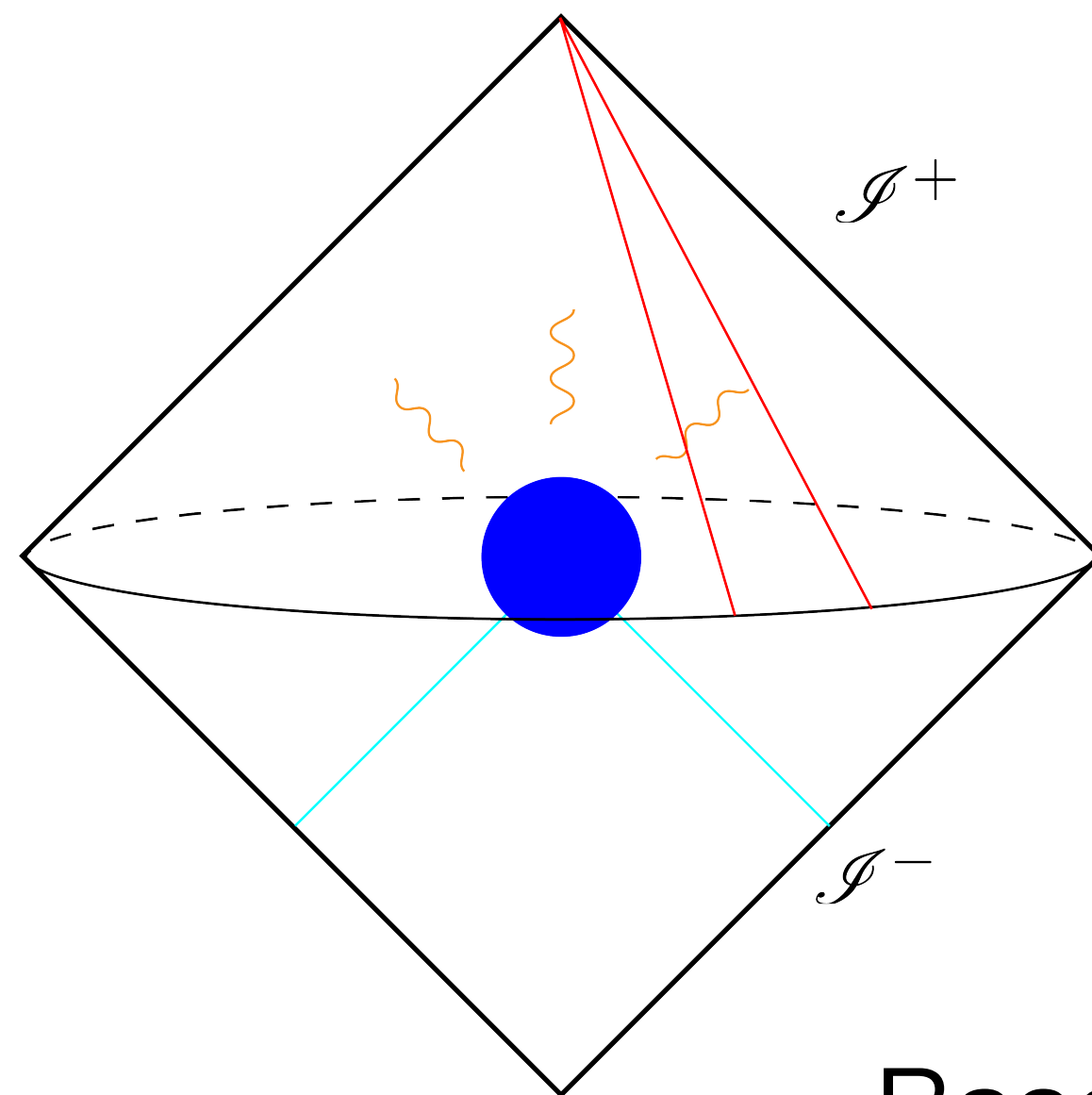
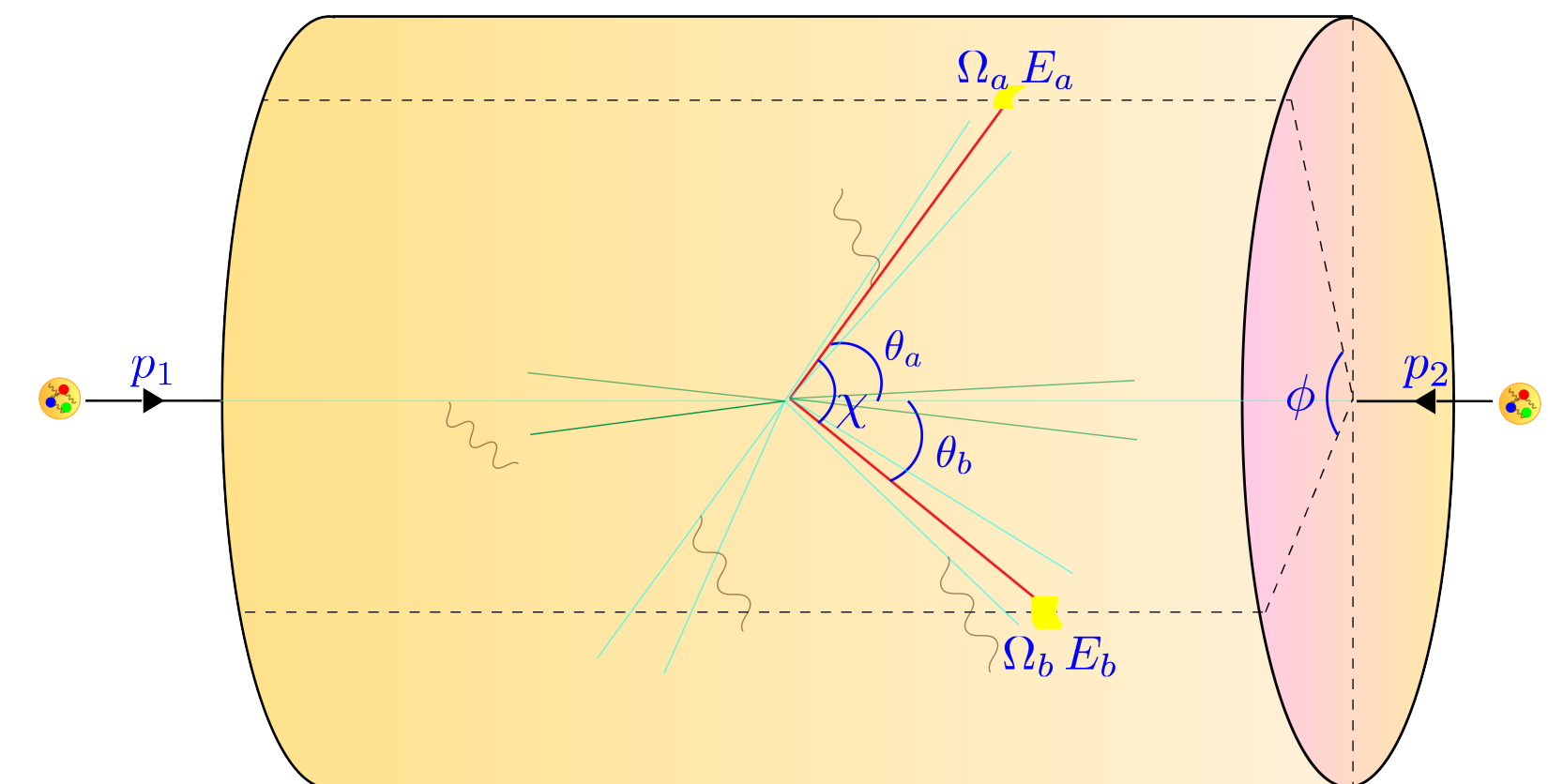


Celestial Block for Hadron Colliders



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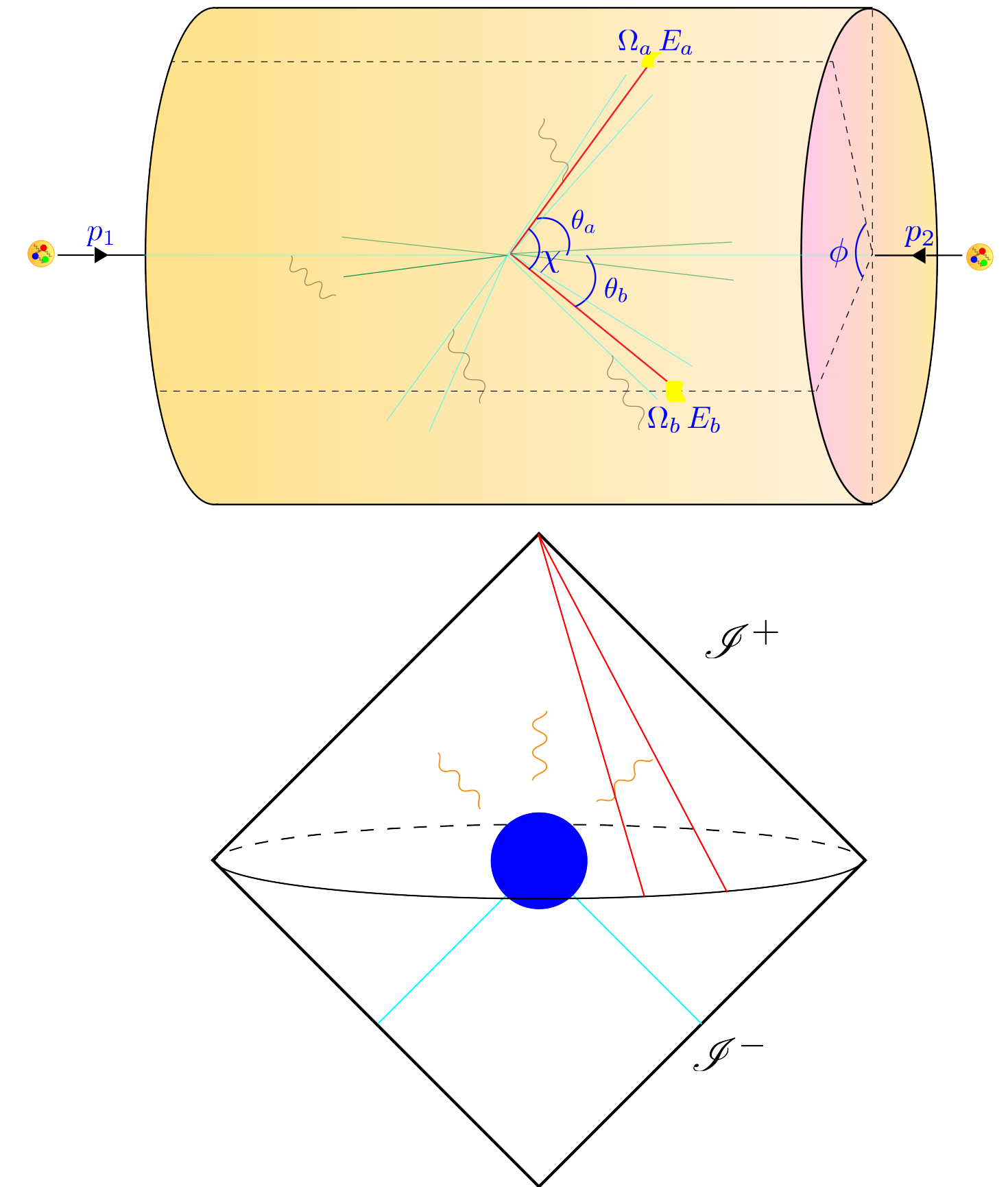


Based on works with Hao Chen and Hua Xing Zhu

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Energy Flow Operators and EEC

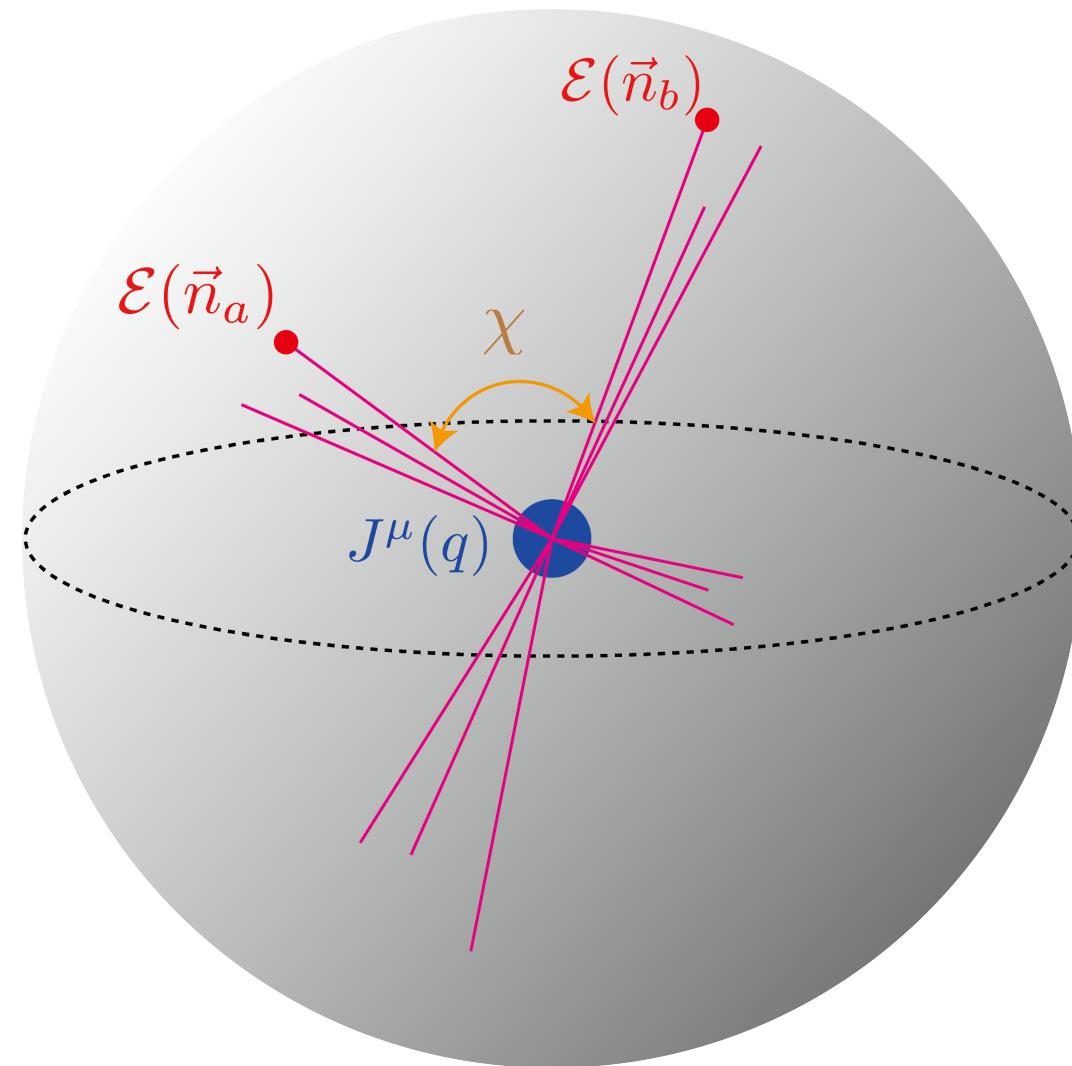
electron–positron colliders

[Basham, Brown, Ellis and Love, 1978]

introduced energy–energy correlation

$$\frac{d^2 \Sigma}{d\Omega_a d\Omega_b} = \sum_{i,j} \int d\sigma \frac{E_i E_j}{Q^2} \delta^{(2)}(\Omega_a - \Omega_{p_i}) \delta^{(2)}(\Omega_b - \Omega_{p_j})$$

