

# QED corrections in leptonic B meson decays

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QED corrections to  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$  at Subleading power *in progress*

# Outline

- Motivation for precision flavor physics
- QED corrections in QCD bound-states
- QED corrections to  $B_q \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ ,  $B_q \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$  in SCET  
( $B_q \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  at Leading Power and  $B_q \rightarrow \tau \nu_\tau$  at NLP)
- Summary

# Why do we need to know the QED corrections in flavor physics?

- Large logarithmic  $\ln(m_b^2/m_\ell^2)$  enhancements can mimic lepton-flavor universality violation
- Expected precision of measurements may require the inclusion of QED corrections or at least a proof that no effects above 1% exist.

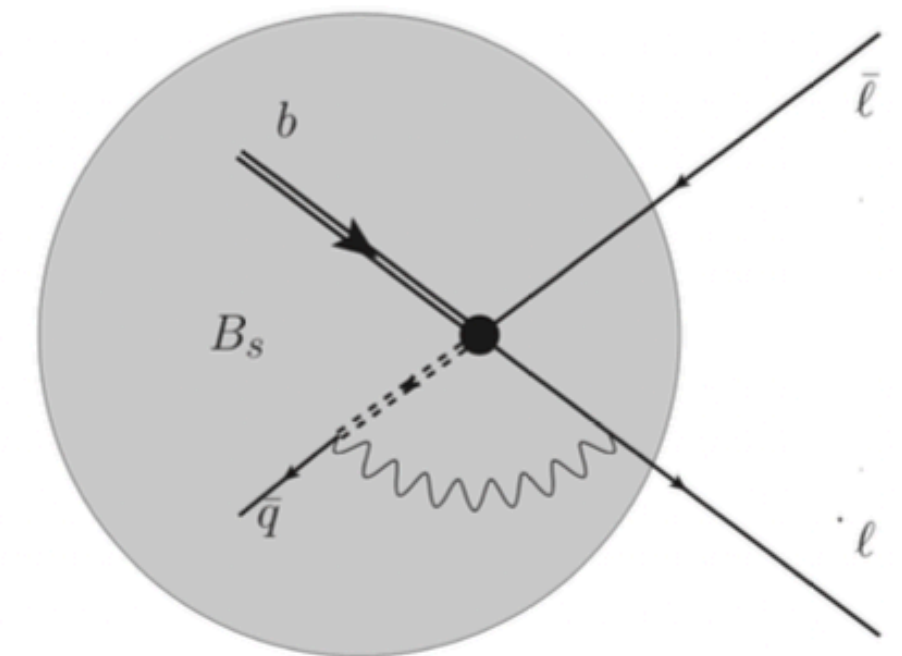
e.g. power-enhanced effects from QED correction in  $B_q \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

[M.Beneke et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.120(2018)1]

a dynamical enhancement by a power of  $m_b/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  and by large logarithms  $\ln m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/m_\mu^2 \rightarrow 1\%$  of  $\text{Br}(B_q \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$

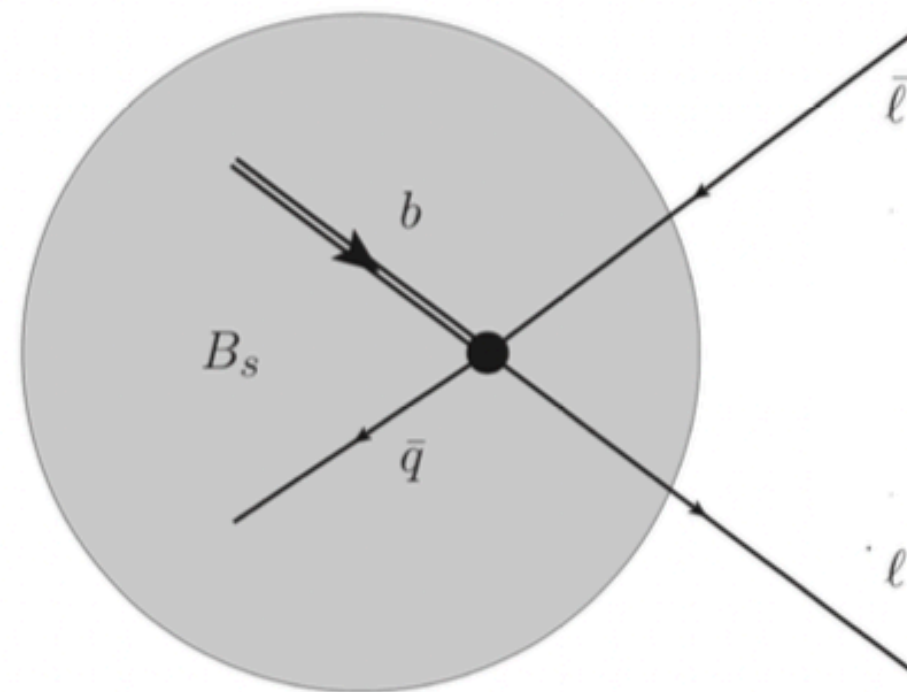
> previous estimates of NLO QED effects  $\alpha_{\text{em}}/\pi \sim 0.3\%$

with QED



# QED corrections in QCD bound-states

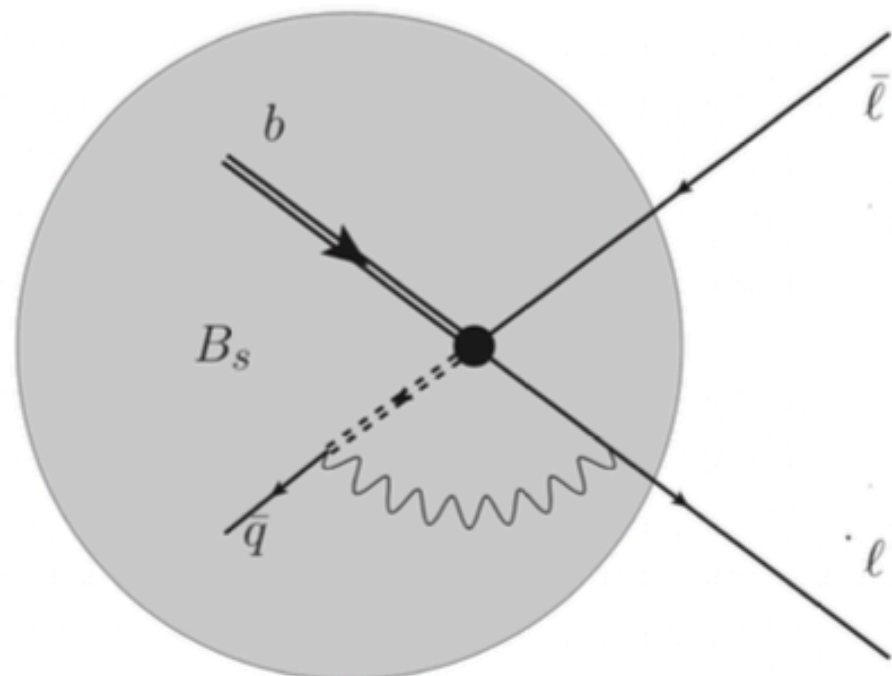
without QED



QCD contained in the meson decay constant for purely leptonic final state, in the absence of QED

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q}(0) \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b(0) | \bar{B}_q(p) \rangle = i f_{B_q} p^\mu$$

with QED



- virtual photons can resolve the structure of B meson
- virtual photons can couple to initial and final states

Non-local time ordered products have to be evaluated when QED effects are included

$$\left\langle 0 \left| \int d^4x e^{iqx} T \left\{ j_{\text{QED}}(x), \mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=1}(0) \right\} \right| \bar{B}_q \right\rangle$$

This can be done for QED bound-states but QCD is non-perturbative at low scales.

