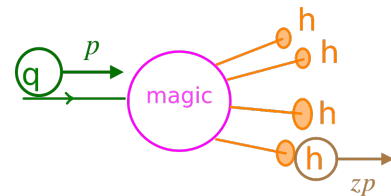
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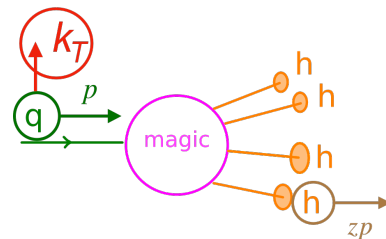
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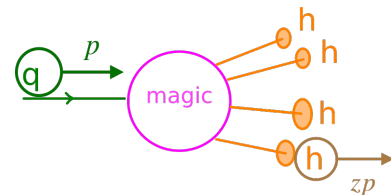
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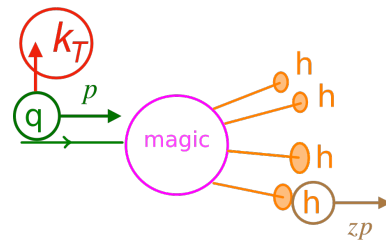
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# Heavy Quark TMDs

## Fragmentation functions

- Considered all heavy-quark TMD FFs for unpolarized hadrons
  - Unpolarized TMD FF  $D_{1,H/Q}$ : unpol. quark fragments into unpol. hadron 
- Use bHQET to show factorization in terms of novel matrix elements and Wilson coefficients

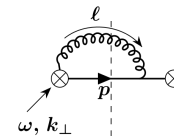
$$D_{1H/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = d_{1Q/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) \chi_H \quad (\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll m_Q \lesssim k_T)$$

[RvK, Michel, Sun '23]

- $d_{1,Q/Q}$  partonic heavy-quark TMD FF: perturbative Wilson coefficient

→ Calculated to NLO [RvK, Michel, Sun '24]

→ Application: mass effects for EEC in back-to-back limit in  $e^+e^-$  collisions

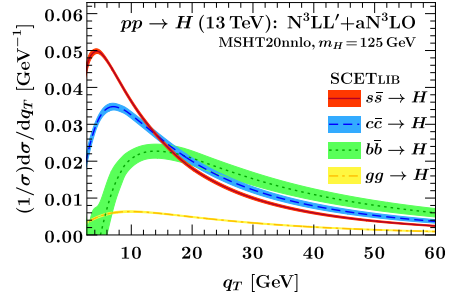


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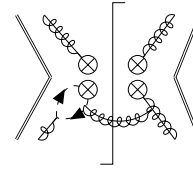
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- Treatment of mass effects in  $m_W$  measurements
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- **$y_b y_t$  interference in the Higgs  $q_T$  spectrum**

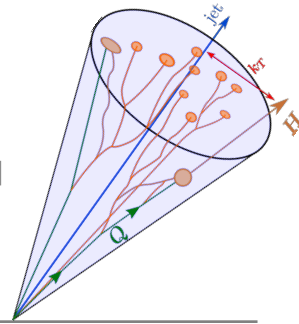
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- **Heavy quark TMD FFs**

- Include polarized hadrons!
- HQ TMDs within jets: NLO factorization theorem for TMD FFs within jets in pp collisions

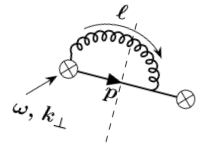
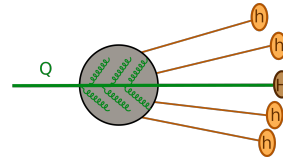
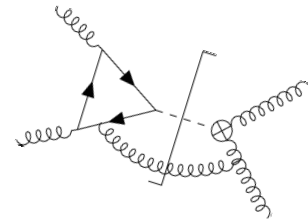
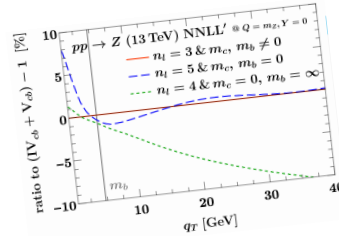
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- **And many more!**

