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## Polarized hadronization in Pythia

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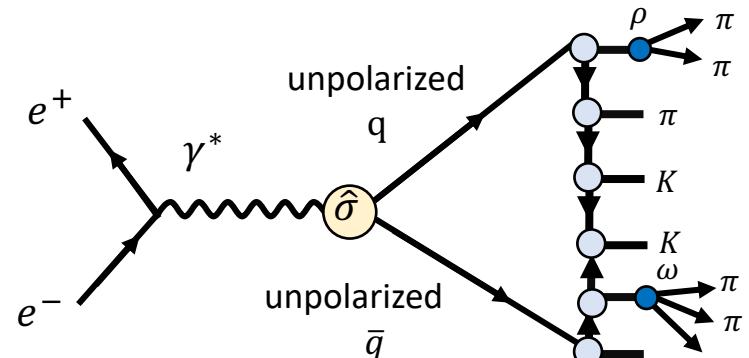
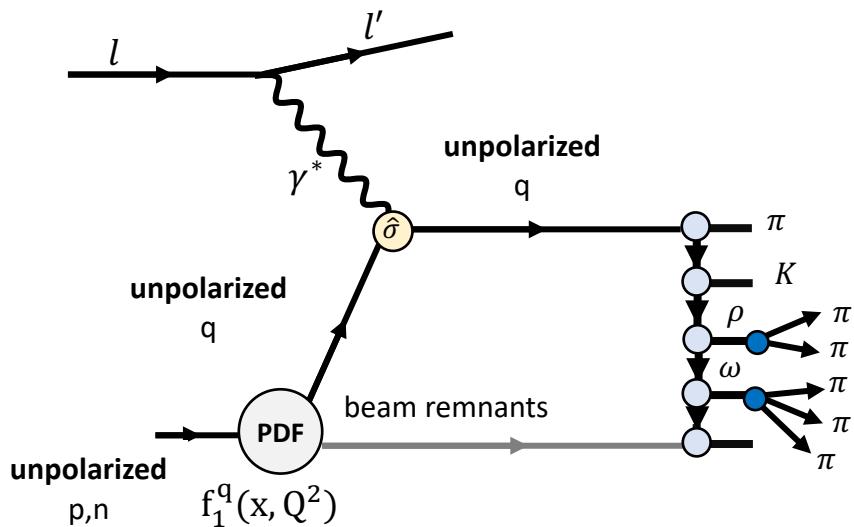