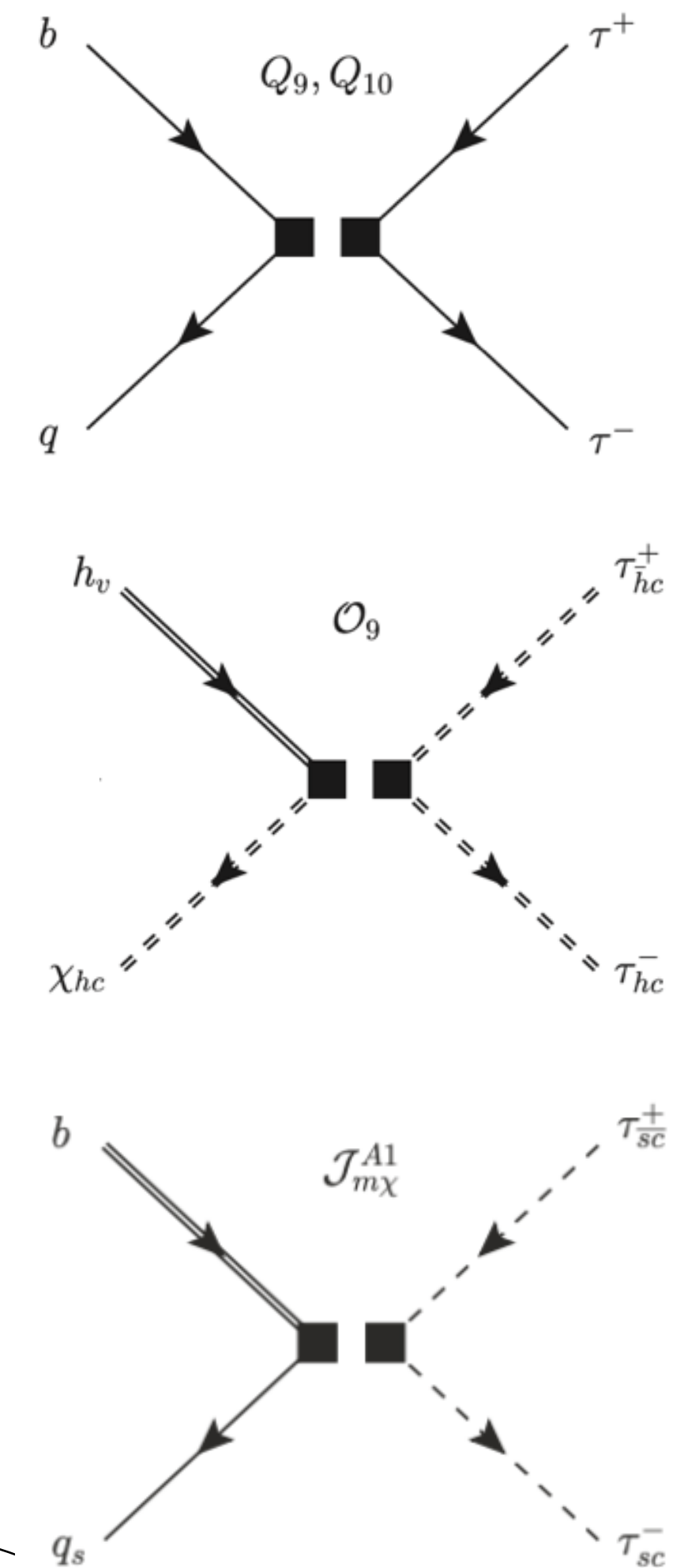
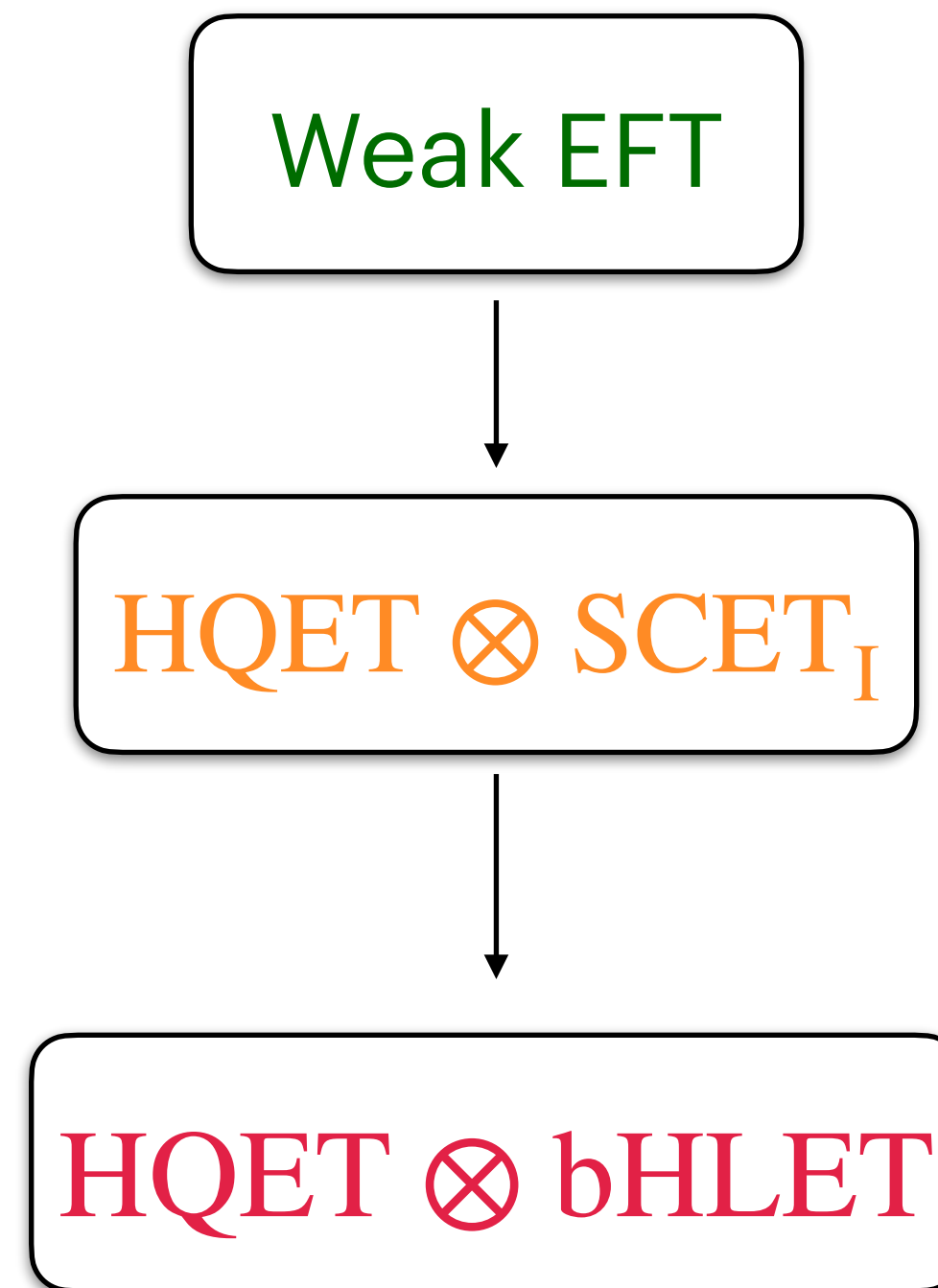
# Scales in the problem

$B_q \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$  is a multi-scale problem, we need the EFTs

- Hard scale  $m_b$
- Hard-collinear scale  $\sqrt{m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$
- Soft scale  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
- Collinear scale  $m_\mu \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  for  $\ell = \mu$ ;
- Hard-collinear scale  $m_\tau \sim \sqrt{m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$  for  $\ell = \tau$ ;

We focus on  $B_q \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

The extension from  $B_q \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  to  $B_q \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  is non-trivial

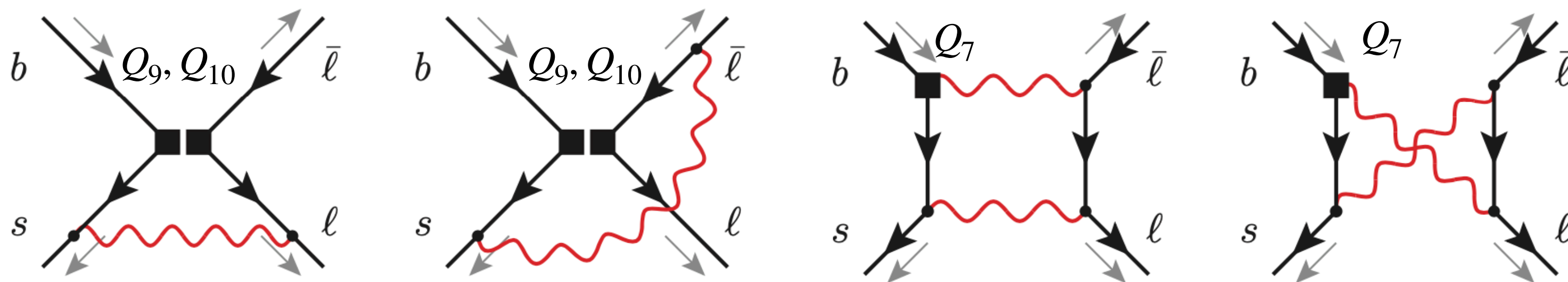


heavy leptonic field become to a soft-collinear (sc) field in boost HLET after integrating  $m_\tau$



# Diagrams in the Weak EFT

## Power-enhanced (Non-local SCET operator)



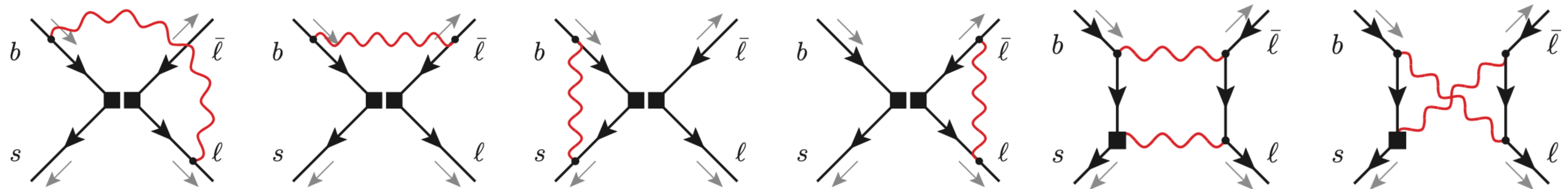
## Weak EFT operators

$$Q_9 = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} (\bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L b) \sum_\ell \bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \ell$$

$$Q_{10} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} (\bar{q}\gamma^\mu P_L b) \sum_\ell \bar{\ell}\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell$$

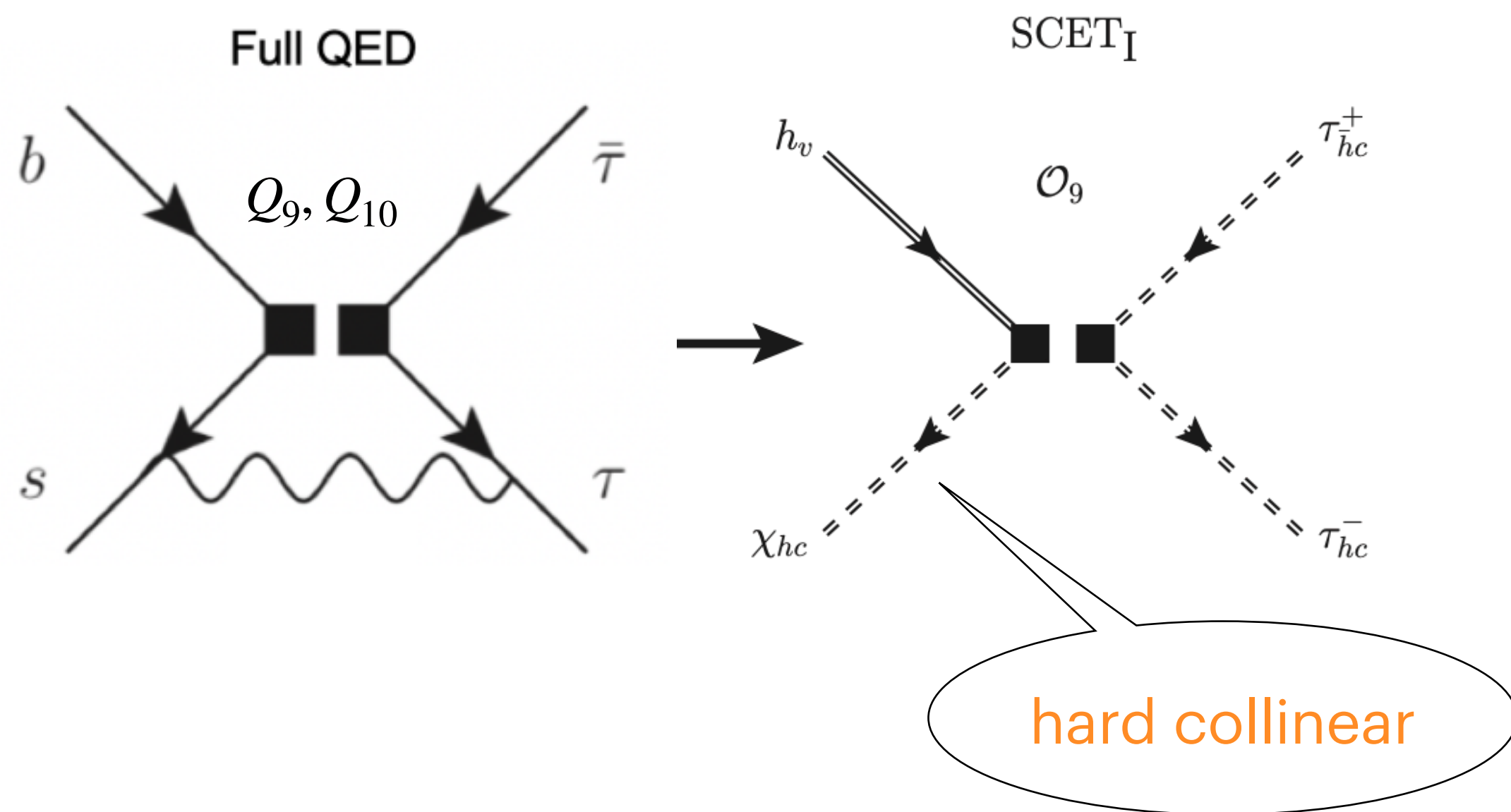
$$Q_7 = \frac{e}{(4\pi)^2} \bar{m}_b [\bar{q}\sigma^{\mu\nu} P_R b] F_{\mu\nu}$$