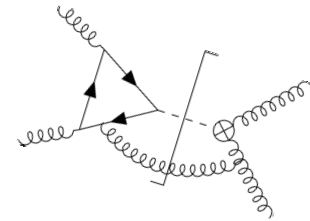
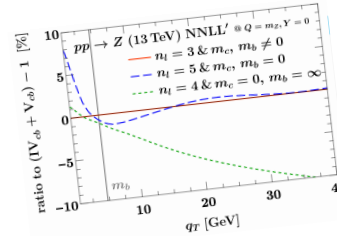
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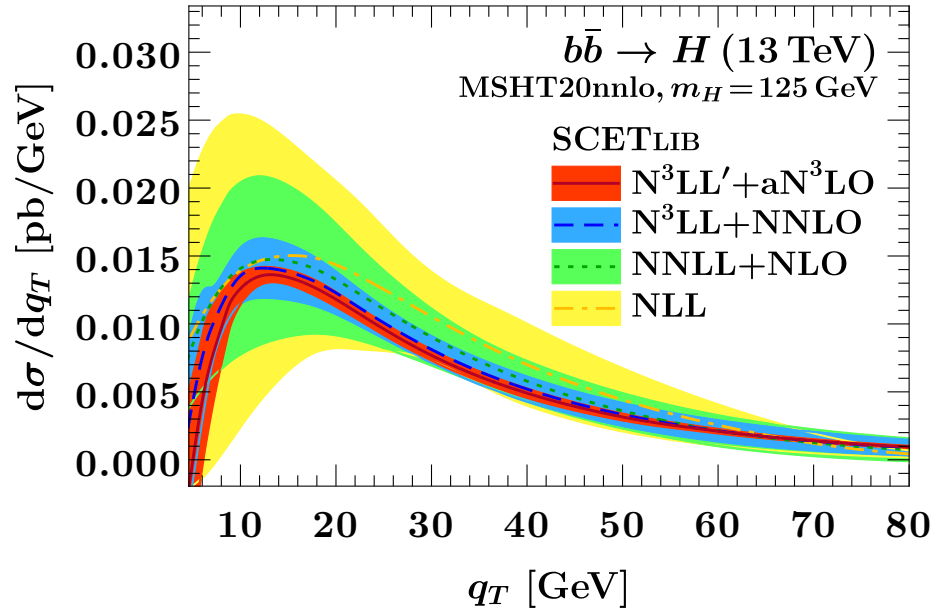
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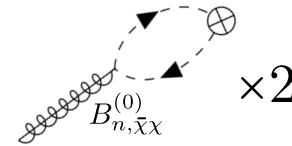


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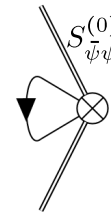
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$$\int d\xi \left( \frac{1}{\xi} \left| \frac{\xi \omega_n}{\nu} \right|^{-\eta} + \frac{1}{1-\xi} \left| \frac{(1-\xi)\omega_n}{\nu} \right|^{-\eta} \right)$$



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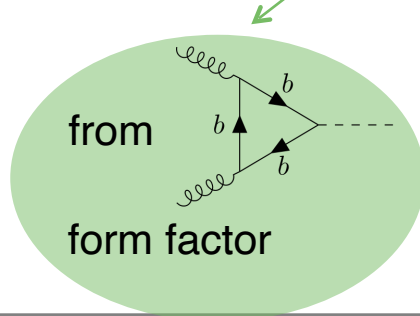
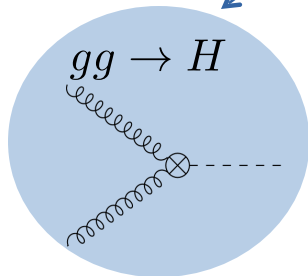
- all endpoint divergences cancel between soft and collinear contributions!

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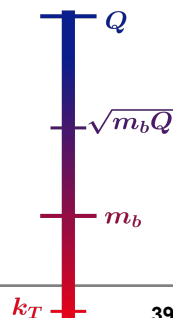
## Factorization theorem

- only valid in a very small region of the  $q_T$  spectrum
- use standard factorization for  $q_T$  resummation with  $n_f = 4$  massless flavors

$$\frac{d\sigma_{y_t y_b}}{dq_T} = 2\text{Re}[C_{ggt}^*(m_H) C_{ggb}(m_b, m_H)] B_g(q_T) \otimes B_g(q_T) \otimes S_{gg}(q_T)$$



