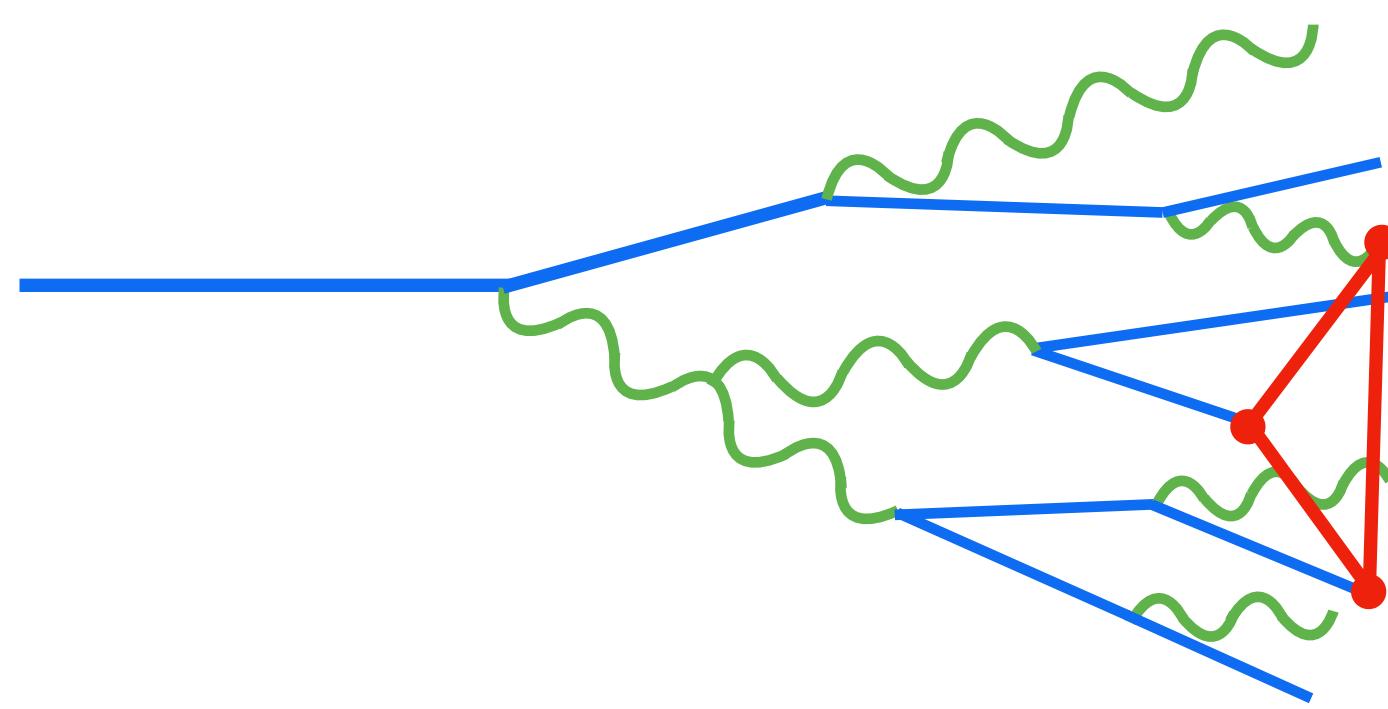


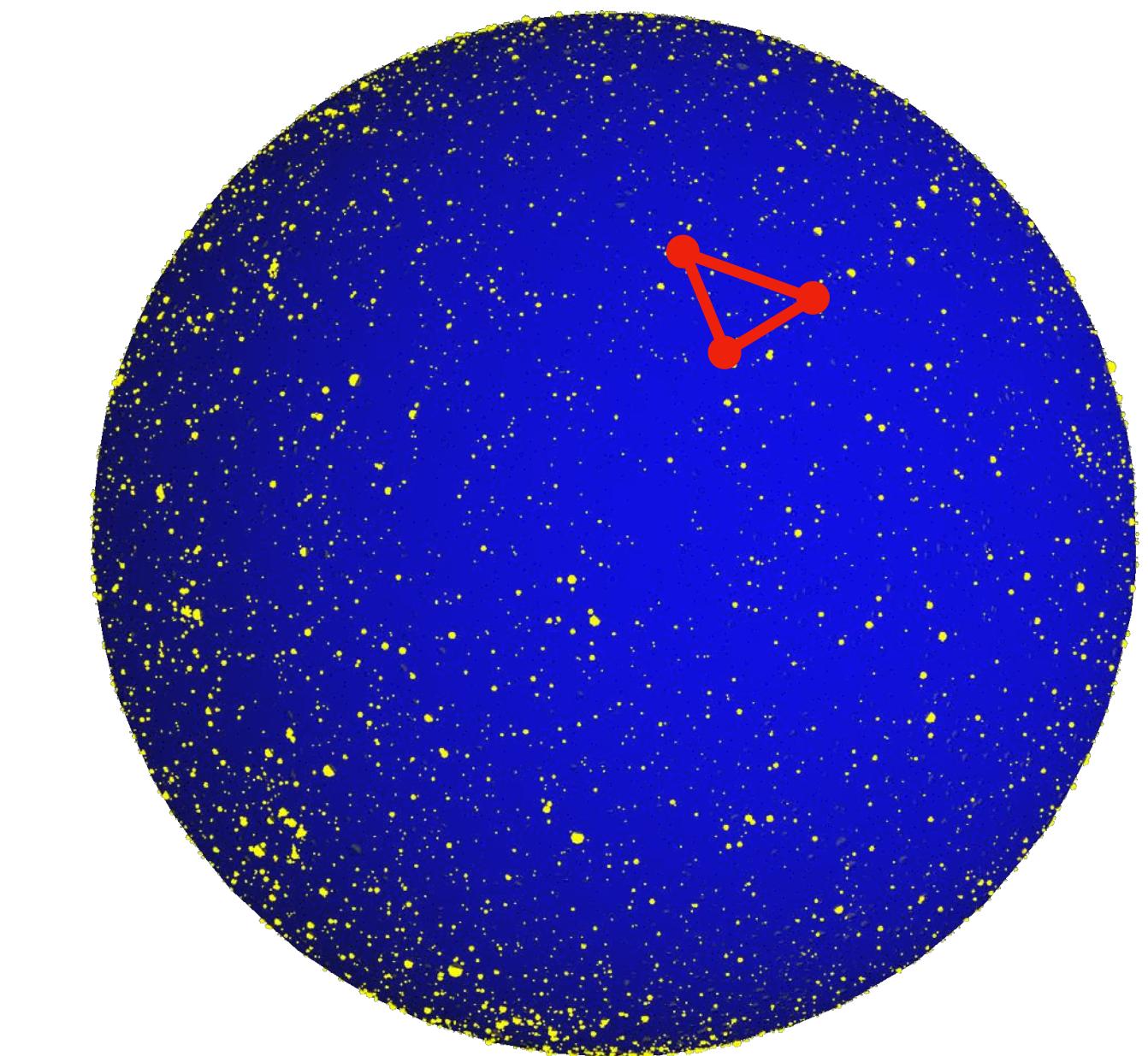
# Exploring Jet Substructure with Energy Correlators



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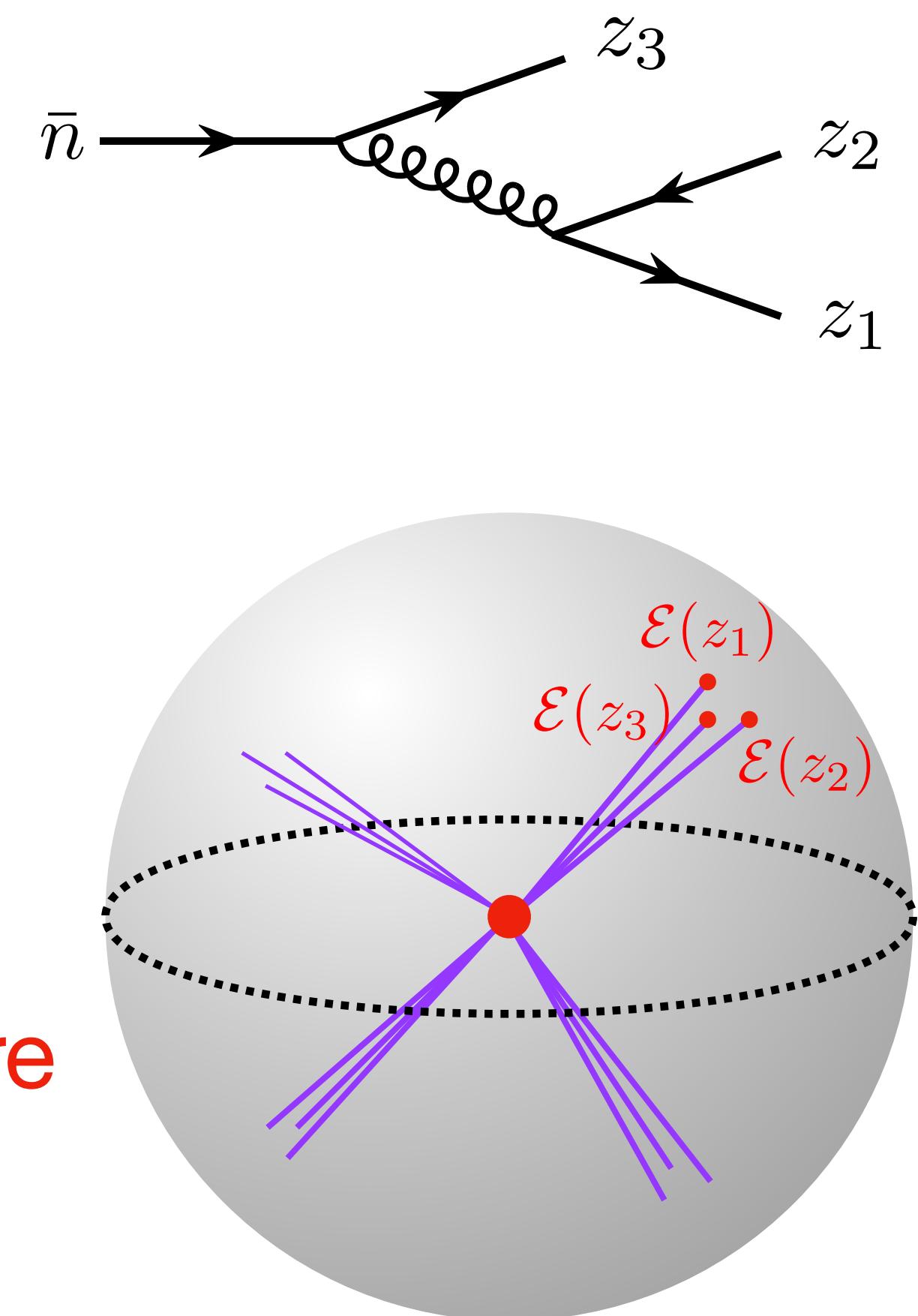


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# Outline

## Collinear Triple Energy Correlation

- Amplitude Side
  - Definition and kinematics
  - Relation to Feynman integral
- Correlator Side
  - Celestial conformal symmetry
  - **Conformal** block decomposition **on the celestial sphere**