## Not power-enhanced (local SCET operator)



# Hard functions

We only consider Power-enhanced contribution



Non-local operator

$$\widetilde{O}_9(s, t) = g_{\mu\nu}^{\perp} \left[ \bar{\chi}_C (sn_+) \gamma_{\perp}^{\mu} P_L h_{\nu}(0) \right] \left[ \bar{\ell}_C (tn_+) \gamma_{\perp}^{\nu} \ell_{\bar{C}}(0) \right]$$

The Fourier-transformed SCET operators

$$O_9(u) = n_+ p_C \int \frac{dr}{2\pi} e^{-iu(n_+ p_C) r} \widetilde{O}_9(0, r), \quad u \equiv \frac{n_+ p_{\ell}}{n_+ p_C}$$

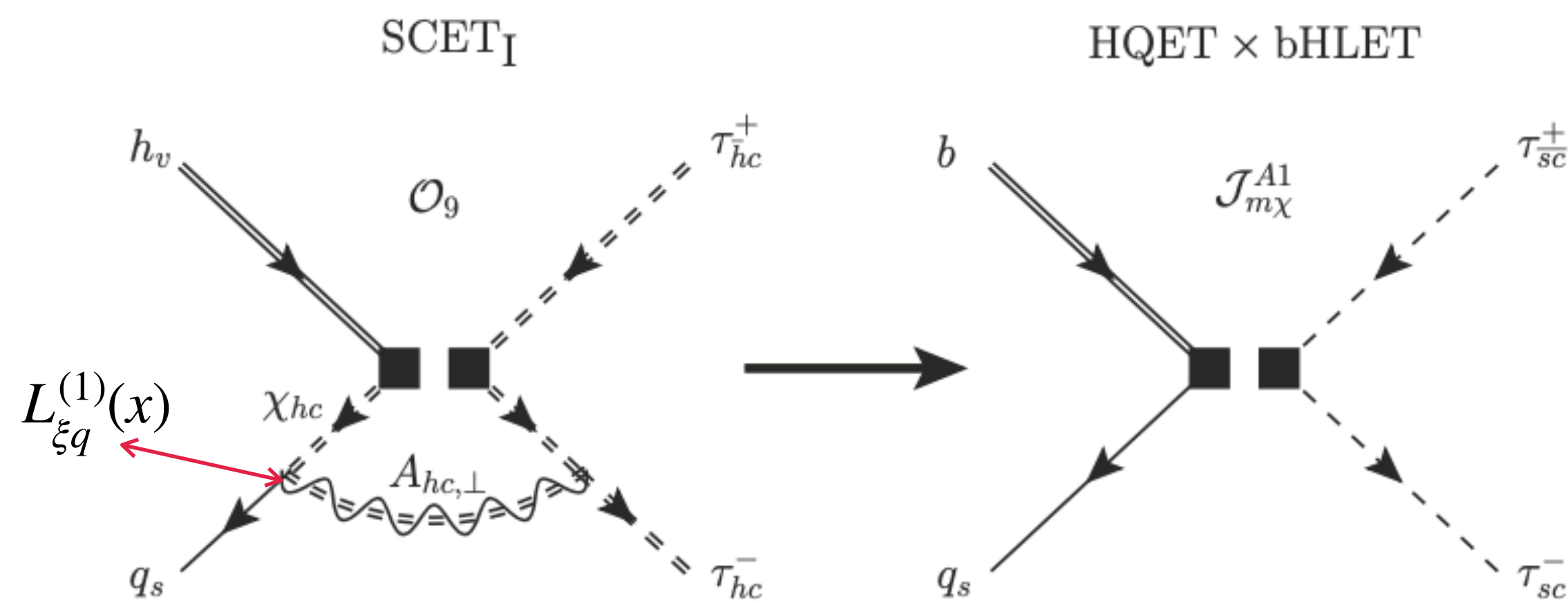
$$\sum_k C_k(\mu_b) Q_k = \int_0^1 du H_9(u, \mu_b) O_9(u)$$

$$H_9(u, \mu_b) = \mathcal{N} \left[ C_{9\text{eff}}^{(0)}(u, \mu_b) + C_{10}^{(0)}(u, \mu_b) - \frac{2Q_{\ell}}{u} C_7^{\text{eff}}(u, \mu_b) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{em}})$$

No endpoint divergence

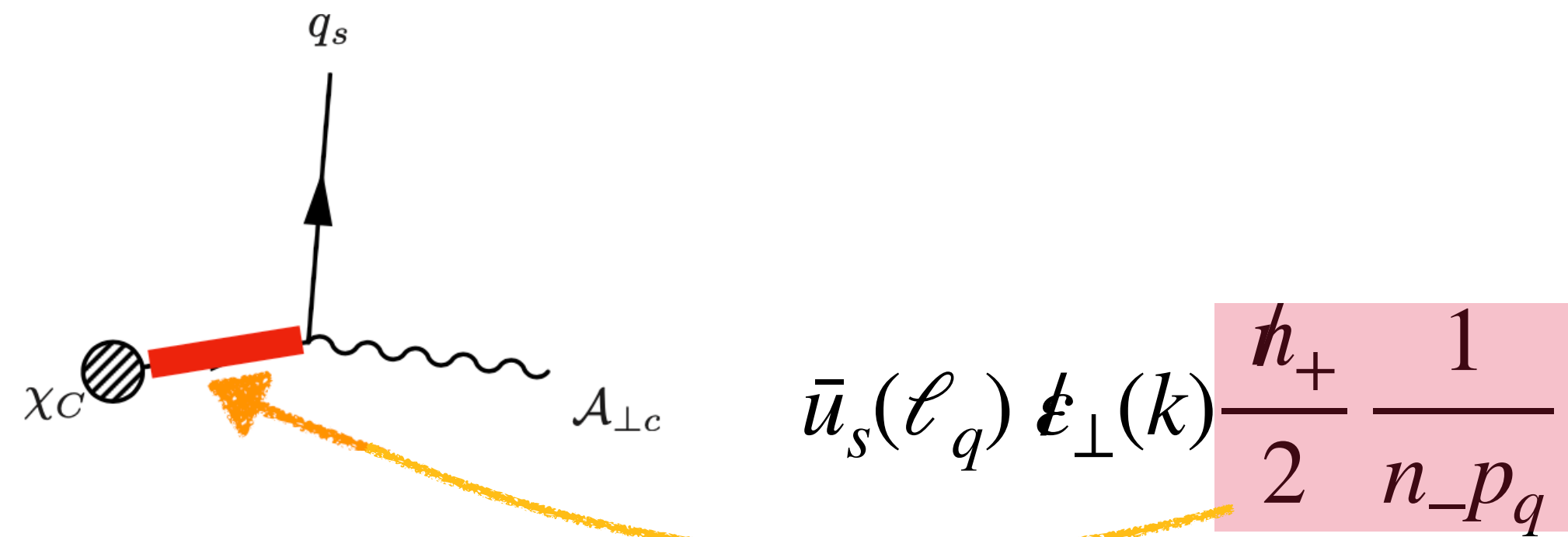
# Hard-collinear functions

## Hard-collinear quark becomes soft field



(1) To convert **hard-collinear quark** into a **soft quark** to get a non-vanishing overlap the B-meson state, we need power suppressed interaction

$$L_{\xi q}^{(1)}(x) = \bar{q}_s(x_-)[W_{\xi C}W_C]^\dagger(x) i D_{C\perp} \xi_C(x) + \text{h.c.}$$



