

QED corrections to $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$ at Subleading Power

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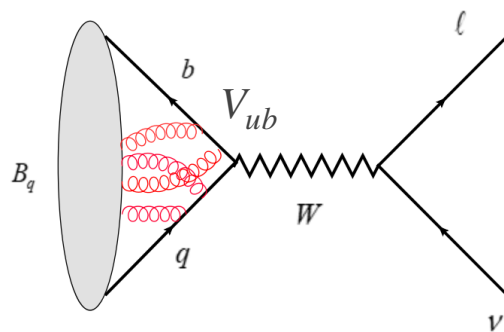
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Why $B_u \rightarrow \ell \nu$?

be interesting for several reasons:

- ❧ **Determination of $|V_{ub}|$** largely unaffected by hadronic uncertainties



$$\Gamma \sim m_\ell^2 f_{B_u}^2 |V_{ub}|^2$$

- ❧ Helicity suppression offers sensitive **probe of (pseudo)scalar new interactions**

$$\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu P_L \nu \rightarrow \frac{m_\ell}{m_b} \bar{\ell} P_L \nu$$

- ❧ Testing Lepton Flavor Universality in charged currents

$$B_u \rightarrow \ell \nu, \quad \ell = \mu, \tau$$

Why do we need to know the QED corrections?

- 🐾 QCD matrix element is known with **<1% accuracy**

$$\langle 0 | \bar{u} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | B^-(p) \rangle = i f_{B_u} p^\mu \quad \text{with } f_{B_u} = (189.4 \pm 1.4) \text{ MeV}$$

[FNAL/MILC 2017]

QED corrections can be of similar magnitude or even larger, due to presence of **large logarithms** $\propto \ln(m_b^2/m_\ell^2)$ and $\propto \ln(m_\ell/E_\gamma) \ln(m_b/m_\ell)$

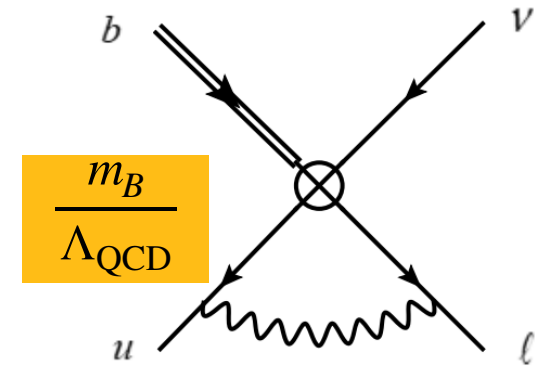
→ **compete with QCD uncertainties**

- 🐾 Belle II will measure the τ, μ channels with **5 – 7 % uncertainty**

[Belle II Physics Book]

→ **compete with experimental uncertainties**

🐾 scale $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} < \mu < m_b$ gives rise to more intricate effect,
as virtual photons can **resolve the structure of B meson**

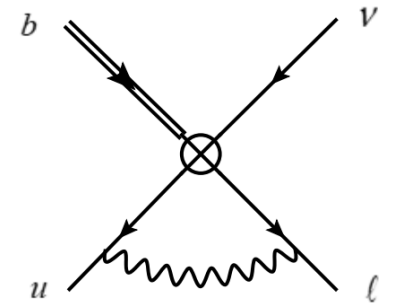


→ new effects: power enhanced effects

$$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \text{ [M. Beneke, etc. 17 \& 19]}$$

$$B_s \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- \text{ [Y.K.Huang, Y.L.Shen, X.C.Zhao, SHZ 23]}$$

Main challenges in formulating a factorization theorem



1. Quark current $\bar{u} \gamma^\mu P_L b$ is not gauge invariant under QED

$$\bar{u} \gamma^\mu P_L b \quad \longrightarrow \quad \bar{u} \gamma^\mu P_L b S_{n_-}^{(\ell)\dagger}$$

add a **Wilson line** $S_{n_-}^{(\ell)\dagger}$ to account for soft photon interactions with charged lepton $\rightarrow$ anomalous dimension sensitive to **IR regulators**

2. Beyond leading power convolutions have **endpoint divergences**

[Feldmann, Gubernari, Huber, Neubert, Seitz 2022; Hurth, Neubert, Szafron 2023]

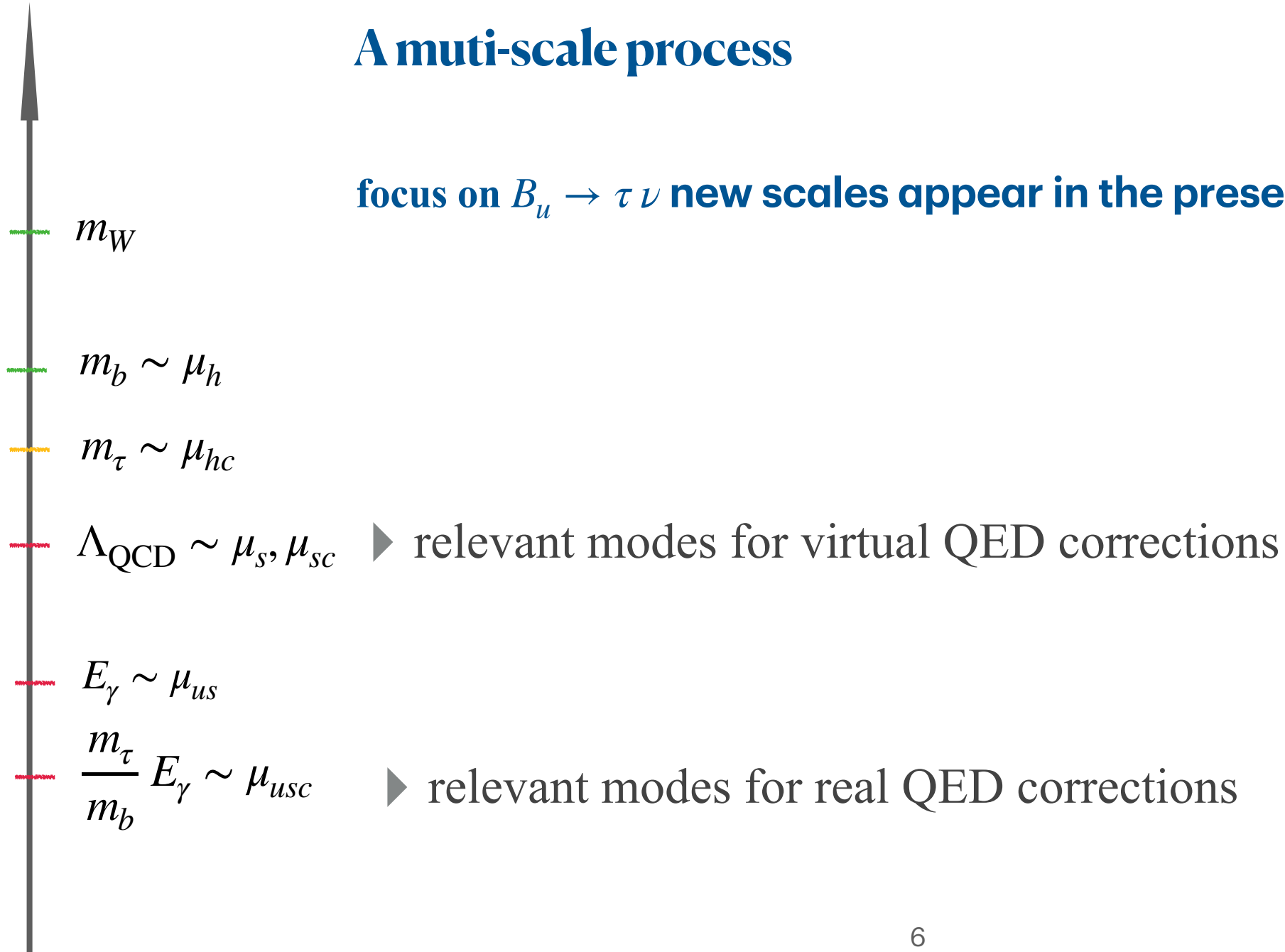
cannot be dealt with using standard renormalization techniques and require appropriate subtractions.

e.g. “refactorization-based subtraction (RBS) scheme” in $B_u \rightarrow \mu \nu$

QED corrections for $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$

A multi-scale process

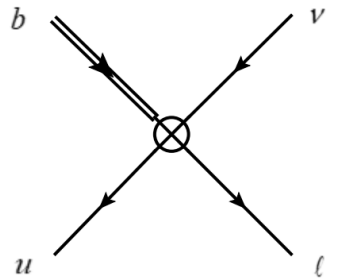
focus on $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$ new scales appear in the presence of QED effects