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



[Korchemsky, Sterman, 1999;

Hofman, Maldacena, 2008;

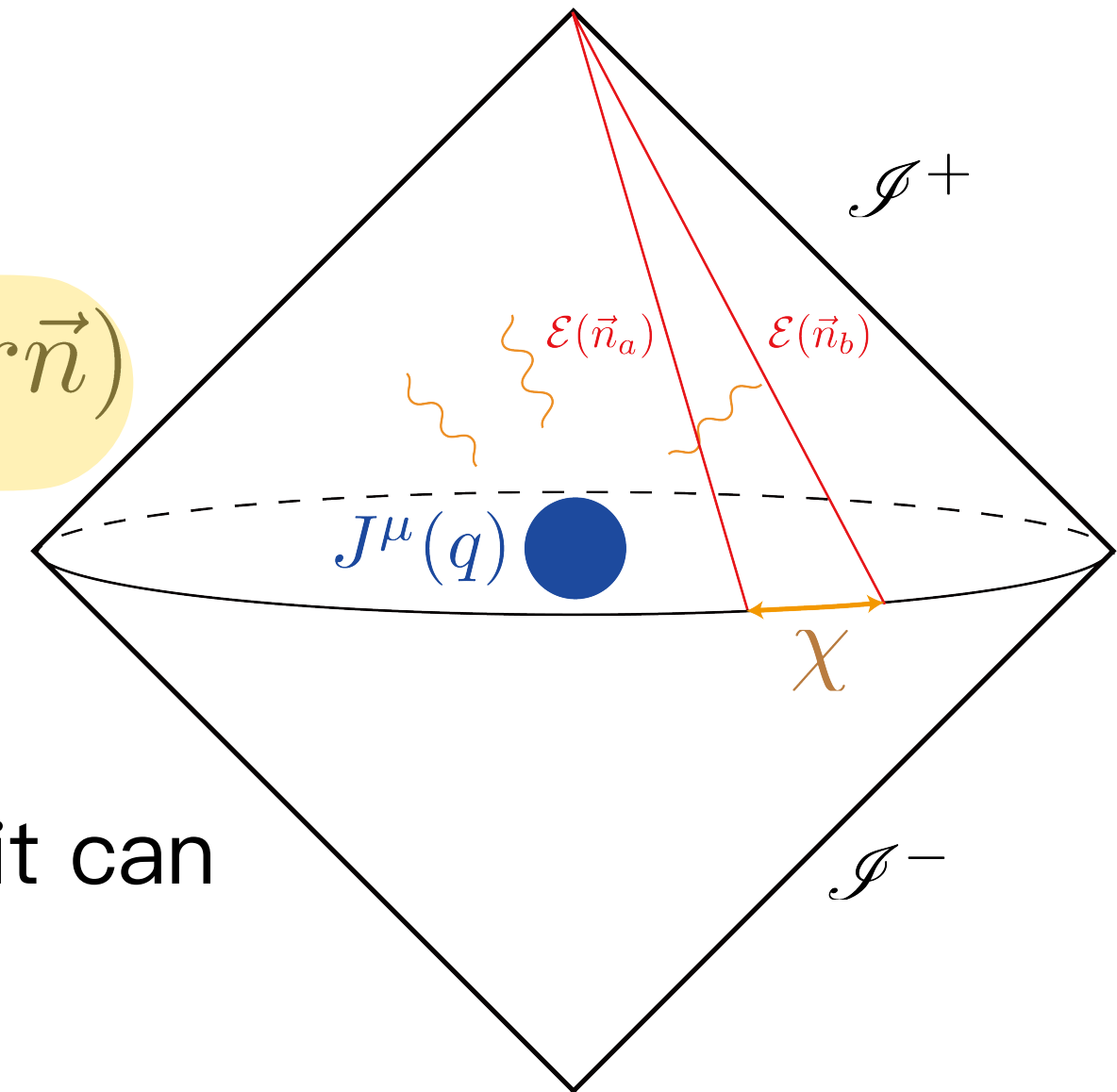
Bauer, Fleming Lee, Sterman, 2008; ...]

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

The energy flow operator is defined as an integral along a light ray in the future null infinity. In the free theory, it can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}) = \int d^3 p E_p a_p^\dagger a_p \delta^{(2)}(\vec{n} - \vec{n}_p)$$

This nice operator definition of the energy flow allows an alternative definition of EEC and its generalization:



$$\langle \Omega | J_\nu(-q) \boxed{\sum \omega(q) | X \rangle \langle X | J_\mu(q) | \Omega \rangle}$$

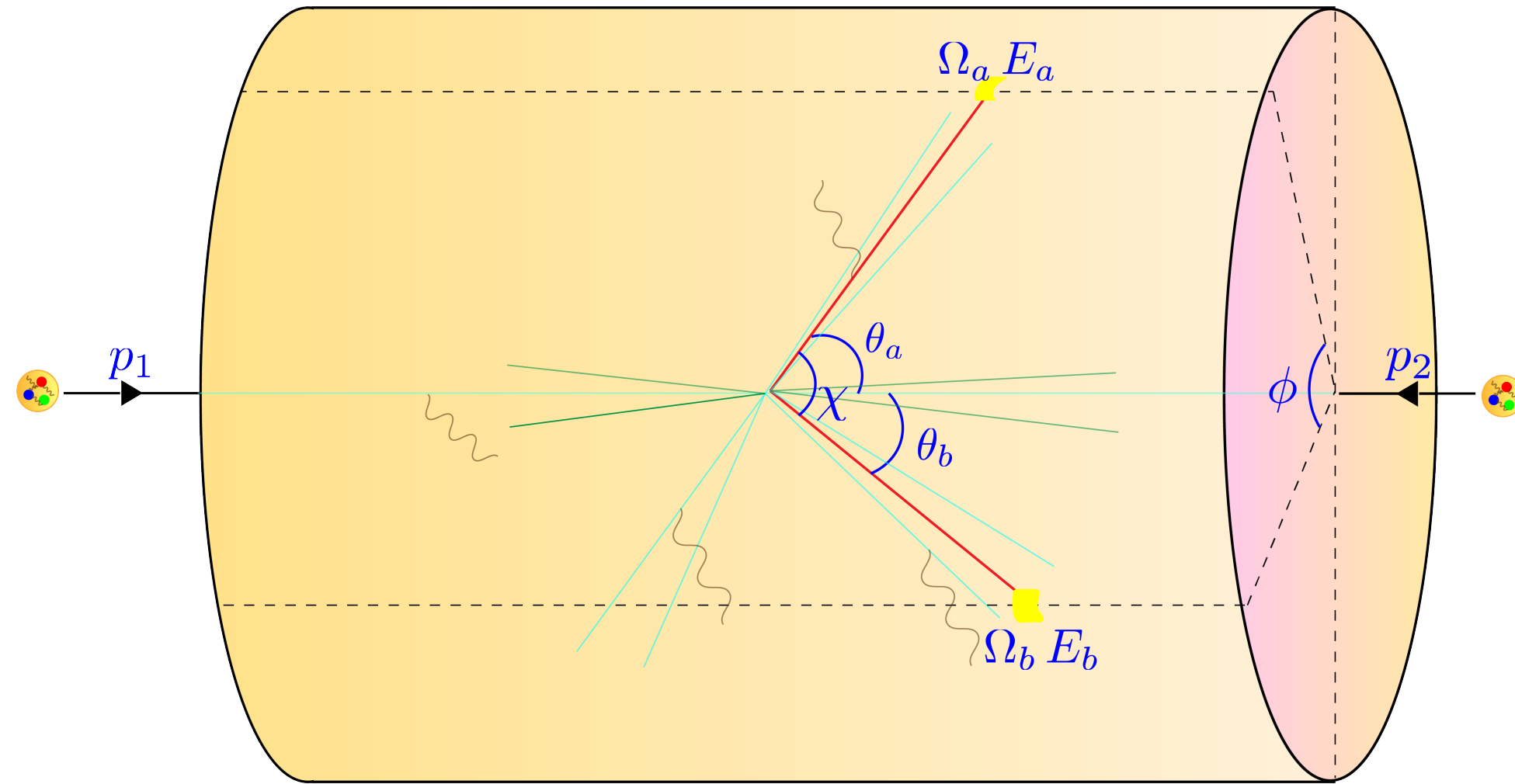
$\hat{\omega}$: measurement operator

$$\langle \Omega | O_{\rho\sigma} \dots (-q) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \dots O_{\mu\nu} \dots (q) | \Omega \rangle$$

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

Hadronic EEC

increased information via symmetry breaking



Hadronic EEC is defined as:

$$\frac{d^2\Sigma}{d\Omega_a d\Omega_b} = \sum_{i,j} \int d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow i+j+X} E_i E_j \delta^{(2)}(\Omega_a - \Omega_{p_i}) \delta^{(2)}(\Omega_b - \Omega_{p_j})$$

with dependence on three angles: θ_a, θ_b, χ .

The collision axis breaks spherical symmetry down to **axial symmetry**, rendering the final result considerably more complex, yet providing additional insights.

- $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM: "Hydrogen Atom"

EEC: NLO [Belitsky, Hohenegger, Korchemsky, Sokatchev, Zhiboedov, 2014]

NNLO [Henn, Sokatchev, Yan, Zhiboedov, 2019]

E3C: LO, Collinear [Chen, Luo, Mout, Yang, Zhang, Zhu, 2019]
LO [Yan, Zhang, 2022]

E4C: LO, Collinear [Chicherin, Mout, Sokatchev, Yan, Yunyue, 2024]

- QCD in electron-positron colliders: "Metal Atom"

EEC: LO [Basham, Brown, Ellis, Love, 1978]

NLO [Dixon, Luo, Shtabovenko, Yang, Zhu, 2018]

E3C: LO, Collinear [Chen, Luo, Mout, Yang, Zhang, Zhu, 2019]

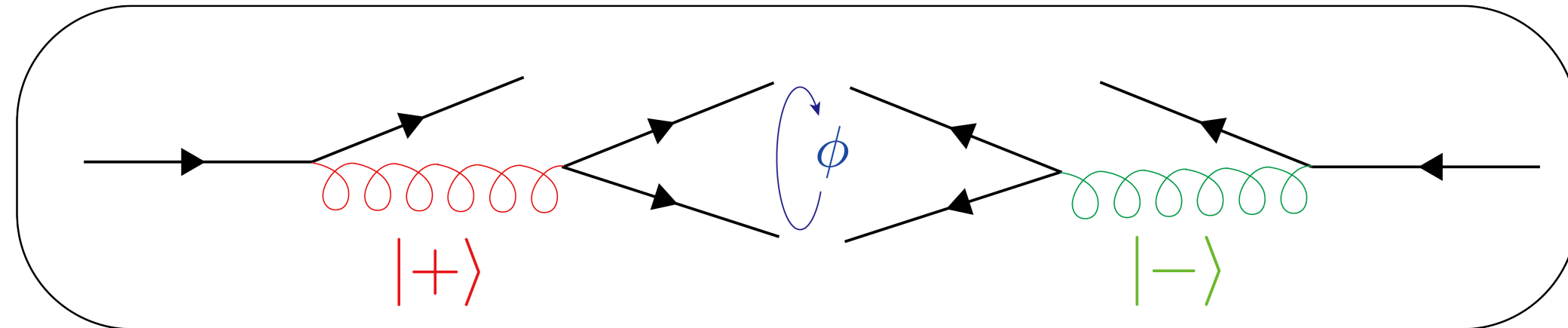
- QCD in hadron colliders: "Zeeman effect"

TEEC: Back-to-Back [Gao, Li, Mout, Zhu, 2019; 2023]

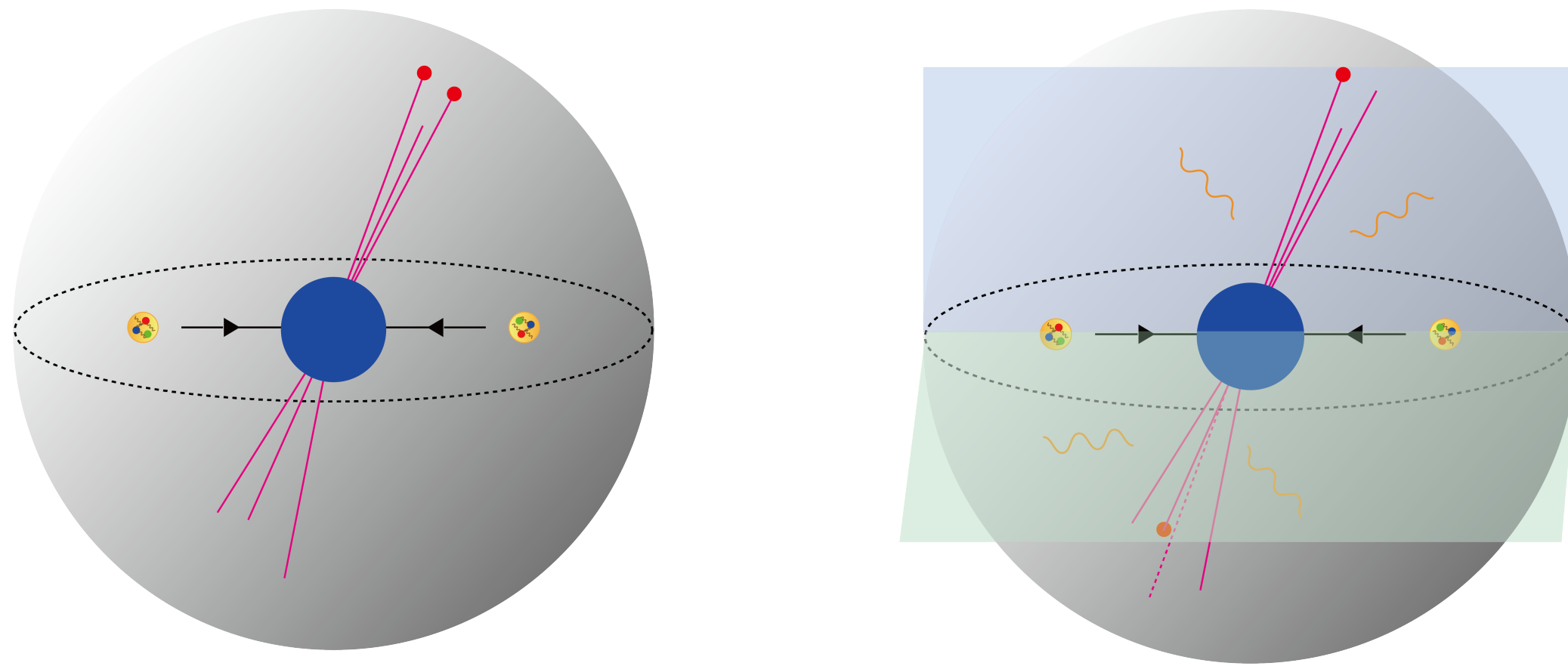
HEEC: LO, Full angle [Chen, Ruan, Zhu, forthcoming]

What remains to be uncovered?