power enhanced factor

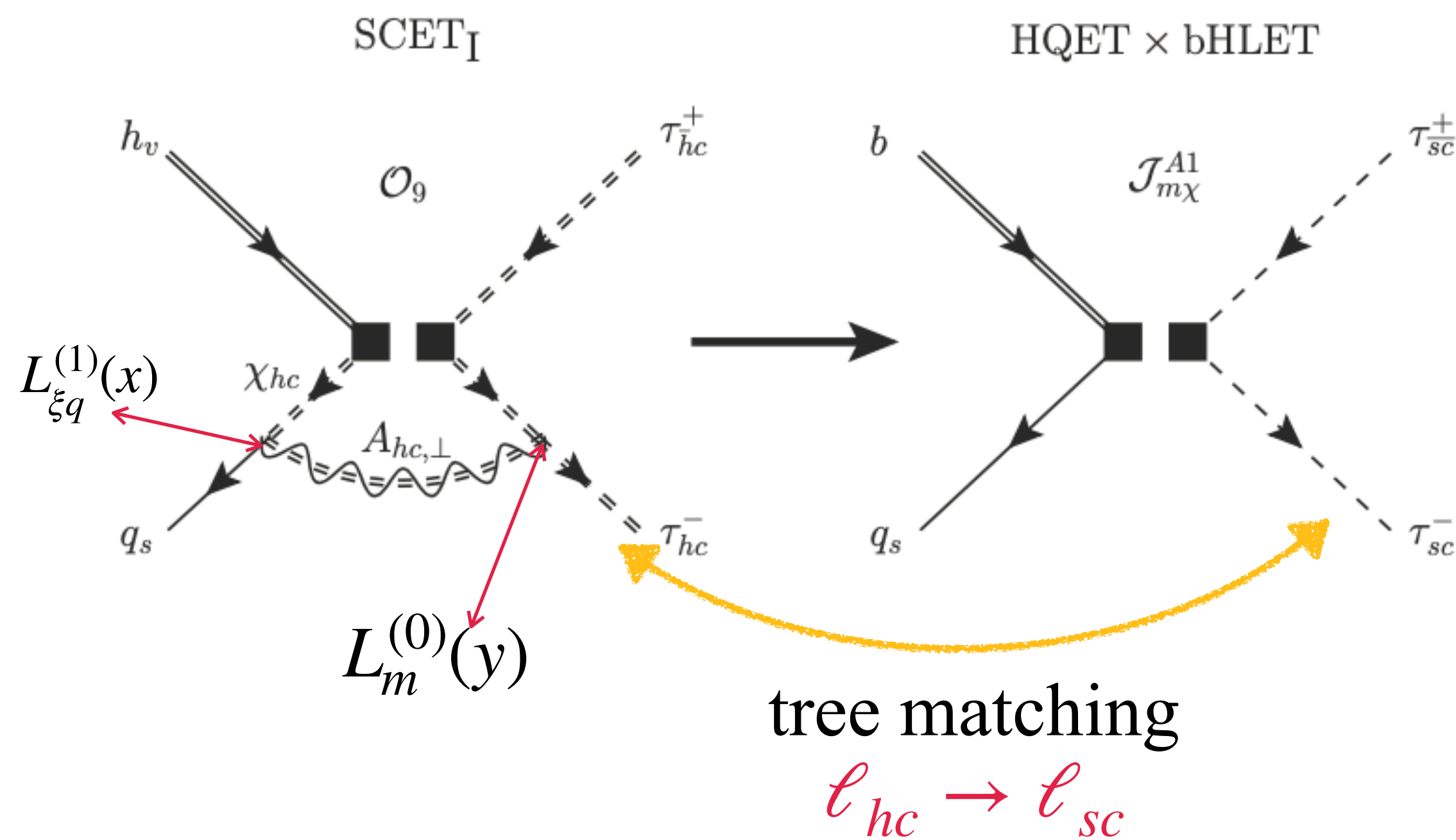
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$$

Small component ( $n_{-p_q}$ ) of hard-collinear the same as soft momentum  $\rightarrow$  **Soft fields** become **delocalized** along the light-cone



# Hard-collinear functions

## Hard-collinear quark becomes soft field



(2) The hard-collinear photon,  $A_{C\perp}$  from  $D_{C\perp}$ , would be followed by the fusion

$$\bar{\ell}_C + A_{\perp C} \rightarrow m_\tau \bar{\ell}_C$$

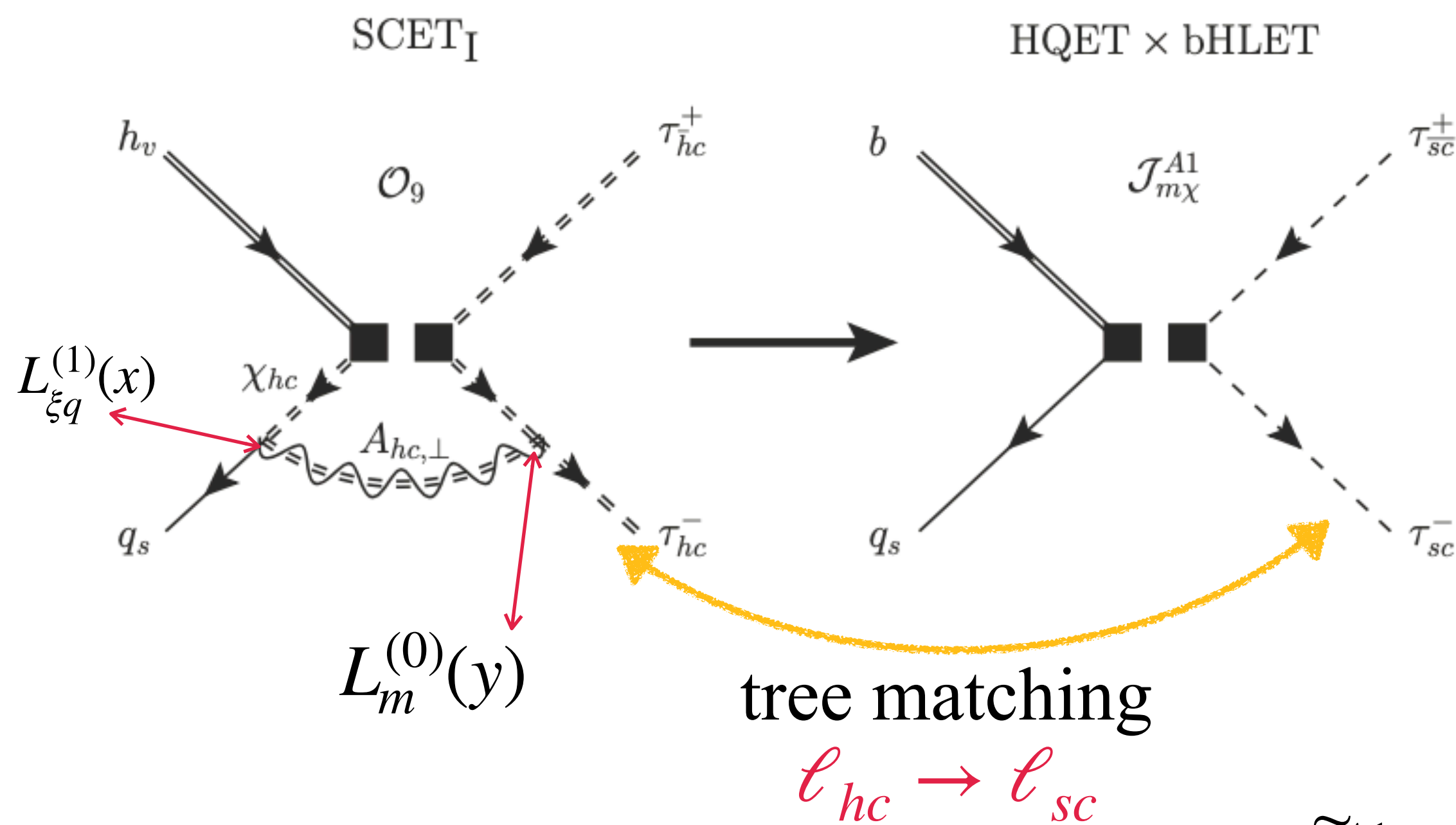
through the leading power Lagrangian

$$L_m^{(0)}(y) = m_\tau \bar{\ell}_C \left[ i D_{C\perp}, \frac{1}{in_+ D_C} \right] \frac{\not{n}_+}{2} \ell_C$$

(3) heavy tau field become to a soft-collinear (sc) field in boost HLET after integrating  $m_\tau$

# Hard-collinear functions

Match SCET<sub>I</sub> onto HQET × bHLET



Therefore, we will match the time-ordered product of the SCET<sub>I</sub> operators  $O_9(u)$  with  $L_{\xi q}^{(1)}(x)$  and  $L_m^{(0)}(y)$ ,

$$\left\langle \ell(p_\ell) \bar{\ell}(p_{\bar{\ell}}) \left| \int d^4x \int d^4y T \left\{ O_9(u), L_{\xi q}^{(1)}(x), L_m^{(0)}(y) \right\} \right| b(p_b) q(\ell_q) \right\rangle$$

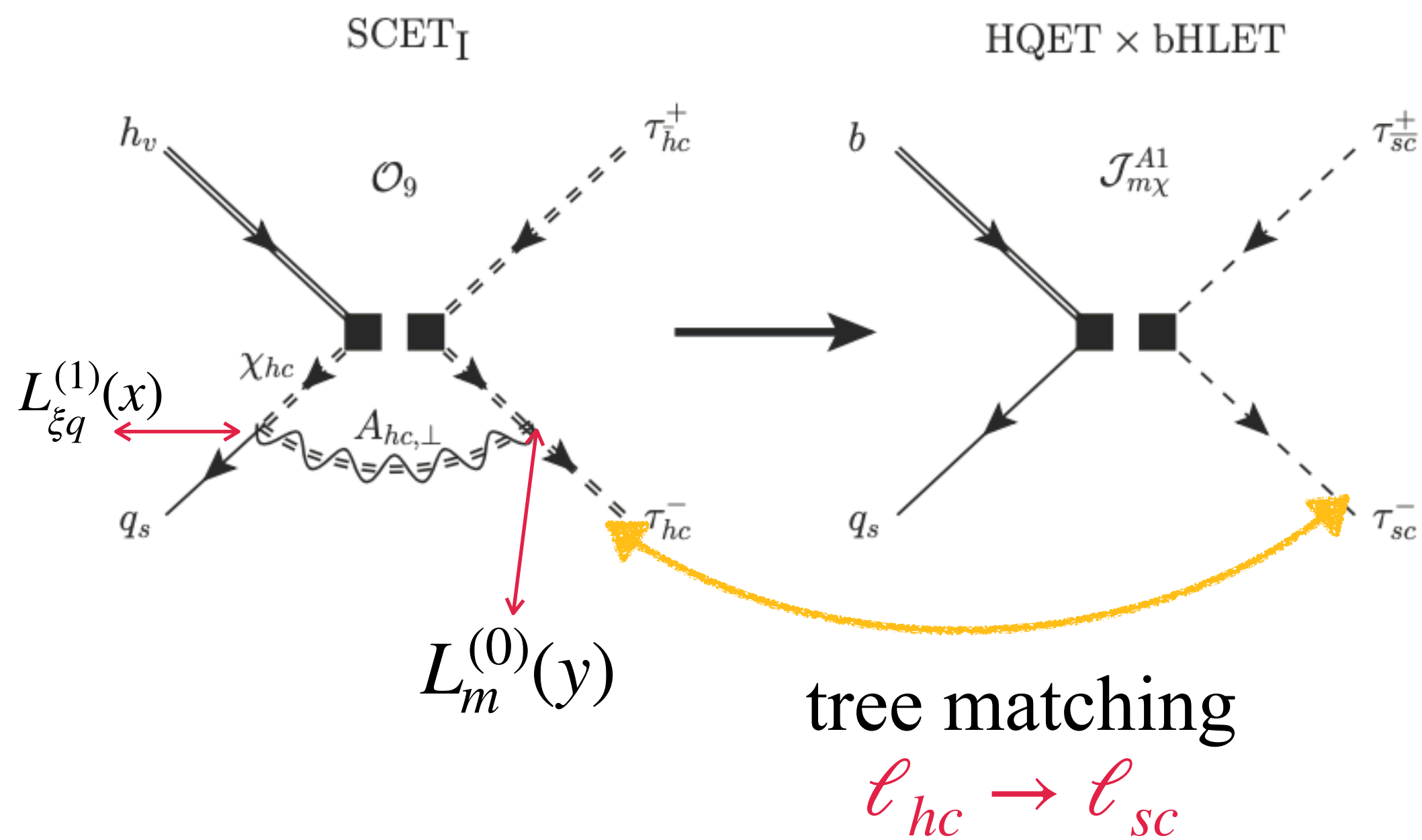
to matrix element of operator in HQET × bHLET,