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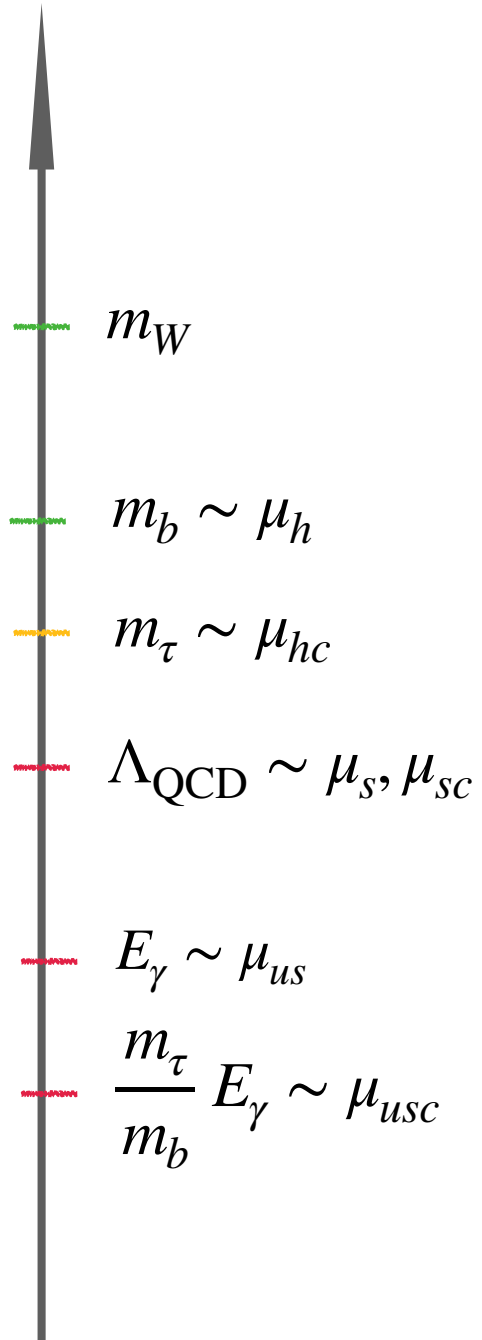
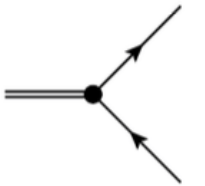
- QED for $\mu > m_b$ included in Effective weak Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} K_{\text{EW}}(\mu) V_{ub} (\bar{u} \gamma^\mu P_L b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu P_L \nu_\ell)$$



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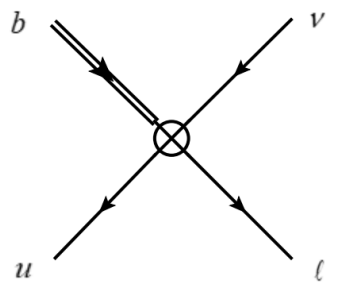
[Isidori, Nabeebaccus, Zwicky 2020; Zwicky 2021; Dai, Kim, Leibovich 2021]



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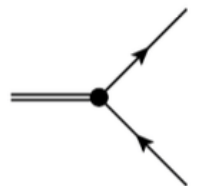
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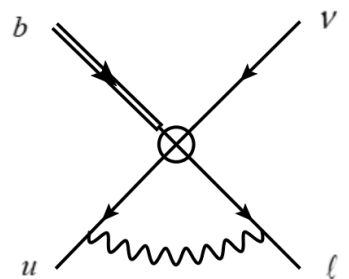


- Intermediate scale $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} < \mu < m_b$, virtual photons can resolve the structure of B meson

different scale hierarchies require different effective field-theory constructions

$$B_u \rightarrow \mu \nu \text{ [M.Neubert, etc 2023]}$$

focus on $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$



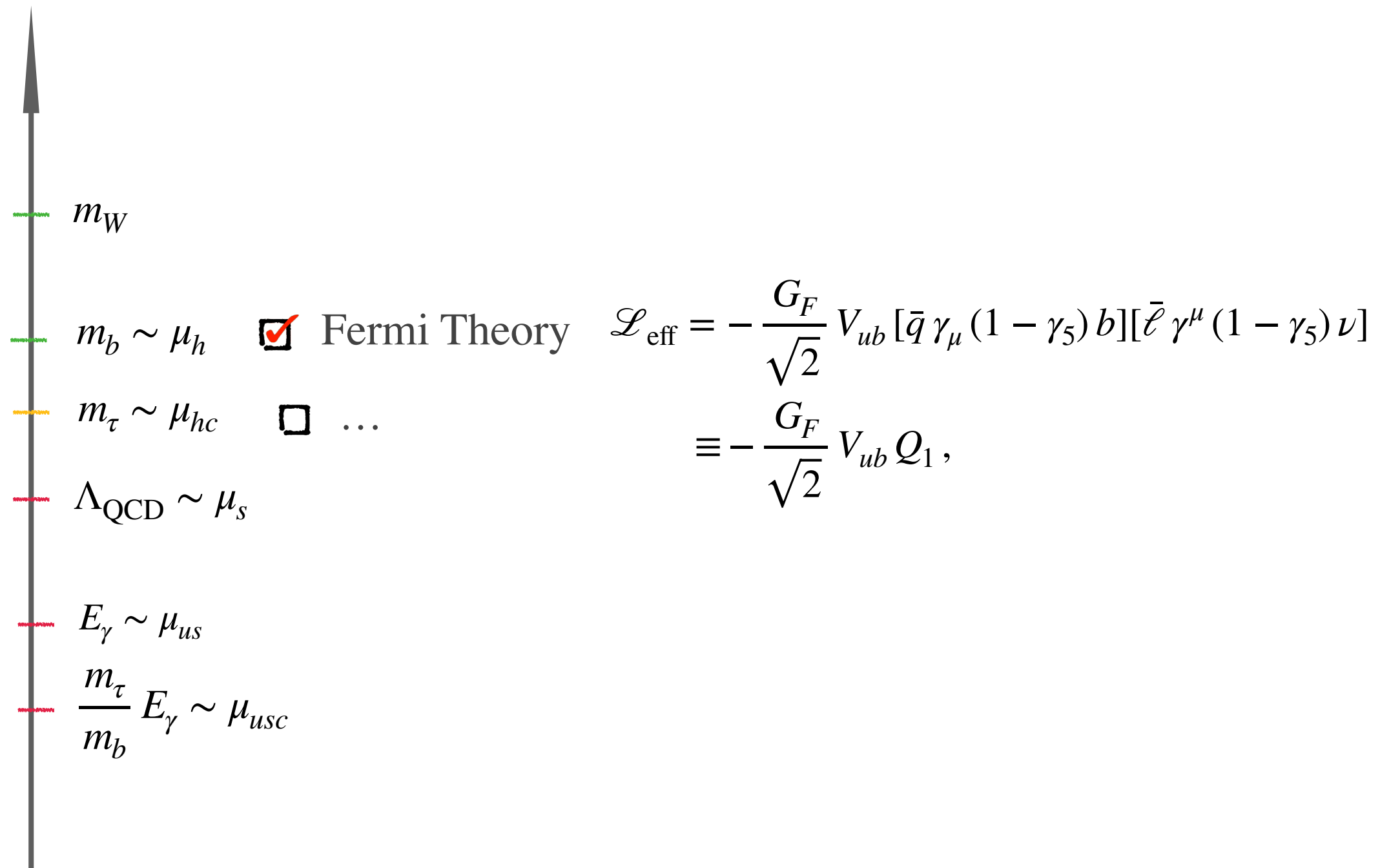
needs EFTs

Turning a multi-scale into a product of single scale

- 🐾 Identifying the **appropriate EFT description** at each scale.
- 🐾 Performing a step-by-step **matching** between each EFT.
- 🐾 Deriving a **factorization theorem** to break this multi-scale problem into a convolution of single-scale objects.
- 🐾 Using the **renormalisation group** to evaluate each object at its natural scale and run it to a common scale to **resum logarithms**.

In this talk, we focus on the **virtual QED corrections**

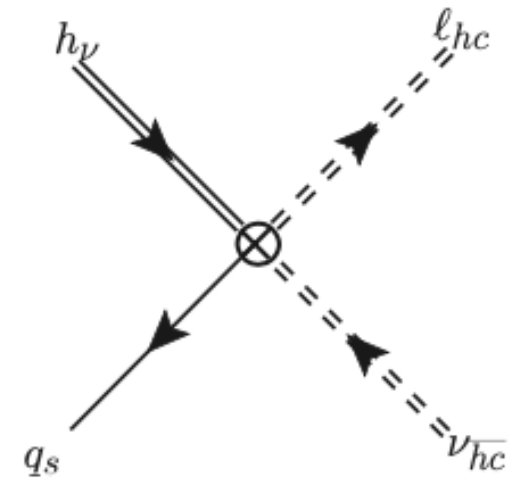
From Fermi theory to HQET $\times$ SCET_I



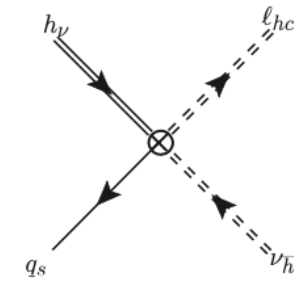
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with expansion parameters:

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m_b}$$

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$\rightarrow$ given by the lepton virtuality