$q_T$  resummation

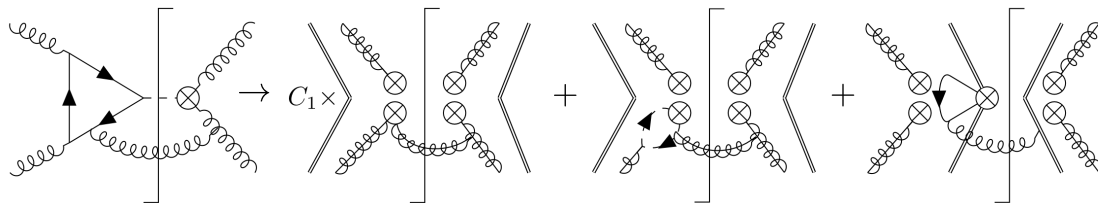
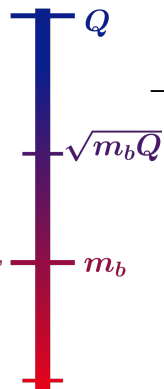
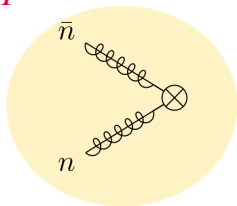


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operators: [M. Stahlhofen's SCET talk '15, Liu, Neubert '19]

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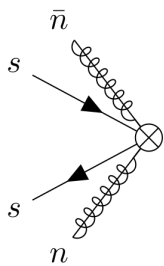
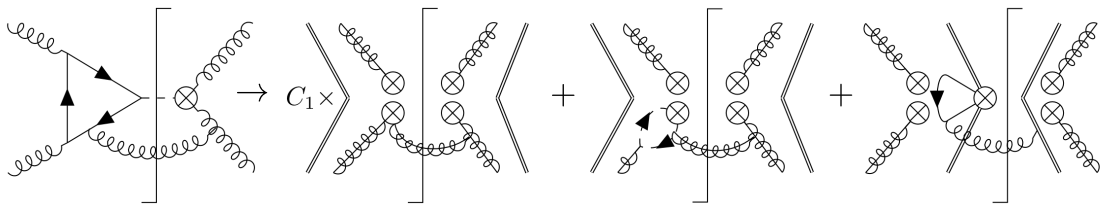
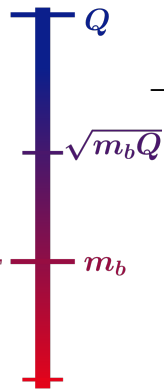
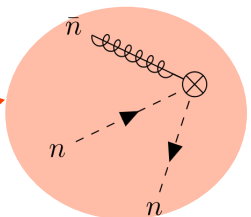
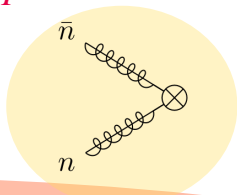


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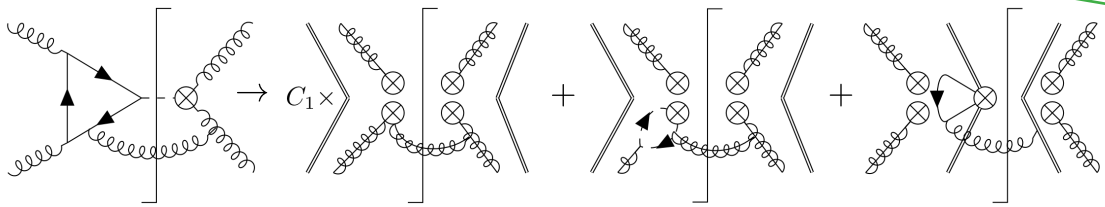
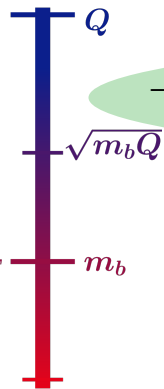
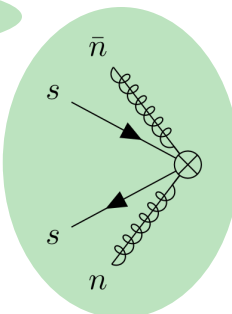
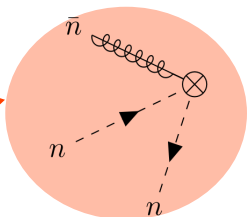
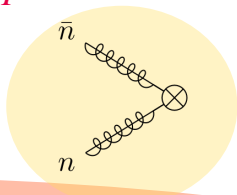


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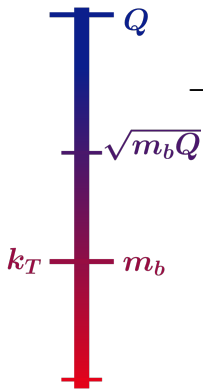
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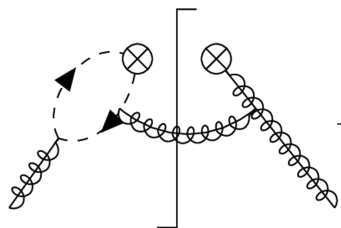
$$\frac{1}{\ell^+ \ell^-}$$

lead to endpoint divergences! (just as for form factor)