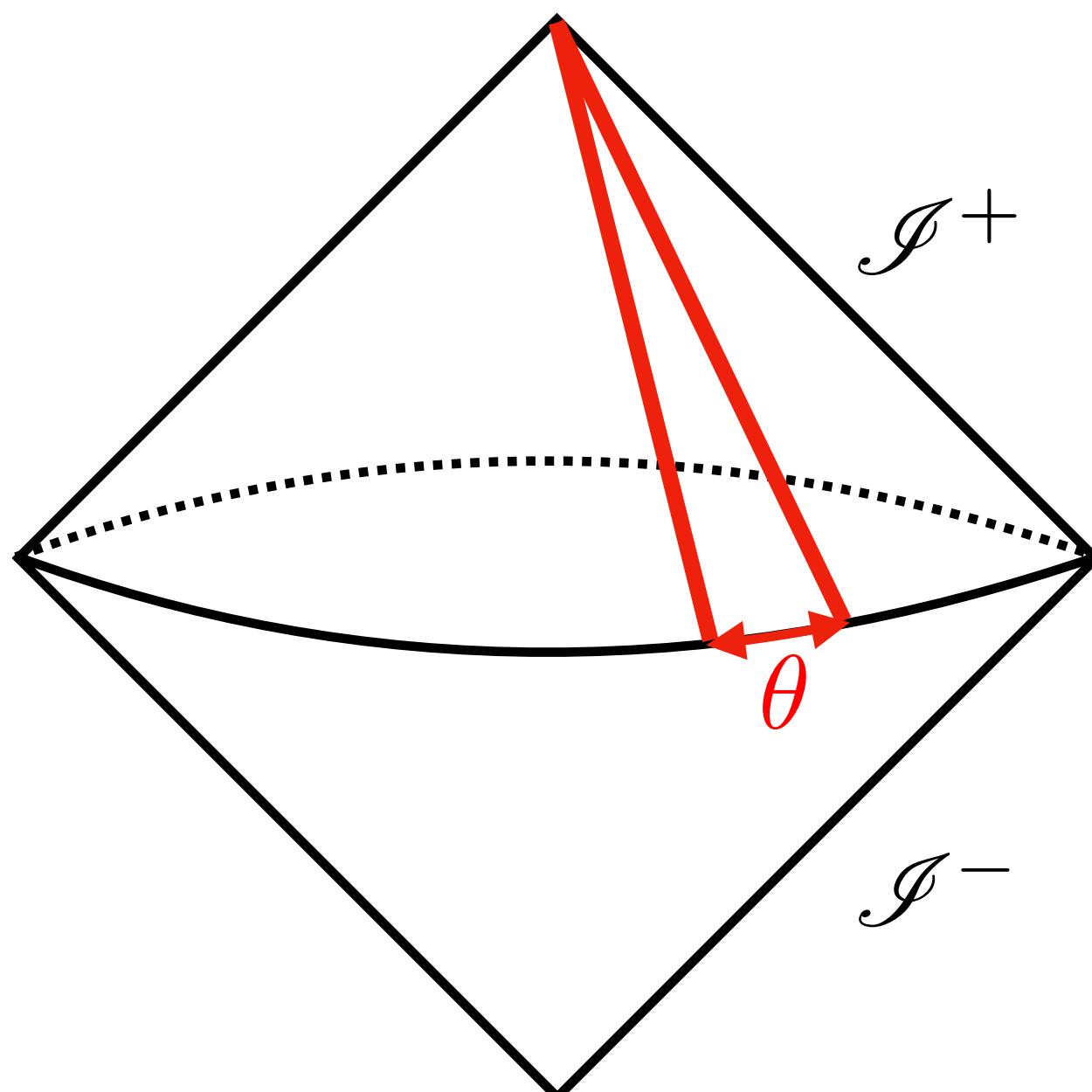
# Energy Flow Operators and EEC

[Basham, Brown, Ellis and Love, 1978]

introduced energy-energy correlation

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{dz} = \sum_{i,j} \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta \left( z - \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ij}}{2} \right)$$

which characterizes the correlation of two **energy detectors** (calorimeters) at spatial infinity (celestial sphere).



The energy detector has a nice operator definition:

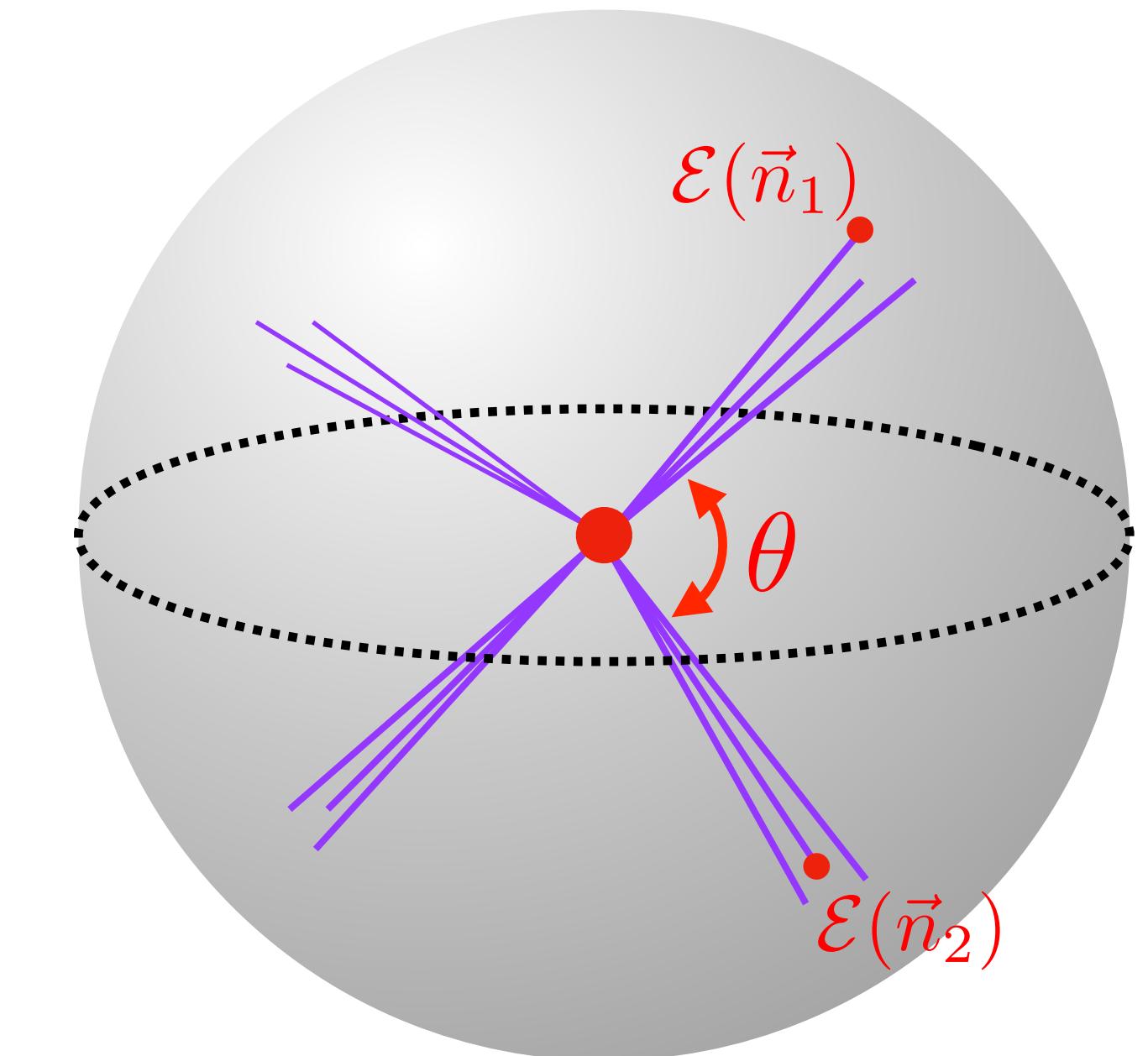
$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^2 \int_0^\infty dt n^i T_{0i}(t, r\vec{n})$$

[Korchemsky, Sterman, 1999;  
Hofman, Maldacena, 2008;  
Bauer, Fleming, Lee, Sterman, 2008; ...]

allowing alternative definition of EEC and its multi-point generalization as correlation function of multiple insertion of **energy flow operators**

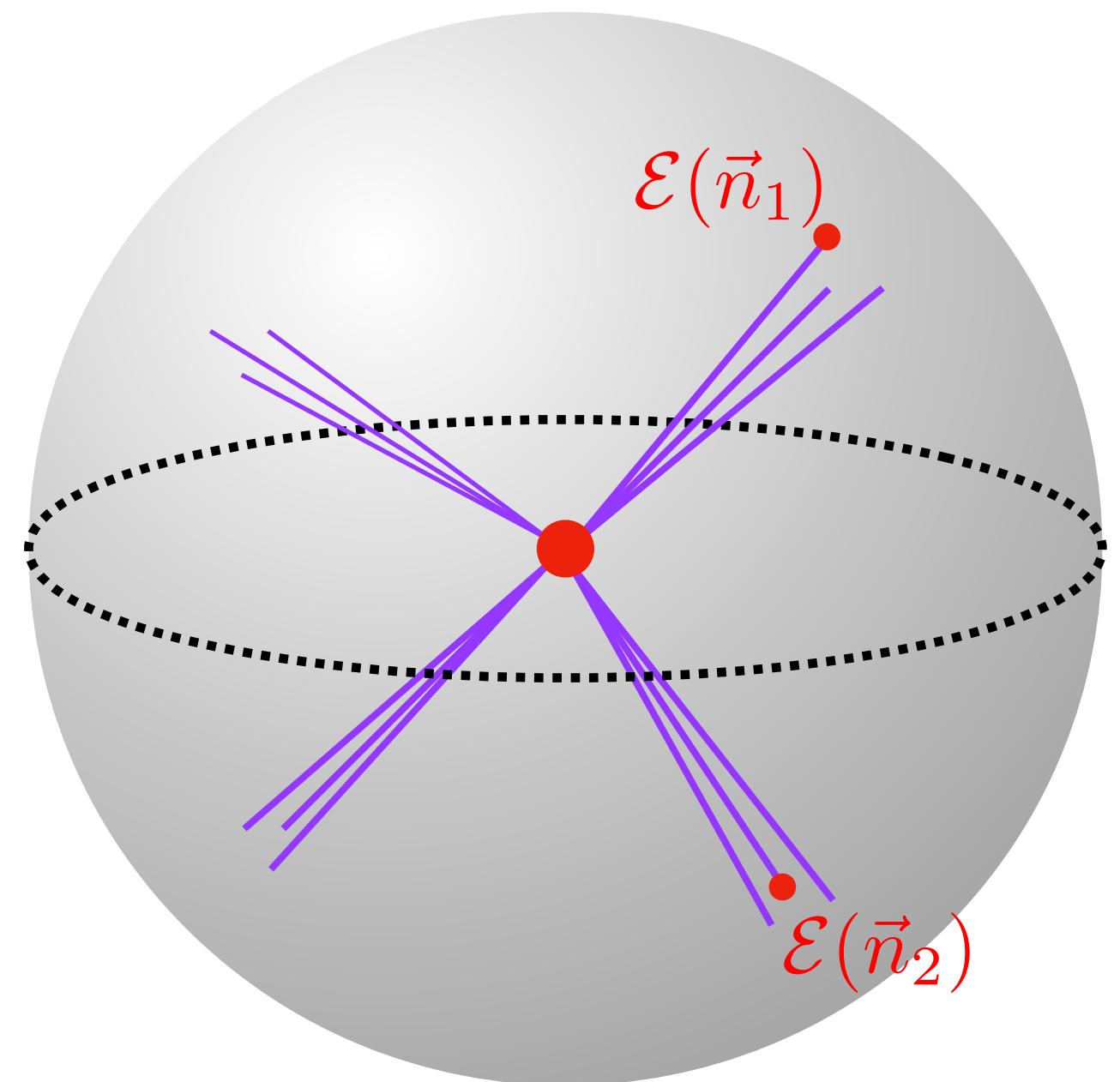
$$\langle O'(-q) | \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \dots | O(q) \rangle$$