$$\tilde{J}_{m\chi}^{A1}(v) = \left[ \bar{q}_s(vn_-) Y(vn_-, 0) \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} P_L h_v(0) \right] \left[ Y_+^\dagger Y_- \right](0) \left[ \bar{\ell}_{sc}(0) (4P_R) \ell_{\bar{sc}}(0) \right]$$

Additional QED soft Wilson lines

# Hard-collinear functions

## Integrate out intermediate hard-coll. scale



At tree level, the hard collinear function  $J_m(u, \omega)$

$$J_m^{(0)}(u, \omega; \mu = \mu_{hc}) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q_\ell Q_s m_\ell \frac{\bar{u}}{\omega} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{u}{\bar{u}} \frac{\omega m_b}{m_\ell^2} \right) \theta(u) \theta(\bar{u}),$$

where  $\omega = n \cdot p_q \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

power enhancement  
factor  $1/\lambda^2$

logarithms

# Factorization

After two-step matching starting from QED onto SCET<sub>I</sub>, and successively onto HQET × bHLET, the amplitude factorized as

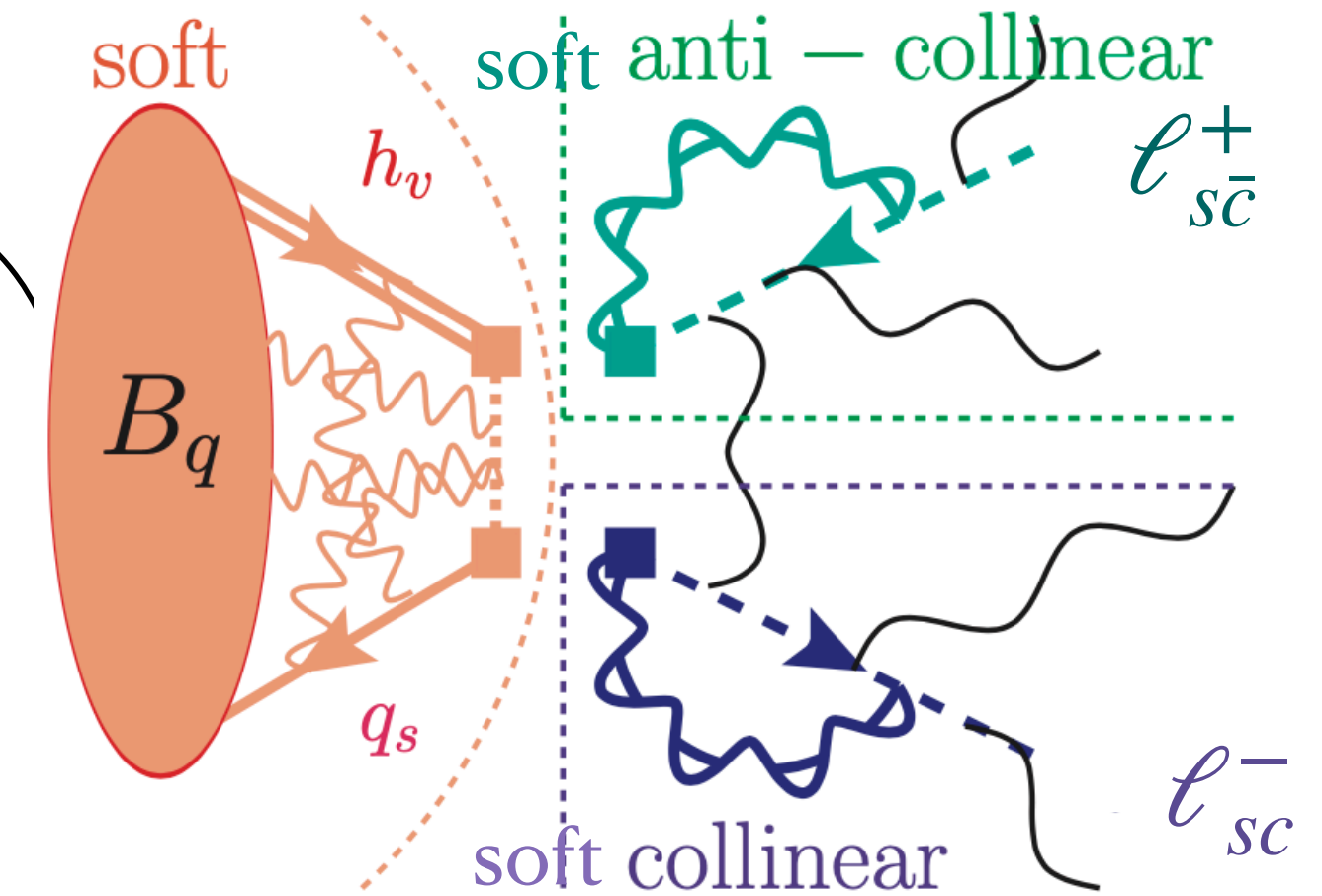
$$A_9 \sim \int_0^1 du \, 2 H_9(u) \int_0^\infty d\omega \, J_m(u; \omega) \langle \ell^+ \ell^- | \tilde{J}_{m\chi}^{A1} | \bar{B}_q \rangle$$

Renormalized (anti-) soft-coll. on-shell matrix elements

$$\langle \ell^-(p_\ell) | [\text{soft coll.}] | 0 \rangle = Z_\ell \bar{u}_{sc}(p_\ell),$$

$$\langle \ell^+(p_{\bar{\ell}}) | [\text{soft anticoll.}] | 0 \rangle = Z_{\bar{\ell}} v_{\bar{sc}}(p_{\bar{\ell}})$$

$$\tilde{J}_{m\chi}^{A1}(v) = \left[ \bar{q}_s(vn_-) Y(vn_-, 0) \frac{\not{n}_-}{2} P_L h_v(0) \right] [Y_+^\dagger Y_-](0) \left[ \bar{\ell}_{sc}(0) (4P_R) \ell_{\bar{sc}}(0) \right]$$

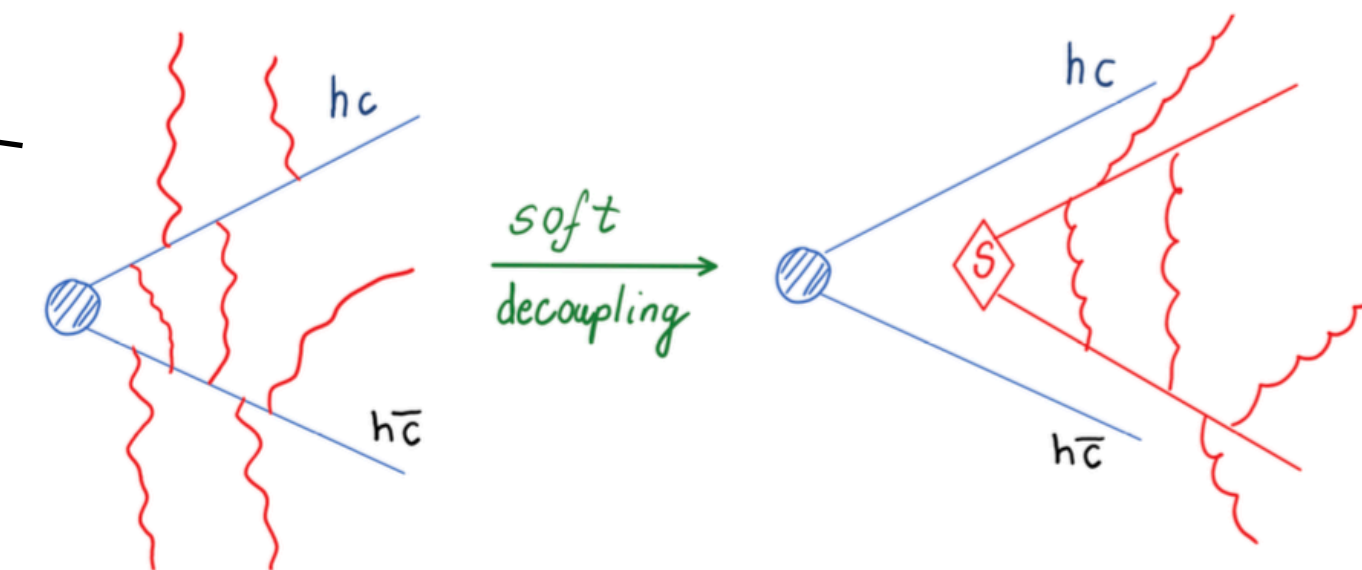


## Modified B-meson LCDA

$$\phi_+(\omega) \sim \left\langle 0 \left| \bar{q}_s(vn_-) Y(vn_-, 0) \not{n}_- \gamma_5 h_v(0) [Y_+^\dagger Y_-](0) \right| \bar{B}_q(p) \right\rangle$$

soft function becomes process dependent!