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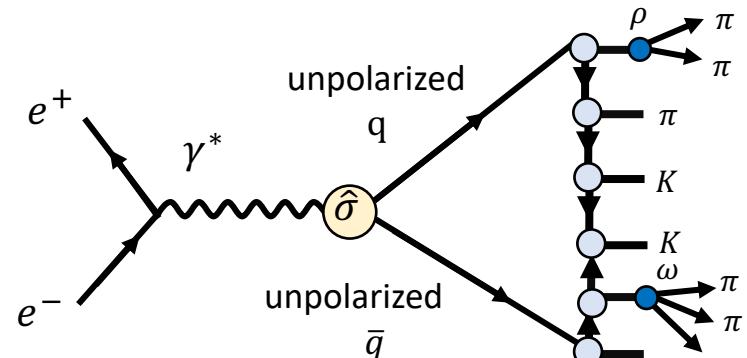
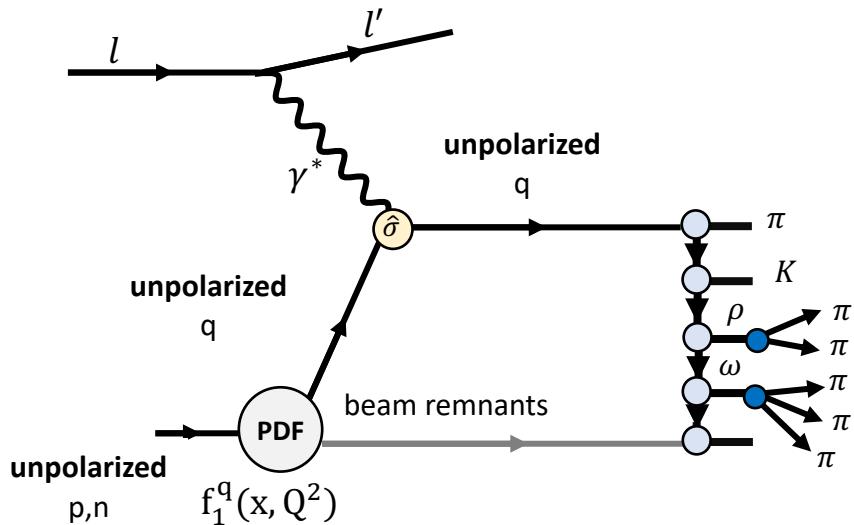
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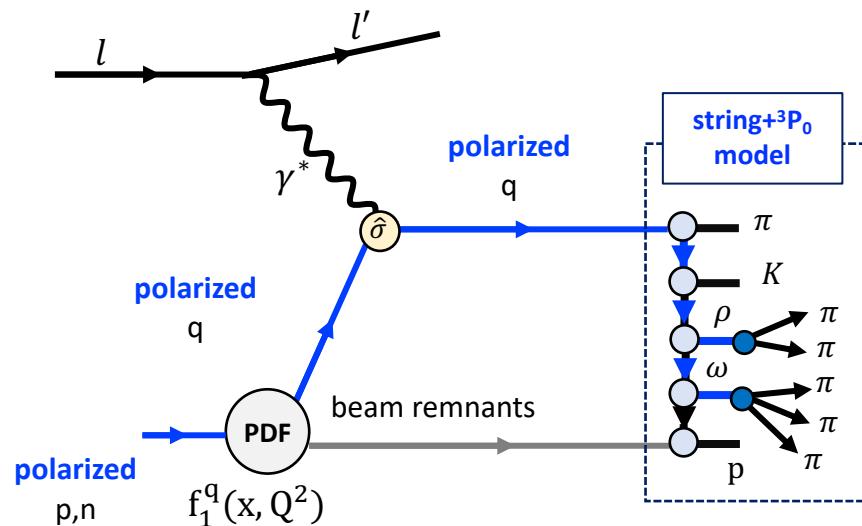
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Transversity  $h_1^q(x)$  [valence quarks,  
sea quarks unpol.]