Source with total momentum  
 $q = (Q, 0, 0, 0)$



# Energy Correlation on the celestial sphere

$$\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \rangle$$

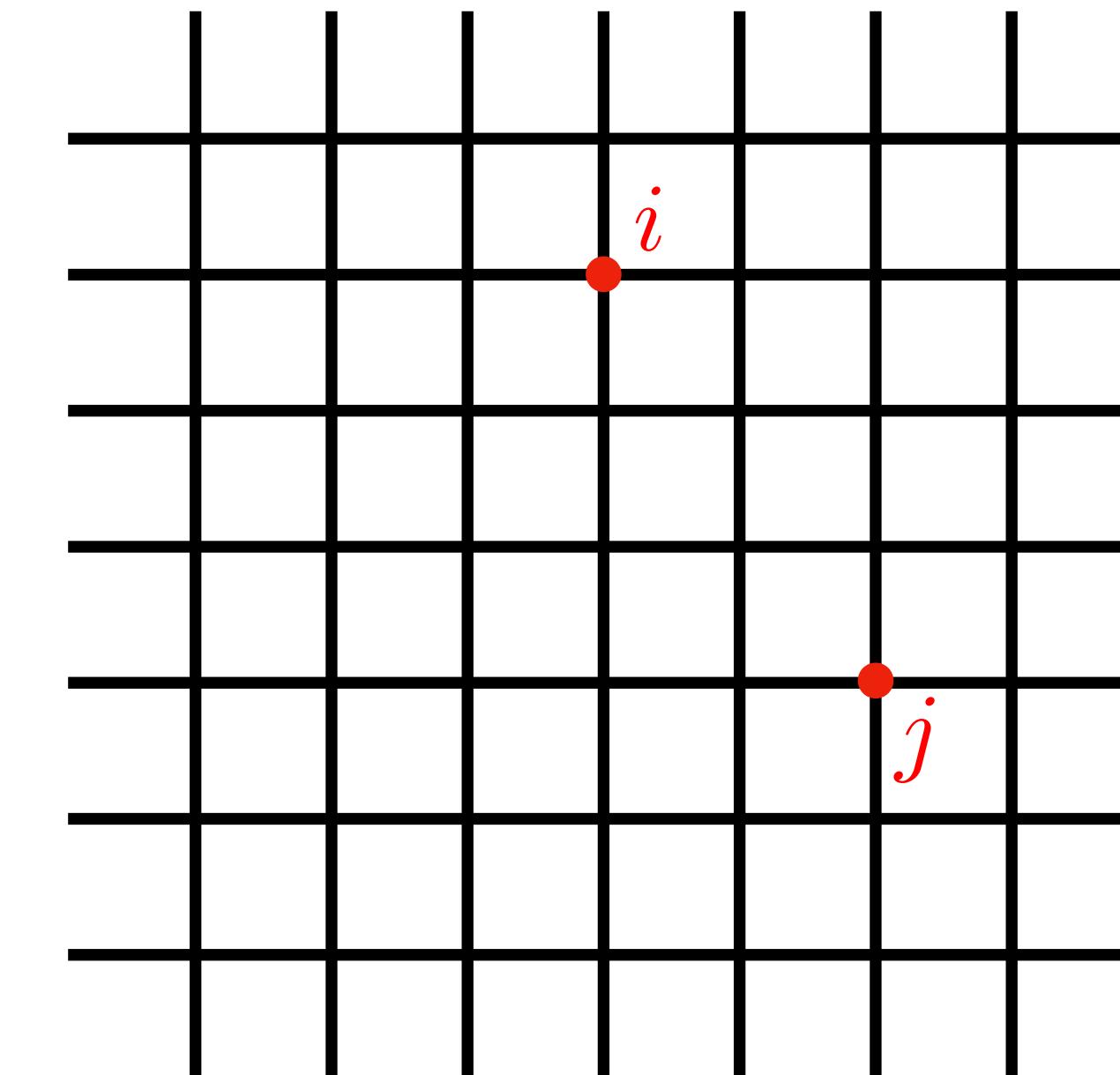


differential cross section  $d\sigma$

eigenvalues of energy  $\mathcal{E}$

# Spin Correlation on the plane (2D Ising)

$$\langle \sigma_i \sigma_j \rangle$$



Probability Distribution



Boltzmann factor  $e^{-\beta H}$

Weighting Factor



eigenvalues of spin  $\sigma$

# State of the art for Energy Correlators

EEC calculations (full angle):

QCD:	<b>LO</b>	[Basham, Brown, Ellis, Love, 1978]
	<b>NLO</b>	[Dixon, Luo, Shtabovenko, Yang, Zhu, 2018]

$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM:	<b>NLO</b>	[Belitsky, Hohenegger, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Zhiboedov, 2014]
	<b>NNLO</b>	[Henn, Sokatchev, Yan, Zhiboedov, 2019]

Collinear limit:

QCD:	[Dixon, Moult, Zhu, 2019]
$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM:	[Korchemsky, 2019; Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, Zhiboedov, 2019] [Chang, Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, Zhiboedov, 2020]
3-point (LO):	[HC, Luo, Moult, Yang, Zhang, Zhu, 2019]

Back-to-back limit:

QCD:	<b>N<sup>3</sup>LL</b>	[Moult, Zhu, 2018] [Ebert, Mistlberger, Vita, 2020]
	<b>NLP</b>	[Moult, Vita, Yan, 2019]
$\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM:		[Korchemsky, 2019]
Other colliders:	<i>pp</i>	[Gao, Li, Moult, Zhu, 2019]
	<i>ep</i>	[Li, Vitev, Zhu, 2020; Li, Makris, Vitev, 2021]

# 3-point Energy Correlator

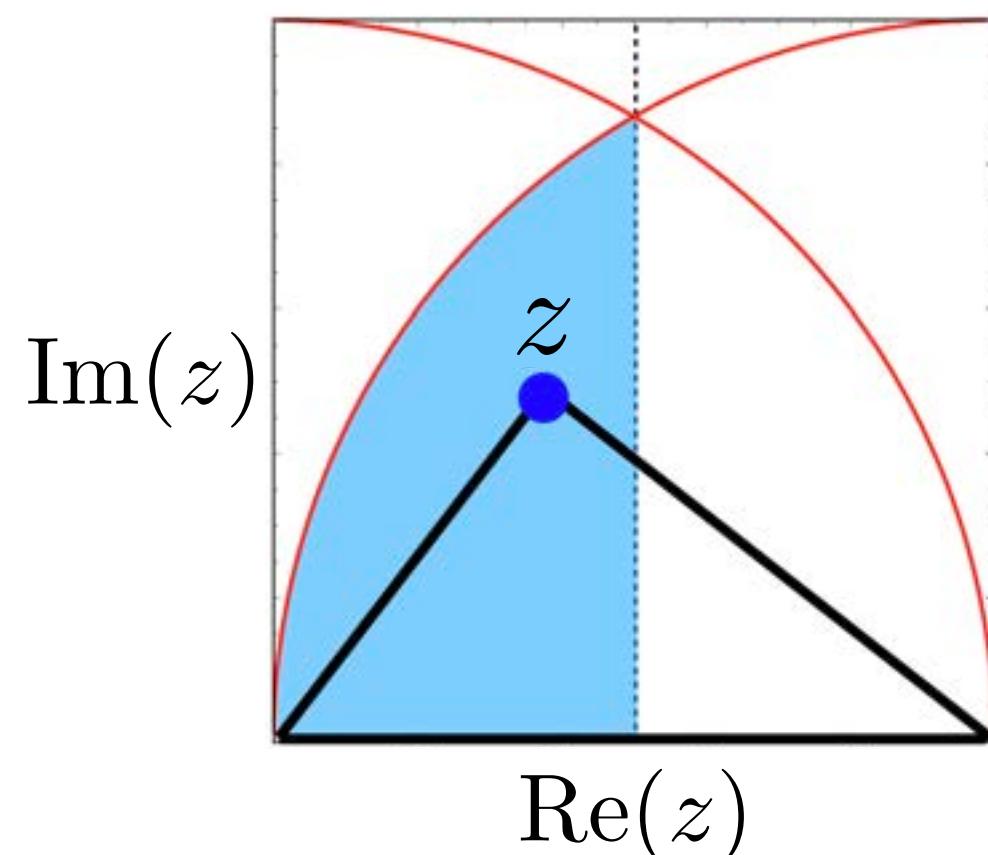
## in the collinear limit

### Kinematics

In the collinear limit, EEEC configuration can be approximated by a triangle.

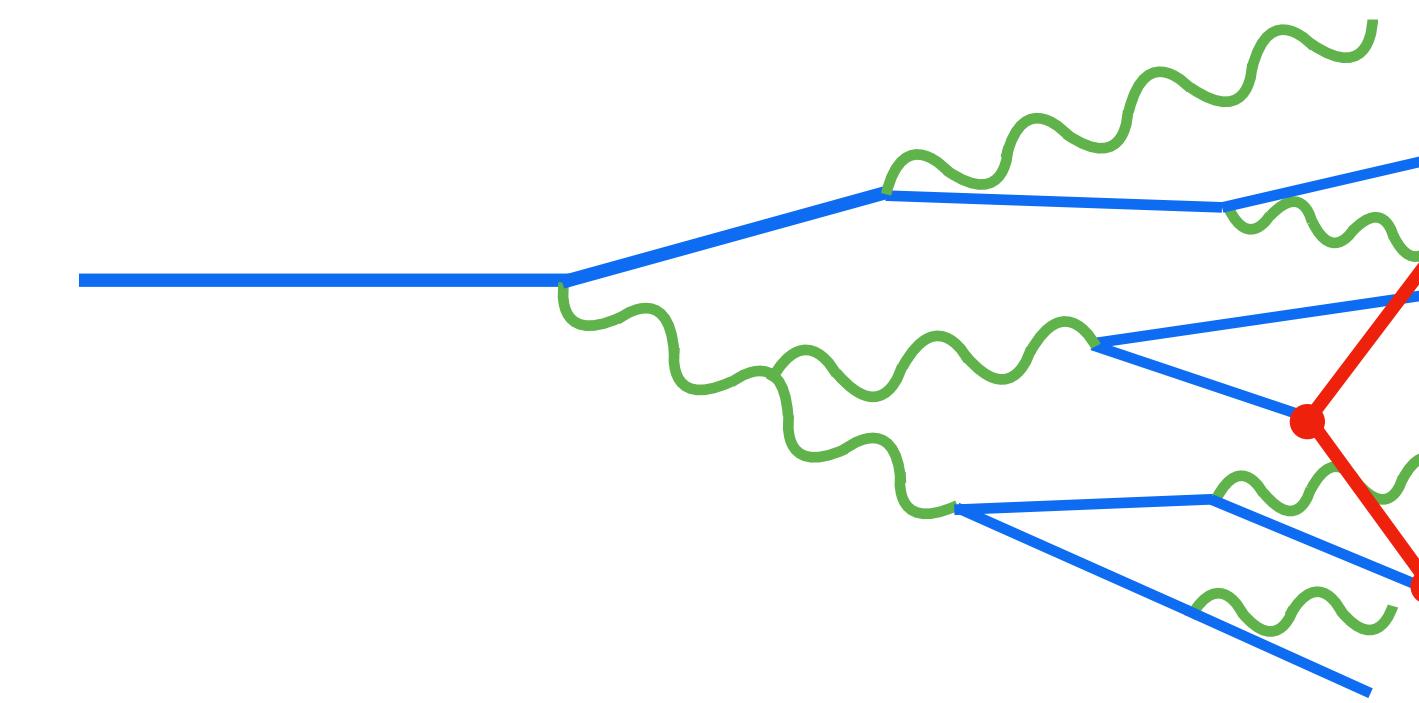
[HC, Luo, Moult, Yang, Zhang, Zhu, 2019]

Moduli space of triangle shape



Parameterized in terms of

- (1) the longest side<sup>2</sup>  $x_L$  [Size]
- (2) a complex number  $z$  [Shape]



$$\frac{E_a E_b E_c}{(Q/2)^3} \delta\left(x_1 - \frac{s_{ab}}{4E_a E_b}\right) \delta\left(x_2 - \frac{s_{bc}}{4E_b E_c}\right) \delta\left(x_3 - \frac{s_{ac}}{4E_a E_c}\right)$$

### Definition

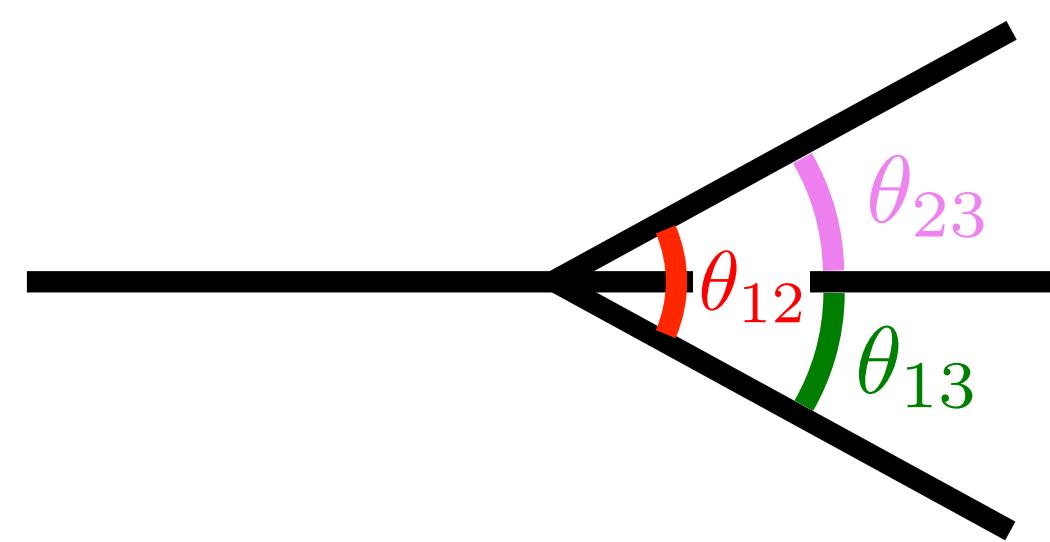
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d^3 \Sigma_i}{dx_1 dx_2 dx_3} = \sum_{a, b, c} \int d\Phi_c^{(3)} P_{abc}^{(i)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{EEECC}}$$

collinear phase space      measurement  
 $1 \rightarrow 3$  splitting probability

$x_1, x_2, x_3$  length<sup>2</sup> of each side ~ angle<sup>2</sup>

# Toy Example: Collinear Number Correlator

Though number correlators are not IR safe in QCD, they still make sense in  $\phi^4$  theory and capture some features of the energy correlators.