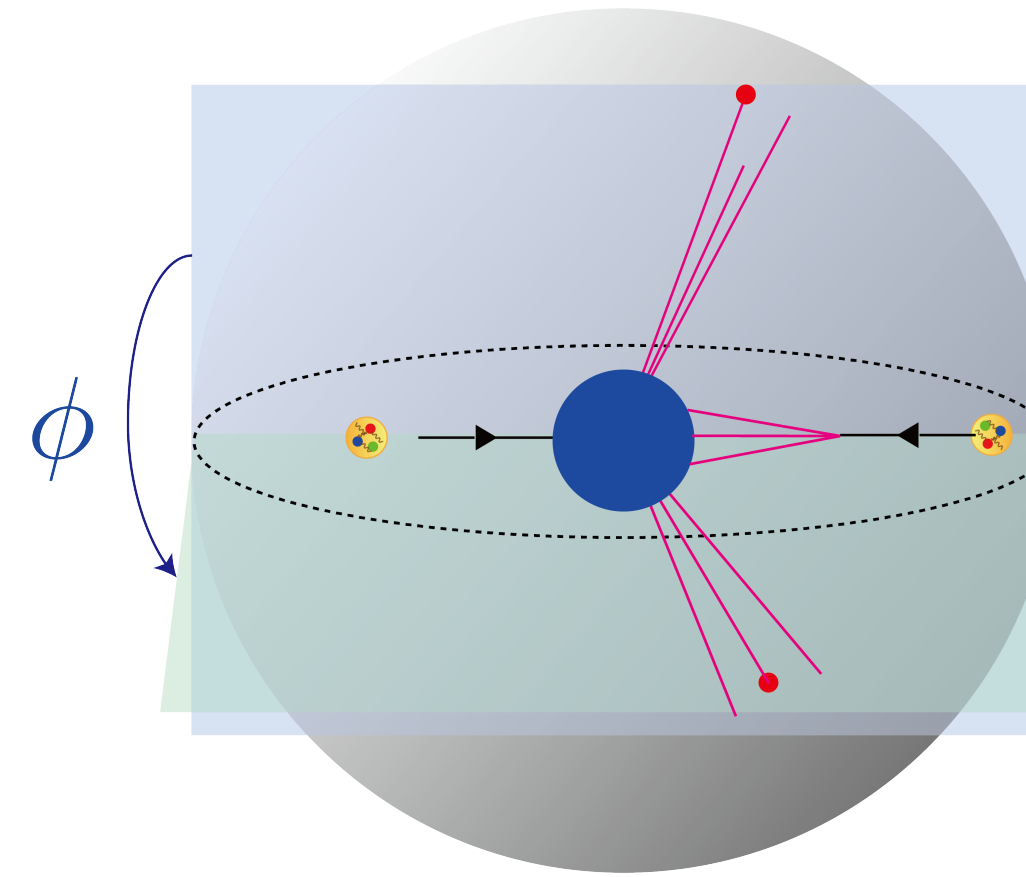
Interference Effect



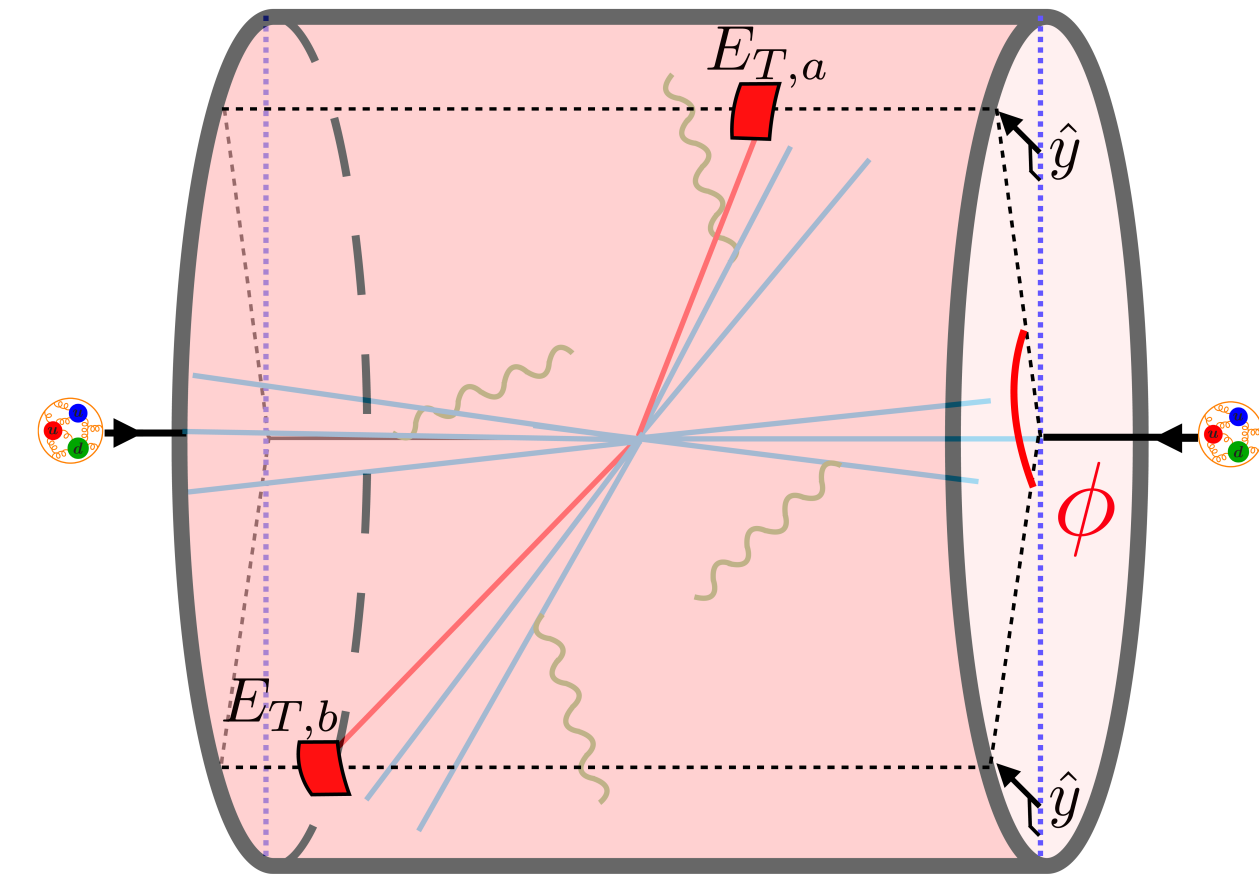
An **interference effect** arises between intermediate gluons in the squeezed limit, a phenomenon observed in **QCD** but absent in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM. [Chen, Luo, Mout, Yang, Zhang, Zhu, 2019]



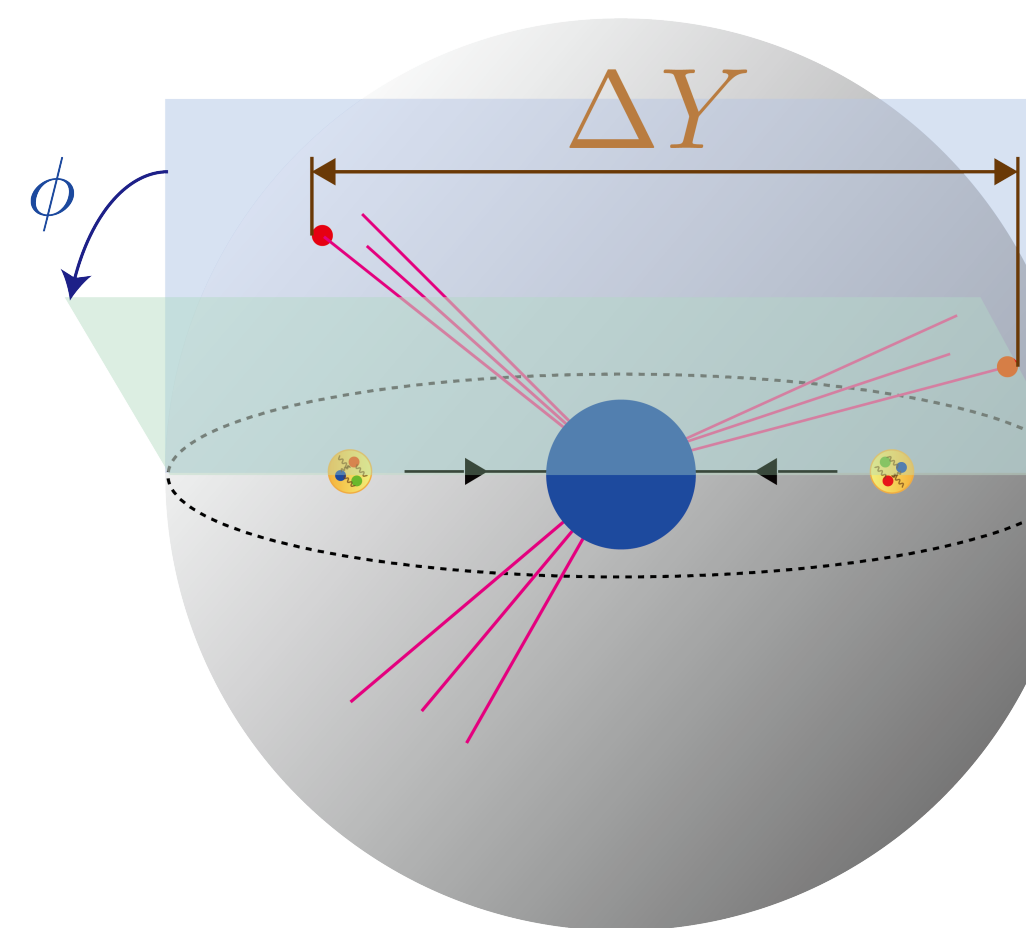
Collinear limit and **back-to-back limit**, well understood in the EEC of e^+e^- colliders



opposite coplanar limit, well understood as the back-to-back limit in the TEEC of pp colliders



art from [Gao, Li, Mout, Zhu, 2023]



The **Regge limit**, characterized by a large rapidity difference (ΔY) between the two detectors, remains unexplored in the context of energy correlators.

Hadronic EEC Results

for pure gluon scattering

- o **Color-ordered amplitude** from spinor-helicity formalism: [Parke, Taylor 1986]; [Elvang, Huang, 2014]

$$A_5[1, 2, 3, 4, 5] = \frac{\langle ij \rangle^4}{\langle 12 \rangle \langle 23 \rangle \langle 34 \rangle \langle 45 \rangle \langle 51 \rangle}$$

- o Using the color decomposition formula, the **full 5-gluon tree amplitude** can be expressed as:

$$\mathcal{A}_5^{\text{full, tree}} = g^3 \sum_{\sigma \in S_4} \text{Tr}(T^{a_1} T^{\sigma(a_2)} T^{a_3} T^{a_4} T^{a_5}) A_5[1, \sigma(2, 3, 4, 5)]$$

- o The **averaged squared amplitude** can also be expressed in a compact form

$$\overline{\sum_{\text{h,c}} \left| \mathcal{A}_5^{\text{full, tree}} \right|^2} = \frac{27g^6}{16} \frac{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 5} s_{ij}^4}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 5} s_{ij}} \sum_{\sigma \in S_4} (s_{1\sigma(2)} s_{\sigma(2)\sigma(3)} s_{\sigma(3)\sigma(4)} s_{\sigma(4)\sigma(5)} s_{\sigma(5)1})$$