or arbitrary polarization of quarks

AK, L. Lönnblad, CPC **272** (2022) 108234;  
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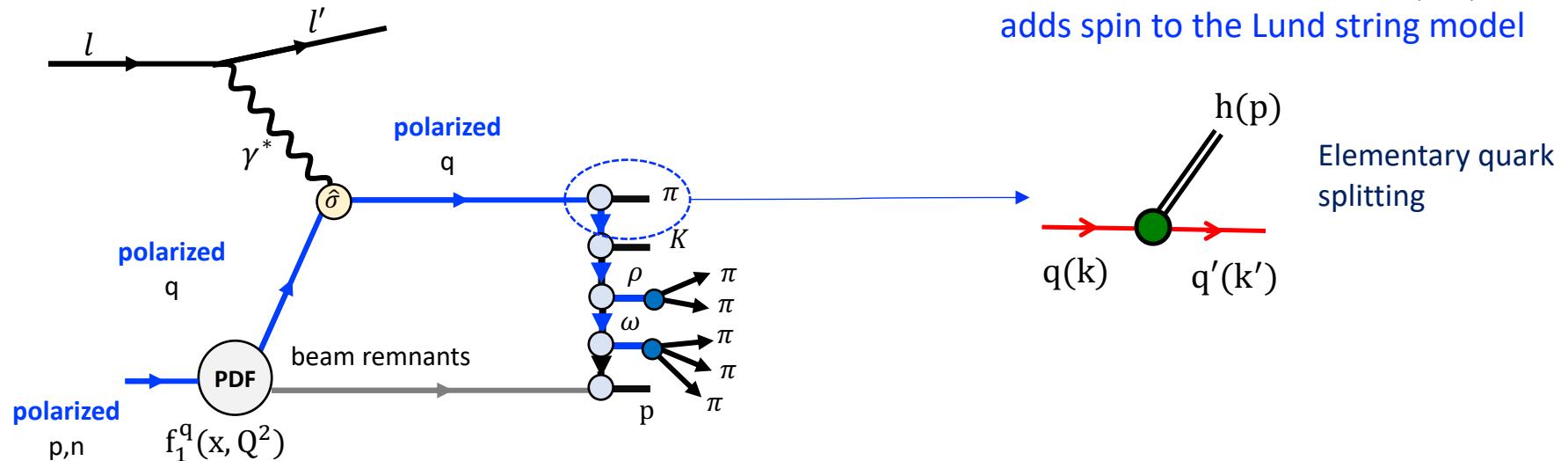
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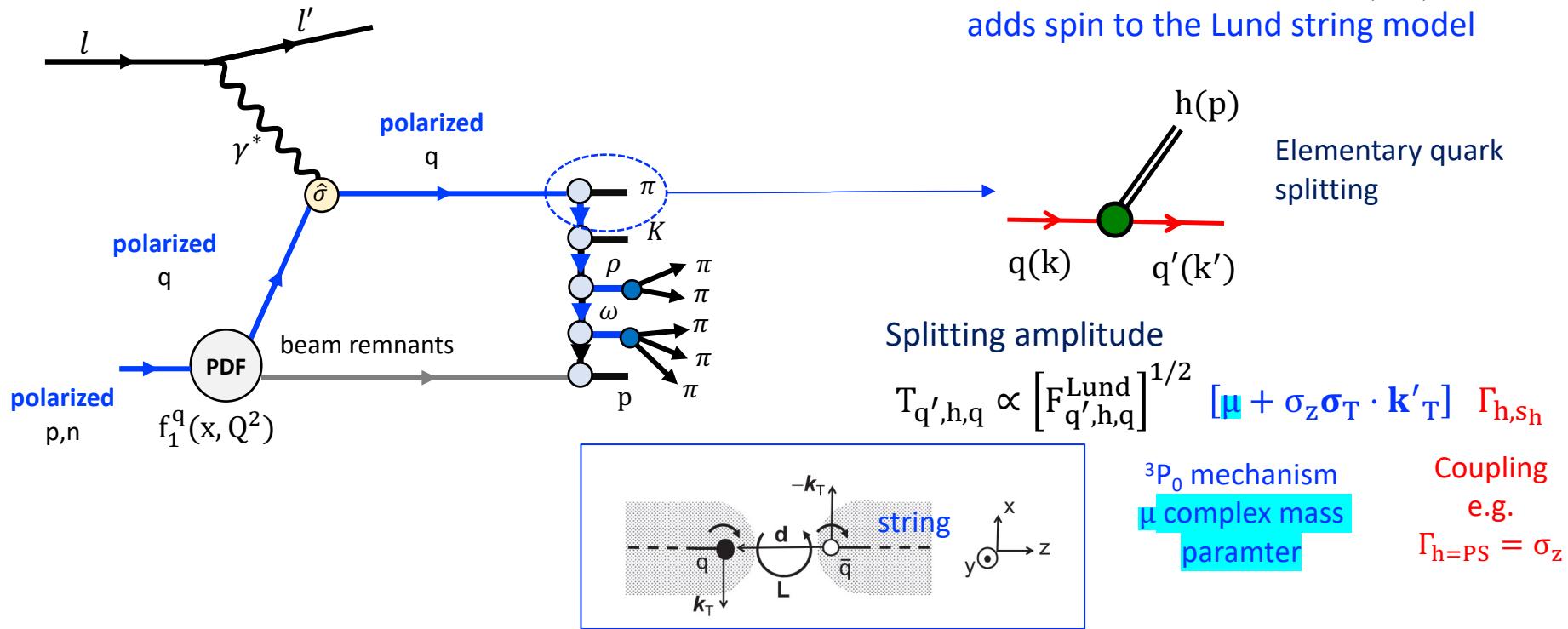


