

Fragmentation Energy Correlators

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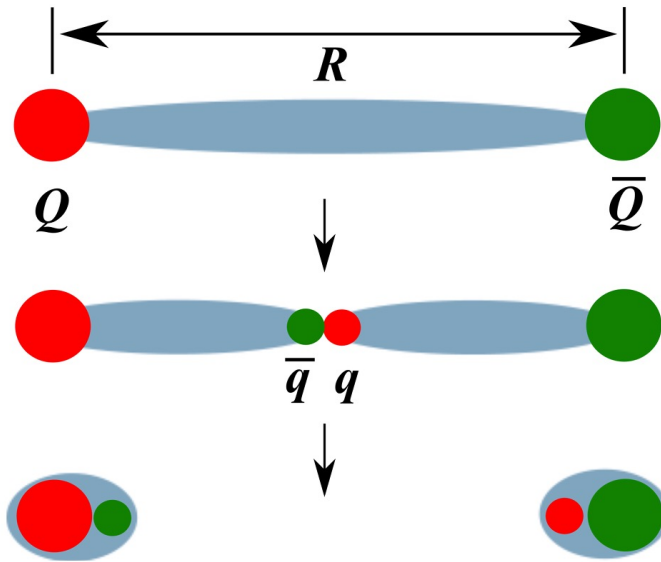
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Unveiling Confinement and Spin Structure



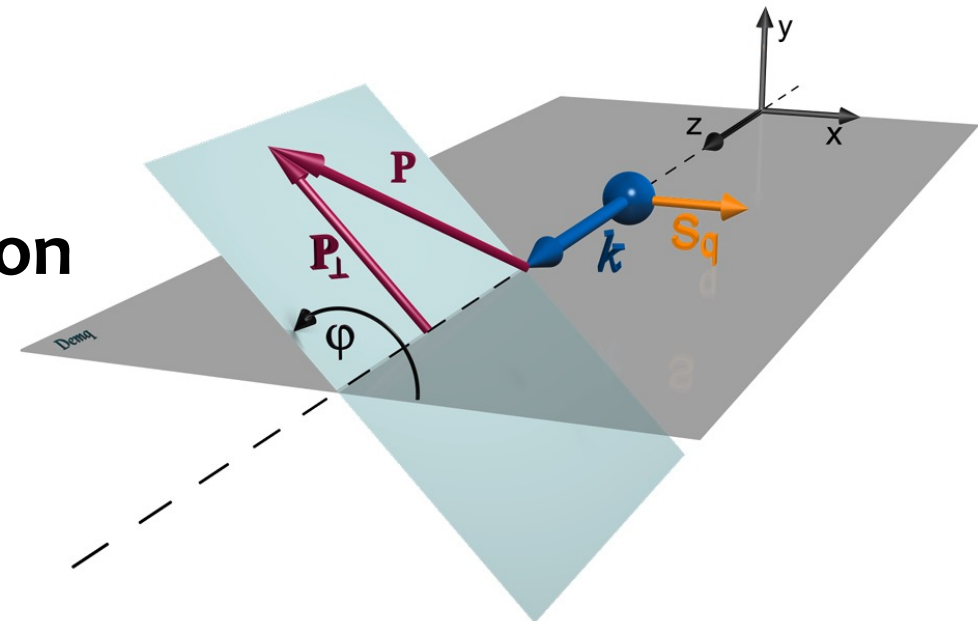
The mystery of confinement

- Still not calculable
- Learn by experiments

[M. N. Chernodub, 2010]

Spin structure influences Fragmentation

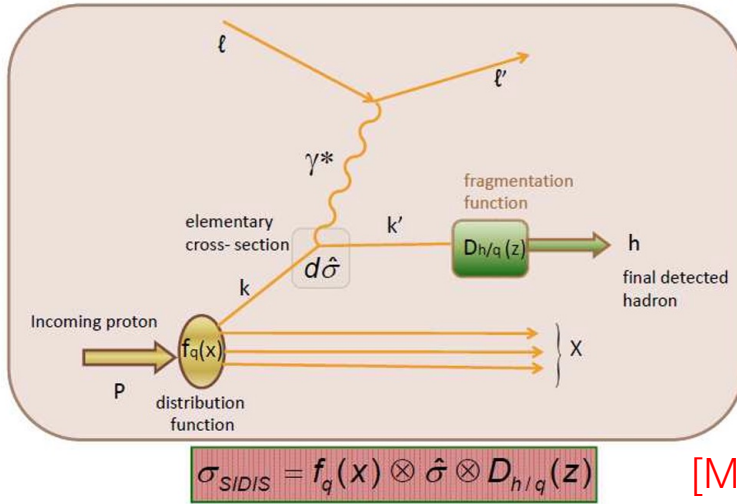
- Collins effect
- Inner dynamics in fragmenting
- 3D imaging



[H. H. Matevosyan, A. W. Thomas, and W. Bentz, 2012]

Experimental Tool: Semi-Inclusive DIS

Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering (SIDIS)