- **Soft** $p \sim (\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)$

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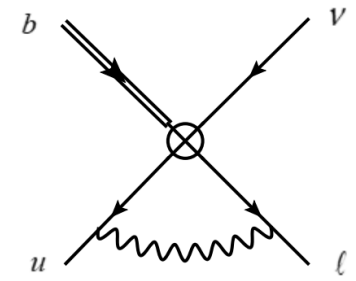
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In SCET_I, subleading power description for the different modes of **the spectator and the lepton** :

$$q(x) \rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{i D_\perp}{in_+ D_C} \frac{\not{h}_+}{2} \right) \xi_C^{(q)} + \left(1 + \frac{1}{in_- D_s} Q_q A_{C\perp} \frac{\not{h}_-}{2} \right) q_s(x)$$

$$\ell(x) \rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{i D_\perp + m_\ell}{in_+ D_C} \frac{\not{h}_+}{2} \right) \xi_C^{(\ell)}(x) + \left(1 + \frac{1}{in_- D_s} Q_q A_{C\perp} \frac{\not{h}_-}{2} \right) \ell_s(x)$$



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fields with power counting parameter

$$h_v, q_s \sim \lambda^3$$

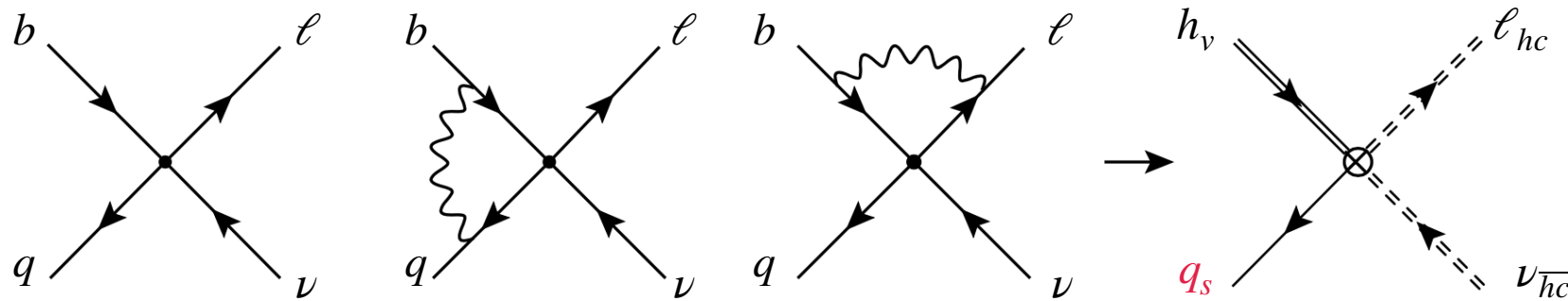
$$\ell_{hc}, \nu_{\overline{hc}}, \chi_{hc}^{(q)} \sim \lambda$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{hc}^\perp \sim \lambda$$

Construction of HQET $\times$ SCET_I operator

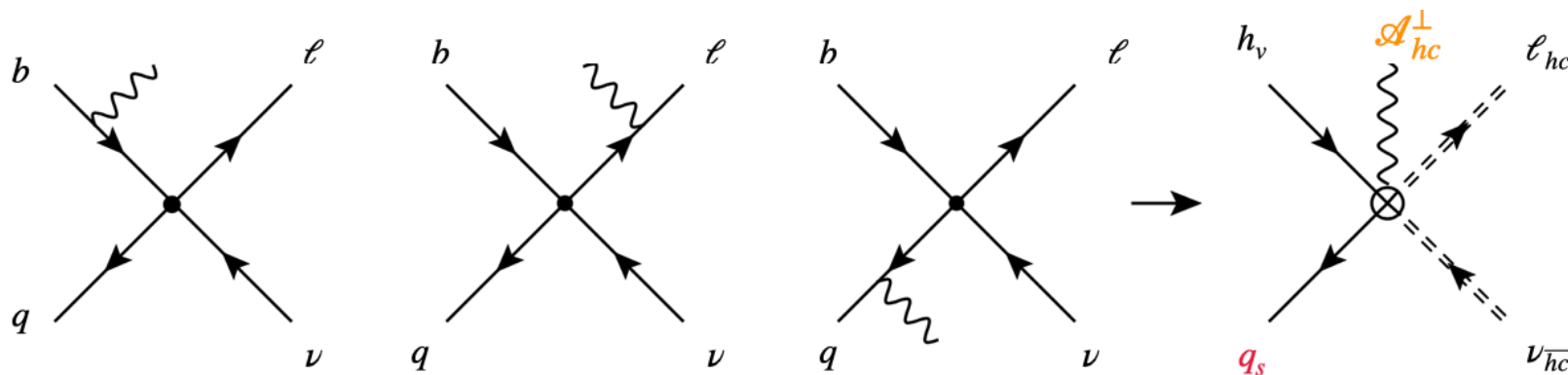
🐾 three classes operator are relevant

1. local operator with **soft spectator** $\mathcal{O}_A$



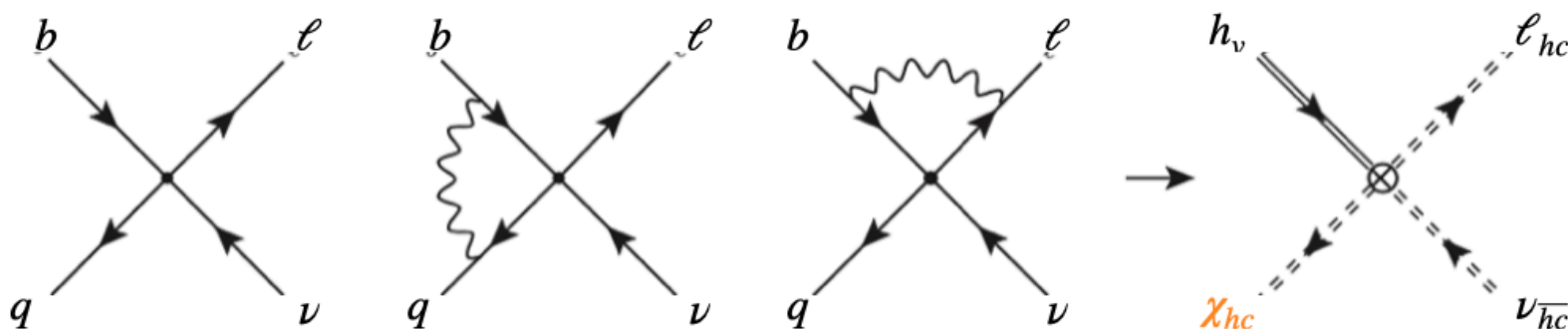
$$\mathcal{O}_A = [\bar{q}_s \dots h_v] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \dots \nu_{hc}]$$

2. local operator with **soft spectator** and **hard-collinear photon** $\mathcal{O}_B$



$$\mathcal{O}_B = [\bar{q}_s \dots h_v] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \dots \nu_{hc}] \mathcal{A}_{hc}^\perp$$

3. nonlocal operator with **hard-collinear spectator** $\mathcal{O}_C$



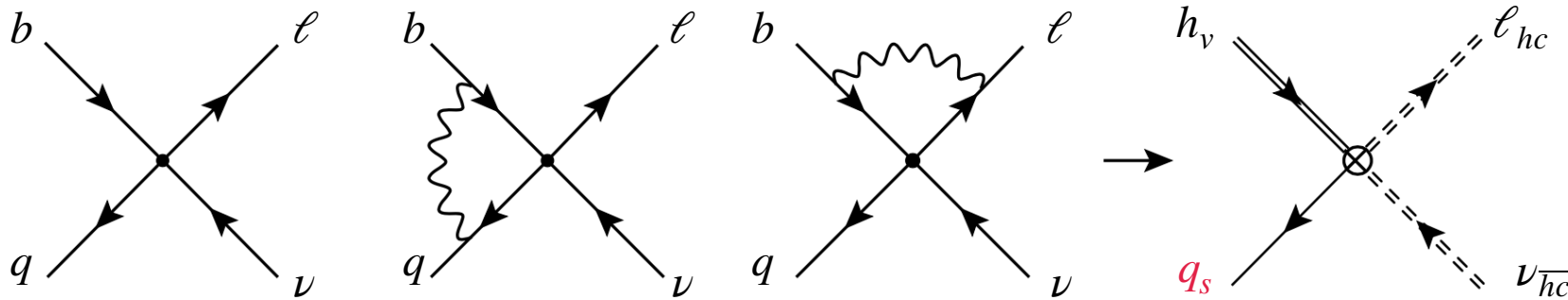
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Construction of HQET $\times$ SCET_I operator

only two irreducible Dirac structures

1. local operator with **soft spectator** $\mathcal{O}_A$

$$[\bar{\ell}_{hc} \Gamma_{\ell} P_L \nu_{hc}] \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_{\ell} = 1, \gamma_{\mu}^{\perp}$$