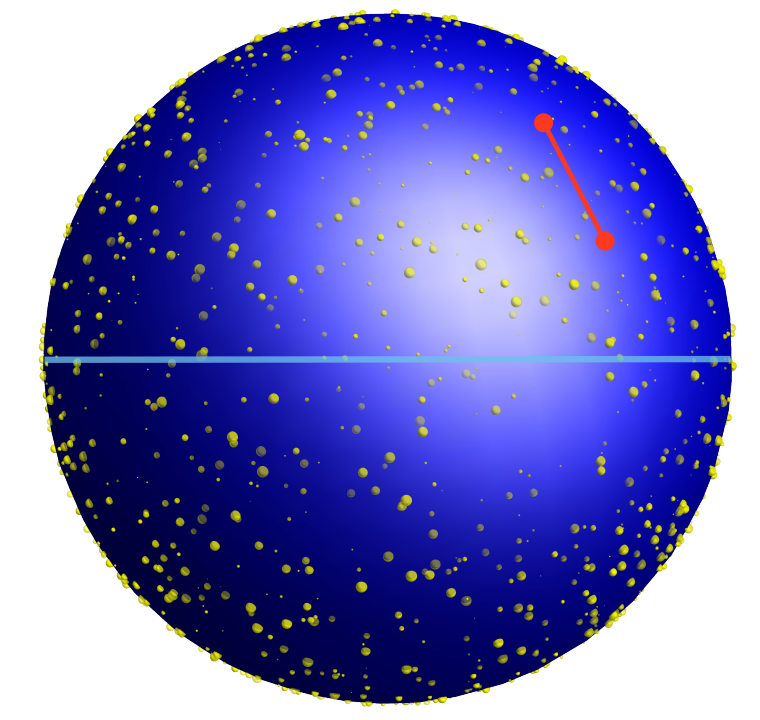
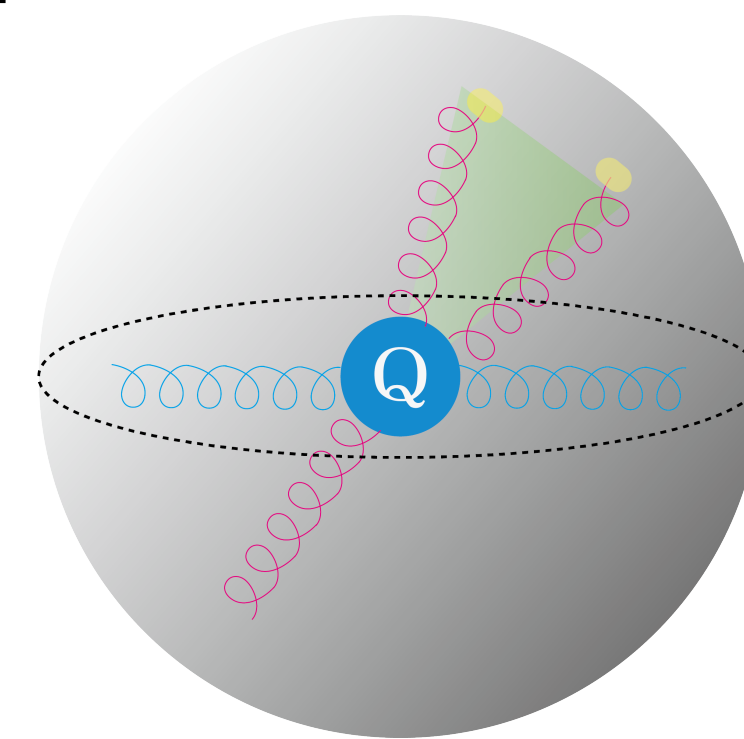
- o The **LO HEEC for gluon scattering** can then be expressed as

$$\frac{d^2 \Sigma}{d\Omega_a d\Omega_b} = \frac{Q^2}{16384\pi^5} \int_0^1 dx \frac{(1-x)^2 x^2}{(1-x\xi)^3} \overline{\sum_{\text{h,c}} \left| \mathcal{A}_5^{\text{full, tree}} \right|^2}$$

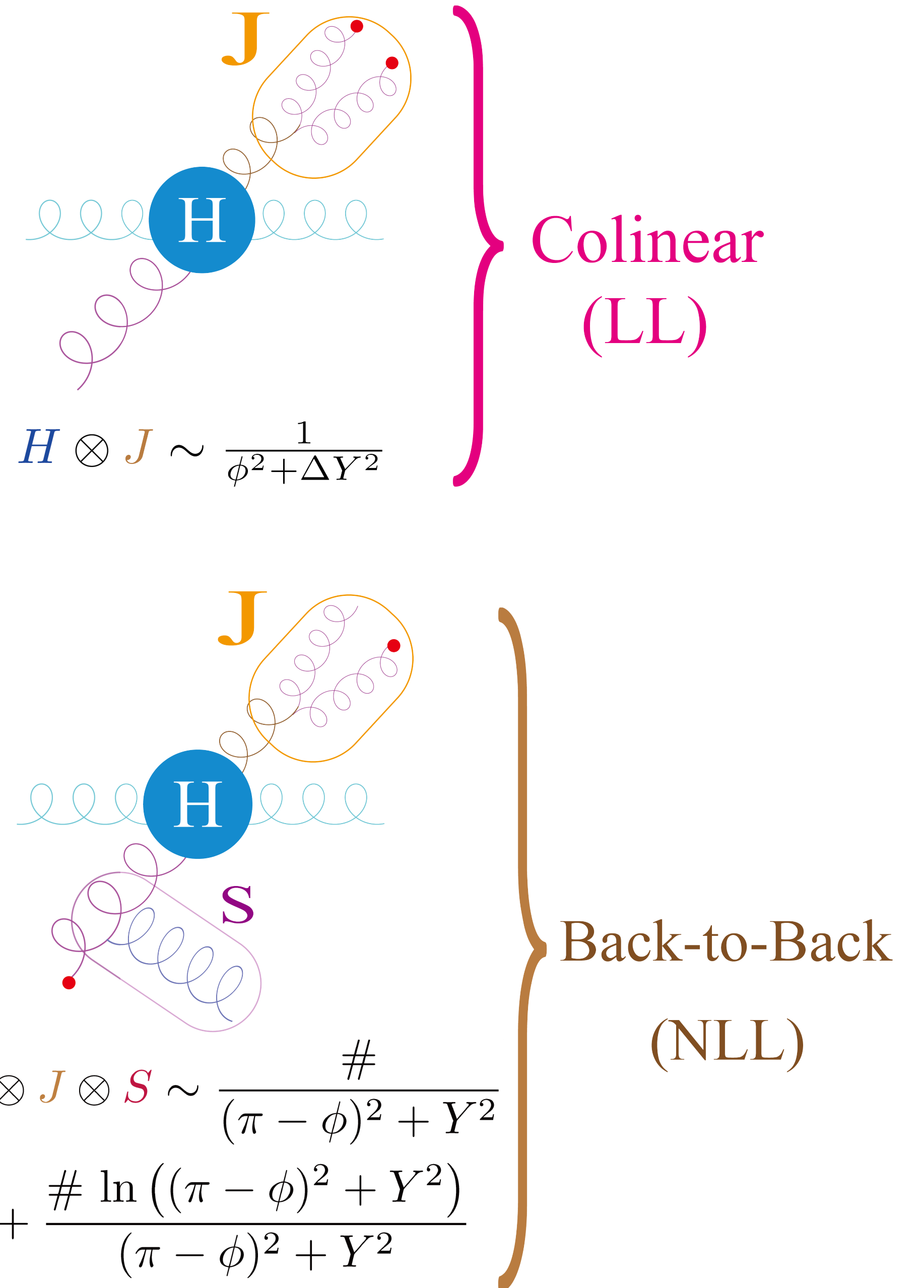
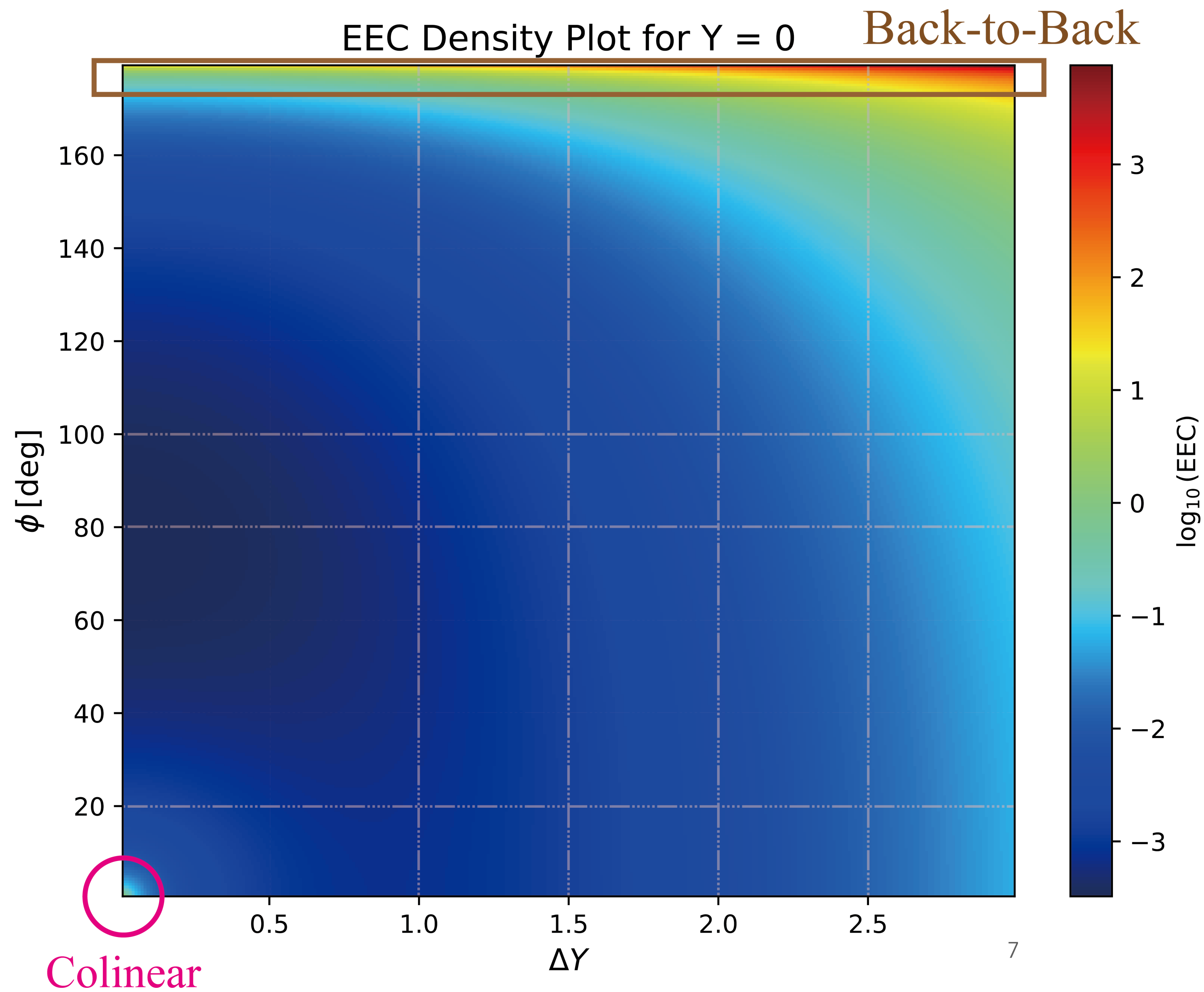
The **final result** spans over three pages; thus, we only present its **main structure**:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \Sigma}{d\Omega_a d\Omega_b} = & f_1(Y, \Delta Y, \phi) + f_2(Y, \Delta Y, \phi) \Delta Y + f_3(Y, \Delta Y, \phi) \phi \\ & + f_4(Y, \Delta Y, \phi) \arccos \frac{\cosh Y \cos \phi + 1}{\cosh Y + \cos \phi} \\ & + f_5(Y, \Delta Y, \phi) \ln \frac{(\cosh Y + \sinh Y)(\cosh \Delta Y + \sinh \Delta Y) + 1}{\cosh Y + \sinh Y \cosh \Delta Y + \sinh \Delta Y} \\ & + f_6(Y, \Delta Y, \phi) \ln \frac{\cosh Y + \cos \phi}{\cosh Y + \cosh \Delta Y} \end{aligned}$$