(Depends on charges of the final state leptons)





# Resummed amplitude and Numerical prediction

For LL accuracy, we can use **standard LCDA** and **evolve** it with **QED corrections** in the cusp anomalous dimension

$$\left\langle 0 \left| \bar{q}_s(vn_-) Y(vn_-, 0) \not{n}_- \gamma_5 h_v(0) [Y_+^\dagger Y_-](0) \right| \bar{B}_q(p) \right\rangle \sim U_s^{\text{QED}}(\mu_{hc}, \mu_s; \omega) F_{B_q}(\mu_{hc}) \phi_+(\omega; \mu_{hc})$$

This is justified for power-enhanced corrections since they are already  $\alpha$  suppressed

The resummed result to LL

$$i A_9 = T_+(\mu_{hc}) \underbrace{m_{B_q}}_{\text{kinematical dependence}} \underbrace{F_{B_q}}_{\text{Power enhanced factor}} \int_0^1 du \bar{u} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \underbrace{U_h(\mu_b, \mu_{hc})}_{\text{hard function}} \underbrace{U_\ell(\mu_{hc}, \mu_{sc})}_{\text{soft-LCDA}} \underbrace{U_s^{\text{QED}}(\mu_{hc}, \mu_s; \omega)}_{\text{hard-collinear function}}$$

$$2 H_9(u; \mu_b) \phi_+(\omega; \mu_{hc}) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{u n_+ p_{\ell-\omega}}{\bar{u} m_\ell^2} \right)$$

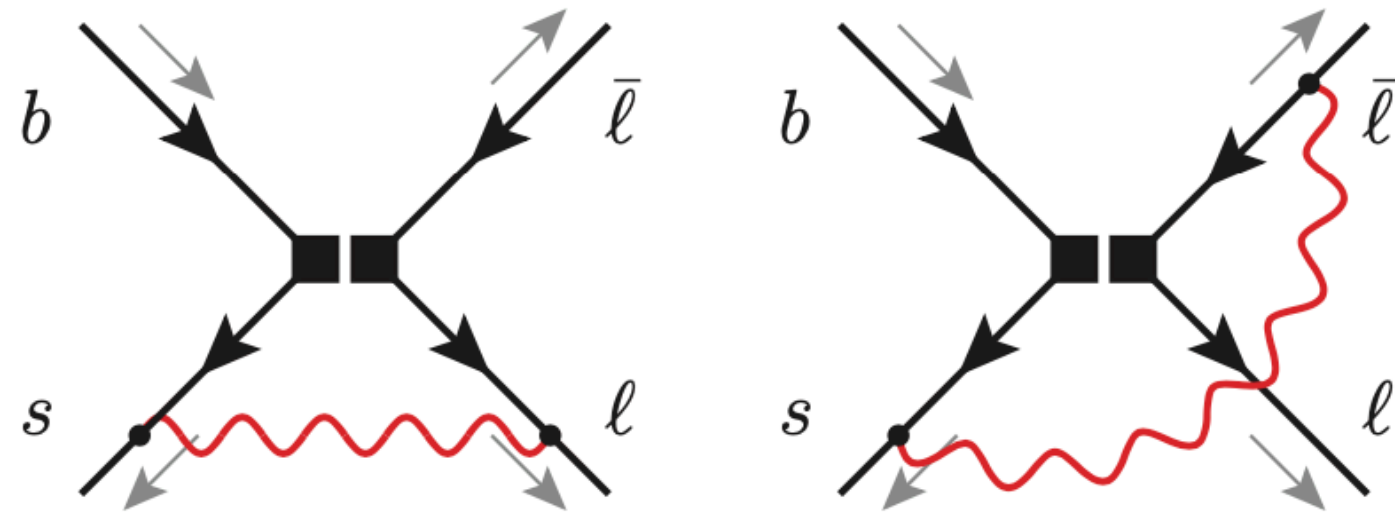
**Numerical prediction:** Complete NLO+LL QED virtual correction changes the branching fraction less than 1%, due to **not large logarithms** for tau



# QED effects in $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ at Subleading power

Power enhanced effects in  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$  at Leading Power is zero

$B \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$



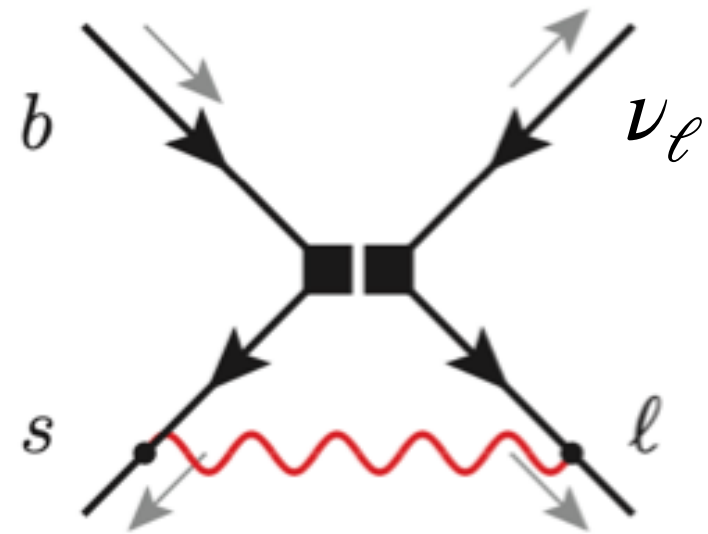
$$Q_9 = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_L b) \sum_{\ell} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell$$

$$Q_{10} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_L b) \sum_{\ell} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell$$

Lead power

$$A = (H_9 + H_{10}) \otimes J_m \otimes S$$

$B \rightarrow \ell \nu$



$$Q = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_L b) \sum_{\ell} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \ell$$

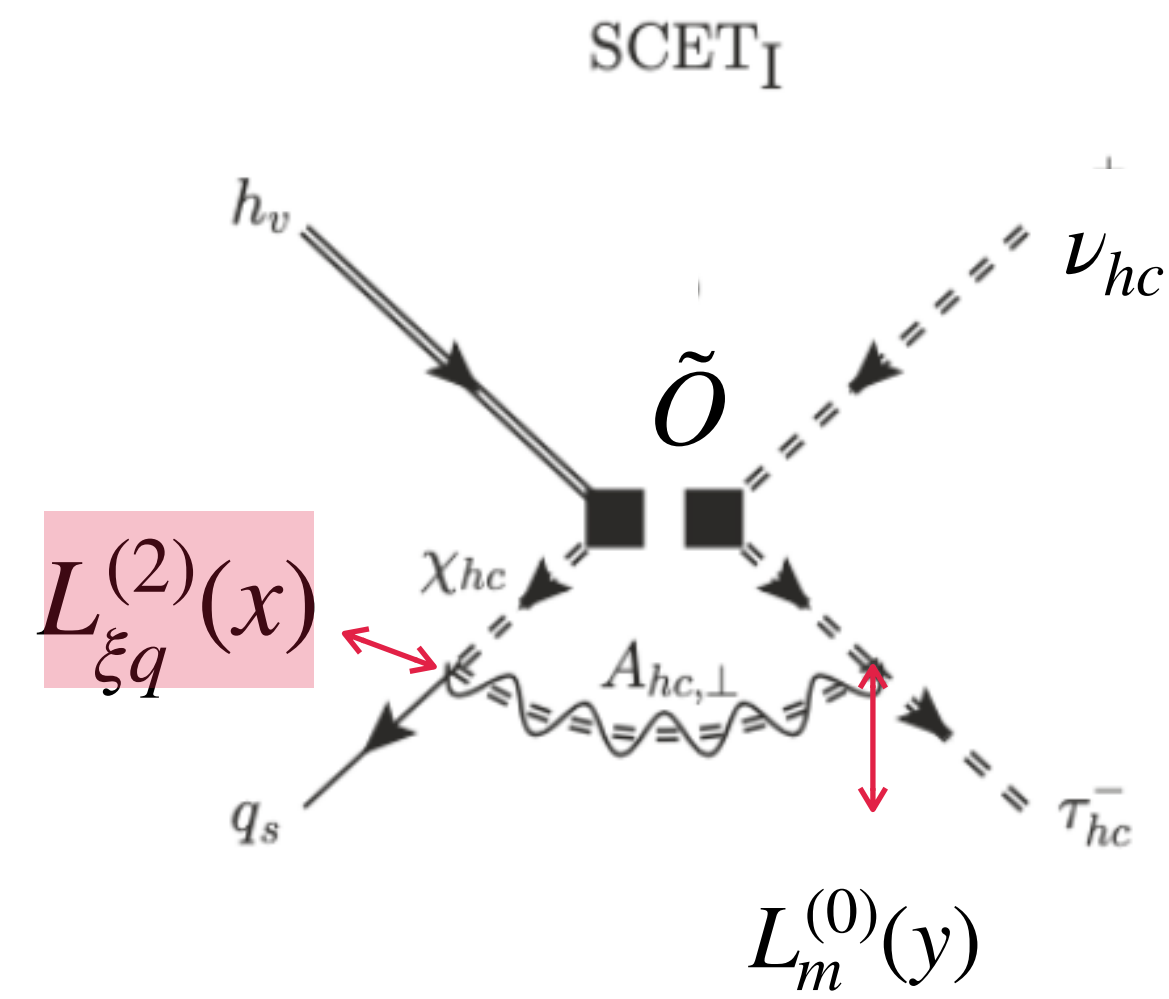
$$A = C Q$$

$$H_9 = C \text{ and } H_{10} = -C$$

$$A = (C - C) \otimes J_m \otimes S \sim 0$$

# hard-collinear function at NLP

endpoint divergence ?