$\phi^4$  theory  $1 \rightarrow 3$  splitting probability

$$P = \frac{1}{s_{123}^2} \propto \frac{1}{(\omega_1\omega_2x_3 + \omega_2\omega_3x_1 + \omega_1\omega_3x_2)^2}$$

$\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$   
**momentum fractions**

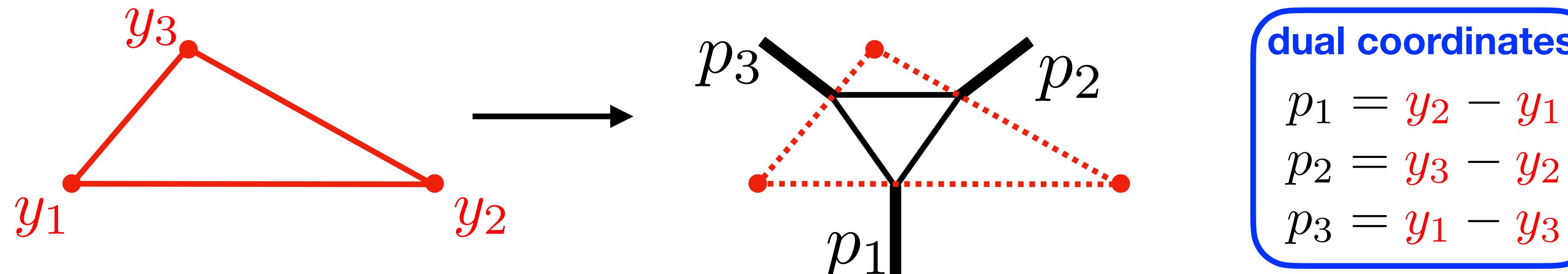
Measurement function fixes 3 angles  $\theta_{12}$   $\theta_{23}$   $\theta_{13}$   
which reduces collinear PS to momentum fractions integration

$$\int d\Phi_c^{(3)} \longrightarrow N \int d\omega_1 d\omega_2 d\omega_3 \omega_1\omega_2\omega_3 \delta(1 - \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3)$$

**has the same measure as Feynman parametrization**

# Toy Example: Collinear Number Correlator

Interestingly, we can find **dual Feynman diagram** description:



**dual coordinates**

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= y_2 - y_1 \\ p_2 &= y_3 - y_2 \\ p_3 &= y_1 - y_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |y_{12}|^2 &= x_3 \\ |y_{23}|^2 &= x_1 \\ |y_{13}|^2 &= x_2 \end{aligned}$$

**Result**

**Leading singularity**

$$\frac{4i(u^3 + v^3 - u^2v - uv^2 - u^2 + 6uv - v^2 - u - v + 1)}{(z - \bar{z})^5} D_2(z)$$

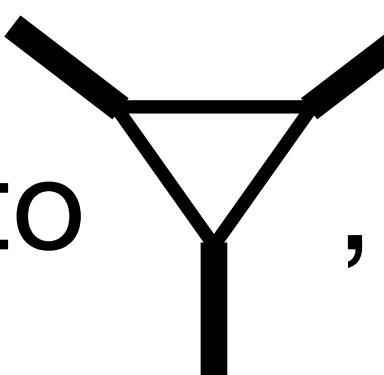
$$+ \frac{2}{(z - \bar{z})^4} [(1 + u - 2u^2 - 2v + uv + v^2) \log u + (u \leftrightarrow v)] + \frac{2}{(z - \bar{z})^2}$$

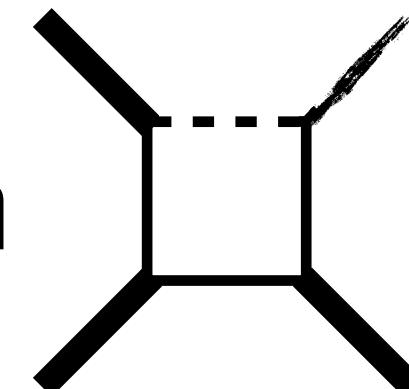
**Notations**

**cross-ratios**  $u = z\bar{z}$ ,  $v = (1 - z)(1 - \bar{z})$

**Bloch-Wigner function**  $2iD_2(z) = \text{Li}_2(z) - \text{Li}_2(\bar{z}) + \frac{1}{2}(\log(1 - z) - \log(1 - \bar{z})) \log(z\bar{z})$

# Collinear EEEC Results

In  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM/QCD, in addition to , we have another dual diagram



**1 massless leg  
1 eikonal propagator**

$\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM result:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\mathcal{E}\mathcal{E}\mathcal{E}}^{\mathcal{N}=4}(z) = & \frac{1+u+v}{2uv} - \frac{1+v}{2uv} \log(u) - \frac{1+u}{2uv} \log(v) \\ & - (1+u+v)(\partial_u + \partial_v)\Phi(z) + \frac{(1+u^2+v^2)}{2uv}\Phi(z) + \frac{(z-\bar{z})^2(u+v+u^2+v^2+u^2v+uv^2)}{4u^2v^2}\Phi(z) \\ & + \frac{(u-1)(u+1)}{2uv^2}D_2^+(z) + \frac{(v-1)(v+1)}{2u^2v}D_2^+(1-z) + \frac{(u-v)(u+v)}{2uv}D_2^+\left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right) + \frac{1+u+v}{2uv}\zeta_2 \end{aligned}$$

Two types of single-valued transcendental weight 2 functions:

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{z-\bar{z}} (2\text{Li}_2(z) - 2\text{Li}_2(\bar{z}) + (\log(1-z) - \log(1-\bar{z}))\log(z\bar{z})) ,$$

$$D_2^+(z) = \text{Li}_2\left(1 - |z|^2\right) + \frac{1}{2} \log\left(|1-z|^2\right) \log\left(|z|^2\right)$$

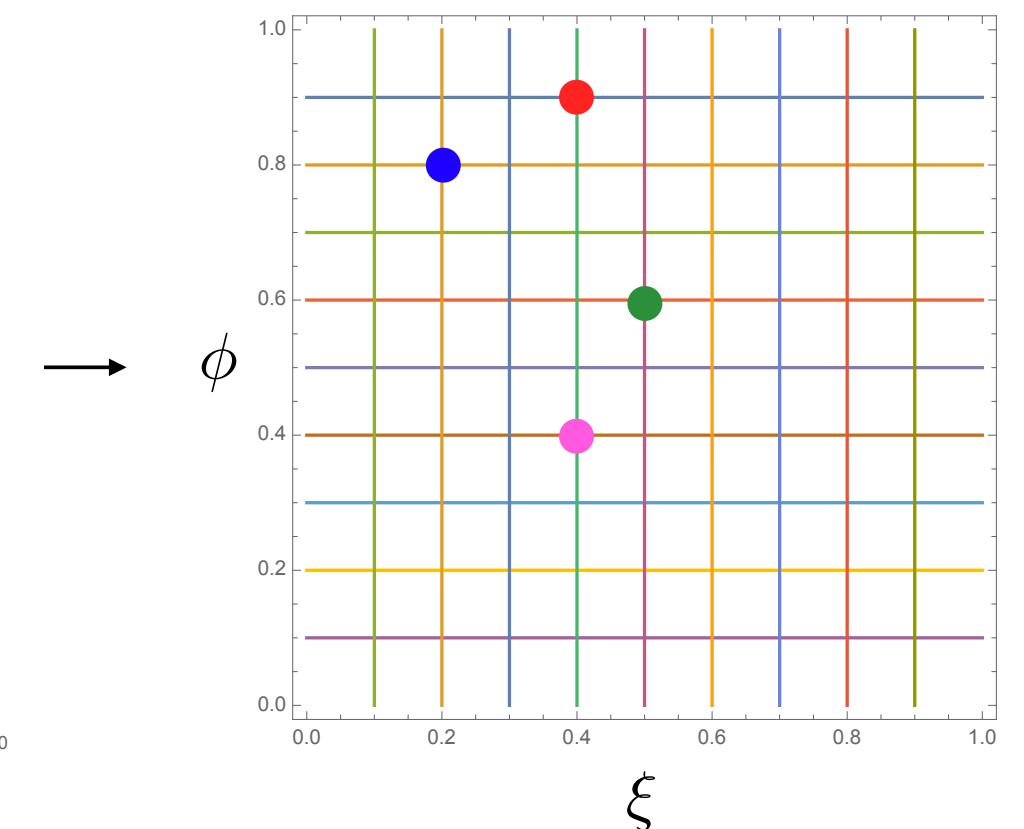
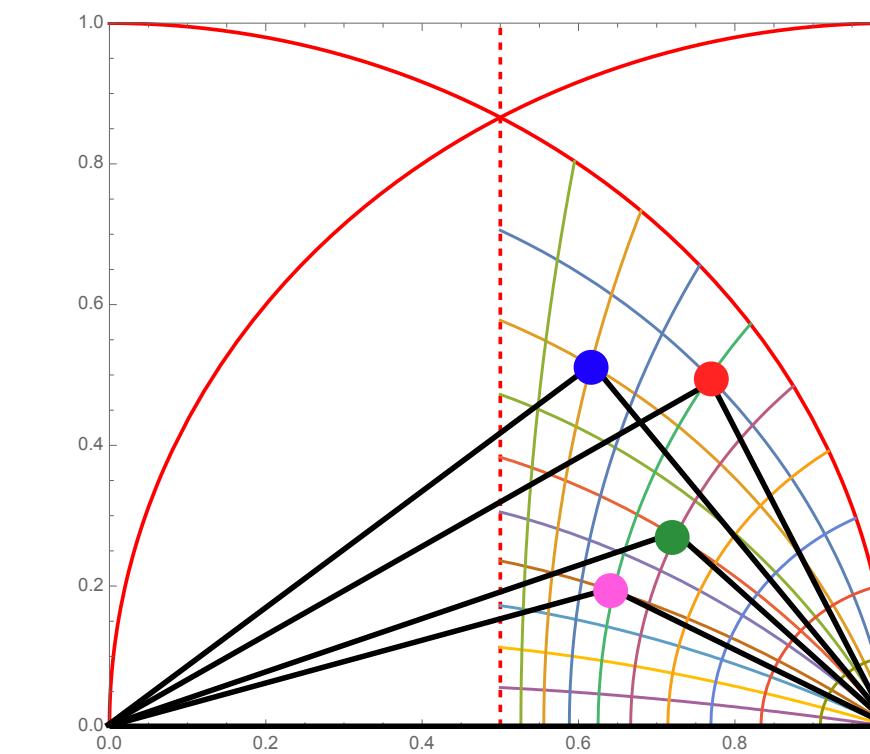
**contribution from Wilson line,  
absent in scalar theory**

QCD results have the same structure with more complicated rational functions.