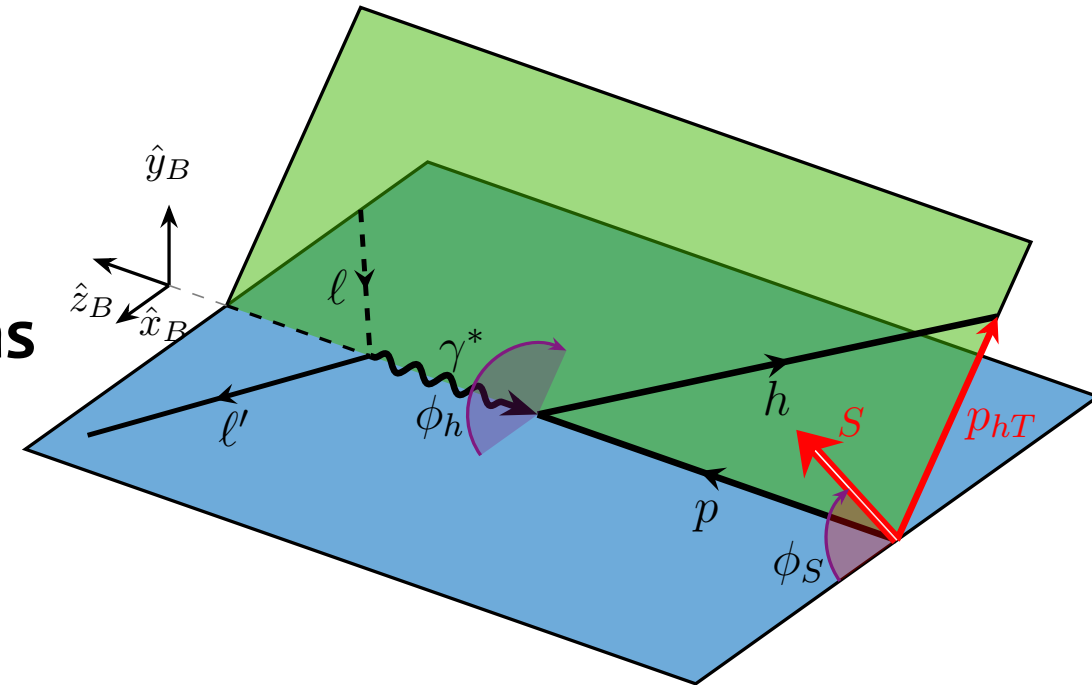
[M. Boglione, 2011]

- $e + p \rightarrow e' + h + X$.
- Non-perturbative in PDF and fragmentation.

Transverse momentum dependent functions

Small p_{hT} leads to:

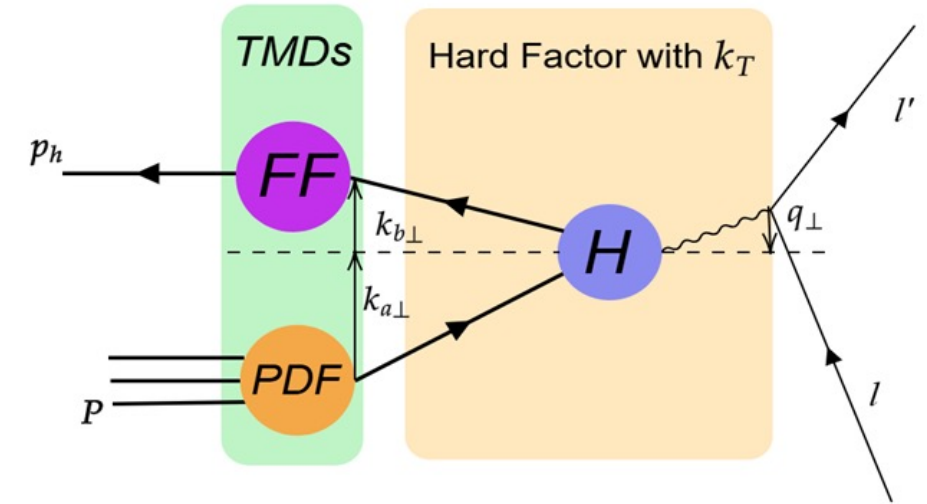
- New TMD functions
- 3D imaging
- ϕ_h dependence from spin structure



3D Imaging: TMDs

John Collins, 1993

**Extraction Problem:
Entangled with TMD PDF.**



$$E' E_B \frac{d\sigma}{d^3l' d^3p_B} = \sum_a \int d\xi \int \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} \left[\int d^2k_{a\perp} \int d^2k_{b\perp} \hat{f}_{a/A}(\xi, k_{a\perp}) \right] E' E_{k_b} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d^3l' d^3k_b} \left[\hat{D}_{B/a}(\zeta, k_{b\perp}) \right] + Y(x_{Bj}, Q, z, q_{\perp}/Q).$$

New Opportunities: The Energy-Energy Correlator

Basham, Brown, Ellis and Love, 1978

Definition of Energy-Energy Correlator(EEC)

Probe two energy flux coincidently

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

Widely used for probing microscopic details

1. Strong Coupling Constant

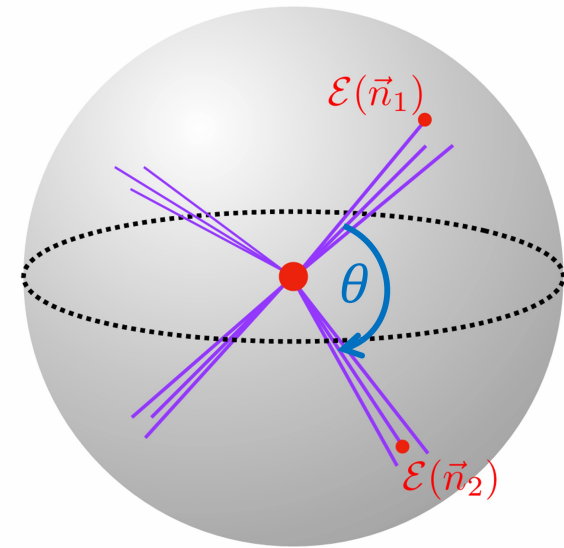
The CMS Collaboration, [2402.13846](#) ...