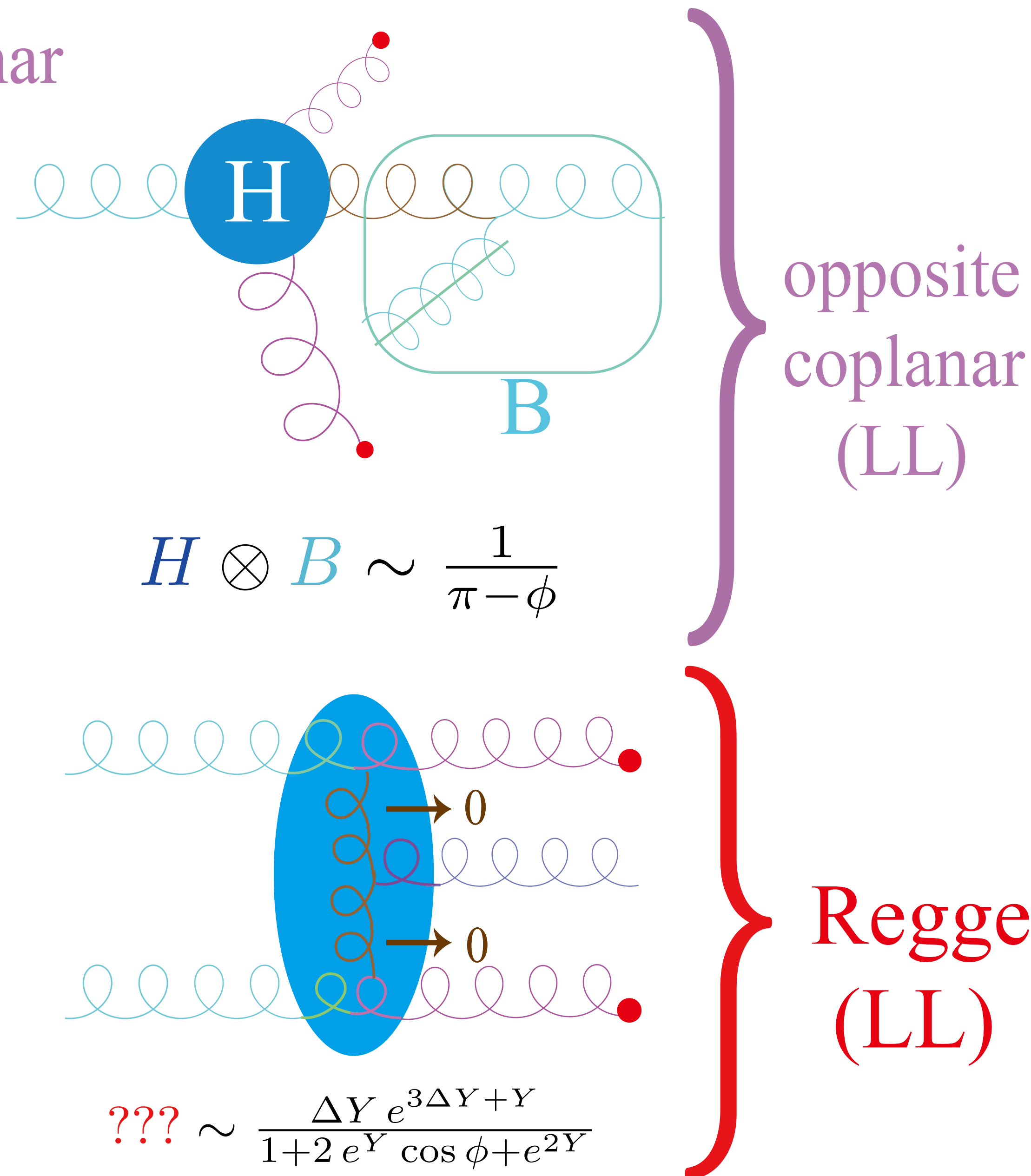
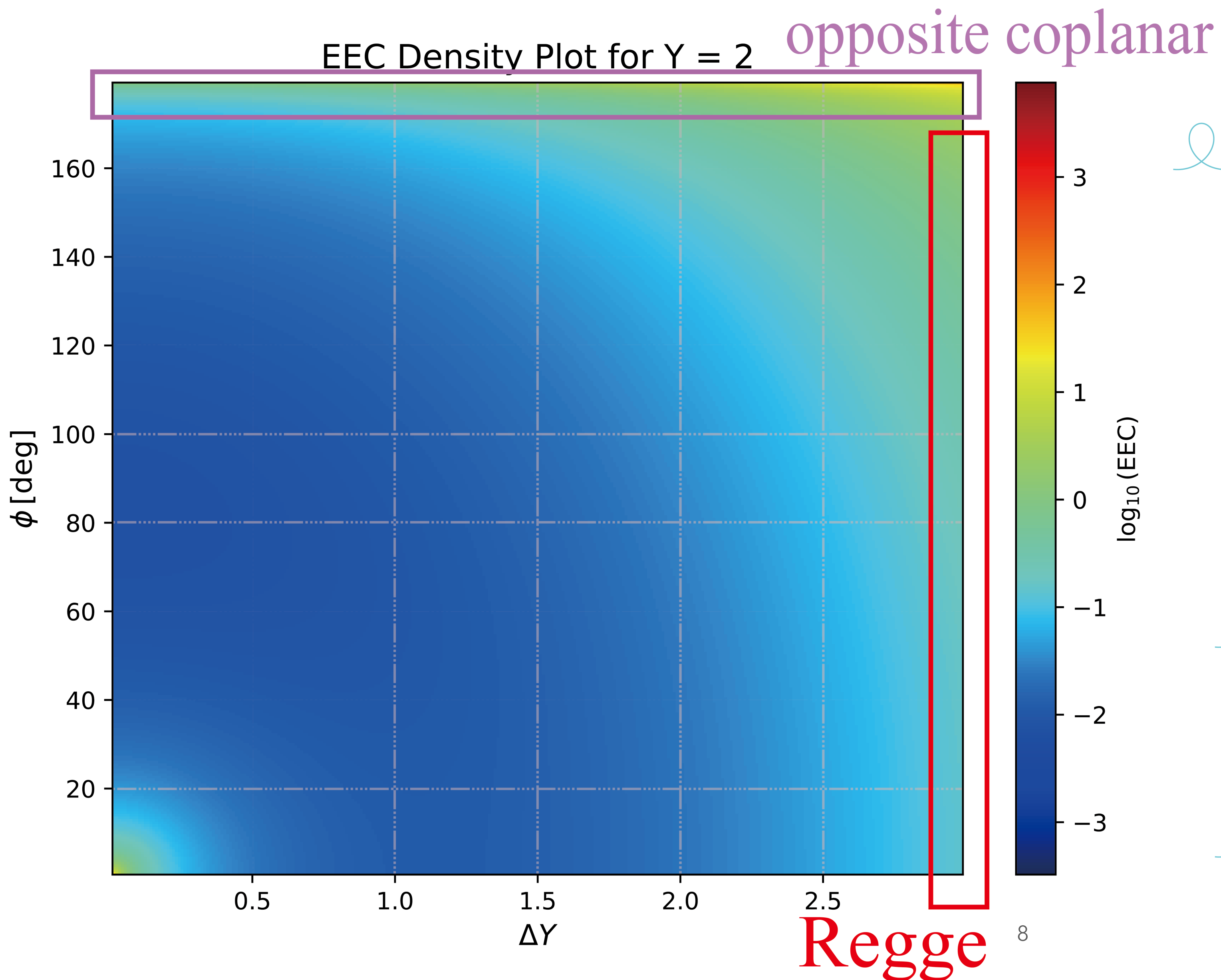
We utilize variables that facilitate comparison with experimental data: the **rapidity sum** Y and **difference** ΔY of the two detectors, along with their **azimuthal angle separation** ϕ . The functions $f_i(Y, \Delta Y, \phi)$ represent distinct and highly intricate rational expressions.



Plots & Limit Factorizations



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Conformal and Lorentz Symmetry

From 4D Minkowski to Celestial Sphere

First noticed by Dirac:

$$\mathfrak{so}(1,3)_{\mathbb{C}} \cong \mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{C}) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(2,\mathbb{C})$$

that is, Lorentz transformations in 4d Minkowski spacetime can be described as global transformations (Möbius transformations) in a 2d complex plane.

More generally, we have the following correspondence:

(Global) Conformal Symmetry in $\mathbb{R}^d$

$\cong$ Lorentz Symmetry in $\mathbb{R}^{d+1,1}$

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L_{ab} in $\mathbb{R}^{d+1,1}$

$L_{\mu\nu} = M_{\mu\nu}$
 $L_{-1,0} = D$
 $L_{0,\mu} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{\mu} + K_{\mu})$
 $L_{-1,\mu} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{\mu} - K_{\mu})$

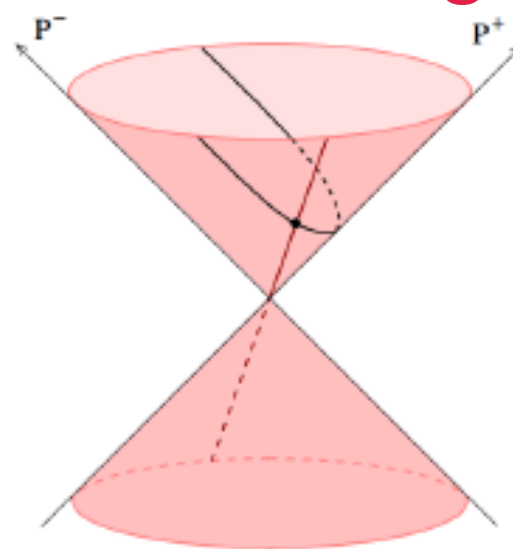
→ Lorentz Transformation

→ Dilation

→ Translation

→ SCT (Inv+Trans+Inv)

We consider Lorentz transformations on the celestial sphere via embedding formalism [Chen, Moul, Sandor, Zhu, 2022]:



$$x^{\alpha} \rightarrow \left(\delta^{\alpha}_{\beta} - i\epsilon (M^{\mu\nu})^{\alpha}_{\beta} \right) x^{\beta} = x^{\alpha} + \epsilon (g^{\mu\alpha} x^{\nu} - g^{\nu\alpha} x^{\mu})$$

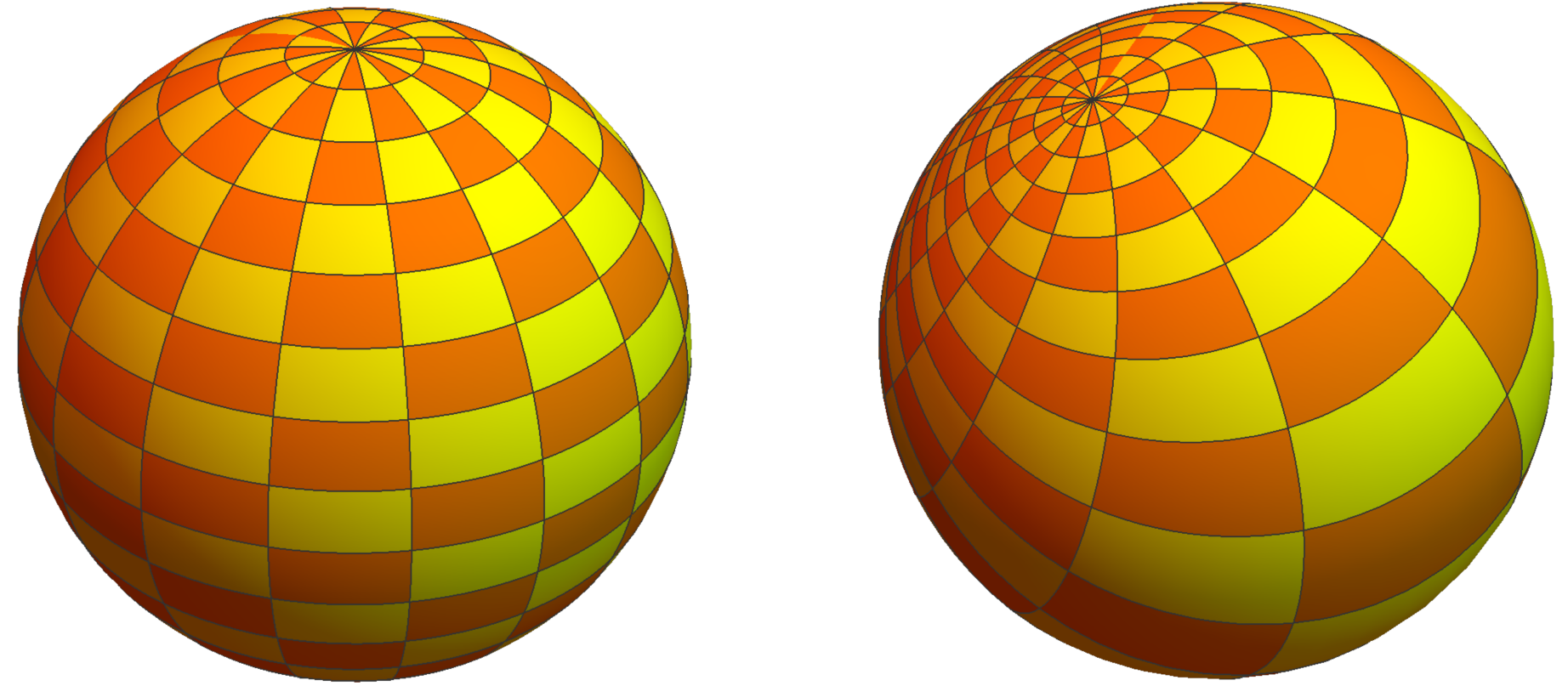
$$M^{0a} : (1, n^i) \rightarrow (1 + \epsilon n^a, n^i + \epsilon \delta^{ia}) \rightarrow n^i + \epsilon (\delta^{ia} - n^i n^a)$$

$$M^{ab} : (1, n^i) \rightarrow (1, n^i + \epsilon (\delta^{ib} n^a - \delta^{ia} n^b)) \rightarrow n^i + \epsilon (\delta^{ib} n^a - \delta^{ia} n^b)$$

we have used $n^2 = 0$ and $n \sim \lambda n$

$$M^{03} = -\sin \theta \partial_{\theta}, \quad M^{01} = \cos \theta \cos \phi \partial_{\theta} - \frac{\sin \phi}{\sin \theta} \partial_{\phi}, \quad M^{02} = \cos \theta \sin \phi \partial_{\theta} + \frac{\cos \phi}{\sin \theta} \partial_{\phi},$$

$$M^{12} = \partial_{\phi}, \quad M^{31} = \cos \phi \partial_{\theta} - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \sin \phi \partial_{\phi}, \quad M^{32} = \sin \phi \partial_{\theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \cos \phi \partial_{\phi}.$$

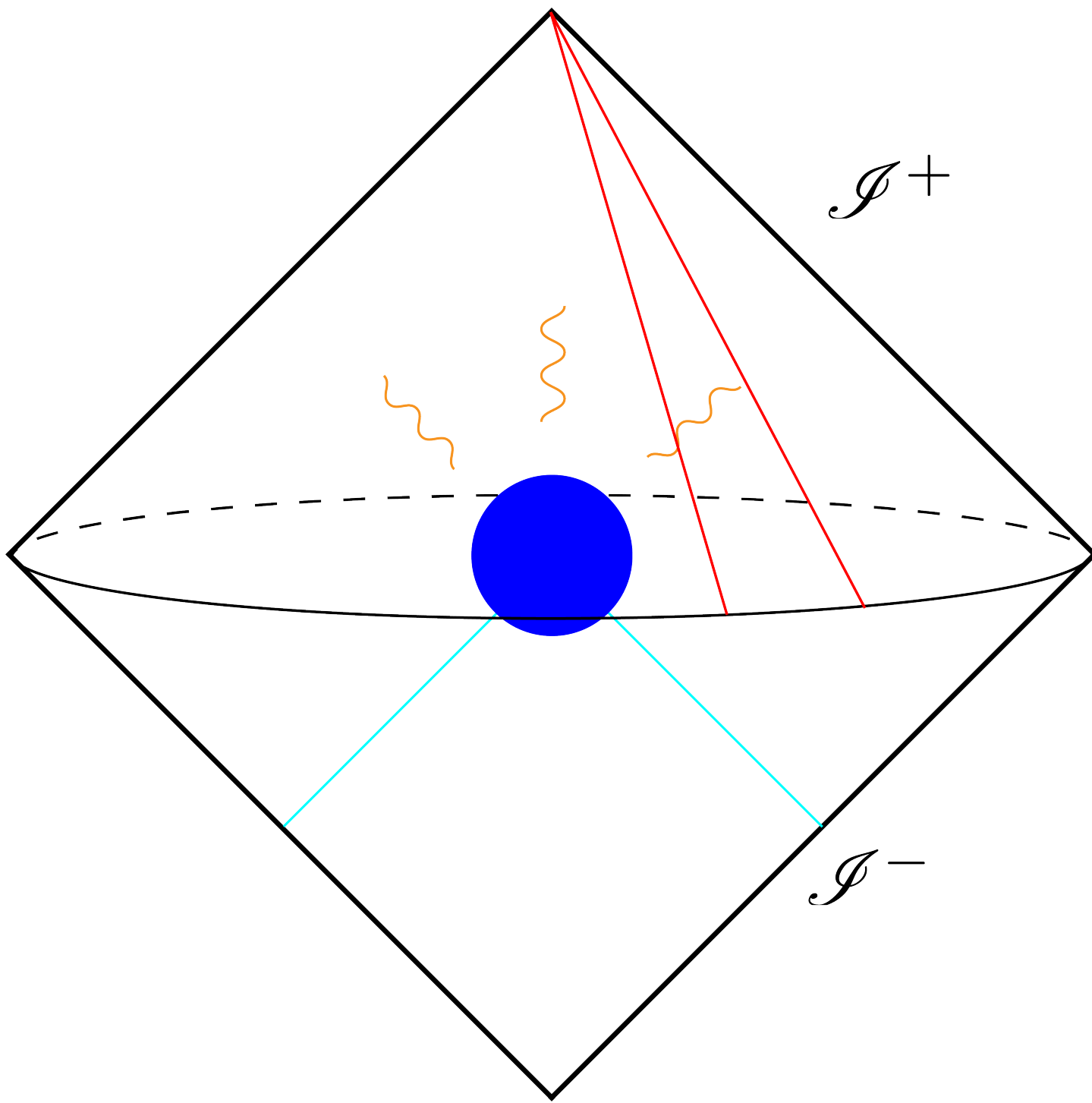


art from [Chen, Moul, Sandor, Zhu, 2022]