# Aside: Measuring Shape Dependence

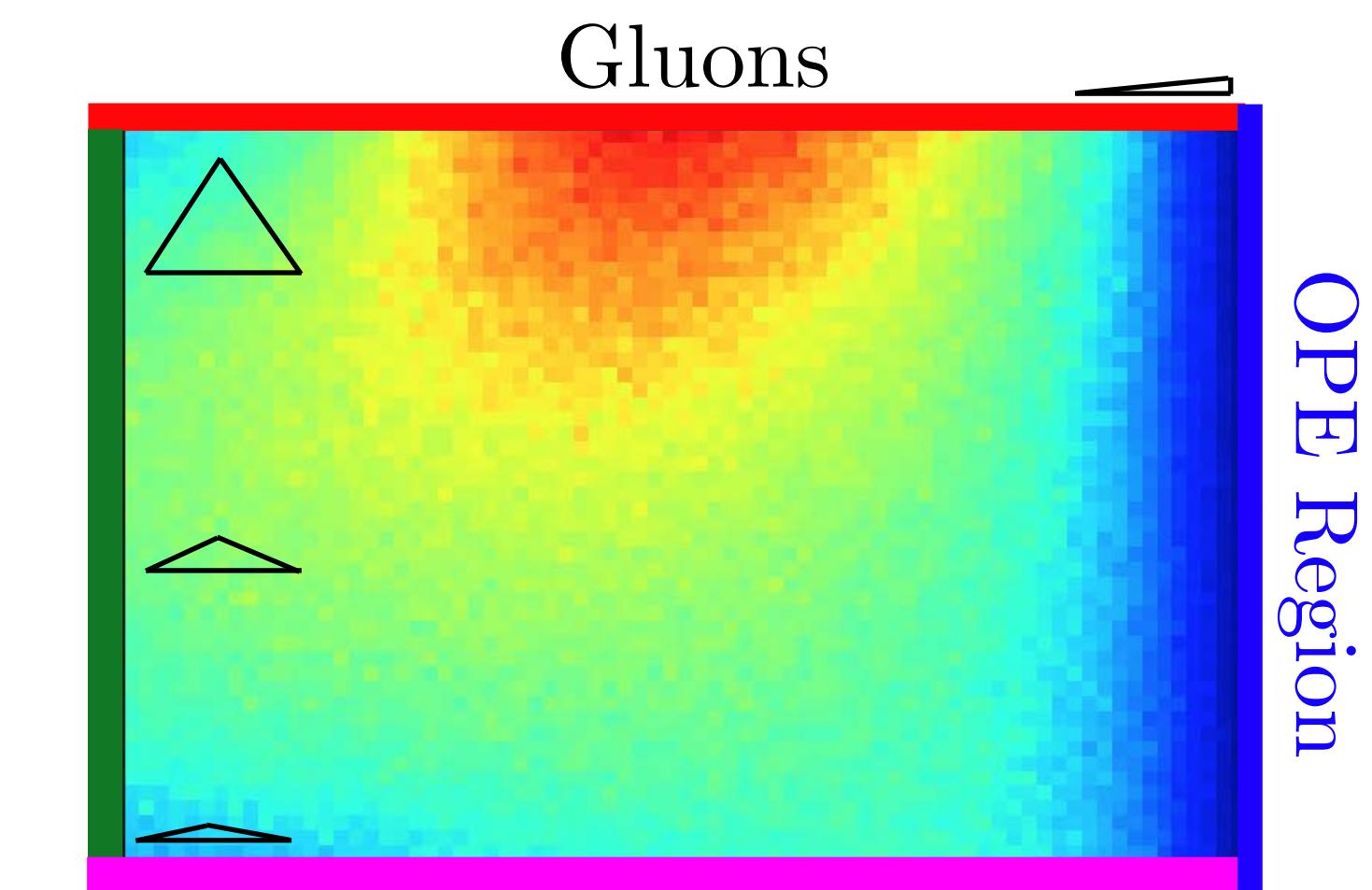
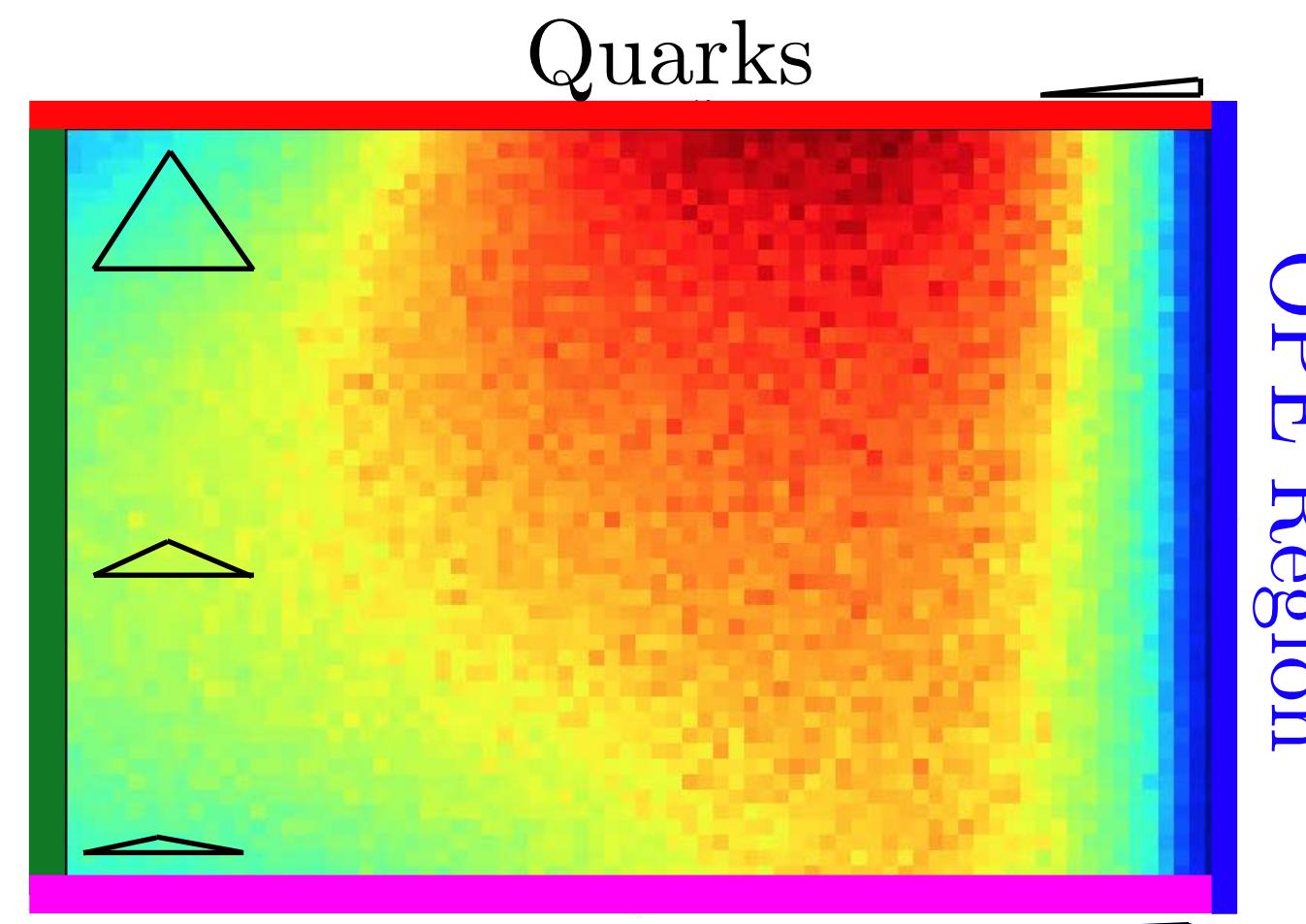
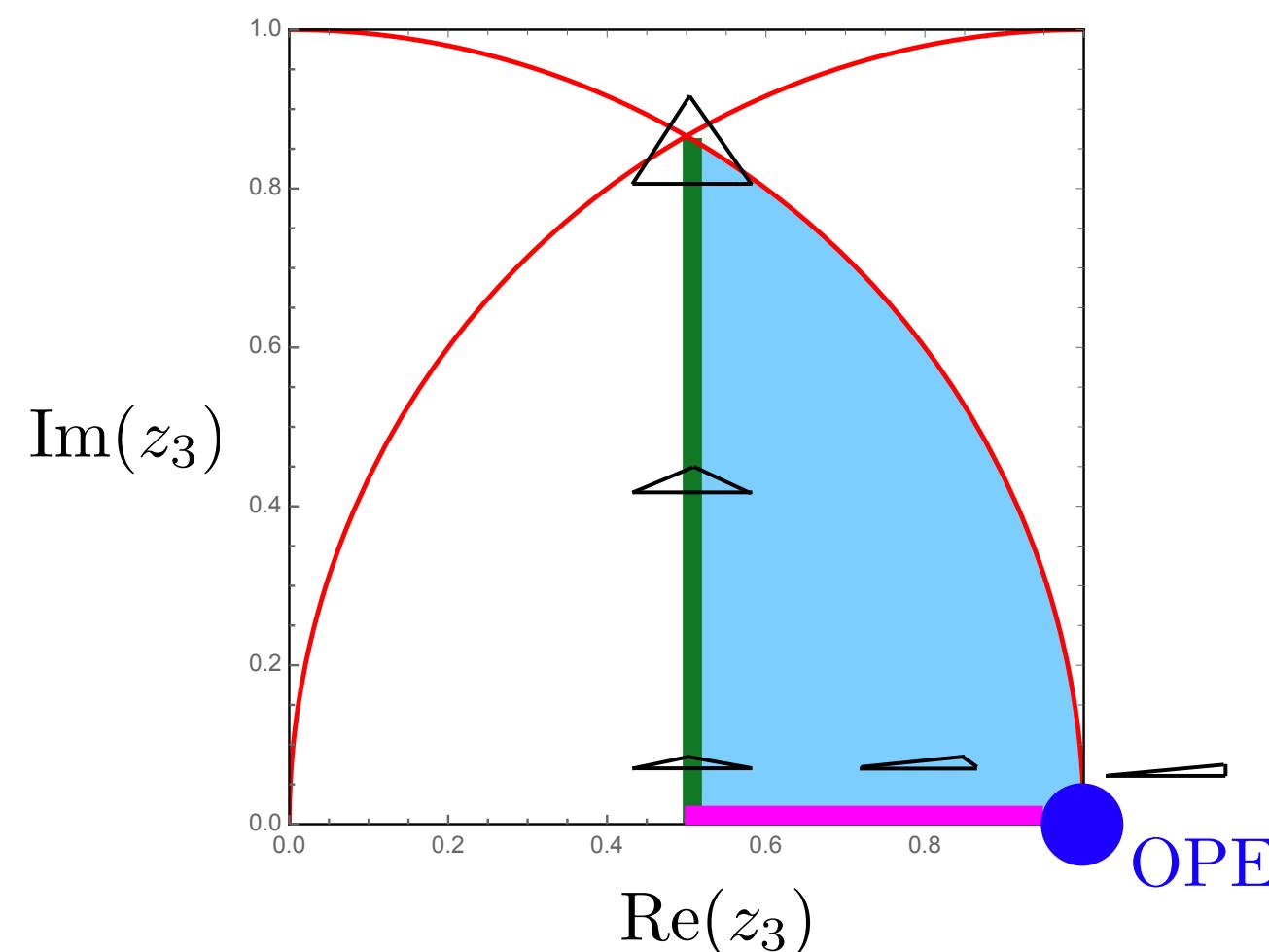
The shape dependence  $g(z, \bar{z})$  in collinear EEEC can be directly measured at LHC!