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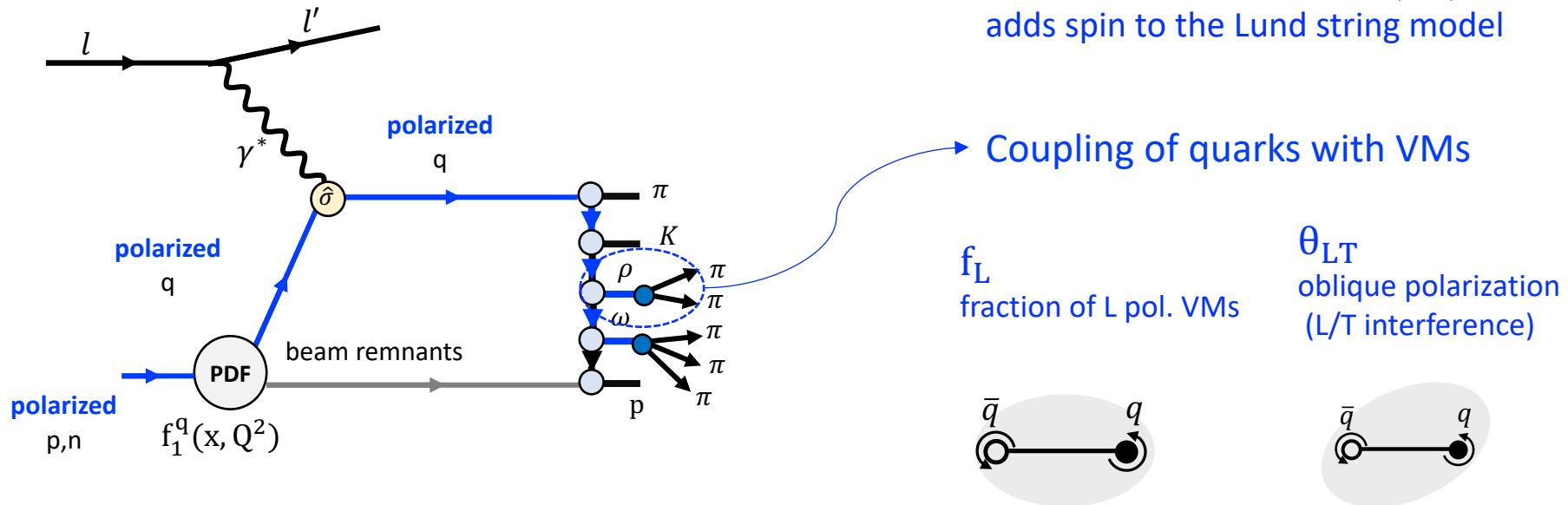
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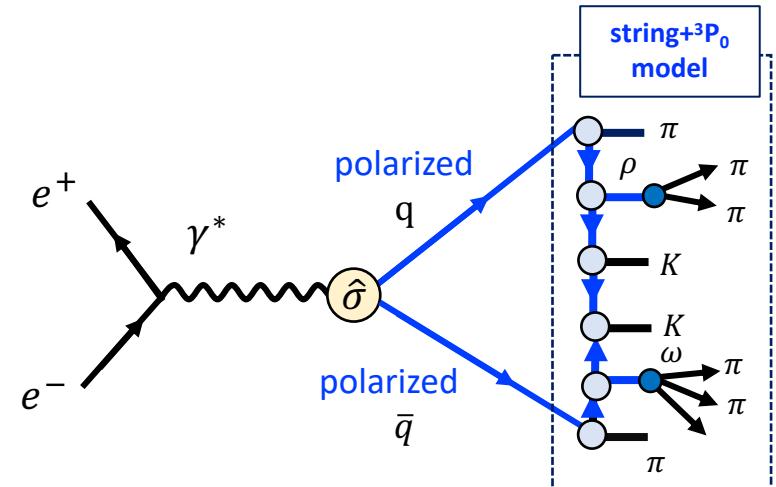
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For  $e^+e^-$  splittings from q and  $\bar{q}$

Antiquark splitting amplitude similar to  
the quark one



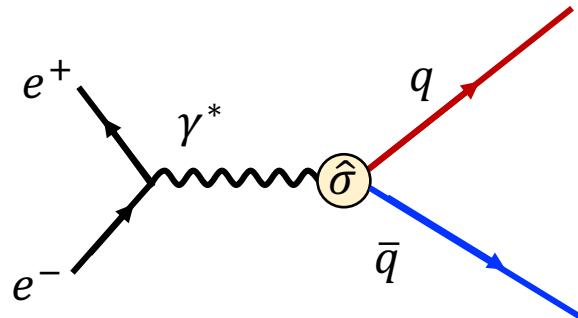
Joint spin density matrix  $\rho(q, \bar{q})$   
correlations between the spin states of  $q$  and  $\bar{q}$

AK, Artru, PRD 109 (2024) 5, 054029  
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# Recipe for the simulation of $e^+e^-$ annihilation

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## Recursive recipe for $e^+e^-$