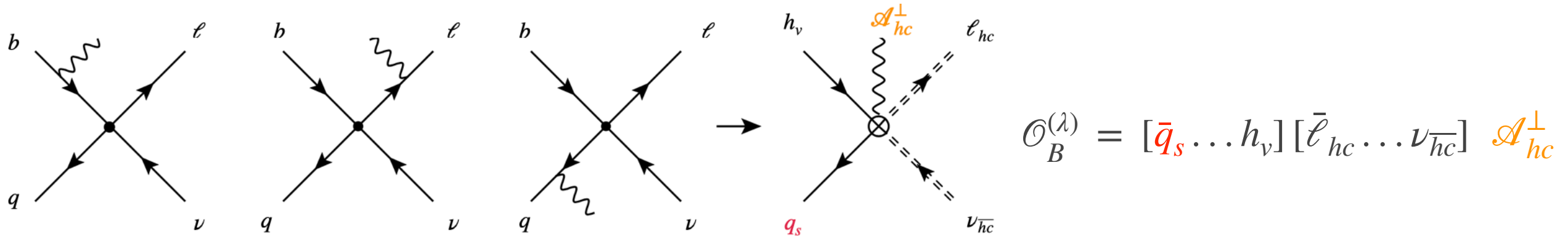
$$\mathcal{O}_A^{(\lambda)} = [\bar{q}_s \dots h_v] [\bar{\chi}_{hc}^{(\ell)} \dots \chi_{hc}^{(\nu)}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{A,1}^{(9)} = m_{\ell} [\bar{q}_s \frac{h_+}{2} P_L h_v] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \frac{1}{i n_+ \overleftarrow{\partial}_{hc}} P_L \nu_{hc}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{A,2}^{(8)} = [\bar{q}_s \gamma_{\mu\perp} P_L h_v] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \gamma_{\perp}^{\mu} P_L \nu_{hc}] \quad \times$$

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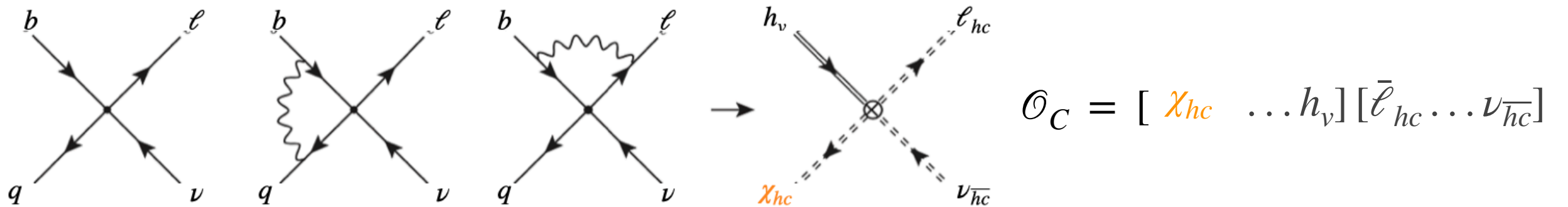


$$\mathcal{O}_{B,1}^{(9)} = \frac{1}{i n_+ \partial_{hc}} [\bar{q}_s \frac{\not{h}_-}{2} \gamma_{\mu\perp} \not{A}_{hc\perp}^{(b)} P_L h_v] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \gamma_\perp^\mu P_L \nu_{hc}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{B,2}^{(9)} = [\bar{q}_s \not{A}_{hc\perp}^{(q)} \frac{1}{i n_+ \overleftarrow{\partial}_{hc}} \frac{\not{h}_+}{2} \gamma_{\mu\perp} P_L h_v] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \gamma_\perp^\mu P_L \nu_{hc}]$$

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$$\mathcal{O}_{C,1}^{(6)}(s, t) = [\bar{\chi}_{hc}^{(q)}(sn_+) \gamma_{\mu\perp} P_L h_v(0)] [\bar{\ell}_{hc}(tn_+) \gamma_{\perp}^{\mu} P_L \nu_{hc}(0)]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{C,2}^{(7)}(s, t) = m_{\ell} [\bar{\chi}_{hc}^{(q)}(sn_+) \frac{\not{n}_+}{2} P_L h_v(0)] [\bar{\ell}_{hc}(tn_+) \frac{1}{i n_+ \overleftarrow{\partial}_{hc}} P_L \nu_{hc}(0)]$$

C operators are **power-enhanced** with respect to A and B ones, but hard-collinear quark needs to be converted to a soft field through SCET_I **power-suppressed** soft-collinear interactions.

Hard function at $\mu \sim m_b$

m_W

B and C operators only
at tree level matching

$m_b \sim \mu_h$ ☒ Fermi Theory

$m_\tau \sim \mu_{hc}$ ☒ HQET $\times$ SCET_I

$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim \mu_s$ ☐ ...

Hard function $H_{A,1}^{(0)}, H_{A,1}^{(1)}, H_{B,(1,2,3)}^{(0)}, H_{\chi,(1,2)}^{(0)}$

$$H_{A,1}^{(1)} = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} 2 Q_\ell Q_b \left[(L - 2 \ln s - s - 1) L - \frac{1}{2} L^2 + 2 \ln^2 s + \frac{s^2 - 2}{s - 1} \ln s \right. \\ \left. + 2 \text{Li}_2(1 - s) - 2s - 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right] + \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} 12 Q_\ell (2 Q_b - Q_\ell)$$

evanescent operator
contribution

with $L = \ln(\mu^2/m_b^2)$, $s = n \cdot p_\ell/m_b \sim 1$

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$$Q_1 = [\bar{u} \gamma^\mu P_L b] [\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu P_L \nu]$$

$$E_1 = [\bar{u} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho P_L b] [\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho P_L \nu] - 16 Q_1$$

SCET_I → bHLET

$$\mu \sim m_b \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

lower the virtuality to remove the hard-collinear mode to reach to bHLET

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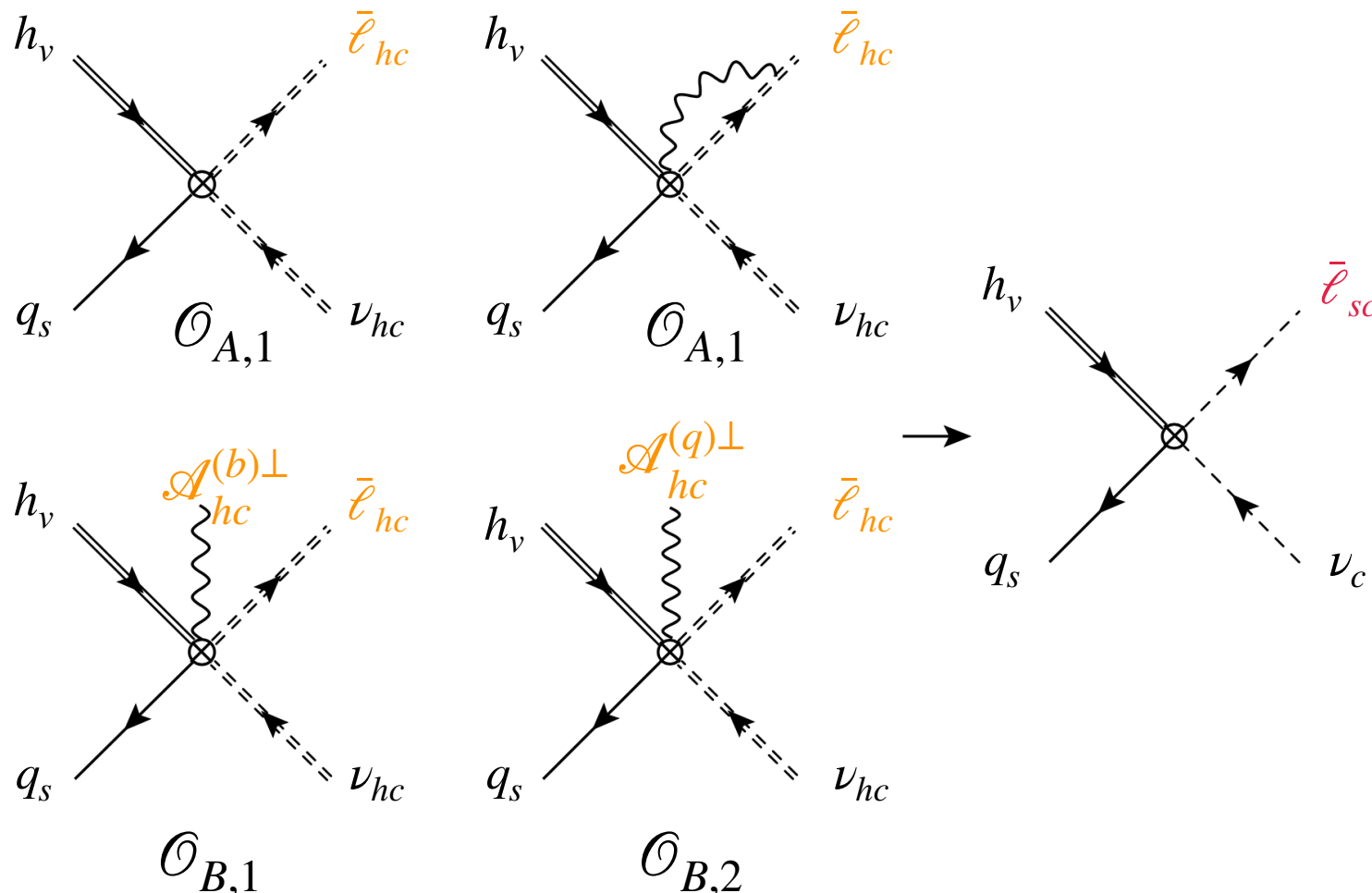
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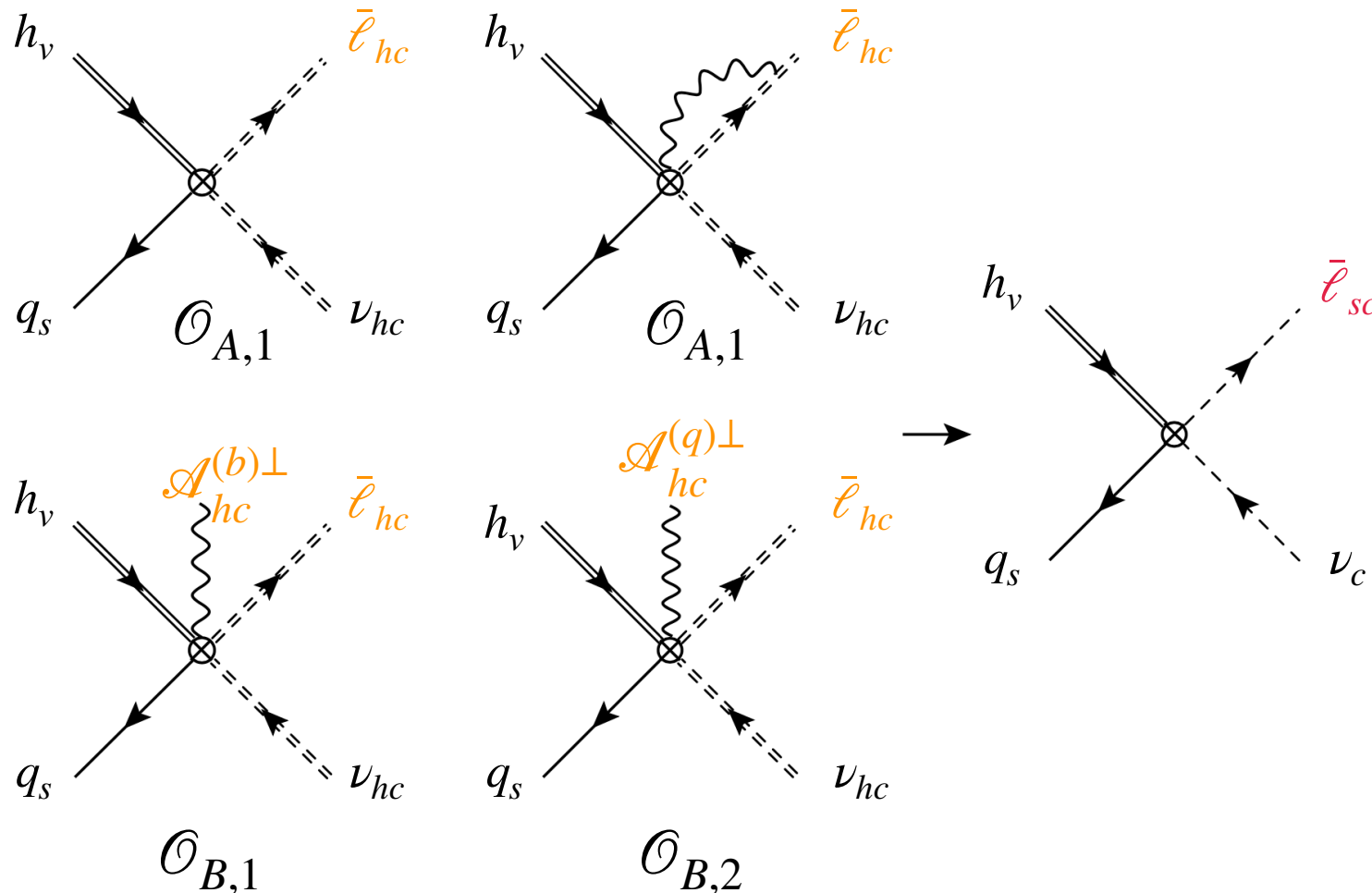
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$$J_{B,2}^{(1)}(\mu) = -\frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} e Q_\ell 2 \frac{m_\ell}{m_B} \left(2 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_\tau^2} + 1 \right)$$