[Komiske, Moult, Thaler, Zhu, Forthcoming]



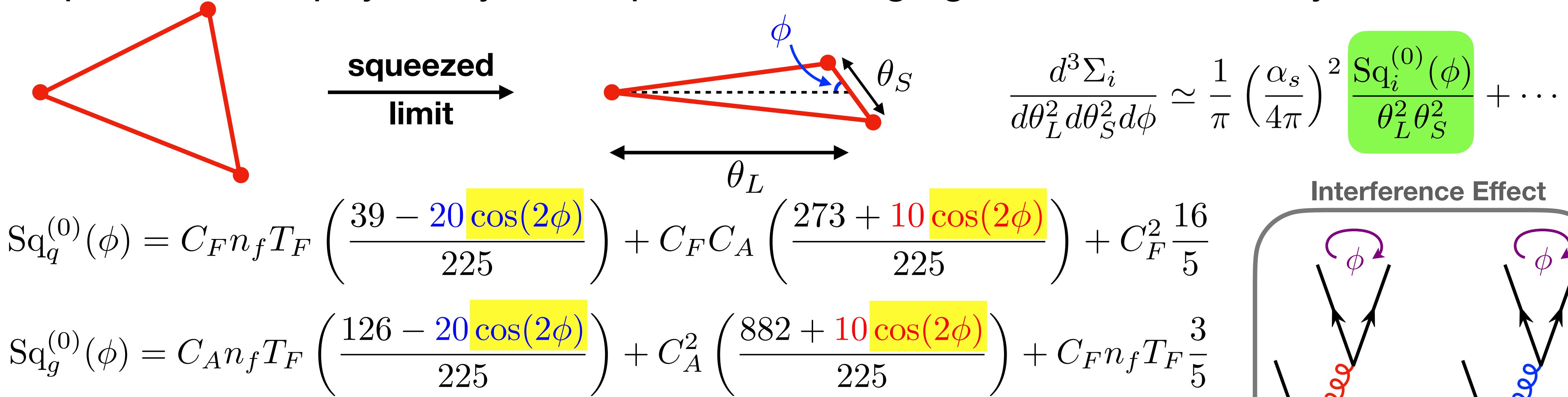
Moduli space and parametrization

Imaging of 3-point energy correlator  $g(z, \bar{z})/(z\bar{z})^3$

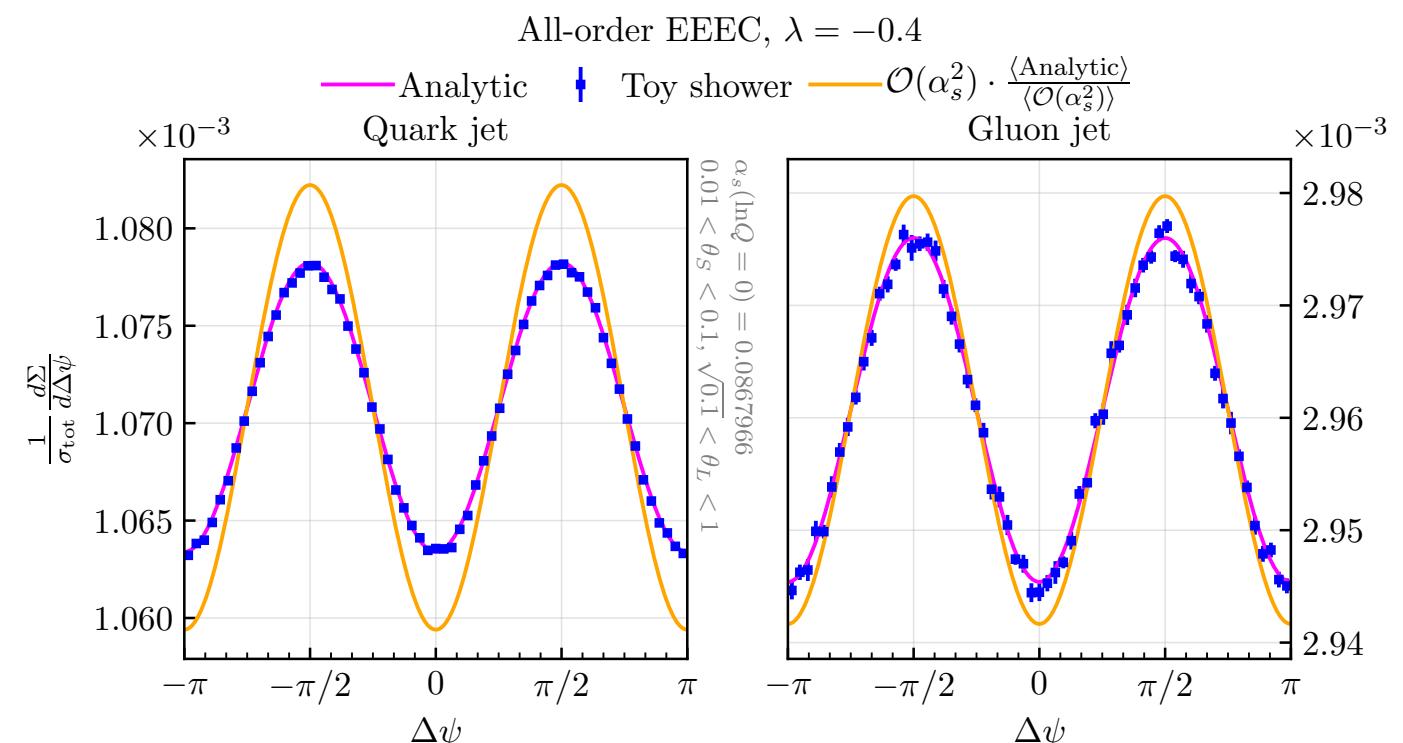


# Squeezed Limit

Squeezed limit physically corresponds to bringing two detectors very close.

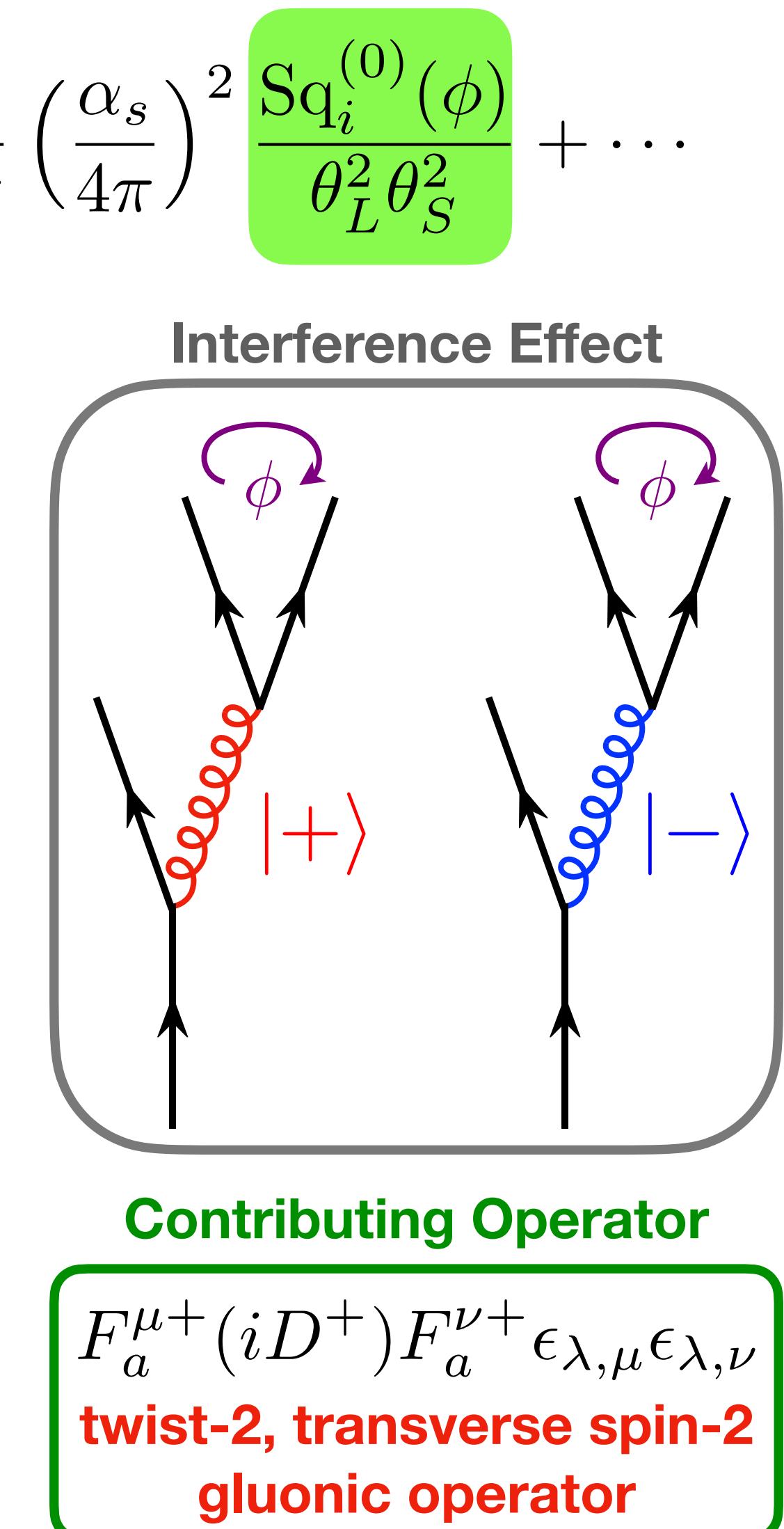


Squeezed limit encodes spin correlation information and the Leading Power resummation is done. [HC, Moult, Zhu, 2020]



Recently, when collinear spin correlation is included in the **PanScales** family of parton showers, our resummed result provides validation of shower results.

[Karlberg, Salam, Scyboz, Verheyen, 2021]

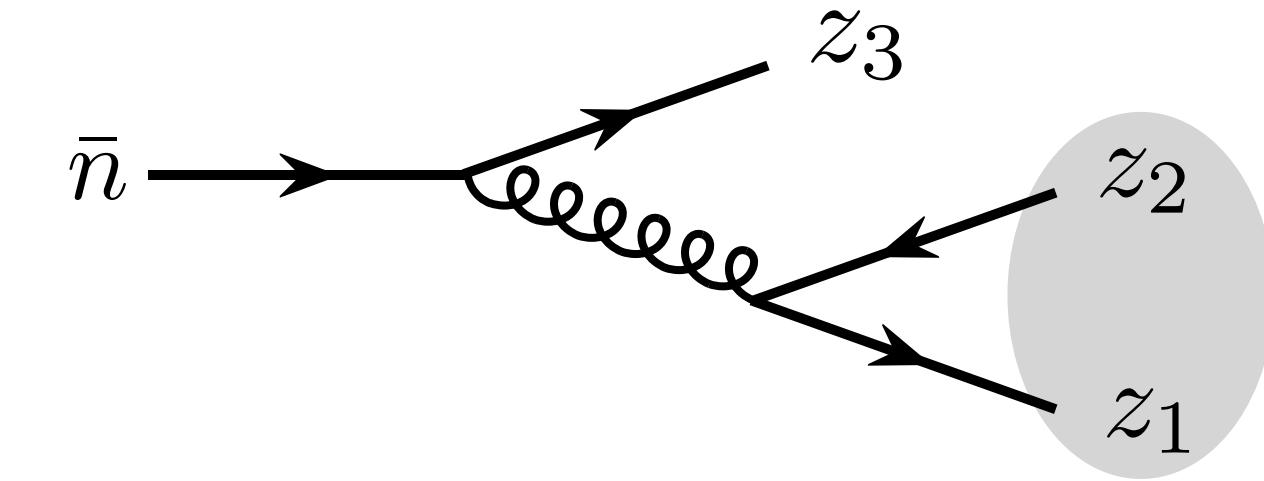


# Squeezed Limit

more power expansion

For simplicity, tagging final state quarks

Squeezed limit:  $z_1 \cdot z_2 \rightarrow 0$



Expanding the full result:

highest transverse spin series

$$g(u, v) \equiv g(z, \bar{z}) \propto$$

$-z^3 \bar{z} {}_2F_1(3, 2, 6, z)$

How to understand?

$$+ \frac{39}{10} z^2 \bar{z}^2 - z \bar{z}^3$$

$$+ \frac{39}{20} z^3 \bar{z}^2 + \frac{39}{20} z^2 \bar{z}^3 - z \bar{z}^4$$

$$- \frac{6}{7} z^5 \bar{z} + \frac{229}{140} z^4 \bar{z}^2 - \frac{211}{140} z^3 \bar{z}^3 + \frac{229}{140} z^2 \bar{z}^4 - \frac{6}{7} z \bar{z}^5$$

$$- \frac{5}{7} z^6 \bar{z} + \frac{207}{140} z^5 \bar{z}^2 - \frac{233}{140} z^4 \bar{z}^3 - \frac{233}{140} z^3 \bar{z}^4 + \frac{207}{140} z^2 \bar{z}^5 - \frac{5}{7} z \bar{z}^6$$