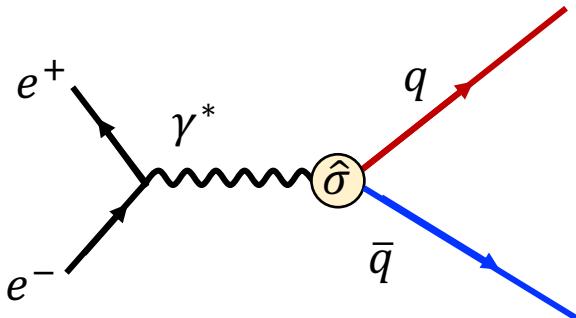


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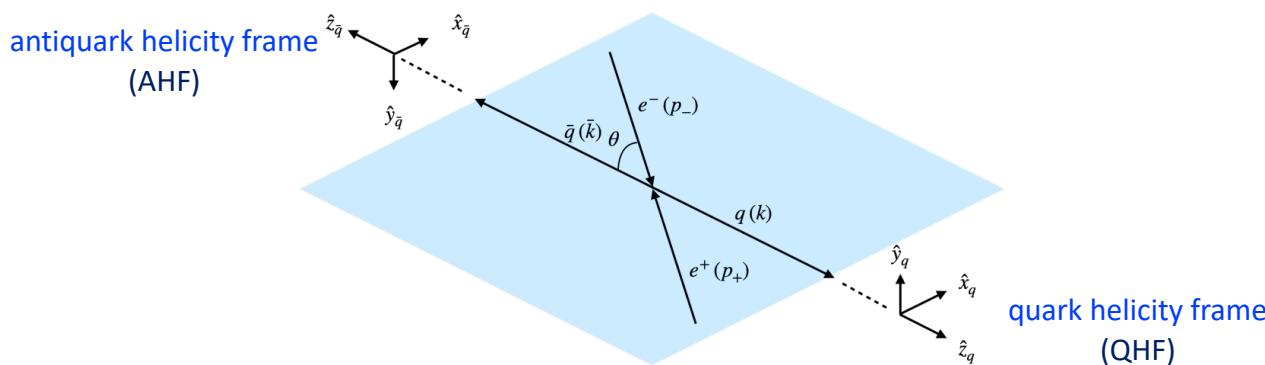


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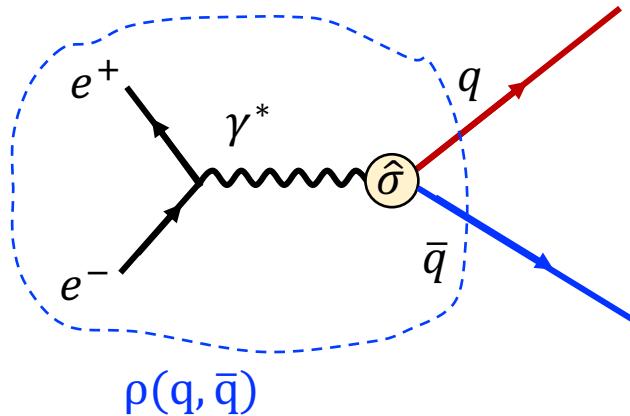
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Set up the scattering  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  in the c.m.s  
generate the quark flavors and kinematics using differential cross section



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- Set up the joint spin density matrix of the  $q\bar{q}$  pair

$$\rho(q, \bar{q}) = C_{\alpha\beta}^{q\bar{q}} \sigma_q^\alpha \otimes \sigma_{\bar{q}}^\beta$$