2. Nucleon Structure

X.H. Liu, H.X. Zhu, [2209.02080](#) ...

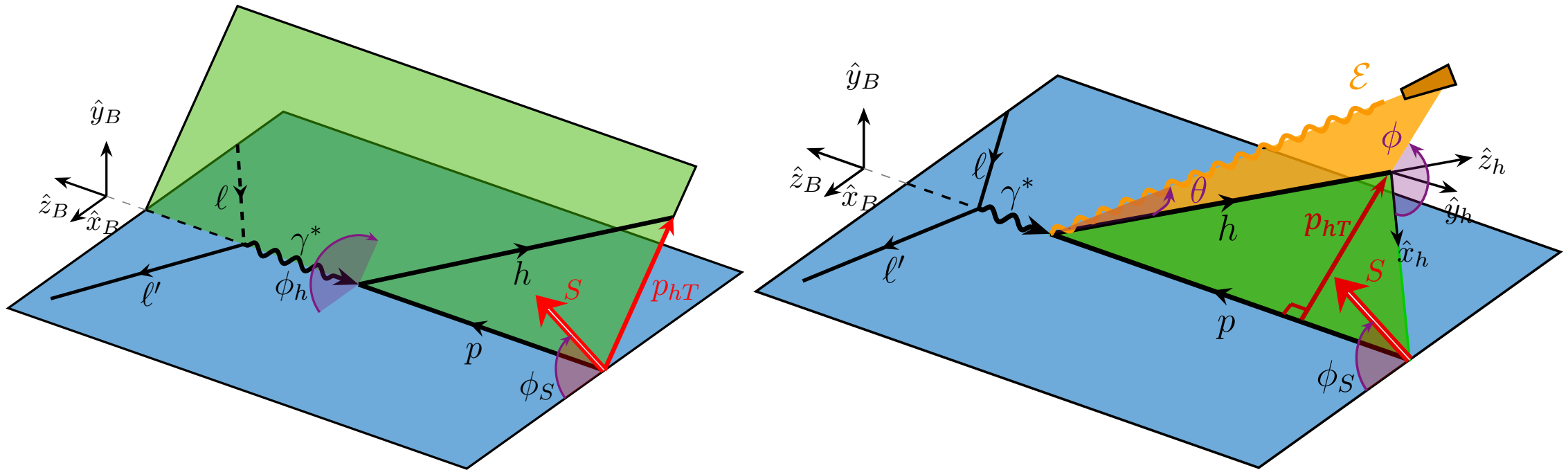
3. Many Other Applications

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Observable Definition

Observe final state hadron, with energy flux around it

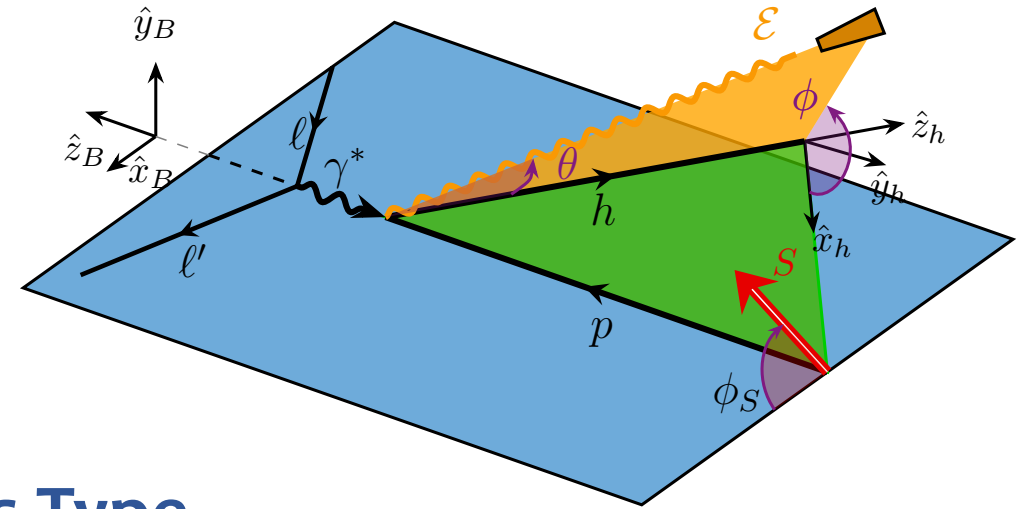


Fragmentation Energy Correlator (FEC)

Factorization: Collinear and TMD

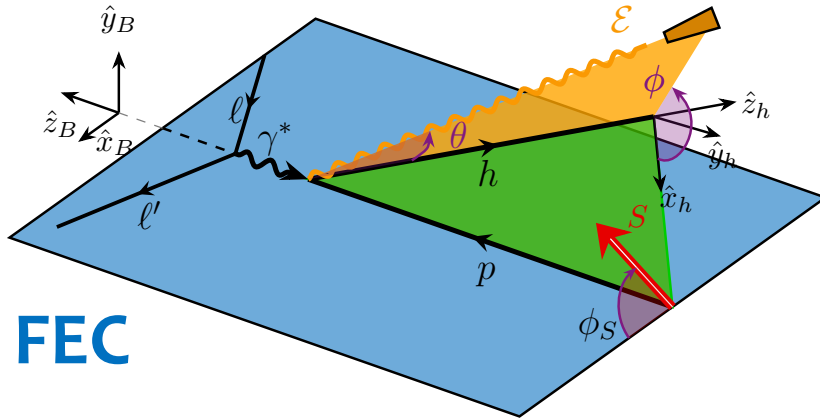
Inclusively observe the p_{hT} , leaving the collinear factorization