Poincaré Symmetry:
Open for Further Discussion During Q&A

Celestial Block

Solving the Casimir Equation



$$\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_3) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_4) \rangle_{p_1, p_2} \equiv \langle \Omega | \mathbb{A}^\rho(-p_1) \mathbb{A}^\sigma(-p_2) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_3) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_4) \mathbb{A}^\mu(p_1) \mathbb{A}^\nu(p_2) | \Omega \rangle$$

Lorentz Invariant: $p_1 \cdot p_2$, $n_3 \cdot n_4$, $p_i \cdot n_j$

Utilizing the fact that **Lorentz Transformations** act on the celestial sphere as **Conformal Transformations**, the result depends on the cross-ratios:

$$u = \frac{(p_1 \cdot p_2)(n_3 \cdot n_4)}{(p_1 \cdot n_3)(p_2 \cdot n_4)} = \frac{2(1 - \cos \chi)}{(1 - \cos \theta_a)(1 + \cos \theta_b)} = 1 - 2e^{\Delta Y} \cos \phi + e^{2\Delta Y}$$

$$v = \frac{(p_1 \cdot n_4)(p_2 \cdot n_3)}{(p_1 \cdot n_3)(p_2 \cdot n_4)} = \frac{(1 + \cos \theta_a)(1 - \cos \theta_b)}{(1 - \cos \theta_a)(1 + \cos \theta_b)} = e^{2\Delta Y},$$

However, the correspondence is disrupted by the energies of the initial gluons, necessitating the inclusion of **an additional variable**: $\omega = \frac{p_1 \cdot n_3}{p_2 \cdot n_3} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta_a}{1 + \cos \theta_a} = e^{-Y - \Delta Y}.$

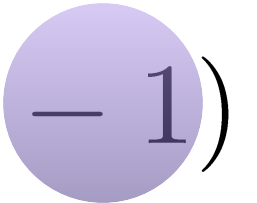
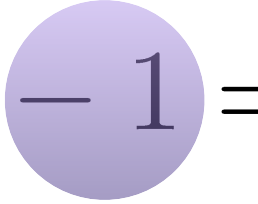
Celestial Block

Solving the Casimir Equation

$$\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_3) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_4) \rangle_{p_1, p_2} = \left(\frac{2\omega}{1+\omega} \right)^3 \left(\frac{2}{1+v\omega} \right)^3 \frac{d^2 \Sigma}{d\Omega_a d\Omega_b} = \frac{G(u, v, \omega)}{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^{\delta_{12}} (n_3 \cdot n_4)^{\delta_{34}}}$$

 restore Lorentz symmetry

$\delta_{12} = 2 \times (1 - 1) = 0$
 $\delta_{34} = 4 - 1 = 3$

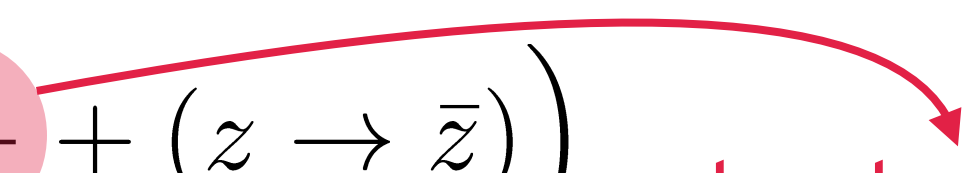
light-ray transform

Casimir Operator: $C|\mathcal{O}\rangle = -\frac{1}{2}L_{ab}L^{ab}|\mathcal{O}\rangle = (\delta(\delta - 2) + j^2)|\mathcal{O}\rangle$ δ : celestial dimension, j : transverse spin

Acting on correlators: $C_{(3\,4)} \langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_3) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_4) \rangle_{p_1\,p_2} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_{u,v,\omega} G(u,v,\omega)}{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^{\delta_{12}} (n_3 \cdot n_4)^{\delta_{34}}} = \frac{(\delta(\delta - 2) + j^2) G(u,v,\omega)}{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^{\delta_{12}} (n_3 \cdot n_4)^{\delta_{34}}}$

The differential operator is simplest to write in the coordinates $z, \bar{z}$ defined by
 $u = z \bar{z}$
 $v = (1 - z)(1 - \bar{z})$

$$\mathcal{D}(z, \bar{z}, \omega) = 2 \left(z^2(1 - z) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} - z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \omega z^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \omega \partial z} + (z \rightarrow \bar{z}) \right)$$

 extra term compared to 2d conformal block

In Mellin space, $\tilde{G}(z, \bar{z}, \gamma) = \int_0^\infty G(z, \bar{z}, \omega) \omega^{-\gamma-1} d\omega$ satisfies:

$$\left(z^2 (1 - z) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + (\gamma - 1) z^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + (z \rightarrow \bar{z}) \right) \tilde{G}(z, \bar{z}, \gamma) = (h(h - 1) + \bar{h}(\bar{h} - 1)) \tilde{G}(z, \bar{z}, \gamma)$$

The solution is:

$$\tilde{G}(z, \bar{z}, \gamma) = z^{\bar{h}} {}_2F_1(\bar{h}, \bar{h} - \gamma, 2\bar{h}, z) \times \bar{z}^h {}_2F_1(h, h - \gamma, 2h, \bar{z}) + (z \leftrightarrow \bar{z})$$

conformal weight

$$h = \frac{\delta + j}{2}$$

$$\bar{h} = \frac{\delta - j}{2}$$

Celestial Block Decomposition

Applied to the Result of the HEEC

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_3) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_4) \rangle_{p_1, p_2} &= \frac{1}{z^3 \bar{z}^3} \sum_{\delta, j} \left[\int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \omega^\gamma c_{\delta, j}(\gamma) G_{\delta, j}^{(\gamma)}(z, \bar{z}) + g_{\delta, j} G_{\delta, j}^{(0)}(z, \bar{z}) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{27g^6}{65536\pi^5 z^3 \bar{z}^3} \left[\int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \omega^\gamma \frac{224}{75} \gamma(\gamma^4 + 55\gamma^2 + 304) G_{4,0}^{(\gamma)}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{1792}{5} G_{4,0}^{(0)}(z, \bar{z}) \right. \\
 &\quad + \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \omega^\gamma \frac{16\gamma(122\gamma^6 + 8897\gamma^4 + 157493\gamma^2 + 612168)}{11025} G_{6,0}^{(\gamma)}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{10624}{35} G_{6,0}^{(0)}(z, \bar{z}) \\
 &\quad \left. + \int \frac{d\gamma}{2\pi i} \omega^\gamma \frac{4\gamma(641\gamma^6 + 50456\gamma^4 + 875819\gamma^2 + 2994204)}{55125} G_{6,2}^{(\gamma)}(z, \bar{z}) - \frac{12352}{175} G_{6,2}^{(0)}(z, \bar{z}) + \dots \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

twist-2 (green)
 twist-4 (blue)
 higher twist (pink)

terms non-vanishing in the large ω limit:
 ○ at most $\mathcal{O}(\omega^0)$
 ○ expanded by the 2d conformal block

light-ray OPE [Hofman, Maldacena, 2008]:

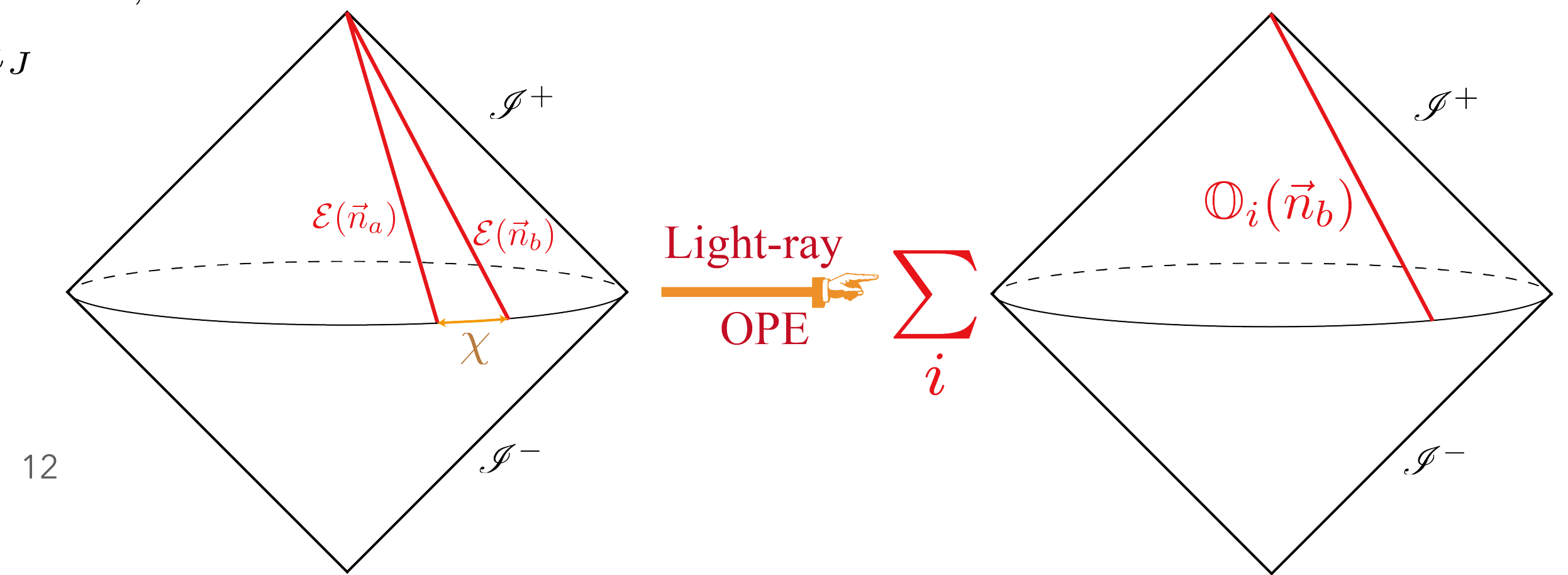
$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) = \sum_i \left(\mathbb{O}_{i, J=3, j=0}(\vec{n}) + \mathbb{O}_{i, J=3, j=2}(\vec{n}) + \mathbb{O}_{i, J=3, j=4}(\vec{n}) \right) + \sum_{n, i} \mathcal{D}_{2n} \mathbb{O}_{i, J=3+2n, j=4}(\vec{n})$$

twist

$$\mathbb{O}(\vec{n}) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r^{\Delta-J} \int_0^\infty dt O^{\mu_1 \cdots \mu_J}(t, r\vec{n}) \bar{n}_{\mu_1} \cdots \bar{n}_{\mu_J}$$

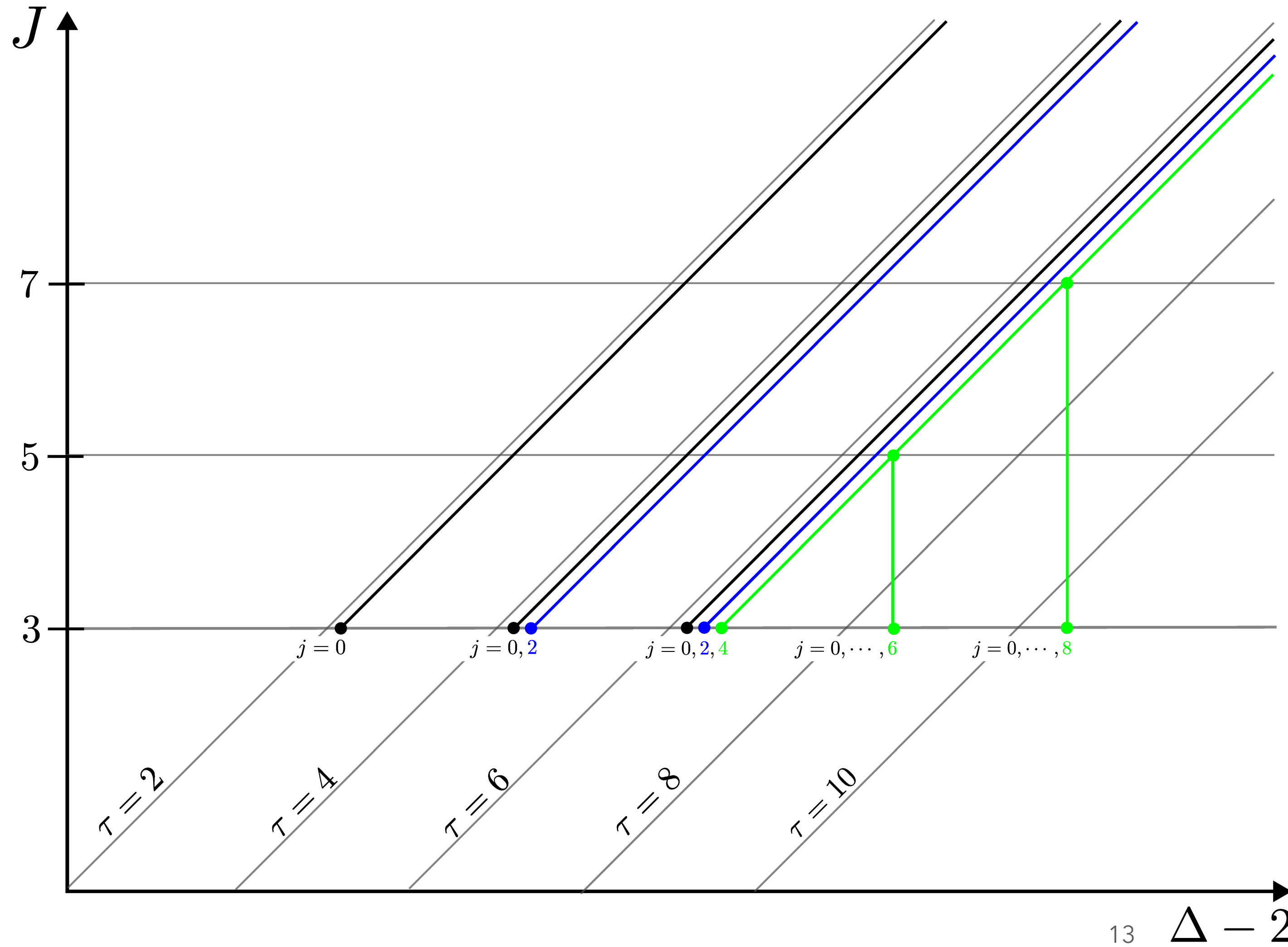
Generalization of the energy flow operator