$$\tilde{O}(s, t) = \left[ \bar{\chi}_C (sn_+) \gamma_\perp^\mu P_L h_\nu(0) \right] \left[ \bar{\ell}_C (tn_+) \gamma_\perp^\nu (1 - \gamma_5) \ell_{\bar{c}}(0) \right]$$

$$L_m^{(0)}(y) = m_\tau \bar{\ell}_C \left[ i D_{C\perp}, \frac{1}{in_+ D_C} \right] \frac{\not{n}_+}{2} \ell_C$$

$$L_{\xi q}^{(2)}(x) = \bar{q}_s(x_-) \left[ W_{\xi C} W_C \right]^\dagger(x) (in_- D + i D_\perp (in_+ D)^{-1} i D_\perp) \frac{\not{n}_+}{2} \xi_C(x) \\ + \bar{q}_s(x_-) D_s^\mu x_{\perp\mu} \left[ W_{\xi C} W_C \right]^\dagger(x) i D_\perp \xi_C(x) + \text{h.c.}$$

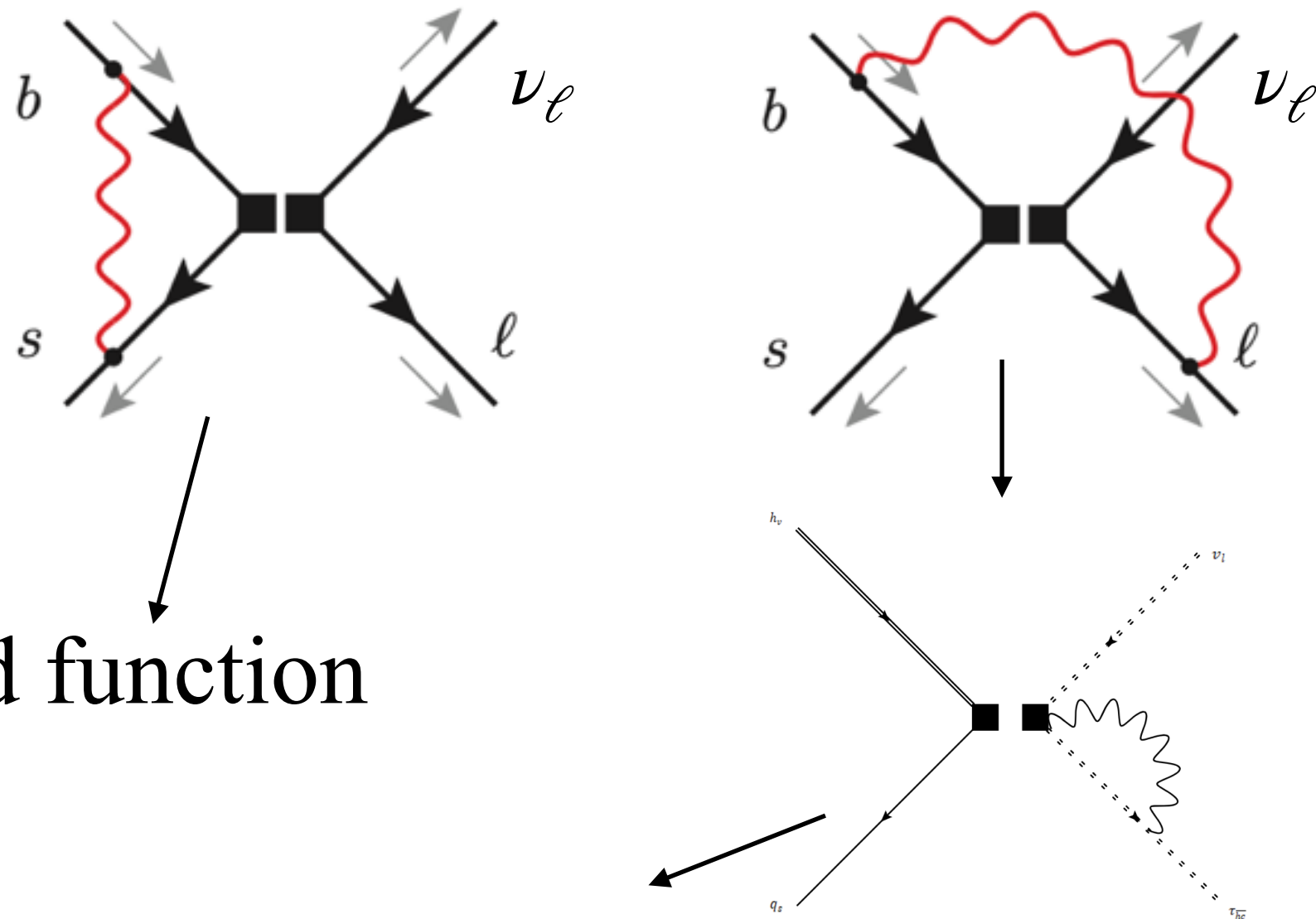
HQET  $\times$  bHLET operator  $\tilde{J}_{m\chi}^{A1} = \left[ \bar{v}_s(p_q) \frac{\not{n}}{2} (1 - \gamma_5) u_h(p_b) \right] \left[ \bar{u}_{s\bar{c}}(p_\ell) (1 - \gamma_5) v_{s\bar{c}}(p_\nu) \right]$

$$J_m^{\text{NLP}}(u, \omega; \mu) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q_\ell Q_s m_\ell u \bar{u} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{\bar{u} \bar{n} \cdot p_\ell}{u \omega} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{u n \cdot p_\ell \omega}{\bar{u} m_\ell^2} \right) - \ln \left( \frac{\bar{u}^2 m_b \bar{n} \cdot p_\ell + u \bar{u} m_b \omega}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \theta(u) \theta(\bar{u})$$

the convolution integrals of the hard and jet functions **do not suffer from endpoint divergences.**

# Local operator contribution

As the power-enhanced effect (non-local operator) is in NLP,  
we also need to consider **local contribution**.



Hard function

Hard collinear function

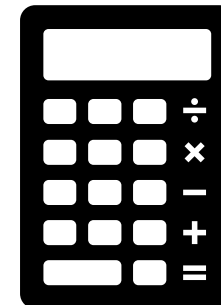
$$Q = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu P_L b) \sum_{\ell} \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \ell$$



$$\tilde{J}_{m\chi}^{A1} = m_\ell [\bar{u}_s (1 + \gamma_5) h_\nu] [\bar{\ell}_{sc} (1 - \gamma_5) \ell_{s\bar{c}}]$$

HQET × bHLET

Resummation, Numerical calculation... in progress



# Summary

1. **Structure depended QED corrections** can be calculated in SCET , HQET, bHLET
  - convolution of hard function, jet function and QED specific B-meson LCDA at NLO completely at leading power for  $B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  and  $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$  at NLP
  - QED interesting effect  $\rightarrow$  power suppressed interaction  $L_{\xi q}^{(1)}(x)$  lead to power enhanced correction  $1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
2. QED factorization more complicated than in QCD due to **charged external states**
  - theoretically interesting, one cannot naively generalise QCD to QCD+QED

*Thank you*

# Backup slides

hard:  $k_h^\mu = m_b (1, 1, 1) \sim (1, 1, 1),$

hard-collinear:  $k_{hc}^\mu = (m_b, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \sqrt{m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}) \sim (1, \lambda^2, \lambda),$

anti-hard-collinear:  $k_{hc}^\mu = (\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, m_b, \sqrt{m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}) \sim (\lambda^2, 1, \lambda),$

soft:  $k_s^\mu = (\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \sim (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2),$

soft-collinear:  $k_{sc}^\mu = (1/b, b, 1) \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \sim (1/b, b, 1) \lambda^2,$

anti-soft-collinear:  $k_{sc}^\mu = (b, 1/b, 1) \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \sim (b, 1/b, 1) \lambda^2,$

soft heavy quark:  $h_v \sim \lambda^3,$

hard-collinear light quark:  $\chi_{hc} \sim \lambda,$

hard-collinear leptonic field:  $\ell_{hc} \sim \lambda,$

soft light quark:  $q_s \sim \lambda^3,$

soft-collinear leptonic field:  $\ell_{sc} \sim \lambda^3,$

hard-collinear photon (gluon):  $A_{hc}^\mu (G_{hc}^\mu) \sim (1, \lambda^2, \lambda),$

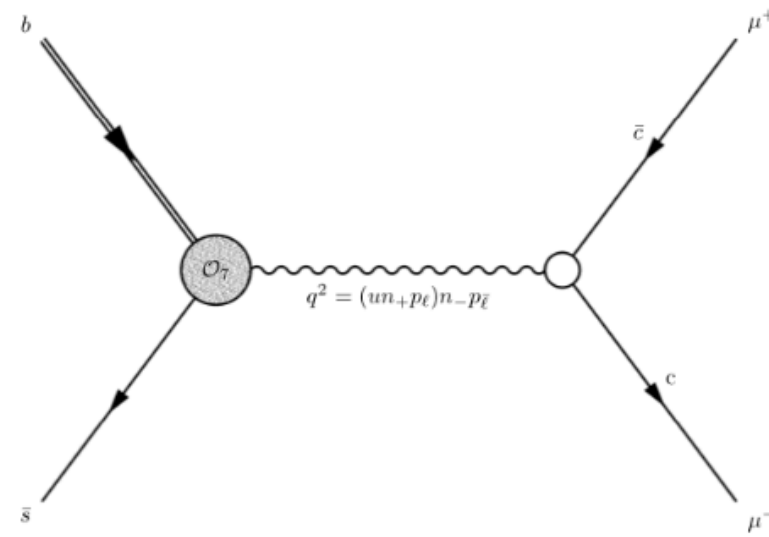
soft photon (gluon):  $A_s^\mu (G_s^\mu) \sim \lambda^2 (1, 1, 1).$



$$Y(x, y) = \exp \left[ i e Q_q \int_y^x dz_\mu A_s^\mu(z) \right] \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ i g_s \int_y^x dz_\mu G_s^\mu(z) \right],$$

$$Y_\pm(x) = \exp \left[ -i e Q_\ell \int_0^\infty ds n_\mp A_s(x + sn_\mp) \right].$$

- when the photon is hard,  $Q_7 = \frac{2Q_\ell}{u} \mathcal{O}_9$



$$J_9(u; \omega; \mu = \mu_{hc}) \sim \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q_\ell Q_s \frac{\bar{u}}{\omega} \ln \left( \frac{\omega m_b}{m_\ell^2} \right) \theta(u) \theta(\bar{u}),$$

endpoint divergence  $u \rightarrow 0$  in  $B \rightarrow \mu\mu$ .