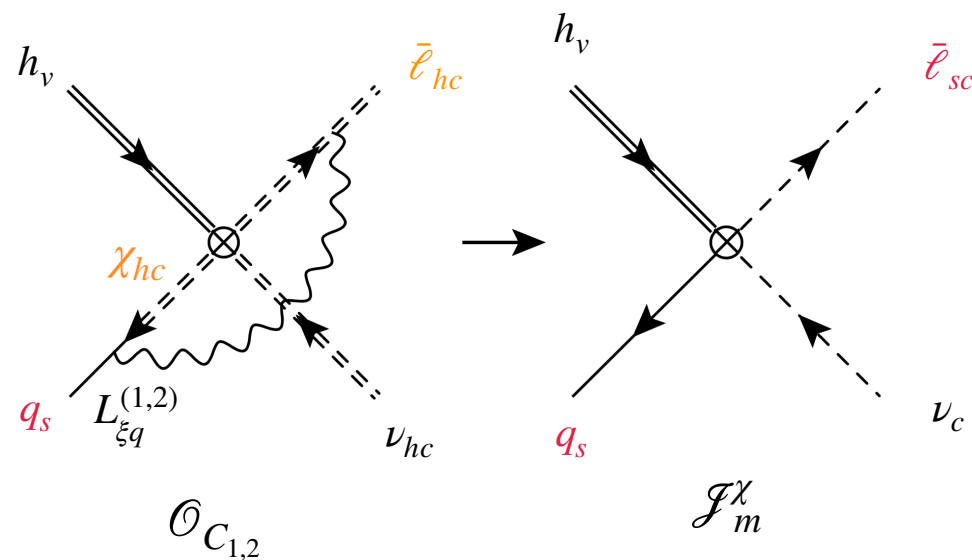
SCET_I → HQET × bHLET

🐾 $\chi_{hc}^{(q)} \rightarrow q_s$ by inserting the following NLP and NNLP interactions

$$\mathcal{O}_C = [\chi_{hc}^{(q)} \dots h_v] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \dots \nu_{\bar{hc}}]$$

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

$$L_{\xi q}^{(2)}(x) = \bar{q}_s(x_-) \left[W_{\xi, hc} W_{hc} \right]^\dagger(x) (i n_- D_{hc} + i D_{hc\perp} (i n_+ D_{hc})^{-1} i D_{hc\perp}) \frac{\hbar_+}{2} \xi_{hc}(x) + \dots$$



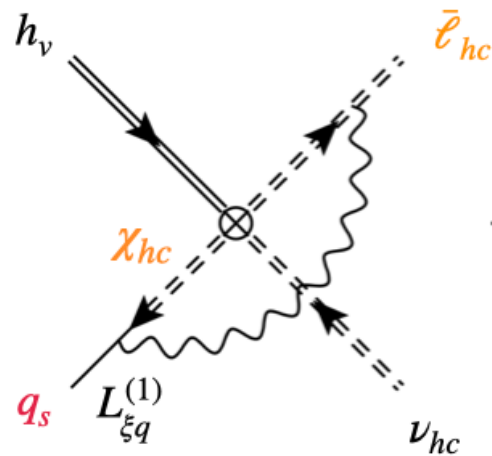
intermediate propagators
introduce **non-local operators**

$$\mathcal{J}_m^\chi(v) = [\bar{q}_s(v n_-) Y(v n_-, 0) \frac{\hbar_+}{2} P_L h_v(0)] S_{n_-}^{(\ell)\dagger}(0) [\bar{\ell}_{sc}(0) P_L \nu_{\bar{c}}(0)]$$

The helicity suppression be relaxed or not

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Nonlocal annihilation can **probe the meson structure**, and **possibly overcome the helicity suppression**



$$\langle 0 | q_s \frac{1}{in_{\partial_s}} \dots h_v | B \rangle \sim \frac{1}{\lambda_B} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$$

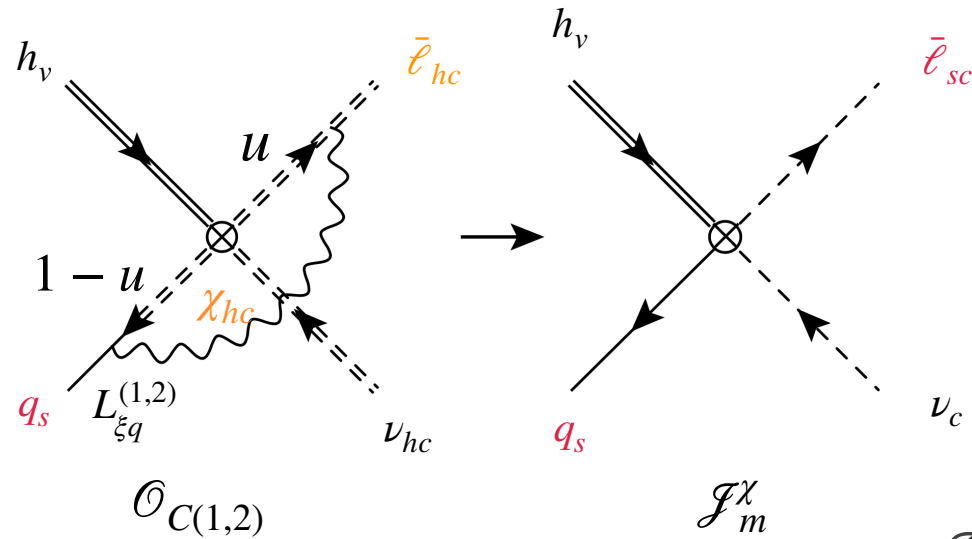
Happens for $B_s \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$, but not for $B_u \rightarrow \ell \nu$ with left-handed currents

[Beneke, Bobeth, Szafron 2017 & 2019, Y.K.Huang, Y.L.Shen, X.C.Zhao, SHZ 2023]

$$[\bar{u} \frac{h_+}{2} \gamma_\perp^\mu \gamma_\perp^\nu P_L b] [\bar{\ell} \gamma_{\perp\mu} \gamma_{\perp\nu} (\frac{v-a\gamma_5}{2}) \nu] = 2(v-a) [\bar{u} \frac{h_+}{2} P_L b] [\bar{\ell} P_R \nu]$$

→ No power enhancement in $B_u \rightarrow \ell \nu$!