correlation coefficients      Pauli matrices  
    along QHF and AHF

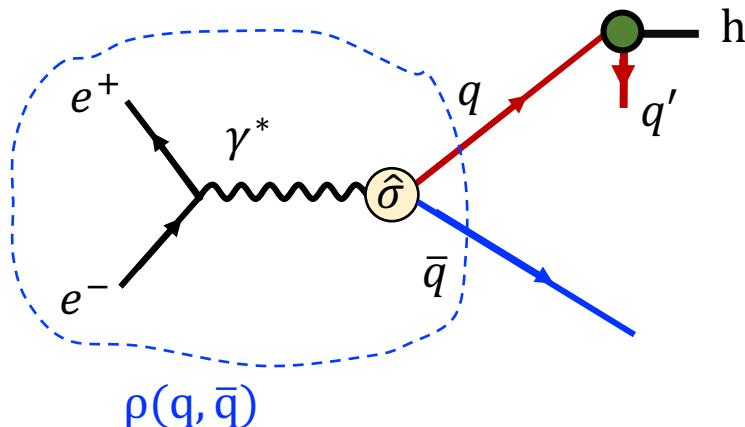
$$\alpha = 0, x_q, y_q, z_q$$

$$\beta = 0, x_{\bar{q}}, y_{\bar{q}}, z_{\bar{q}}$$

For  $\gamma^*$  exchange

$$\rho(q, \bar{q}) \propto 1_q \otimes 1_{\bar{q}} - \sigma_q^z \otimes \sigma_{\bar{q}}^z + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} [\sigma_q^x \otimes \sigma_{\bar{q}}^x + \sigma_q^y \otimes \sigma_{\bar{q}}^y]$$

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- Emit the first hadron using the splitting function  
(emission probability density)

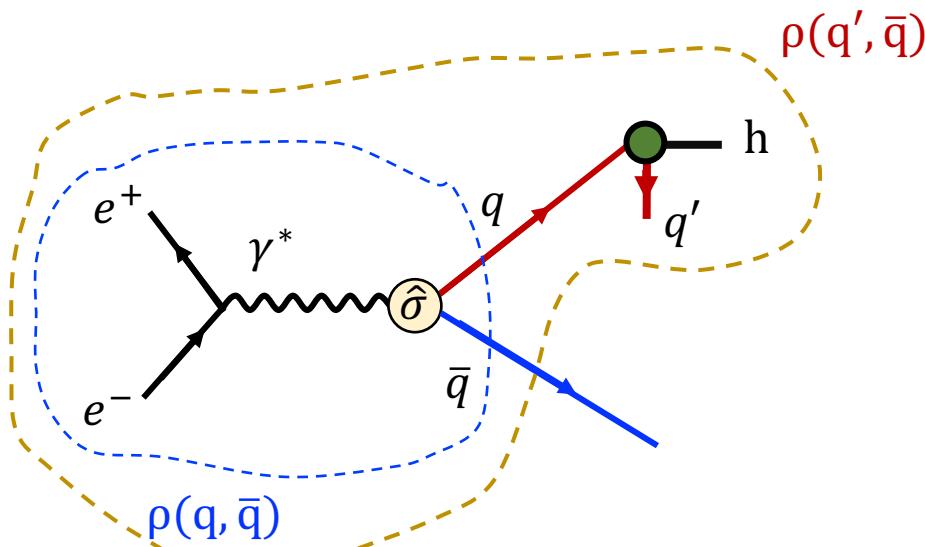
$$\frac{dP(q \rightarrow h + q'; q\bar{q})}{dZ_+ Z_+^{-1} d^2 p_T} = \text{Tr}_{q'\bar{q}} T_{q',h,q} \rho(q, \bar{q}) T_{q',h,q}^\dagger = F_{q',h,q}(Z_+, \mathbf{p}_T; \mathbf{k}_T, C^{q\bar{q}})$$

$$T_{q',h,q} \equiv T_{q',h,q} \otimes 1_{\bar{q}}$$

in the QHF

- For VM emission need also to handle the polarized decay  
→ backup

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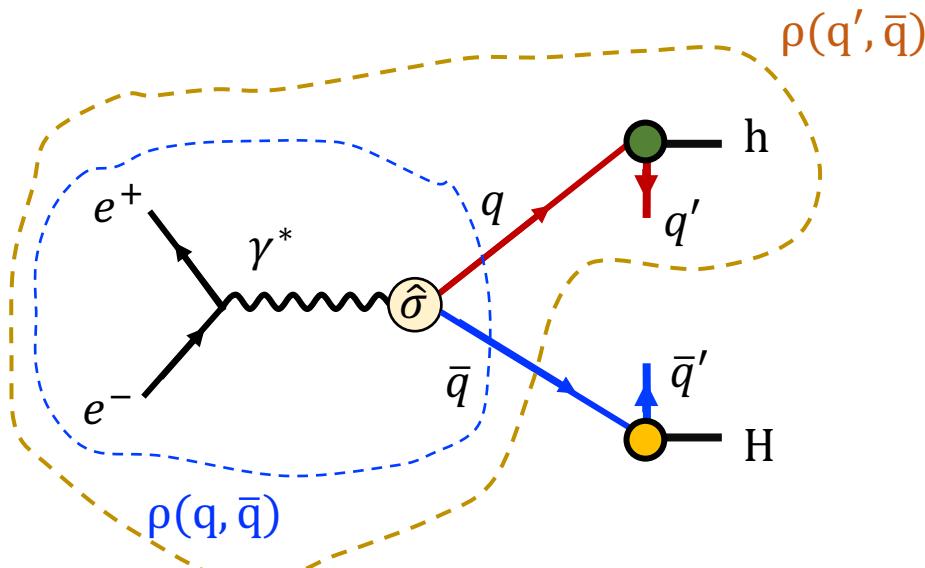
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Evaluate the spin density matrix  $\rho(q'\bar{q})$