- Extra handle for the non-perturbative effects
- Collinear factorization
- Angles replace p_{hT}
- Similar **structure functions** to TMD FFs



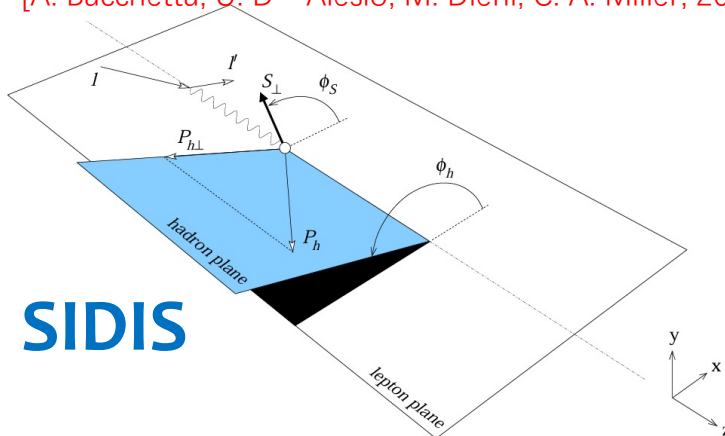
	Unpolarized	Collins Type
FEC	$D_{1,q}(\xi_2, q_F)$	$\frac{(\hat{p}_h \times \mathbf{n}_T)^i}{ \mathbf{n}_T } H_{1,q}^\perp(\xi_2, q_F)$
TMD FF	$D_{1,h/q}(z, z k_T)$	$H_{1,h/q}^\perp(z, z k_T) \frac{\epsilon_{\perp}^{ij} k_T^j}{M_h}$

$$q_F = m_\pi e^{y_\pi - \eta} \approx \frac{P_h^+ \theta}{2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \overline{|\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{E}}|^2} \simeq & \sum_{a,b} \int \frac{d\xi_1}{\xi_1} \int \frac{d\xi_2}{\xi_2^2} \left\{ \mathcal{D}_{1,h/b}(\xi_2, q_F) f_{a/p}(\xi_1) C_{ab} \right. \\ & \left. + \mathcal{H}_{1,h/b}^{\perp}(\xi_2, q_F) h_{a/p}(\xi_1) \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{(\hat{p}_h \times \mathbf{n}_T)^i}{|\mathbf{n}_T|} T_{ab}^{ij} s_T^j \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

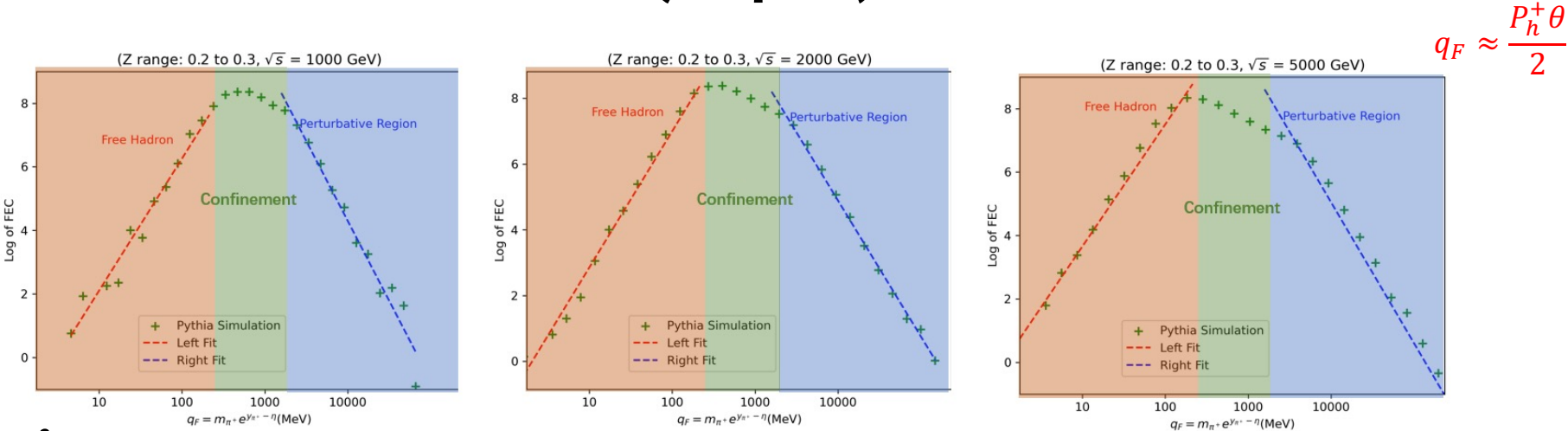
[A. Bacchetta, U. D' Alesio, M. Diehl, C. A. Miller, 2004]