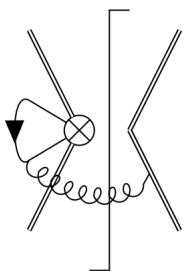
# Matrix element definition

## Beam function



$$B_{n, X\bar{X}}\left(x = \frac{\omega}{P_N^-}\right) = \int \langle N | \mathcal{B}_\perp^{a,\mu} \delta^2(k_\perp - P_{X,\perp}) | X \rangle \langle X | \bar{\chi}_{n,\omega z} T^a \gamma_{\perp\mu} \chi_{n,\omega(1-z)} | N \rangle$$

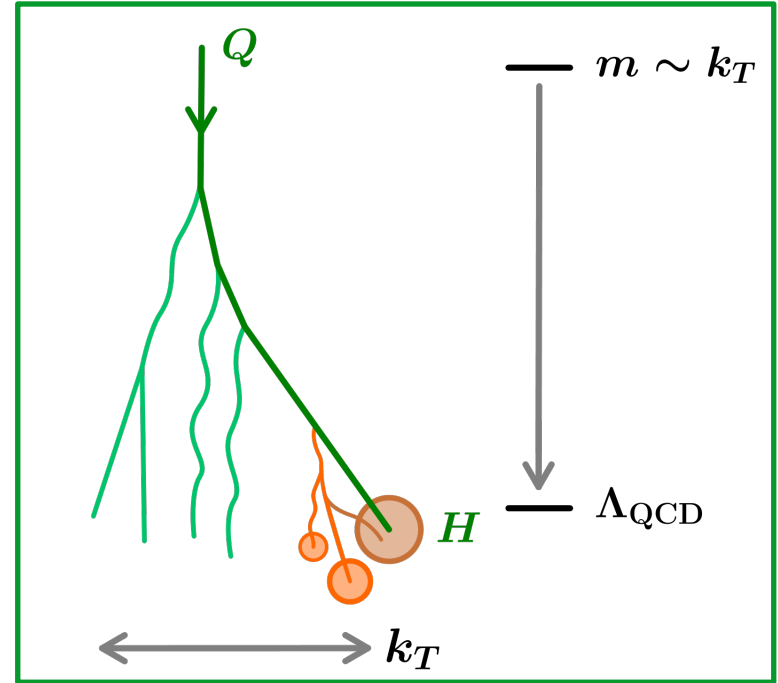
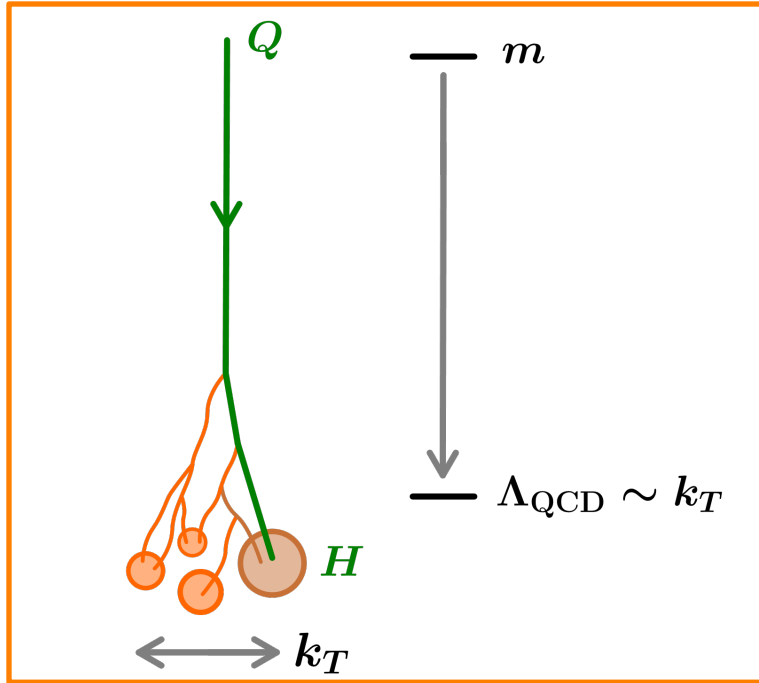
## Soft function