SCET_I → HQET × bHLET



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$$J_{\chi,2}^{(1)} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} Q_{\ell} Q_u \frac{2 m_{\ell}}{n_+ p_{\ell}} \left[\bar{u} \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\bar{u}^2 m_b n_- p_{\ell}} - \frac{1+r}{r} \ln(1+r) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \theta(u) \theta(\bar{u})$$

$$r = \frac{u}{\bar{u}} \frac{\omega m_B}{m_{\ell}^2}$$

→ **No endpoint div.** ($1/u \rightarrow \infty$, when $u \rightarrow 0$) in $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$
when convoluting to hard function!

subtractions scheme independence

Factorization Formula

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Hard function

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Hard-collinear function

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HQET $\times$ bHLET operators

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$$A_{B \rightarrow \tau \nu}^{\text{virtual}} \sim H_{A,B} J_{A,B} \langle \tau^- \nu | \mathcal{J}_m^{A,B} | \bar{B}_u \rangle + \int_0^1 du H_\chi(u) \int_0^\infty d\omega J_\chi(u; \omega) \langle \tau^- \nu | \mathcal{J}_m^\chi | \bar{B}_u \rangle$$

SCET_I operators with soft spectator (A-type and B-type)

SCET_I operators with hc spectator (C-type)

Generalized decay constant and LCDA

🐾 Modified B -meson decay constant and LCDA

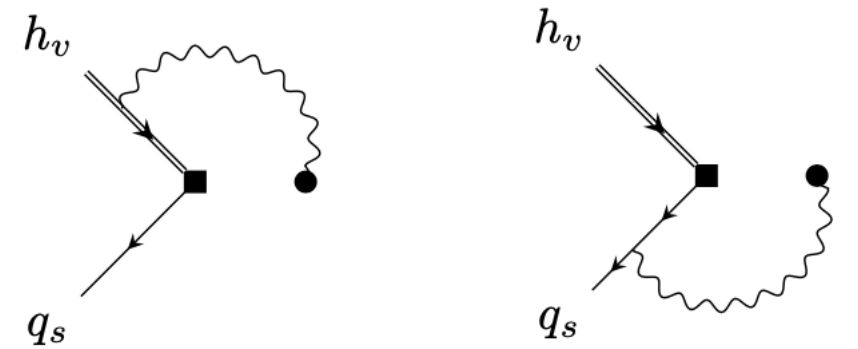
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Soft photon decoupling from lepton

Additional QED
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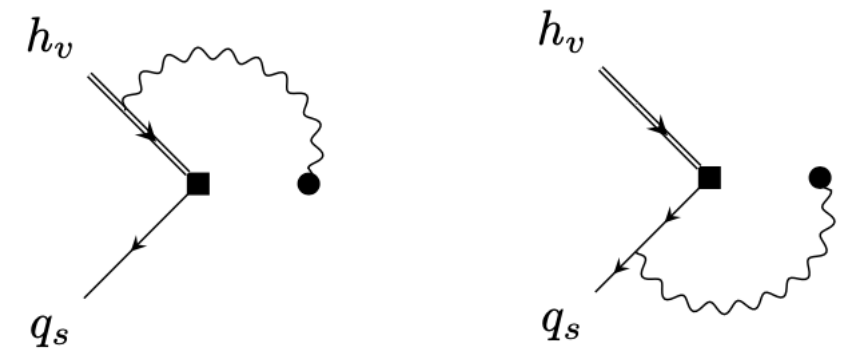
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Refactorization

$$\mathcal{F}_B \equiv \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{J}_S^{A,B} | B \rangle}{\langle 0 | [S_{v_B}^{(B)}(0) S_{n_-}^{(\ell)\dagger}(0)] | 0 \rangle}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_B \Phi_B(v) \equiv \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{J}_S^\chi(v) | B \rangle}{\langle 0 | [S_{v_B}^{(B)}(0) S_{n_-}^{(\ell)\dagger}(0)] | 0 \rangle}$$



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- For $\alpha_{\text{em}} \rightarrow 0$, $\mathcal{F}_B$ and $\mathcal{F}_B \Phi_B$ reduces to the standard HQET decay constant and LCDA
- For $\alpha_{\text{em}} \neq 0$, high order $\mathcal{F}_B$ and $\mathcal{F}_B \Phi_B$ are **new nonperturbative hadronic parameters**.
Lattice determination ? QCD SR estimate ?

Decay amplitude including virtual QED corrections at NLP+NLO

$$i \mathcal{A}^{\text{virtual}} = -\frac{i}{4} m_{B_u} \bar{u}_{sc}(p_\ell) P_L v_{\bar{c}}(p_\nu) \left[\sum_{i=A,1}^{B,(1,3)} H_i(\mu) J_i(\mu) \mathcal{F}_{B_u}(\mu) + \sum_{j=\chi,1}^{\chi,2} \int_0^1 du H_j(u, \mu) \int_0^\infty d\omega J_j(u; \omega, \mu) \mathcal{F}_{B_u}(\mu) \Phi_+(\omega, \mu) \right]$$

e.g.

$$H_{A,1}^{(1)} = -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} 2 Q_\ell Q_b \left[\left(\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_b^2} - 2 \ln s - s - 1 \right) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_b^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{m_b^2} + 2 \ln^2 s + \frac{s^2 - 2}{s - 1} \ln s + 2 \text{Li}_2(1 - s) - 2s - 1 + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right] + \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} 12 Q_\ell (2 Q_b - Q_\ell)$$

$$J_{A,1}^{(0)}(\mu) = \frac{m_\ell}{n_+ p_\ell}$$

large double logarithms at $\mu = hc$.

$$J_{A,1}^{(1)}(\mu) = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} Q_\ell Q_b \frac{1}{2} b \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \frac{\mu^2}{m_\tau^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right)$$

Numerical prediction (preliminary)

- 🐾 The non-radiative QED corrections to branching fraction of $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$ for central values of the parameters

$$\text{Br}^{(0)}(B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu) = \left(7.28_{\text{(LO)}} - 0.07_{\text{(NLO)}} \right) \times 10^{-5}$$

NLP+NLO+LL QED virtual correction changes the branching fraction by: $\sim 1\%$

compete with QCD uncertainties $<1\%$ accuracy

$$\langle 0 | \bar{u} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 b | B^-(p) \rangle = i f_{B_u} p^\mu \quad \text{with } f_{B_u} = (189.4 \pm 1.4) \text{ MeV}$$

- 🐾 The measured branching fraction by Belle II is [arXiv:2520.04885]

$$\text{Br}^{(exp)}(B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu) = \left(1.24 \pm 0.41(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.19(\text{syst.}) \right) \times 10^{-4}$$

Summary

Subleading power factorization formula for QED corrections to $B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu$ derived in SCET, HQET and bHLET

- 🐾 no endpoint divergences in this factorization at NLP (with tau mass)

→ **subtractions scheme independence**

- 🐾 **Structure depended QED corrections** arising from hard, hard-collinear photons exchange → important source of **large logarithmic corrections**

- 🐾 Structure depended QED corrections from leptonic field decoupling produce **generalized B decay constant and LCDA** → new hadronic parameters

- 🐾 **NLP+NLO+LL** QED virtual correction changes the branching fraction by $\sim 1\%$

Thank you

Backup slides

HQET $\times$ bHLET $\rightarrow$ Low-energy theory ($\mu < \mu_s, \mu_{sc}$)

power parameters: $\lambda_E^2 = \frac{E_\gamma}{m_b} \sim \lambda^4$

• Ultra-soft $p \sim (\lambda_E^2, \lambda_E^2, \lambda_E^2)$

• Ultra-soft-collinear $p \sim \lambda_E^2 (1, b^2, b)$

$\rightarrow$ ultrasoft scale to τ boosted in the B frame

$$m_b \sim \mu_h$$

$$m_\tau \sim \mu_{hc}$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim \mu_s$$

$$E_\gamma < \Delta E \sim \mu_{us}$$

$$\frac{m_\tau}{m_b} E_\gamma \sim \mu_{usc}$$

?