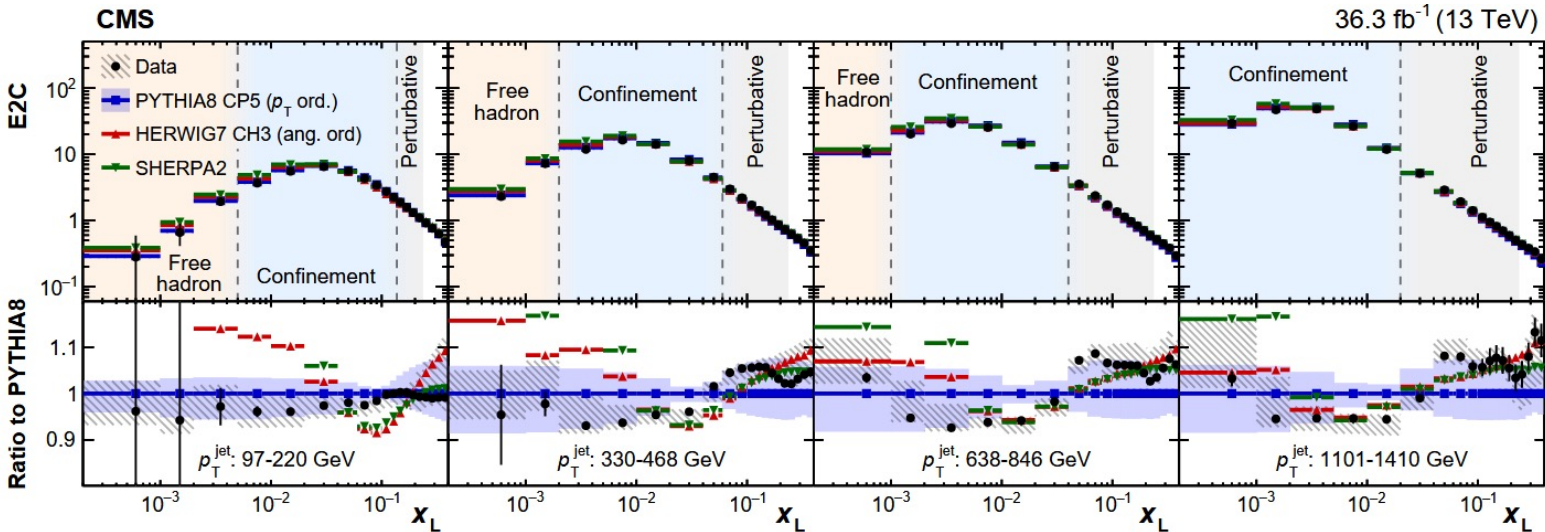
$$\begin{aligned} \overline{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \simeq & \sum_{a,b} \int \frac{d\xi_1}{\xi_1} \int \frac{d\xi_2}{\xi_2^2} \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{aT} \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{bT} \left\{ D_{1,h/b}(\xi_2, \mathbf{k}_{bT}) f_{a/p}(\xi_1) C_{ab} \right. \\ & \left. + H_{1,h/b}^\perp(\xi_2, \mathbf{k}_{aT}) h_{a/p}(\xi_1) \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{\epsilon^{ik} p_{hT}^k}{m_h} T_{ab}^{ij} s_T^j \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Scale Invariance of Variable q_F

Use Pythia to show confinement with FEC (Unpol.).



Scaling law in experiments



[CMS, 2024]

$$\chi_L = \langle \hat{n}_1, \hat{n}_2 \rangle$$

NLO Calculation for IR cancellation

During the integral of p_{hT} , subtlety comes from the phase space at $zk_{2T}/\hat{z} = p_{hT} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta_1^R W]_{\lambda\lambda'}^{\lambda_\gamma\lambda'_\gamma}(\hat{x}, \hat{z}; Q^2/\mu^2) &= (4\pi^2\mu^2)^\epsilon \int d^{d-2}k_{2T} (8\pi^2 e_q^2 \alpha_s C_F) \hat{z} \delta(k_{2T}^2 - \hat{z}(1-\hat{z})\hat{s}) \\ &\quad \times e^{i[(\lambda-\lambda')-(\lambda_\gamma-\lambda'_\gamma)]\phi_h} \cdot \bar{w}_{\lambda\lambda'}^{\lambda_\gamma\lambda'_\gamma}(\hat{x}, \hat{z}) \\ &= (2\pi)^4 \hat{z} e_q^2 \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{e^{\epsilon(L+\gamma_E)}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi_h}{2\pi} \left[e^{i[(\lambda-\lambda')-(\lambda_\gamma-\lambda'_\gamma)]\phi_h} \frac{\hat{x}^\epsilon \hat{z}^{-\epsilon} \bar{w}_{\lambda\lambda'}^{\lambda_\gamma\lambda'_\gamma}(\hat{x}, \hat{z})}{(1-\hat{x})^\epsilon (1-\hat{z})^\epsilon} \right], \end{aligned}$$



May not separately integrate
 ϕ_h, k_{2T}^2 , need regularization at $k_{2T} = 0$.

NLO Calculation for IR cancellation

Cancel the $1/\epsilon^2$ poles successfully, take $q \rightarrow q$ Non-singlet channel, a specific helicity arrangement as an example.

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta_1 W]_{++}^{++} &= [\Delta_1^V W]_{++}^{++} + [\Delta_1^R W]_{++}^{++} \\ &= 4(2\pi)^4 \hat{z} e_q^2 \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{e^{\epsilon(L+\gamma_E)}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left\{ -8 \delta(1-\hat{x}) \delta(1-\hat{z}) + \frac{1 + \hat{x}^2 \hat{z}^2}{(1-\hat{x})_+ (1-\hat{z})_+} \right. \\ &\quad - \delta(1-\hat{z}) \left[\frac{P_{qq}(\hat{x})}{\epsilon} + (1 + \hat{x}^2) \left(\frac{\ln \hat{x}}{1-\hat{x}} - \left(\frac{\ln(1-\hat{x})}{1-\hat{x}} \right)_+ \right) \right] \\ &\quad \left. - \delta(1-\hat{x}) \left[\frac{K_{qq}(\hat{z})}{\epsilon} - (1 + \hat{z}^2) \left(\frac{\ln \hat{z}}{1-\hat{z}} + \left(\frac{\ln(1-\hat{z})}{1-\hat{z}} \right)_+ \right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where the $1/\epsilon$ poles should be absorbed by perturbative PDF and FF.