[Kravchuk, Simmons-Duffin, 2018]



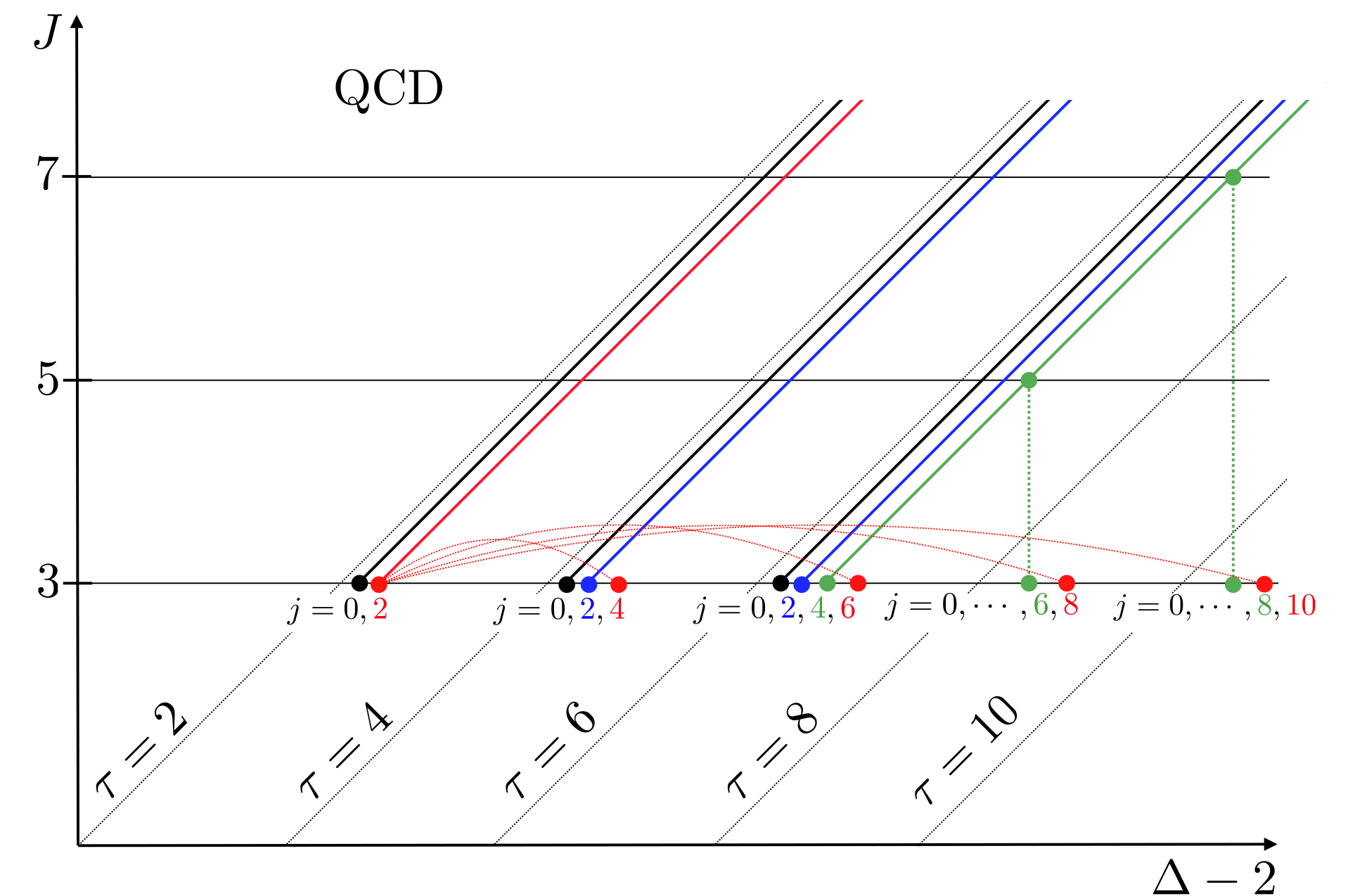
Contributing Operators

Chew–Frautschi Plot



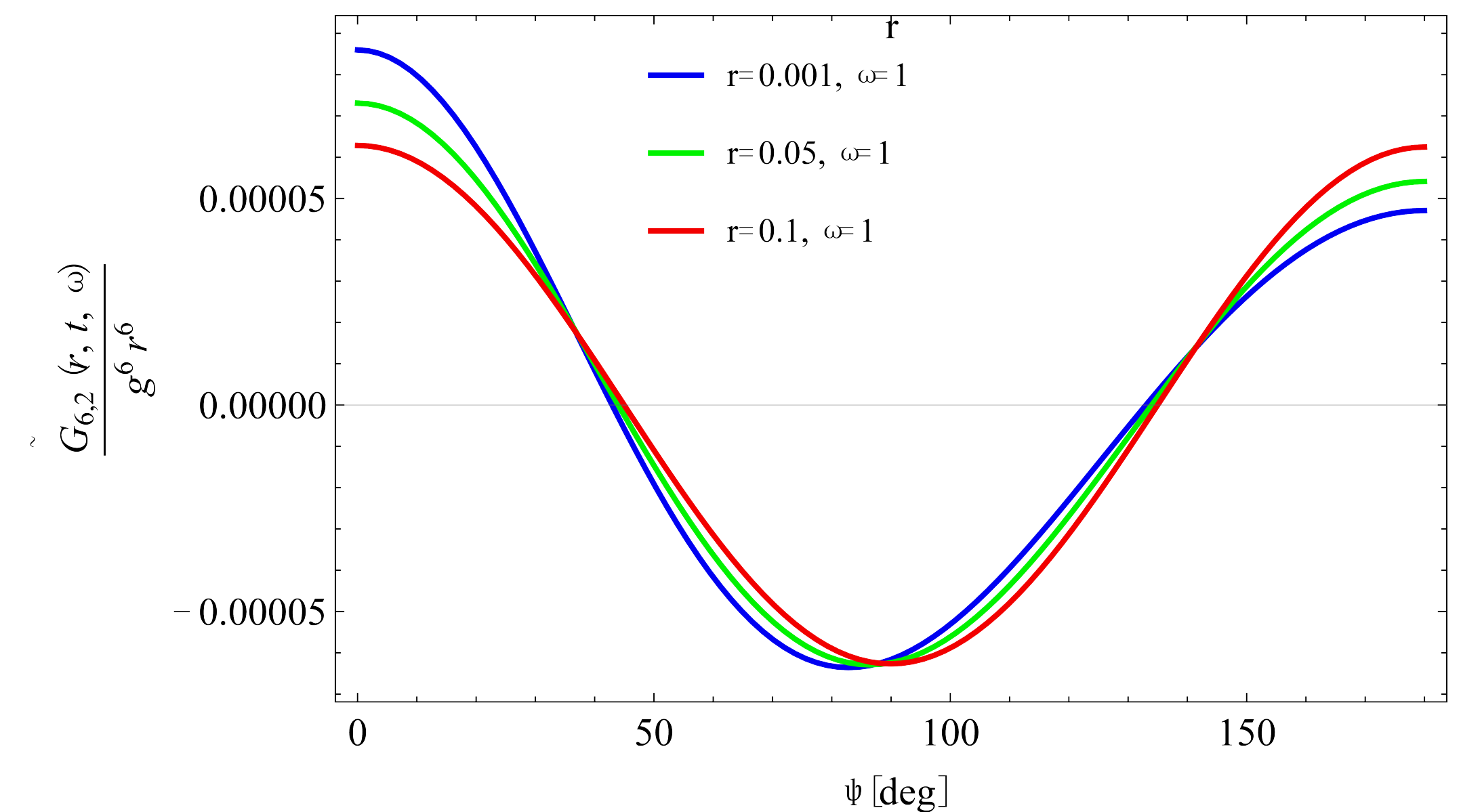
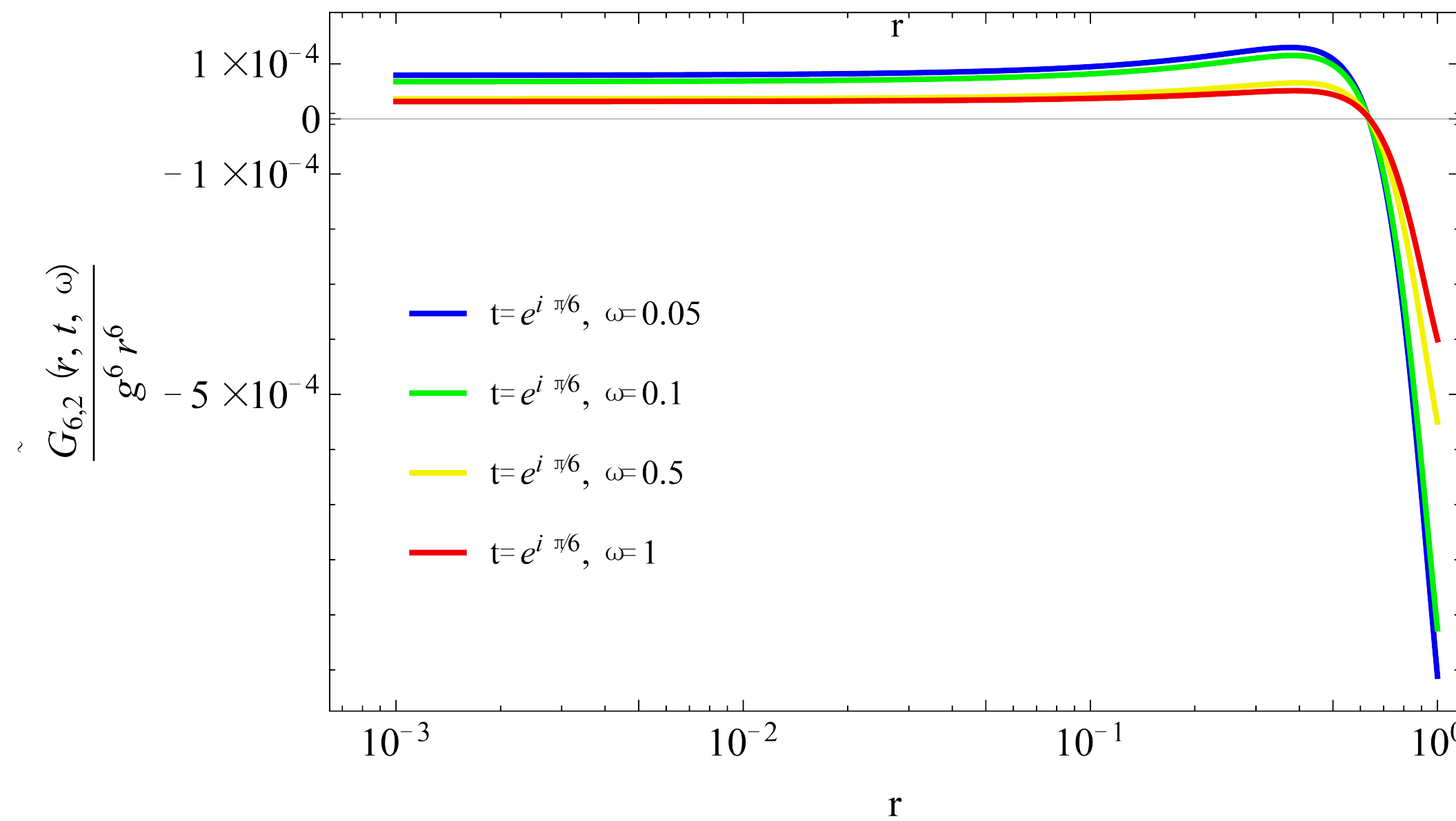
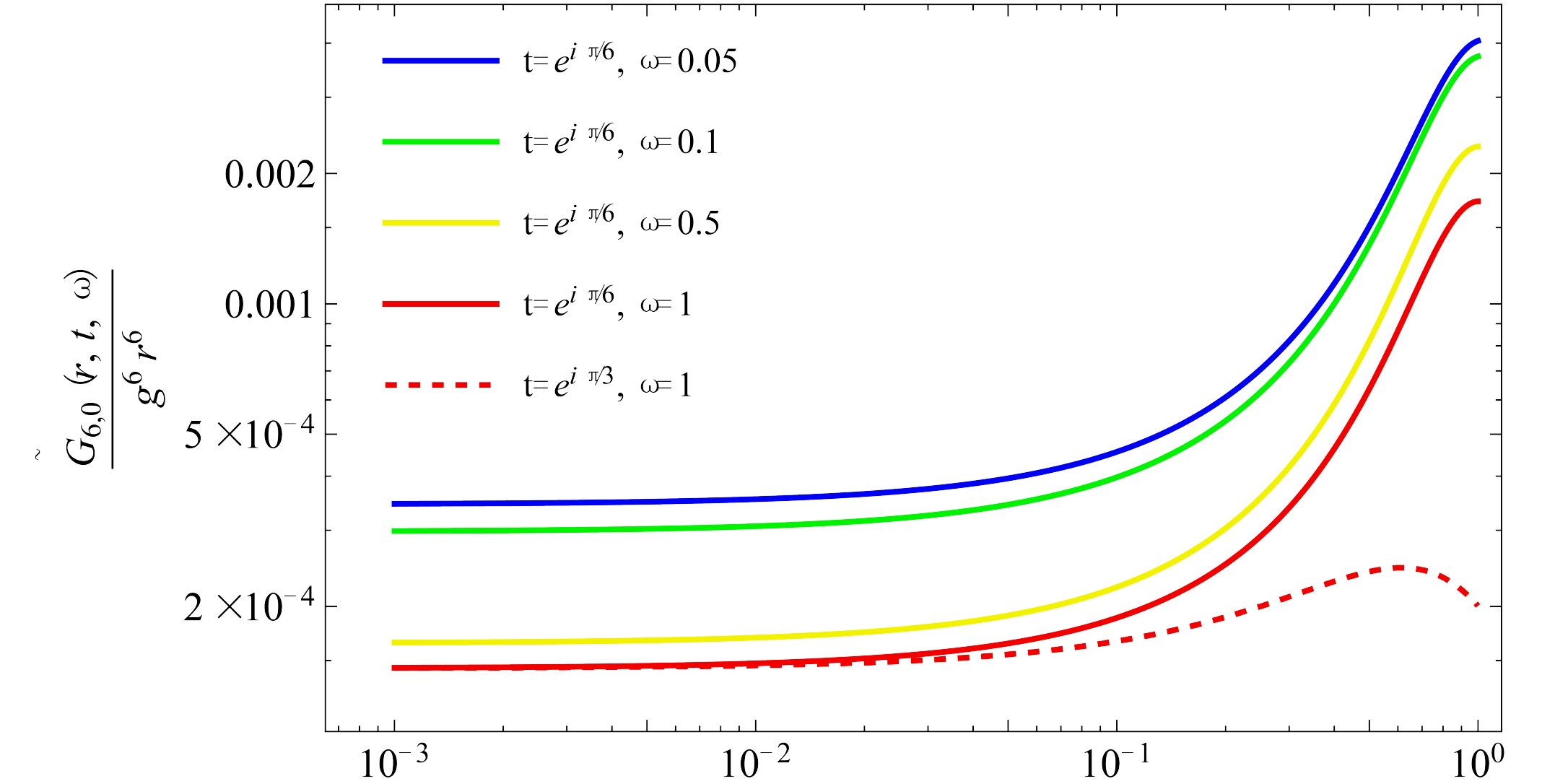
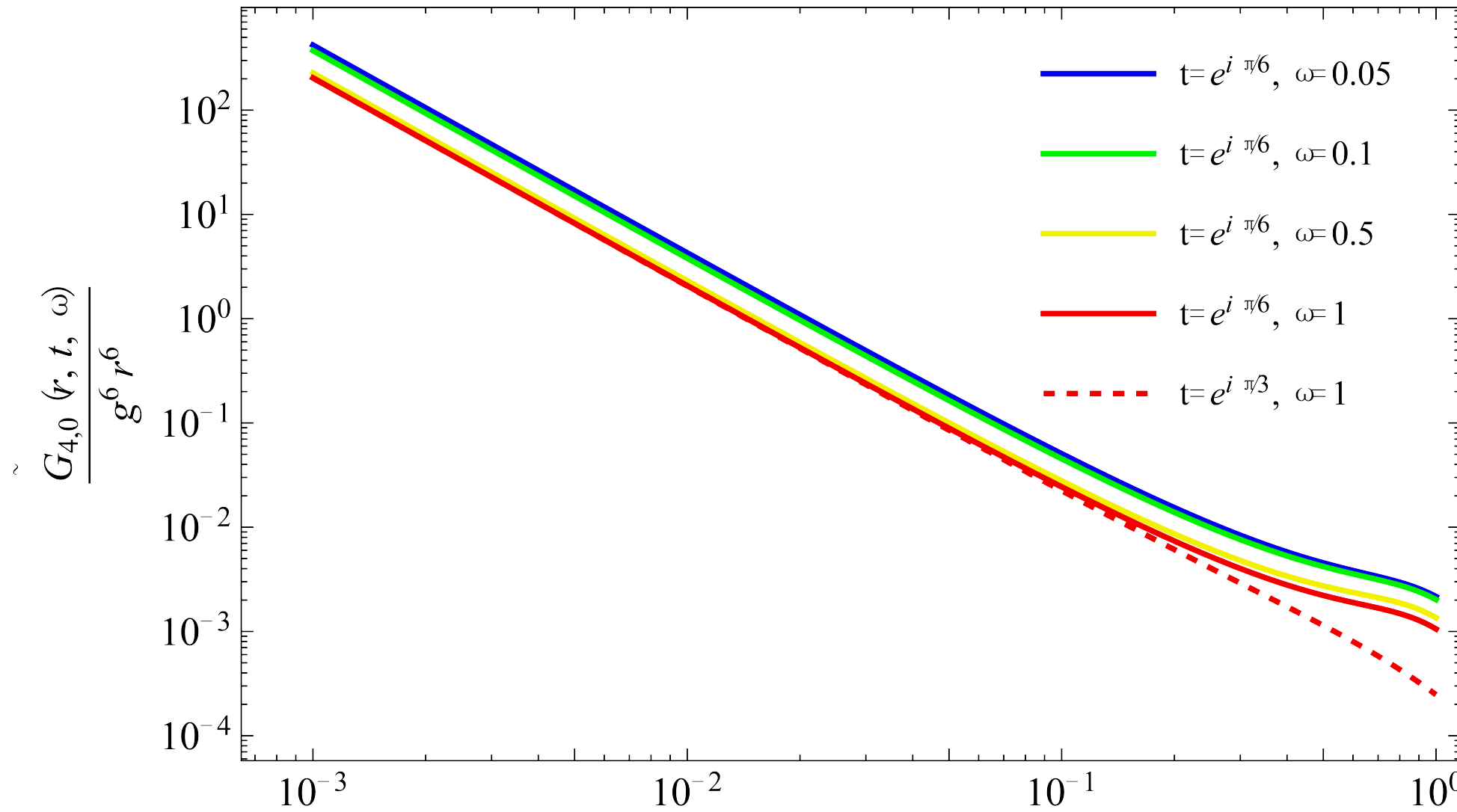
$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1)\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) = \sum_i \left(\mathbb{O}_{i,J=3,j=0}(\vec{n}) + \mathbb{O}_{i,J=3,j=2}(\vec{n}) + \mathbb{O}_{i,J=3,j=4}(\vec{n}) \right) + \sum_{n,i} \mathcal{D}_{2n} \mathbb{O}_{i,J=3+2n,j=4}(\vec{n})$$