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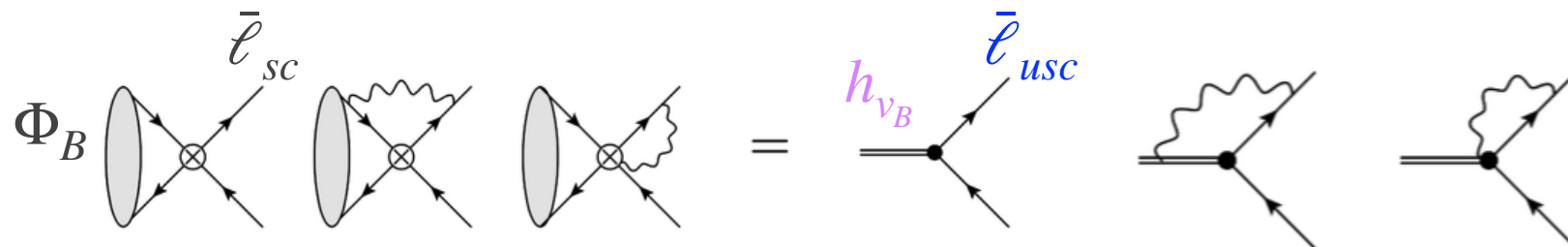
🐾 $\mu < \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, the **hadronic B** meson can be described as a **heavy scalar** effective theory (HSET)

$$\Phi_B(x) \rightarrow e^{-im_B v_B \cdot x} h_{v_B}(x) \quad m_B v_B \sim \mu_s$$

🐾 $\mu < \mu_{sc}$, **soft-coll. (sc)** field in bHLET turned into **ultra-soft-coll. one (usc)** in bHLET-2

$$\ell_{sc} \rightarrow e^{-im_\ell v'_\ell \cdot x} \ell_{usc} \quad m_\ell v'_\ell \sim \mu_{sc}$$

🐾 HQET $\times$ bHLET $\rightarrow$ HSET $\times$ bHLET_{II} $\mu \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$



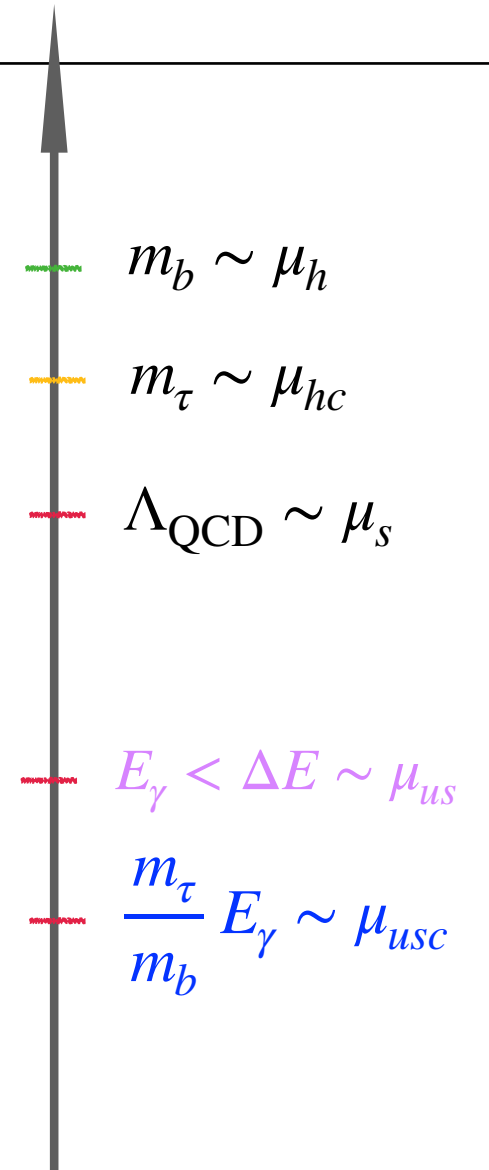
nonperturbative hadronic
matrix element before
decoupling

$$= y_B h_{v_B} [\bar{\ell}_{usc} P_L \nu_{\bar{c}}]$$

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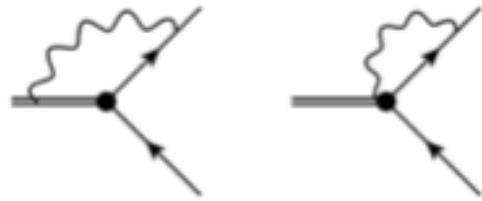
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Real correction to HSET $\times$ bHLET_{II}

🐾 all interactions of the B and the tauon with **ultra-soft** and **ultra-soft-collinear** photons can be decoupled into **Wilson lines** via field redefinitions



$$h_{\nu_B}(x) \rightarrow S_{\nu_B}^{(B)} C_{n_+}^{(B)} h_{\nu_B}^{(0)}(x)$$

$$\chi_{usc}^{(\ell)}(x) \rightarrow S_{n_-}^{(\ell)} C_{\nu_\ell'}^{(\ell)} \chi_{usc}^{(\ell,0)}(x)$$

🐾 **Real corrections** are matrix elements of these Wilson lines

$$S(E_\gamma, \mu) = \int_0^\infty d\omega_{us} \int_0^\infty d\omega_{usc} \theta\left(\frac{E_\gamma}{2} - \omega_{us} - \omega_{usc}\right) W_{us}(\omega_{us}, \mu) W_{usc}(\omega_{usc}, \mu)$$

🐾 Real emissions are factorized at the level of the decay rate

$$\Gamma[B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu] \sim |A_{B \rightarrow \tau \nu}^{\text{virtual}}|^2 \otimes S(E_\gamma, \mu)$$

$$A_{B \rightarrow \tau \nu}^{\text{virtual}} \sim H_i \otimes J_i \otimes S \otimes SC$$

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

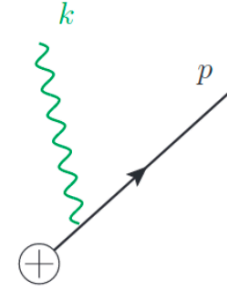
Based on eikonal approximation,

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

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**



The ultrasoft contribution $\mathcal{S}(v_\ell, v_{\bar{\ell}}, \Delta E)$ is

$$\mathcal{S}(v_\ell, v_{\bar{\ell}}, \Delta E) = \sum_{X_s} \left| \left\langle X_s \left| S_{v_\ell}^\dagger(0) S_{v_{\bar{\ell}}}(0) \right| 0 \right\rangle \right|^2 \theta(\Delta E - E_{X_s}), \quad (5.5)$$

with the one-loop ultrasoft function for massive final particles given in [16],

$$S^{(1)}(v_\ell, v_{\bar{\ell}}, \Delta E) = 8 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2} \right) \ln \frac{\mu}{2\Delta E} - \left(2 + \ln \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2} \right) \ln \frac{m_\tau^2}{m_B^2} + 4 - \frac{2}{3} \pi^2, \quad (5.6)$$

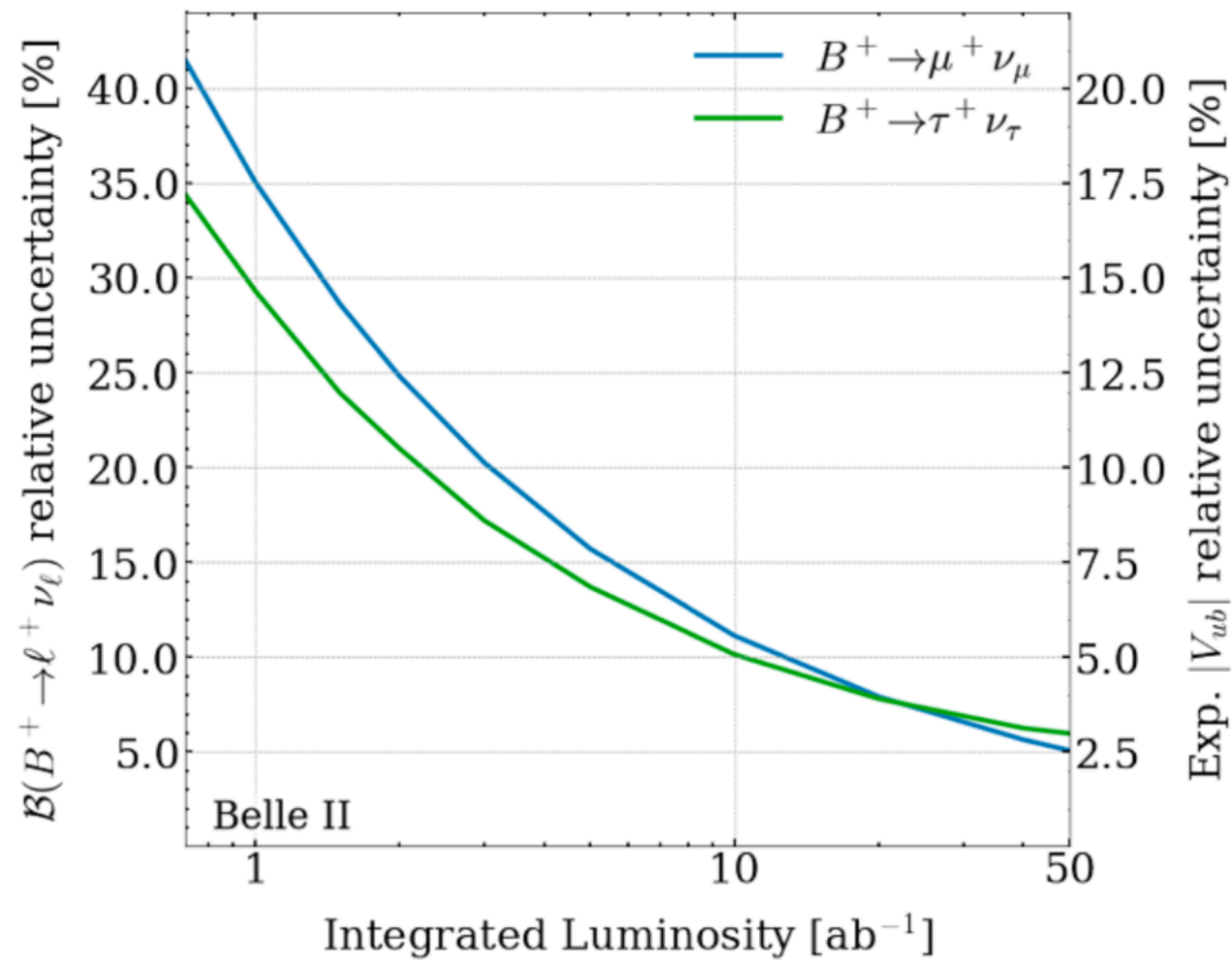
The resummed soft function can be achieved by using the QED exponentiation theorem as a approximate, e.g. full soft function can be considered as the exponent of the one-loop result,