$$\mathcal{O}_{S,\bar{\psi}\psi}^{ab}(l^+ l^-) = \frac{1}{l^+ l^-} [\bar{\psi} S_n \delta(l^+ - n \cdot \mathcal{P})] [\gamma_{\perp,\mu} T^a \frac{\not{n} \not{l} \not{n}}{4} S_n^\dagger S_{\bar{n}} \gamma_\perp^\mu T^b] [S_{\bar{n}}^\dagger \psi \delta(l^- - \bar{n} \cdot \mathcal{P})]$$

$$S_{\bar{\psi}\psi}(l^+, l^-, k_T, m) = \int \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_s^{(0)ab} \delta^2(k_\perp - P_{X,\perp}) | X \rangle \langle X | \mathcal{O}_{s,\bar{\psi}\psi}^{ba} | 0 \rangle$$

## Different regimes



## Regime 1 $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx k_T \ll m$

- Evaluate TMD FFs

$$D_{1H/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = \delta(1 - z_H) C_m(m, \mu, \zeta) \chi_{1,H}\left(b_T, \mu, \frac{\sqrt{\zeta}}{m}\right)$$

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- New scalar bHQET TMD fragmentation factors:

$$\chi_{1,H}(b_T) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} F_H(b_{\perp})$$

$$\chi_{1,H}^{\perp}(b_T) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \frac{b_{\perp}}{b_T} z F_H(b_{\perp}) \right]$$

- $\chi_{1,H}$  conditional probability to produce  $H$  given  $k_T$
- $\chi_{1,H}^{\perp}$  conditional density of quark spin w.r.t magnetization axis given by  $Q$  and  $k_T$

# Heavy Quark TMD FFs

## Step 1: tree-level matching to HQET

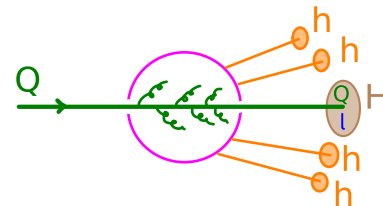
[Isgur, Wise '89 & '90; Eichten, Hill '90; Grinstein '90; Georgi '90; Korner, Thompson '91; Mannel, Roberts Ryzak '92; Fleming, Hoang, Mantry, Stewart '08]

- TMD quark-quark correlator

$$\Delta_{H/Q}(z_H, b_\perp) = \frac{1}{2z_H N_c} \int \frac{b^+}{4\pi} e^{b^+(P_H^-/z_H)/2} \text{Tr} \int_X \langle 0 | W^\dagger(b) \psi_Q(b) |HX\rangle \langle HX | \bar{\psi}_Q W |0\rangle$$

HQET matching 

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- $F_H(b_T)$ : Heavy quark TMD FF correlator — carries all non-perturbative dynamics!

$$\text{HQET:} \quad \psi_Q(x) = e^{-mv \cdot x} h_v(x) \quad |H, h_H; X\rangle = \sqrt{m} |H_v, h_H; X\rangle$$

# Heavy Quark TMD FFs

## Step 2: decouple light degrees of freedom

[Korchensky and Radyushkin '92; Bauer, Pirjol and Stewart '02]

$$F_H(b_\perp) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h_H} \sum_{h_Q, h'_Q} \sum_{h_\ell, h'_\ell} \overbrace{u(v, h_Q) \bar{u}(v, h'_Q) \langle s_Q, h_Q; s_\ell, h_\ell | s_H, h_H \rangle \langle s_H, h_H | s_Q, h'_Q; s_\ell, h'_\ell \rangle}^{\text{Clebsch-Gordan coefficients}} \\
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- $k_T$ : transverse momentum of heavy quark,  $b_T$ : its Fourier conjugate
- $z_H$ : fraction of the quarks lightcone momentum retained by the HQ
- $P_H^-$ : large lightcone momentum of the heavy hadron

Unpol TMD FF:

$$D_{1h/q}(z_H, b_T) = \text{tr} \left[ \frac{\bar{n}}{2} \Delta_{h/q}(z_H, b_\perp) \right]$$

Collins TMD FF:

$$H_{1h/q}^{\perp(1)}(z_H, b_T) = \text{tr} \left[ \frac{\not{n}}{2} \frac{\not{b}_\perp}{M_H b_T^2} \Delta_{h/q}(z_H, b_\perp) \right]$$