LP

NLP

NNLP

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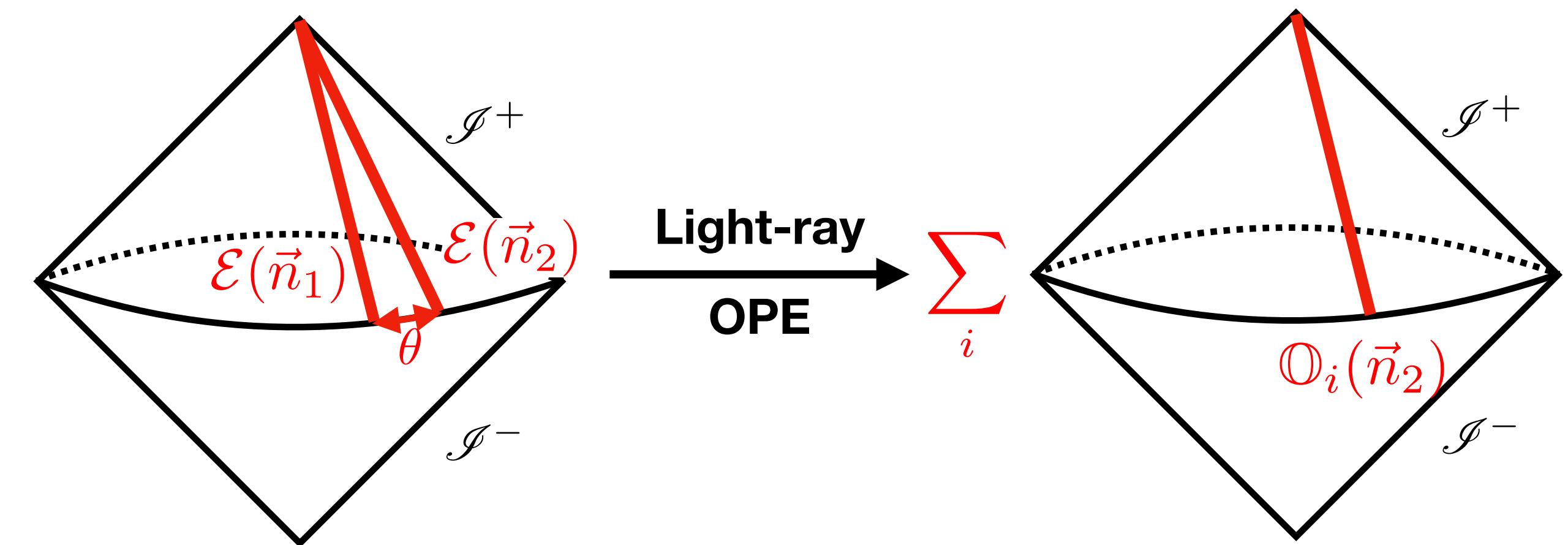
# Light-ray Operators and OPE

Generalization of  $\mathcal{E}(\vec{n})$ :  
 [Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, 2018]

**Local Operator Analogy**

$$\sim \sum \mathcal{O}(x_1)$$

$$\mathbb{O}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{\text{twist}} \int_0^\infty dt O^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_J}(t, r\vec{n}) \bar{n}_{\mu_1} \dots \bar{n}_{\mu_J}$$



Small angle behavior is controlled by the OPE of these light-ray operators.

**Light-ray OPE**  $\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \sim \sum_i c_i \theta^{\tau_i - 4} \mathbb{O}_i(\vec{n}_2)$  [Hofman, Maldacena, 2008]  
 dominated by leading twist

Light-ray OPE in CFT is rigorous and convergent. [Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, Zhiboedov, 2019]  
 [Chang, Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, Zhiboedov, 2020]

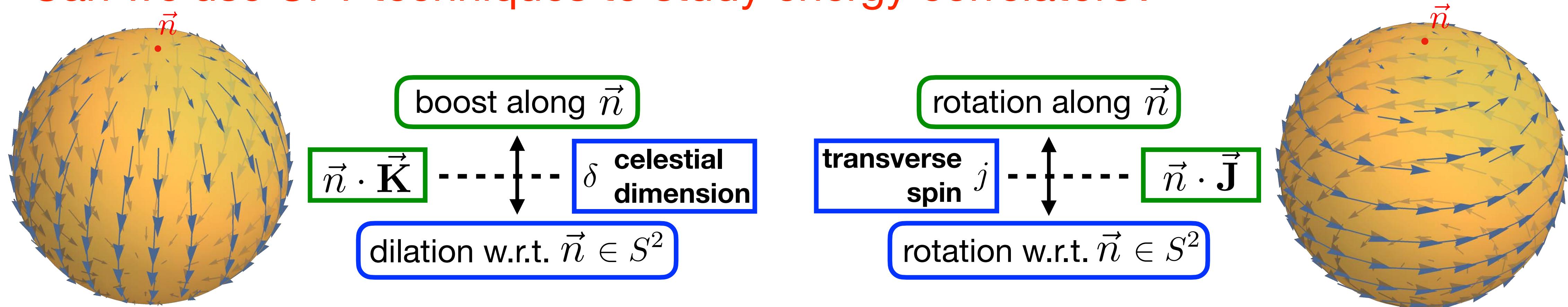
In QCD, things are less understood, but the leading power contribution is. [HC, Moult, Zhu, 2020]

# Celestial Sphere and Celestial Block

Light-ray operators are local on the celestial sphere.

It has long been realized that the **Lorentz group** is equivalent to the **conformal group** on the **celestial sphere**.

Can we use CFT techniques to study energy correlators?



For 2-point EEC, [Kologlu, Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, Zhiboedov, 2019] had used this fact to give rigorous light-ray OPE and organize it into “celestial blocks”.  
sum all descendants

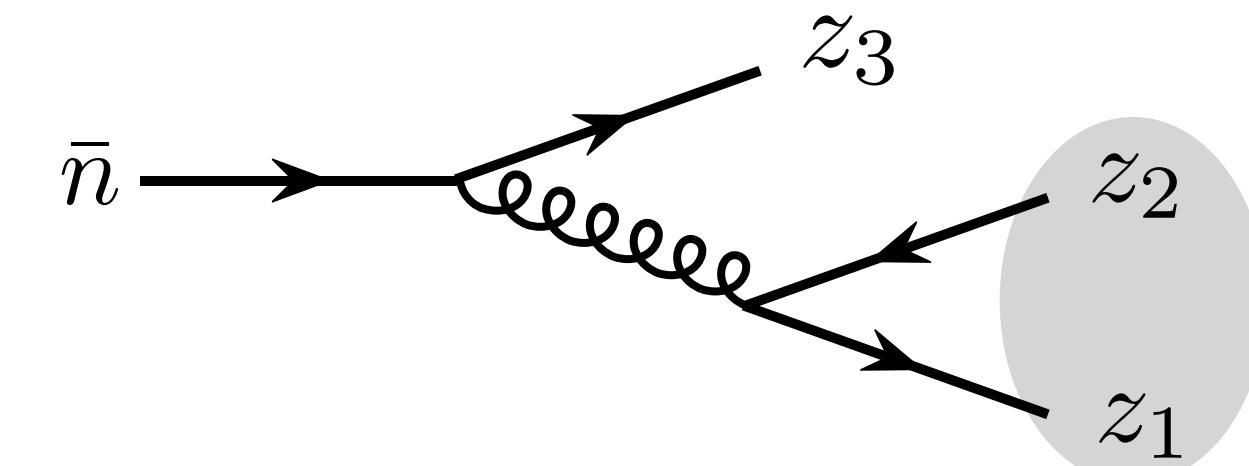
We generalize this idea to 3-point case. Interestingly, in the collinear limit, 3-point celestial blocks turn out to be **2D conformal blocks**. [HC, Moult, Zhu, 2021]

[HC, Moult, Sandor, Zhu, forthcoming]

# Conformal Block Decomposition

on the celestial sphere

**Example:**



For simplicity, tagging final state quarks

Squeezed limit:  $z_1 \cdot z_2 \rightarrow 0$

$$g(z, \bar{z}) = -\frac{1}{720} g_{4,2}(z, \bar{z}) + \frac{163}{252000} g_{6,2}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{2057}{4233600} g_{8,2}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{82667}{768398400} g_{10,2}(z, \bar{z})$$
$$+ \frac{13}{2400} g_{4,0}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{139}{40320} g_{6,0}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{10211}{5880000} g_{8,0}(z, \bar{z}) + \dots$$
$$-\frac{1}{168} \partial_\delta g_{8,0}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{1}{1386} \partial_\delta g_{10,2}(z, \bar{z}) + \dots$$

$\delta$

[derivative of blocks, contain  $\log |z|$ ]

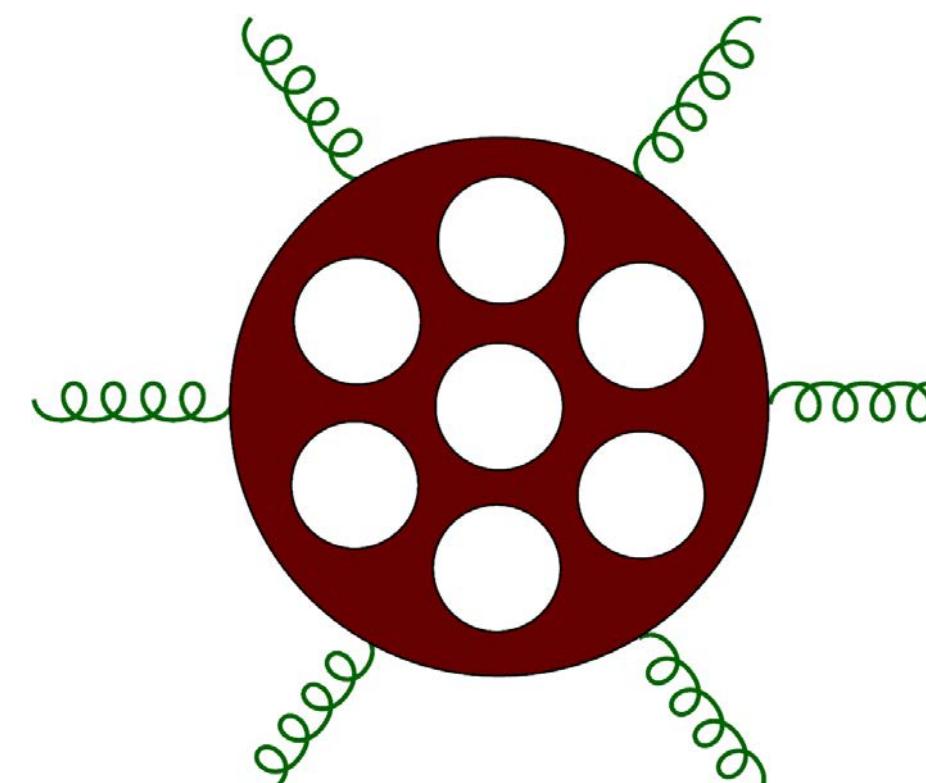
Conformal blocks nicely re-organize the power correction of this small angle expansion.

In particular, in this example, only  $j = 0, 2$  blocks exist.

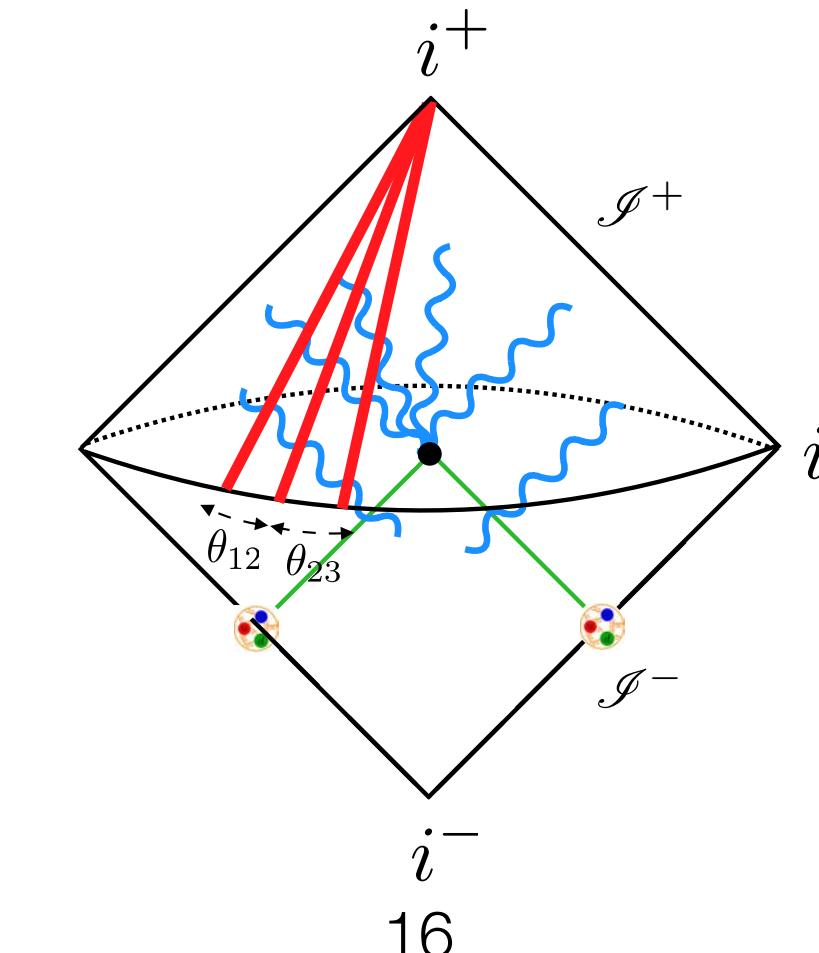
# Summary

- Energy correlators are field-theoretically elegant observables, where we can apply sophisticated amplitude/correlation function techniques
- For collinear EEEC, we study
  - its relation to dual Feynman diagrams
  - its conformal block decomposition as a correlator on the celestial sphere