NLO Calculation for IR cancellation

Extract the collinear divergence.

$$[\Delta_1^{\text{col}} W]_{++}^{++} = 4(2\pi)^4 e_q^2 \hat{z} \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left[-\frac{S_\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right] [P_{qq}(\hat{x}) \delta(1 - \hat{z}) + \delta(1 - \hat{x}) K_{qq}(\hat{z})],$$

The finite hard coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta_1^{\text{sub}} W]_{++}^{++} &= [\Delta_1 W]_{++}^{++} - [\Delta_1^{\text{col}} W]_{++}^{++} \\ &= 4(2\pi)^4 \hat{z} e_q^2 \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left[-8 \delta(1 - \hat{x}) \delta(1 - \hat{z}) + \frac{1 + \hat{x}^2 \hat{z}^2}{(1 - \hat{x})_+ (1 - \hat{z})_+} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - A(\hat{x}) \delta(1 - \hat{z}) - \delta(1 - \hat{x}) B(\hat{z}) \right], \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} A(\hat{x}) &= P_{qq}(\hat{x}) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} + (1 + \hat{x}^2) \left[\frac{\ln \hat{x}}{1 - \hat{x}} - \left(\frac{\ln(1 - \hat{x})}{1 - \hat{x}} \right)_+ \right], \\ B(\hat{z}) &= K_{qq}(\hat{z}) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} - (1 + \hat{z}^2) \left[\frac{\ln \hat{z}}{1 - \hat{z}} + \left(\frac{\ln(1 - \hat{z})}{1 - \hat{z}} \right)_+ \right], \end{aligned}$$

TMD FFs from FECs

X.H. Liu and H.X. Zhu, 2024

- Physical picture: transverse momentum conservation.

$$\frac{1}{zN_c} \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{iP_h^+ y^- / z} \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma \langle 0 | W(\infty, y^-; w) \psi(y^-) \delta^{(2)} \left(\mathbf{k}_T - \int d\Omega \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n}_T \right) | h, X \rangle \times \langle h, X | \bar{\psi}(0) W^\dagger(\infty, 0; w) | 0 \rangle \right]$$

TMD FF FEC
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- Very Interesting **Moment Relation** to TMD FF.

$$z^2 \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T k_T^{i_1} \cdots k_T^{i_N} d_{h/q}^{[\Gamma]}(z, -z \mathbf{k}_T) = \int d\Omega_1 \cdots d\Omega_N n_{1T}^{i_1} \cdots n_{NT}^{i_N} \mathcal{D}_{h/q,N}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \{\mathbf{n}_i\}; p_h),$$

- N points energy correlators recover different moments of TMD FFs.

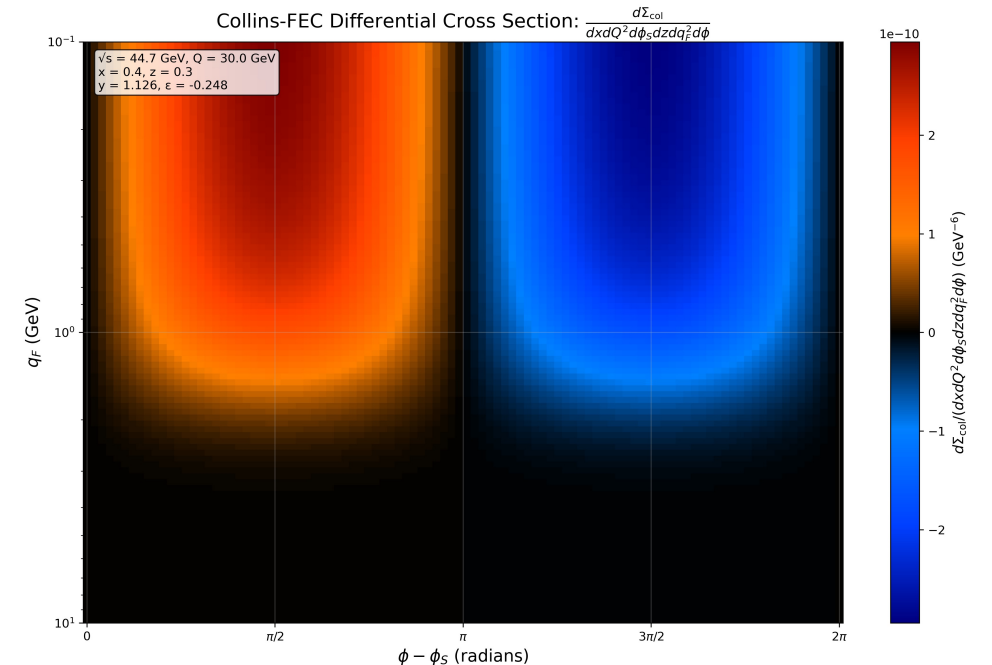
Magnitude Estimation

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- Momentum Relation gives the magnitude estimation.

$$\int dq_F \mathcal{H}_{1,q}^\perp(z, q_F) = -z^2 \int \frac{dk_T^2}{2M_h} k_T^2 H_{1,h/q}^\perp(z, zk_T).$$