- $$J_m^{(0)}(u; \omega; \mu = \mu_{hc}) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q_\ell Q_s m_\ell \frac{\bar{u}}{\omega} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{u}{\bar{u}} \frac{\omega m_b}{m_\ell^2} \right) \theta(u) \theta(\bar{u}),$$

# Numerical prediction: complete QED virtual correction

- The non-radiative branching fraction of  $B_q \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  for central values of the parameters are

$$\text{Br}^{(0)}(B_d \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) = (2.051_{(\text{LO})} - 0.001_{(\text{NLO})}) \times 10^{-8}$$

$$\text{Br}^{(0)}(B_s \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) = (7.147_{(\text{LO})} - 0.003_{(\text{NLO})}) \times 10^{-7}$$

→ Complete **NLO+LL** QED virtual correction (hard and hard collinear functions) changes the branching fraction by:  $\sim 0.04\%$

$$J_m^{(0)}(u; \omega; \mu = \mu_{hc}) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q_\ell Q_s m_\ell \frac{\bar{u}}{\omega} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{u}{\bar{u}} \frac{\omega m_b}{m_\ell^2} \right) \theta(u) \theta(\bar{u}), \quad (30)$$

where  $\omega = \bar{n} \cdot \ell_q \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$ , **power enhancement factor and large logarithms**

- compared with  $B_{d,s} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ , power-enhanced correction ((hard) collinear functions)  $\sim 0.4\%$ , [Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron '17, '19]

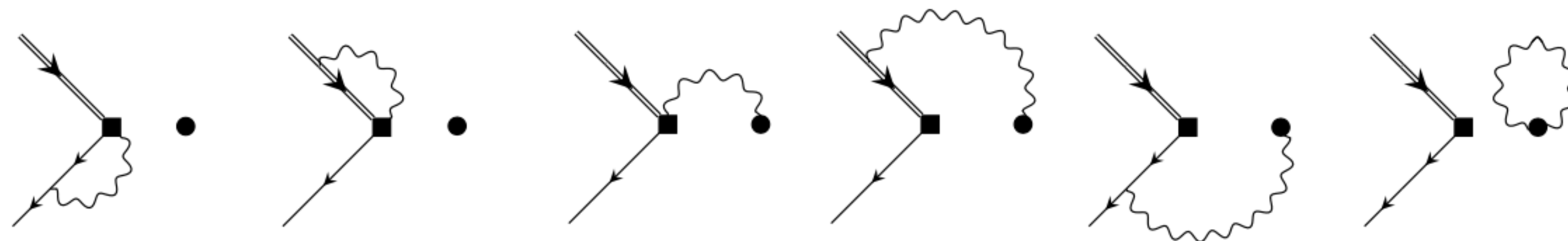
$$J_9(u; \omega; \mu = \mu_{hc}) \sim \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q_\ell Q_s \frac{\bar{u}}{\omega} \ln \left( \frac{\omega m_b}{m_\ell^2} \right) \theta(u) \theta(\bar{u}), \quad (31)$$

# QED effects in $B_q \rightarrow \tau\nu$ at Subleading power

$$\left\langle 0 \left| \bar{q}_s(vn_-) Y(vn_-, 0) \not{n}_- \gamma_5 h_\nu(0) [Y_+^\dagger Y_-](0) \right| \bar{B}_q(p) \right\rangle \sim U_s^{\text{QED}}(\mu_{hc}, \mu_s; \omega) F_{B_q}(\mu_{hc}) \phi_+(\omega; \mu_{hc})$$

This is justified for power-enhanced corrections since they are already  $\alpha$  suppressed. What if we want to go beyond leading order in  $\alpha$  or consider non-enhanced corrections?

Higher-order terms QCD and QED correction simultaneously are **non-universal, non-local HQET matrix elements** that have to be evaluated nonperturbatively. For example at one loop,



$\Delta E$  – cut on photon energy (e.g. due to detector resolution)

QED effects can be divided into two classes:

- Ultra-soft photons (under the assumption that  $\Delta E \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ )

Based on eikonal approximation,

$$\varepsilon_\mu(k) \bar{u}(p) \gamma^\mu \frac{\not{p} + \not{k} + m}{(k+p)^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \frac{\varepsilon_\mu(k) p^\mu}{p \cdot k} \bar{u}(p),$$

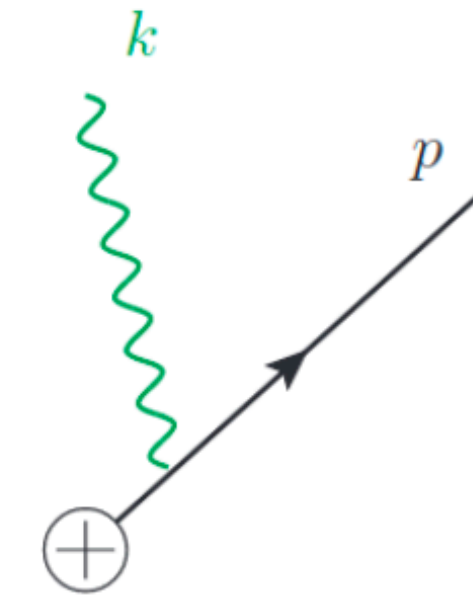
note  $k^\mu \ll p^\mu, m$

$$\delta_{\text{QED}} \sim \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \ln^2 \frac{m_B}{m_\ell}$$

Large logarithmic enhancements can **mimic lepton-flavor universality violation**

→ Ultra-soft photon corrections to  $\bar{B} \rightarrow D \tau^- \bar{\nu}_\tau$  relative to  $\bar{B} \rightarrow D \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$  [S. de Boer, T. Kitahara, I. Nisandzic, 1803.05881] – relevant for lepton universality test  $R(D)$

**Universal** for  $B \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $B \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$

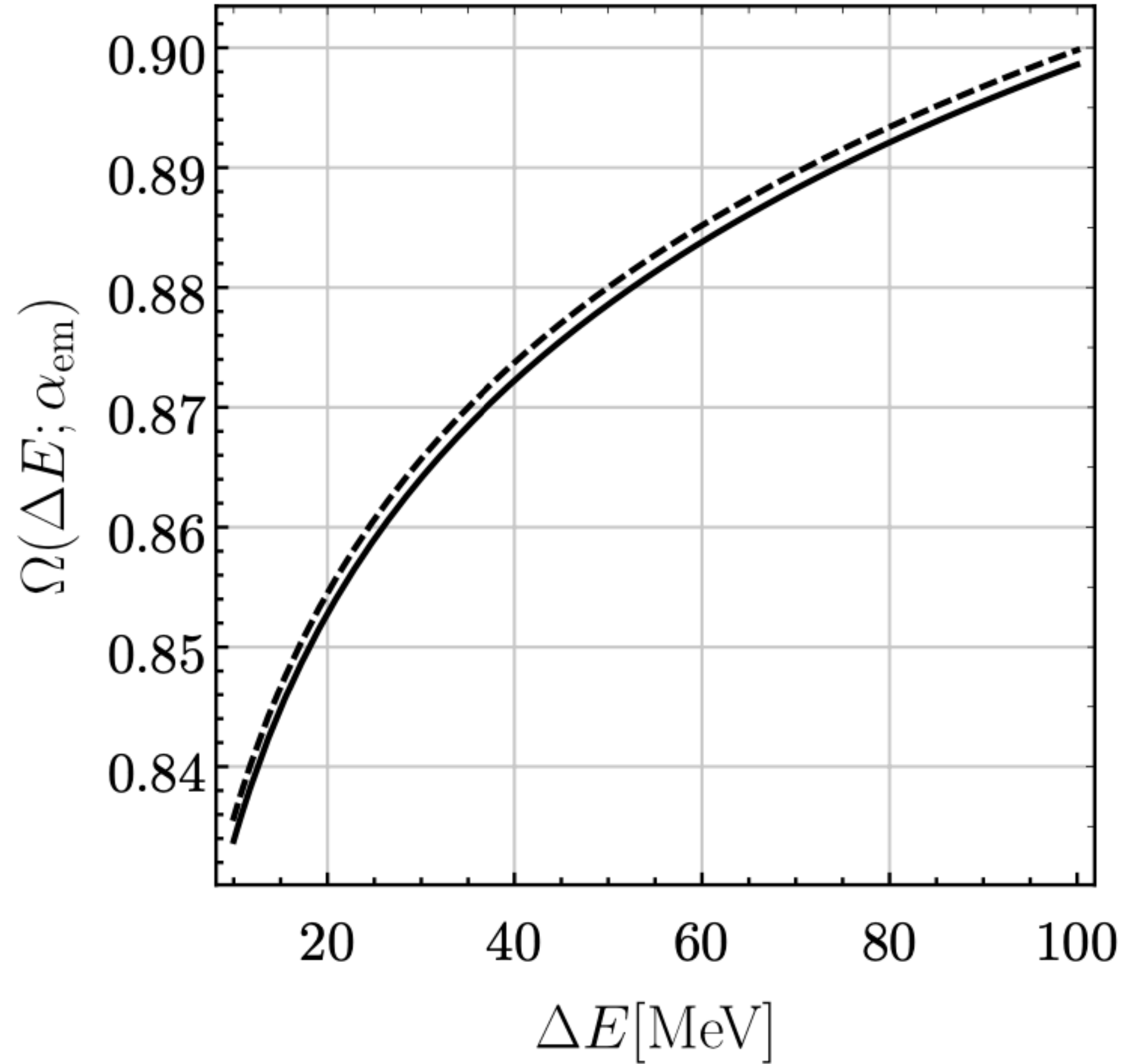




$$\overline{\text{Br}}_{q\mu}(\Delta E) \equiv \overline{\text{Br}}_{q\mu}^{(0)} \times \Omega(\Delta E; \alpha_{\text{em}}),$$

with radiative factor

$$\Omega(\Delta E; \alpha_{\text{em}}) \equiv \left( \frac{2\Delta E}{m_{B_q}} \right)^{-\frac{2\alpha_{\text{em}}}{\pi}} \left( 1 + \ln \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_{B_q}^2} \right)$$



effective theory framework is set up. The dependence of the radiative factor  $\Omega$  on  $\Delta E = (m_{B_q}^2 - s_{\ell\bar{\ell}})^{1/2}$  is shown in Figure 6 for  $B_s$  mesons. One might consider  $\Delta E \simeq 60$  MeV as