$$\mathcal{S}(v_\ell, v_{\bar{\ell}}, \Delta E) = \exp \left[\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{4\pi} Q_\ell^2 S^{(1)}(v_\ell, v_{\bar{\ell}}, \Delta E) \right]. \quad (5.7)$$

$$\text{Br}^{(0)}(B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu) = \left(7.28 \text{ (LO)} - 0.10 \text{ (ultrasoft)} \right) \times 10^{-5}$$

NLP+NLO+LL QED virtual + ultrasoft correction changes the branching fraction by: $\sim 1.3 \%$

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[Belle II Physics Book]

Figure 1: Projection of uncertainties on the branching fractions $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu)$ and $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ + \nu_\tau)$. The corresponding uncertainty on the experimental value of $|V_{ub}|$ is shown on the right-hand vertical axis.

TAB. I. Published results for $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow \tau^+ \nu_\tau)$ by Belle, *BABAR* and the PDG average.

Experiment	Tag	$\mathcal{B}(10^{-4})$
Belle	Hadronic	$0.72^{+0.27}_{-0.25} \pm 0.11$
<i>BABAR</i>	Hadronic	$1.83^{+0.53}_{-0.49} \pm 0.24$
Belle	Semileptonic	$1.25 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.27$
<i>BABAR</i>	Semileptonic	$1.8 \pm 0.8 \pm 0.2$
PDG		1.09 ± 0.24

modes

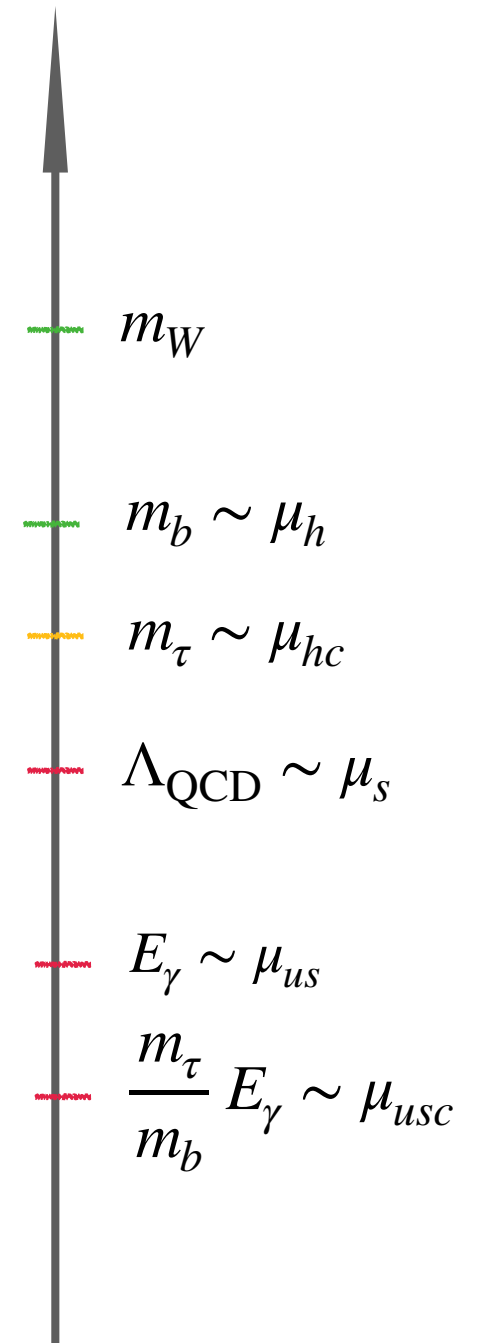
🐾 Relevant modes $k \sim (n_+k, n_-k, k_\perp)$ for **virtual** QED corrections:

Expansion parameters:

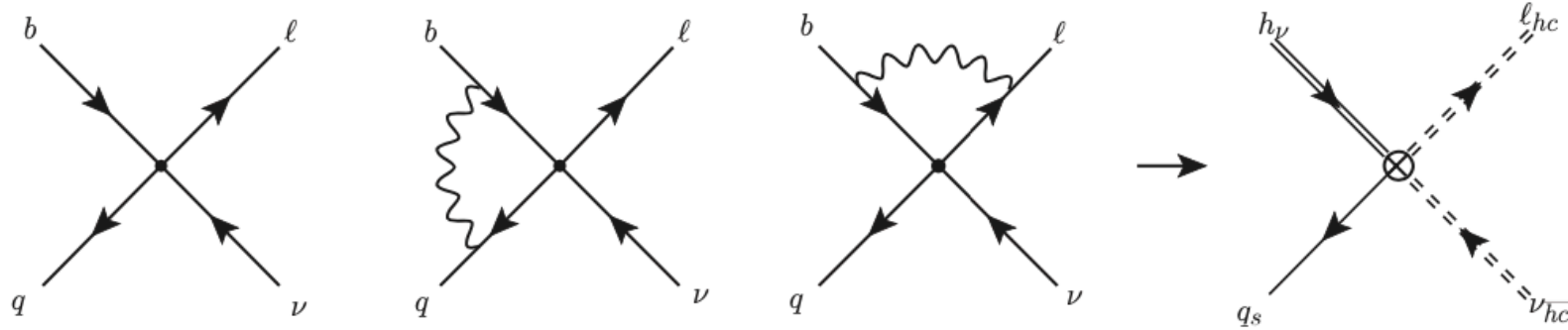
- **Hard** $(1, 1, 1)$ $\lambda^2 = \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{m_b}$
- **Hard-collinear** $(1, \lambda^2, \lambda)$ $b = \frac{m_\tau}{m_b} \sim \lambda$
- **Soft** $(\lambda^2, \lambda^2, \lambda^2)$
- **Soft-collinear** $\lambda^2(1, b^2, b) \sim (\lambda^2, \lambda^4, \lambda^3)$

🐾 Relevant modes for **real** QED corrections:

- **ultrasoft** $(\lambda_E^2, \lambda_E^2, \lambda_E^2)$ $\lambda_E^2 = \frac{E_\gamma}{m_b} \sim \lambda^4$
- **ultrasoft soft-collinear** $\lambda_E^2(1, b^2, b)$



Fermi theory $\rightarrow$ HQET $\times$ SCET_I



$$Q_1 = [\bar{u} \gamma^\mu P_L b] [\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu P_L \nu]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{A,1}^{(9)} = m_\ell [\bar{q}_s \frac{\not{h}_+}{2} P_L h_\nu] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \frac{1}{i n_+ \overleftarrow{\partial}_{hc}} P_L \nu_{hc}]$$

$$E_1 = [\bar{u} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho P_L b] [\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho P_L \nu] - 16 Q_1$$

$$\mathcal{O}_E = [\bar{q}_s \frac{\not{h}_+}{2} \gamma_\perp^\mu \gamma_\perp^\nu P_L h_\nu] [\bar{\ell}_{hc} \gamma_{\perp\nu} \gamma_{\perp\mu} P_L \nu_{hc}]$$

evanescent operator

$$\langle Q_1 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_{A,1} \rangle$$

$$\langle E_1 \rangle = 6(D-4) \langle \mathcal{O}_{A,1} \rangle - 3 \langle \mathcal{O}_E \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) A_{E1,A1}^{(0)}$$

$$H_{A,1}^{(1)} = A_{1,(A,1)}^{(1)} + Z_{ext}^{(1)} A_{1,(A,1)}^{(0)} + Z_{(A,1)j}^{(1)} A_{j,(A,1)}^{(0)} - H_{A,1}^{(0)}(\mu_b) Z_{(A,1)(A,1)}^{(1)}$$

$$Z_{A1,E1} = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} Q_\ell (Q_\ell + 2 Q_u)$$

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

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

$$S_r^{\prime(i)}(x) \, = \, \exp \left[-i\, e\, Q_i \int_0^\infty ds\, r \cdot A_{us} (x + s \cdot r) \right]$$

$$C_r^{\prime(i)}(x) \, = \, \exp \left[-i\, e\, Q_i \int_0^\infty ds\, r \cdot A_{usc} (x + s \cdot r) \right]$$