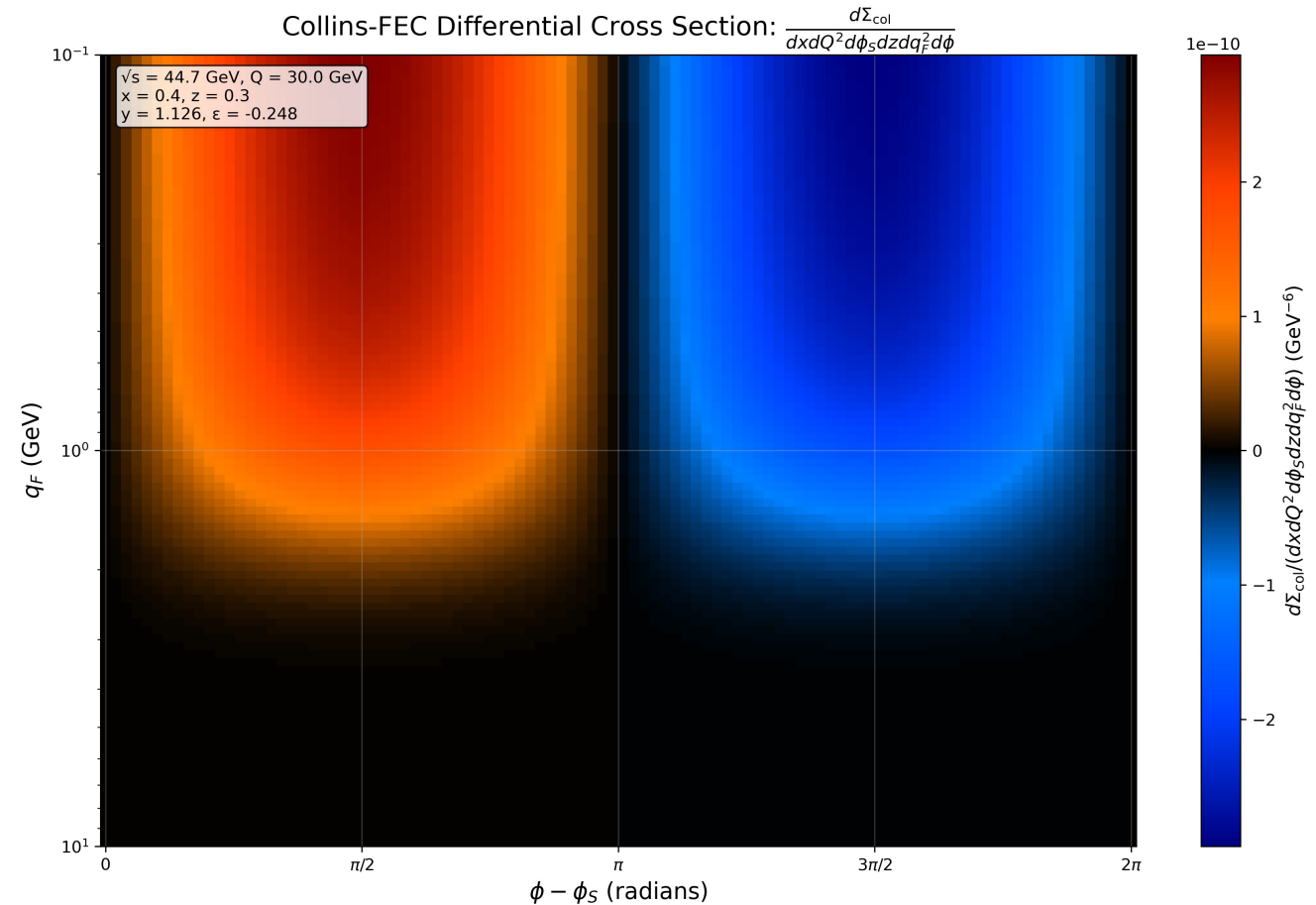
- Easily Decide the Experimental Signal Magnitude for Collins-Type FEC.
- Partially integrate Q^2 and q_F^2 , the FEC is in the unit of cross section.

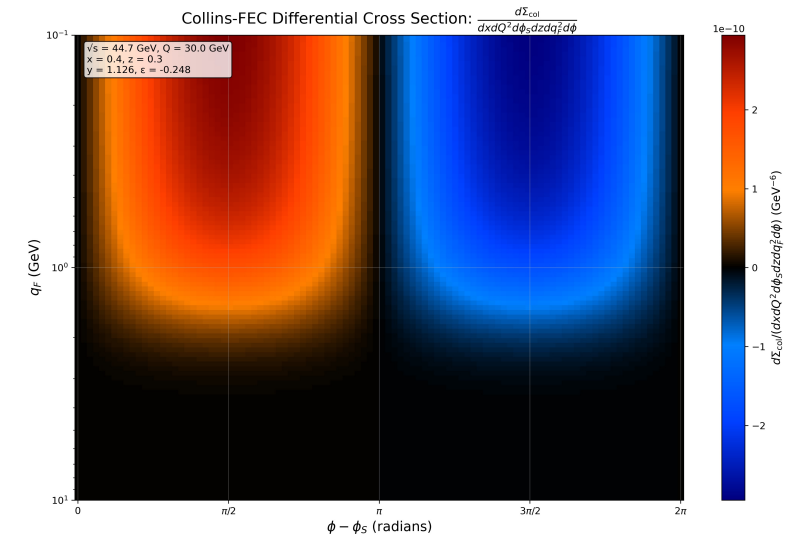
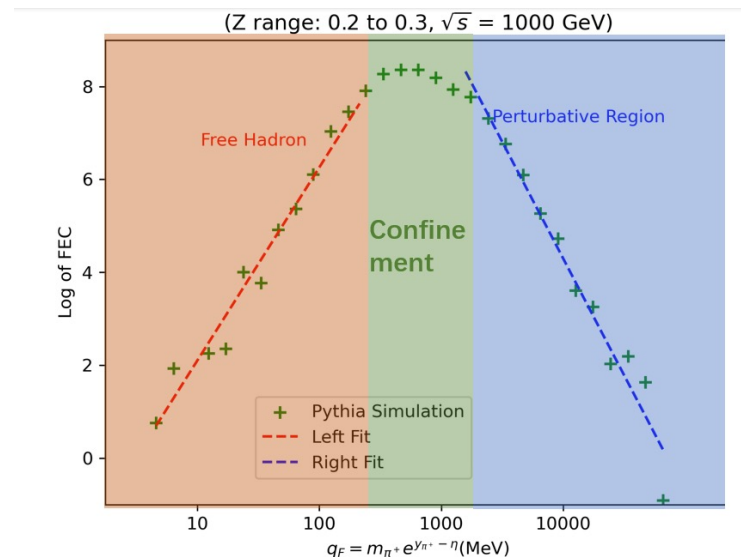
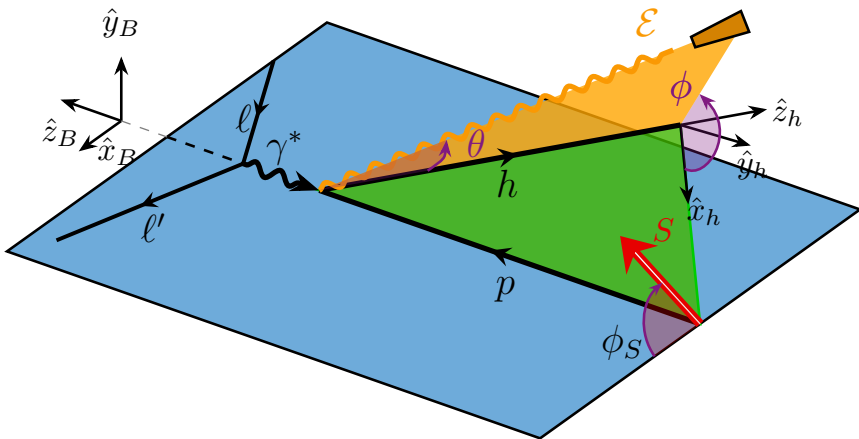