## Results for unpolarized TMD FF

- Performing trace sets  $h_Q = h_Q'$  and  $h_\ell = h_\ell'$

$$D_{1H/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) \propto \chi_{1,H}(b_T) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{h_H} \sum_{h_Q} \sum_{h_\ell} |\langle s_Q, h_Q; s_\ell, h_\ell | s_H, h_H \rangle|^2 \rho_{\ell, h_\ell h_\ell}(b_\perp)$$

**D** ( $s_\ell = 1/2, s_H = 0$ )

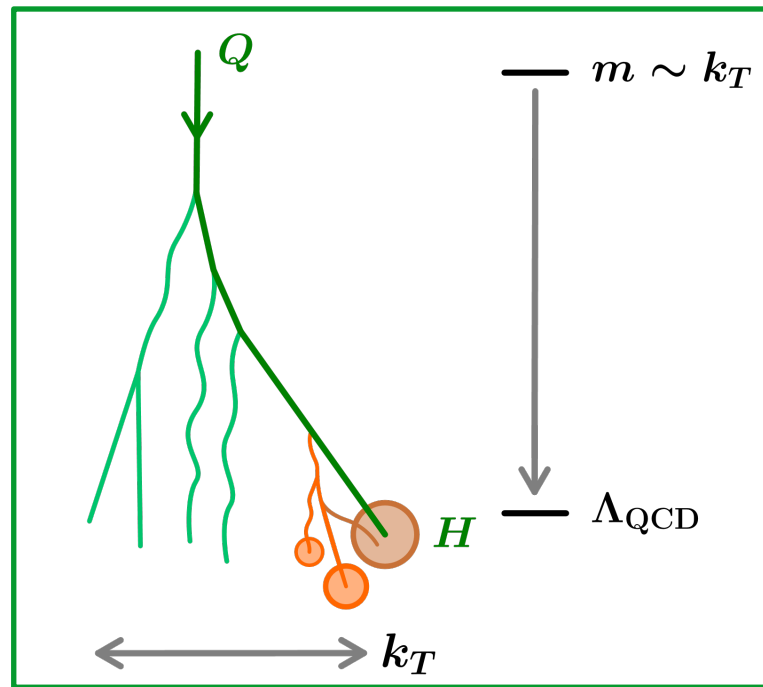
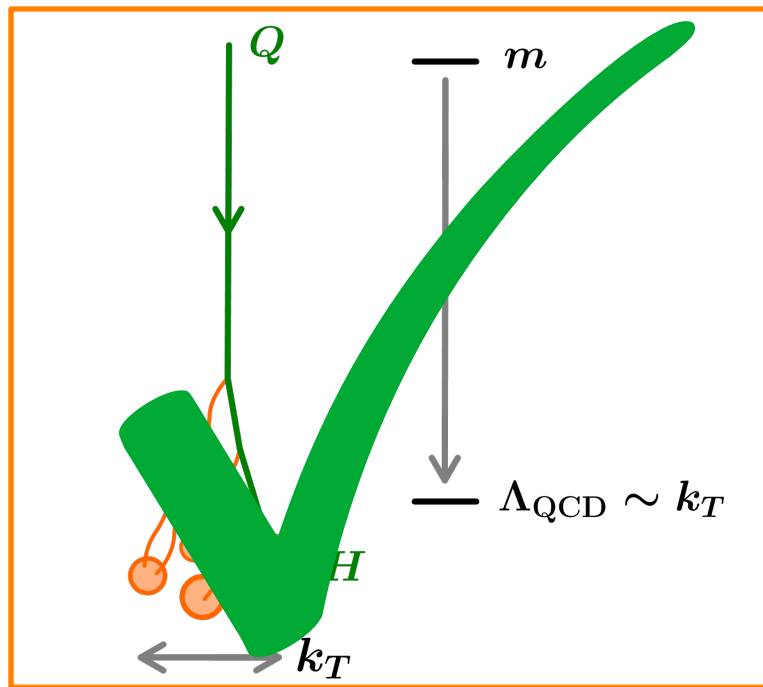
$$\chi_{1,D}(b_T) = \frac{1}{4} [\rho_{\ell,++}(b_\perp) + \rho_{\ell,--}(b_\perp)]$$

**D\*** ( $s_\ell = 1/2, s_H = 1$ )

$$\chi_{1,D^*}(b_T) = \frac{3}{4} [\rho_{\ell,++}(b_\perp) + \rho_{\ell,--}(b_\perp)]$$

- **Three times as likely to produce D\* than D!**
- for the first time: show that relations hold point by point in  $k_T$