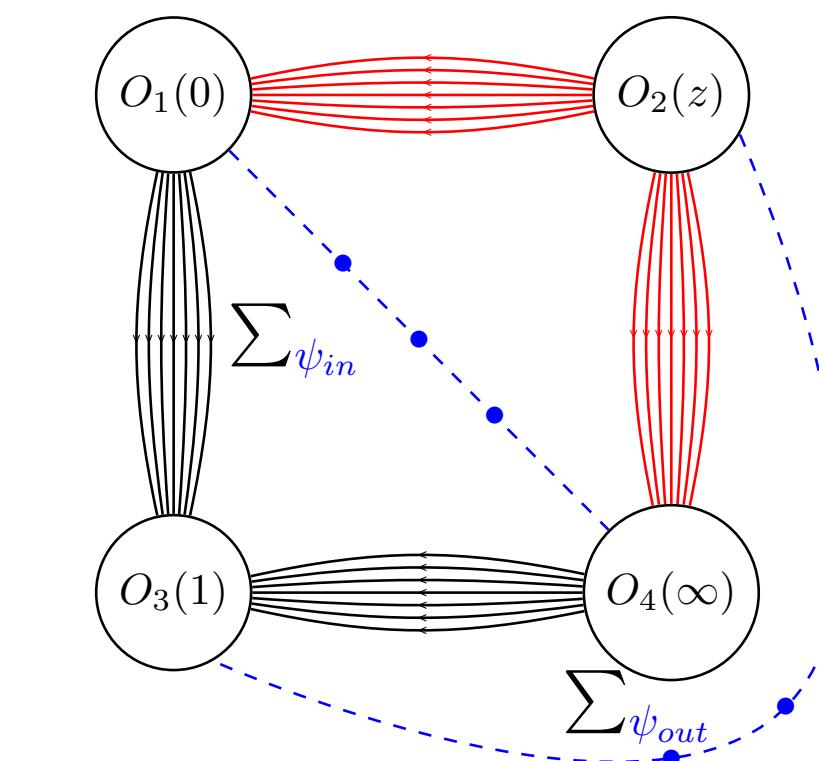
Amplitudes



Energy  
Correlators



Correlation  
Functions





# **Backup**

# 3-Point Energy Correlator

## with collinear quark source

### Operator Definition

$$\int dt e^{it\bar{n}\cdot P} \langle \Omega | \bar{\chi}(t\bar{n}) \not{h} \mathcal{E}(z_1) \mathcal{E}(z_2) \mathcal{E}(z_3) \chi(0) | \Omega \rangle$$

dimensionless

### Properties

- depends on scalar products  $\bar{n} \cdot P,$
- $\bar{n} \cdot z_i, z_i \cdot z_j$

- dimension = 5

- homogeneous in  $\bar{n},$   $\underbrace{z_1, z_2, z_3}_{-3}$   $\mathcal{E}(\lambda z_i) = \lambda^{-3} \mathcal{E}(z_i)$
- celestial dimension  
↓
- |     |   |                                   |  |
|-----|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| RPI | 0 | $\underbrace{z_1, z_2, z_3}_{-3}$ | $\mathcal{E}(\lambda z_i) = \lambda^{-3} \mathcal{E}(z_i)$ |
|-----|---|-----------------------------------|--|

### Functional Form

$$(\bar{n} \cdot P)^5 \frac{1}{(z_1 \cdot z_2)^3} \frac{1}{(z_3 \cdot \bar{n})^4} \left( \frac{z_1 \cdot z_3}{z_1 \cdot \bar{n}} \right) g(u, v)$$

4 point conformal correlator on the celestial sphere

**cross-ratios**

$$u = \frac{(z_1 \cdot z_2)(z_3 \cdot \bar{n})}{(z_1 \cdot z_3)(z_2 \cdot \bar{n})}$$

$$v = \frac{(z_1 \cdot \bar{n})(z_2 \cdot z_3)}{(z_1 \cdot z_3)(z_2 \cdot \bar{n})}$$

# Casimir Equation

on the celestial sphere

Finding a good **basis** that respects **symmetry**.

$$G(z_1, z_2, z_3, \bar{n}) = \frac{1}{(z_1 \cdot z_2)^3} \frac{1}{(z_3 \cdot \bar{n})^4} \left( \frac{z_1 \cdot z_3}{z_1 \cdot \bar{n}} \right) g(z, \bar{z}) \rightarrow \boxed{\text{??}}$$

**Symmetry:** Lorentz Group

**Representation labels:**

$\delta$	celestial dimension	-----	$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{K}$
$j$	transverse spin	-----	$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{J}$

**Quadratic Casimir:**

$$\frac{1}{2} M_{\mu\nu} M^{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\text{eigenvalue}} -(\delta(\delta - 2) + j^2)$$

**Casimir Equation:** acting Casimir operator on  $z_1, z_2$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}(z_1, z_2) \mathcal{L}_{\mu\nu}(z_1, z_2) G_{\delta,j} = -(\delta(\delta - 2) + j^2) G_{\delta,j}$$

[Dolan, Osborn, 2003]

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mu\nu}(z_1, z_2) \equiv \sum_{i=1,2} \left( z_i^\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i\nu}} - z_i^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i\mu}} \right)$$

**Rotation Group**  $SO(3)$

$$f(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{\ell,m} f_{\ell,m} \boxed{Y_{\ell,m}(\theta, \phi)}$$

Origin of Spherical Harmonics

Cartan subalgebra basis:  $L_3$

Casimir operator:  $L_1^2 + L_2^2 + L_3^2$

Differential operator form:

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Solutions:  $Y_{\ell,m}(\theta, \phi)$

Eigenvalue:  $-\ell(\ell + 1)$

Label  $\ell$  is the eigenvalue of  $L_3$  when the solution is annihilated by  $L_1 + iL_2$

# Conformal Blocks

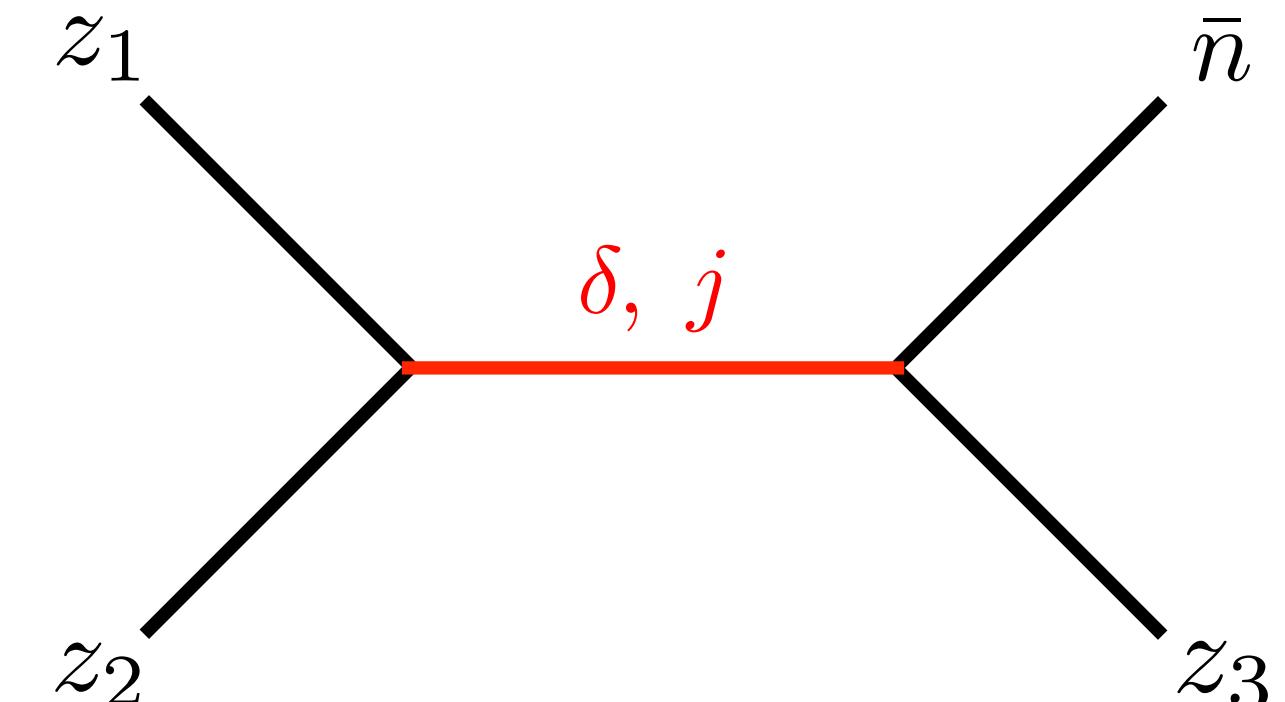
on the celestial sphere

**Solutions:**

$$g_{\delta,j}(z, \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{j,0}} (k_{\delta-j}(z)k_{\delta+j}(\bar{z}) + k_{\delta+j}(z)k_{\delta-j}(\bar{z}))$$

**[Notations]** In our case,  $a = 0, b = -1$

$$k_\beta(x) \equiv x^{\beta/2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\beta}{2} + a, \frac{\beta}{2} + b, \beta, x\right)$$



We find **celestial blocks** for **collinear EEEC** turn out to be **2D conformal blocks**.

**Decomposition:**

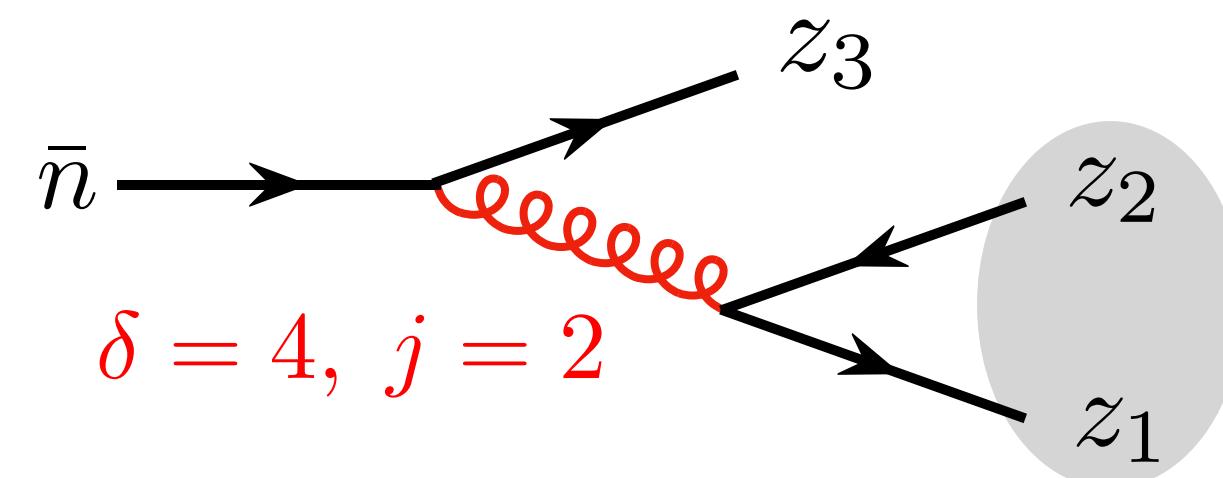
$$g(z, \bar{z}) = \sum_{\delta, j} c_{\delta, j} g_{\delta, j}(z, \bar{z})$$

**Previous example:**

$$-z^3 \bar{z} {}_2F_1(3, 2, 6, z)$$

set  $\delta = 4, j = 2$

$$k_6(z) = z^3 {}_2F_1(3, 2, 6, z) \quad k_2(\bar{z}) = \bar{z}$$



**Contributing Operator**

$$F_a^{\mu+}(iD^+)F_a^{\nu+}\epsilon_{\lambda,\mu}\epsilon_{\lambda,\nu}$$

**twist-2, transverse spin-2 gluonic operator**