Magnitude Estimation

[H1, 2014]

- According to previous measurement, the SIDIS cross section is of order 10pb.
- For the present estimation, partially integrated cross section ~ 1 pb, giving an appropriate estimation of asymmetry of order 0.1.





Thank You!

Back Up

Splitting kernels, hard coefficients and other auxiliary functions:

$$P_{qq}(x) = K_{qq}(x) = -1 - x + \frac{2}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{3}{2}\delta(1-x).$$

$$\delta_T P_{qq}(x) = \delta_T K_{qq}(x) = -2 + \frac{2}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{3}{2}\delta(1-x).$$

$$S_\epsilon = \frac{(4\pi)^\epsilon}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} = 1 + \epsilon \ln(4\pi e^{-\gamma_E}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\Delta_1^{\text{sub}} W]_{+-}^{+-} &= [\Delta_1 W]_{+-}^{+-} - [\Delta_1^{\text{col}} W]_{+-}^{+-} \\ &= 4(2\pi)^4 \hat{z} e_q^2 \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \left[-8\delta(1-\hat{x})\delta(1-\hat{z}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - A'(\hat{x})\delta(1-\hat{z}) - \delta(1-\hat{x})B'(\hat{z}) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$A'(\hat{x}) = \delta_T P_{qq}(\hat{x}) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} + 2\hat{x} \left[\frac{\ln \hat{x}}{1-\hat{x}} - \left(\frac{\ln(1-\hat{x})}{1-\hat{x}} \right)_+ \right],$$

$$B'(\hat{z}) = \delta_T K_{qq}(\hat{z}) \ln \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} - 2\hat{z} \left[\frac{\ln \hat{z}}{1-\hat{z}} + \left(\frac{\ln(1-\hat{z})}{1-\hat{z}} \right)_+ \right].$$

Back Up

Operator definition, and Dirac structure projections

$$\mathcal{D}_{h/q,1}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h) = \frac{z}{2N_c} \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi} e^{ip_h^+ y^- / z} \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma \langle 0 | W(\infty, y^-; w) \psi(y^-) \mathcal{E}(\mathbf{n}) | h, X; \text{out} \rangle \right. \\ \left. \times \langle h, X; \text{out} | \bar{\psi}(0) W^\dagger(\infty, 0; w) | 0 \rangle \right],$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{h/q,1}^{[\gamma^+ / 2]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h) = \mathcal{D}_{1,h/q}(z, \theta; p_h),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{h/q,1}^{[\gamma^+ \gamma^i \gamma_5 / 2]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h) = \frac{(\hat{z} \times \mathbf{n}_T)^i}{|\mathbf{n}_T|} \mathcal{H}_{1,h/q}^\perp(z, \theta; p_h) = (-\sin \phi, \cos \phi)^i \mathcal{H}_{1,h/q}^\perp(z, \theta; p_h),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{h/q,1}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \Lambda_F, \phi) = \frac{z}{2N_c} \sum_X \int \frac{dy^-}{2\pi p_h^+} e^{ip_h^+ y^- / z} \text{Tr} \left[\Gamma \langle 0 | W(\infty, y^-; w) \psi(y^-) \right. \\ \left. \times \mathcal{E}_L(\eta, \phi) | h, X; \text{out} \rangle \langle h, X; \text{out} | \bar{\psi}(0) W^\dagger(\infty, 0; w) | 0 \rangle \right],$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{h/q,1}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \Lambda_F, \phi) = \frac{1 + \tanh \eta}{\sqrt{2} p_h^+ \cosh^2 \eta} \mathcal{D}_{h/q,1}^{[\Gamma]}(z, \mathbf{n}; p_h).$$