## Different regimes



## Results for unpolarized TMD FF in Regime II

- Match into bHQET at  $\mu \sim m \sim k_T$  [Nadolsky, Kidonakis, Olness and Yuan '03]

$$D_{1H/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = d_{1Q/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) \chi_H + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} b_T)$$

- New perturbative matching coefficient:

$$d_{1Q/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) = \text{tr}\left[\frac{\not{b}_T}{2} \Delta_{Q/Q}(z_H, b_\perp)\right] = \delta(1 - z_H) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$$

- $\chi_H$  total probability of Q to fragment into  $H$

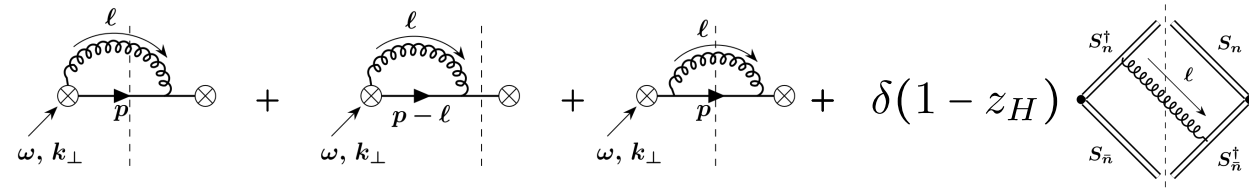
- **symmetry relations hold for all values of  $k_T$  and to all orders in  $\alpha_s$  !**

# Heavy Quark TMDs

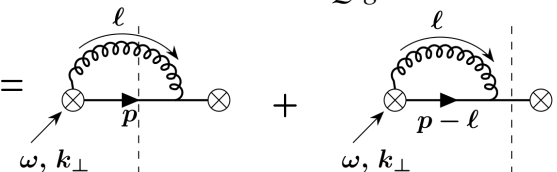
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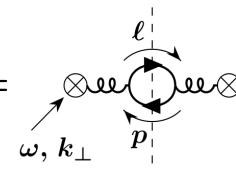
- Calculate  $d_{1Q/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta)$  to NLO

[RvK, Michel, Sun '24]

$$d_{1Q/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) =$$


- Also consider  $d_{1g/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta)$  and  $d_{1Q/g}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta)$

$$d_{1g/Q}(z_H, b_T, \mu, \zeta) =$$


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➔ Application: mass effects for EEC in back-to-back limit in  $e^+e^-$  collisions

## Setup

- Consider production of a heavy quark  $Q$  with from light partons within a (polarized) nucleon  $N$
- Heavy quarks is pair produced in initial state gluon splitting at  $\mu \sim m$

- **TMD PDFs can be calculated by matching them onto leading collinear PDFs**

- TMD PDF decomposition: [Bacchetta, Diehl, Goeke, Metz, Mulders and Schlegel '07, Ebert, Gao and Stewart '22]

$$\Phi_{Q/N}(x, k_{\perp}) = \left\{ f_{1Q/N} + g_{1LQ/N} S_L \gamma_5 + h_{1LQ/N}^{\perp} S_L \gamma_5 \frac{\not{k}_{\perp}}{M_N} + h_{1Q/N}^{\perp} \frac{\not{k}_{\perp}}{M_N} + (\text{terms} \propto S_{\perp}) \right\} \frac{\not{\eta}}{4}$$

- $S_L$  : longitudinal nucleon polarization,  $M_N$  : the nucleon mass
- all terms  $\propto S_{\perp}$  vanish at order  $\alpha_s$

## Setup

- TMD PDF decomposition:

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- Collinear PDF decomposition: [Collins '11]

$$\Phi_{g/N}^{\mu\nu}(x) = -\frac{g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}}{2} f_{g/N}(x) + \frac{\epsilon_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}}{2} g_{g/N}(x) S_L$$

- unpolarized  $f_1$  and Boer-Mulders  $h_1^{\perp}$  match onto unpolarized PDF  $f_g$
- Helicity  $g_{1,L}$  and Worm-gear  $h_{1,L}^{\perp}$  match onto helicity PDF  $g_g$

## Results

- unpolarized quark from unpolarized gluon:

$$C_{Q/g}^{(1)}(z, k_T, m) = T_F \Theta(z) \Theta(1-z) \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{k_T^2 (1 - 2z + 2z^2) + m^2}{(k_T^2 + m^2)^2}$$

[Nadolsky, Kidonakis, Olness, Yuan '02, Pietrulewicz, Samitz, Spiering, Tackmann '17]