In contrast, the Chew–Frautschi plot for the squeezed EEEEC in QCD is:



Celestial Block Dependence

A Window to Twist-4 Operators

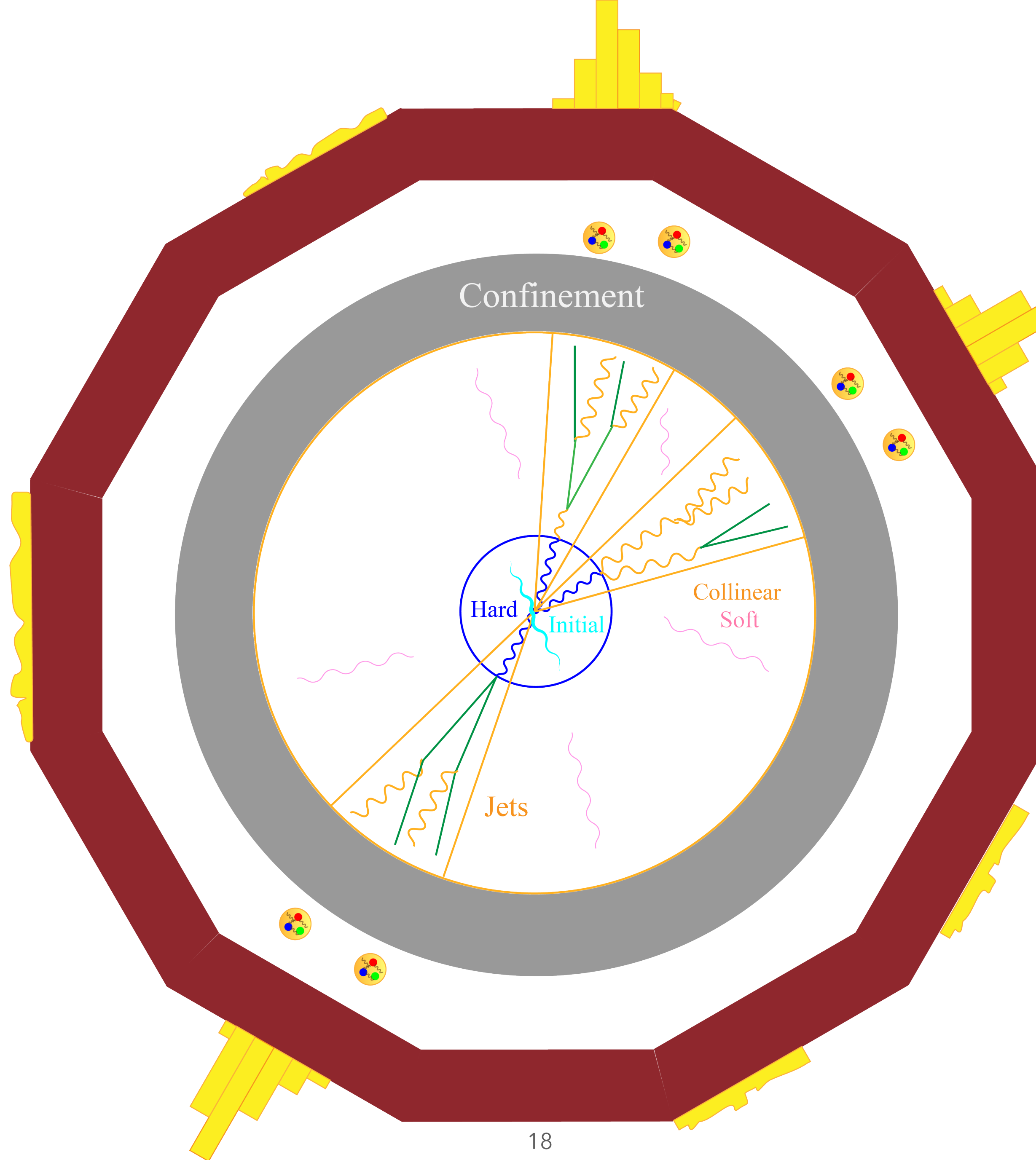


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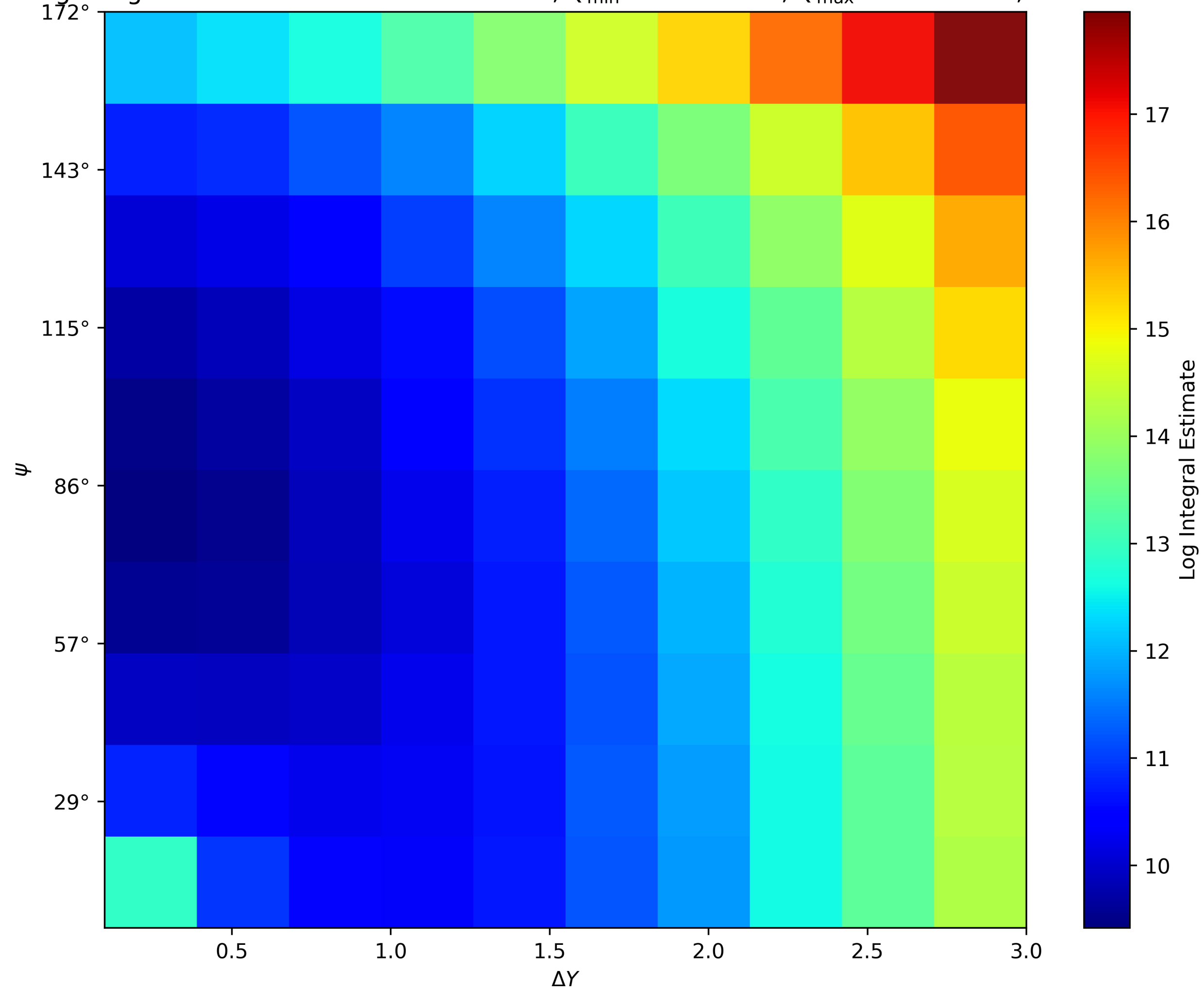
- For hadron colliders, we investigate the full-angle dependent energy–energy correlators, achieving:
 - The first leading–order (LO) analytical result in pure gluon scatterings.
 - Factorization formalisms in several limits, with the exception of the Regge limit.
- From a formal theoretical perspective:
 - We compute the celestial block, which serves as a tool to parameterize EECs with respect to various scattering processes in hadron colliders.
 - This celestial block decomposition is applied to our previous results, providing an independent consistency check.
- Potential directions for further research:
 - Exploring the Regge limit in the context of energy
 - Investigating the properties of twist–4 operators.



Backup



Log Integral Estimate with $P = 6800.0$ GeV, $Q_{\min} = 100.0$ GeV, $Q_{\max} = 200.0$ GeV, $Y=0.5$



Log Integral Estimate with $P=6800.0$, $Q_{\min}=100.0$, $Q_{\max}=200.0$, $Y=0.5$