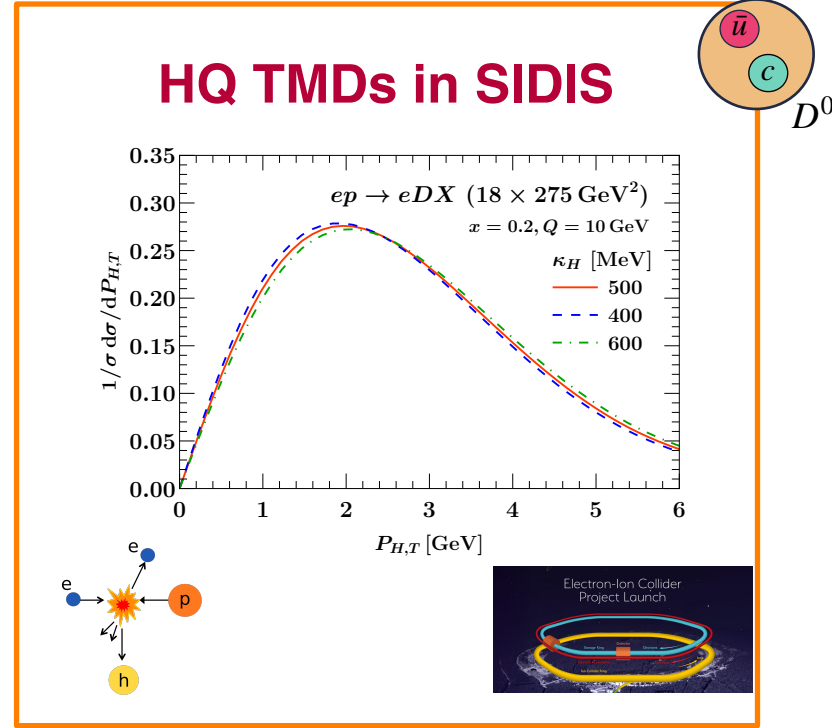
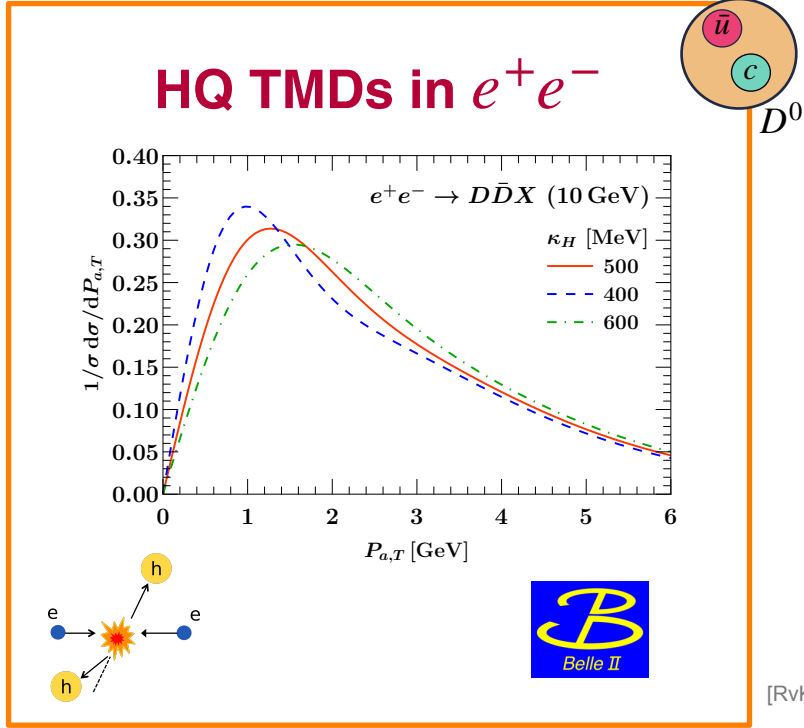
- **NEW:** longitudinally polarized quark from longitudinally polarized gluon:

$$C_{Q_{\parallel}/g_{\parallel}}^{(1)}(z, k_T, m) = T_F \Theta(z) \Theta(1-z) \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{k_T^2 (2z - 1) + m^2}{(k_T^2 + m^2)^2}$$

- **NEW:** transversely polarized quark from longitudinally polarized gluon:

$$C_{Q_{\perp}/g_{\parallel}}^{(1)}(z, k_T, m) = T_F \Theta(z) \Theta(1-z) \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{mk_T (z - 1)}{(k_T^2 + m^2)^2}$$

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