$$\rho(q', \bar{q}) = T_{q', h, q} \rho(q, \bar{q}) T_{q', h, q}^\dagger$$

includes the information on the emission of  $h$

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- Emit a hadron from the  $\bar{q}$  side using the splitting function

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conditional probability of emitting  $H$ , having emitted  $h$   
 → correlations between the transverse momenta

[Collins NPB, 304:794–804, 1988, Knowles NPB, 310:571–588, 1988]

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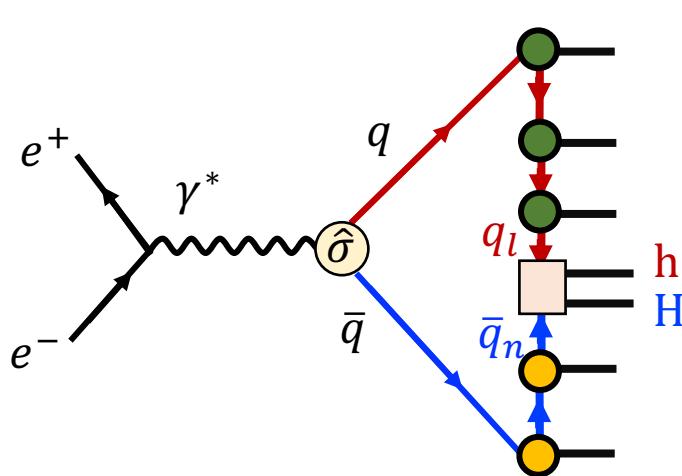
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Depend on the azimuthal angle  $h$

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Expressed in the AHF

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- ❑ Iterate until the exit condition is called and the last quark pair is hadronized  
more details in PRD 109 (2024) 5, 054029

## Simulations of $e^+e^-$ annihilation with spin effects using Pythia 8.3 + StringSpinner

- $\sqrt{s} = 10.6 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\gamma^*$  exchange, quarks produced u, d, s  
consistent with BELLE and BABAR data
- Free parameters
  - spin-less hadronization as in standard Pythia 8.3
  - complex mass  $\mu$  as in AK, Lonnblad, CPC 292 (2023) 108886
  - $f_L = 0.12$   $\sim T$  pol. VMs
  - $\theta_{LT} = -0.65$  interference between T and L pol. of VMs

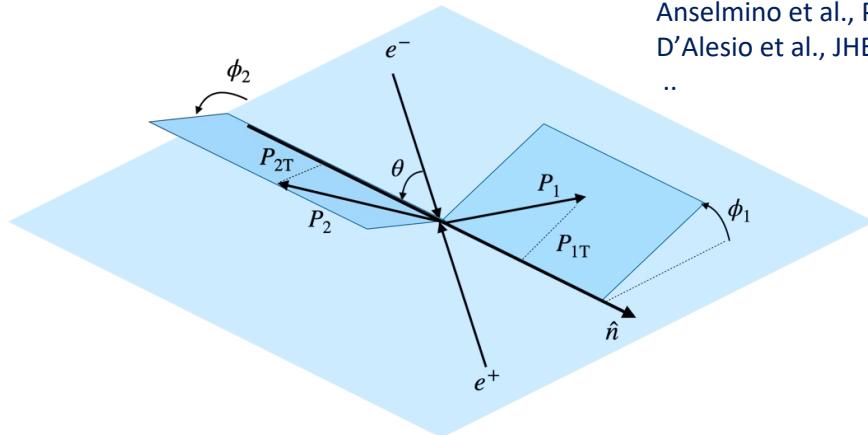
found to give a satisfactory agreement with  $e^+e^-$  data,  
ok also for SIDIS

- Compare with Collins asymmetries

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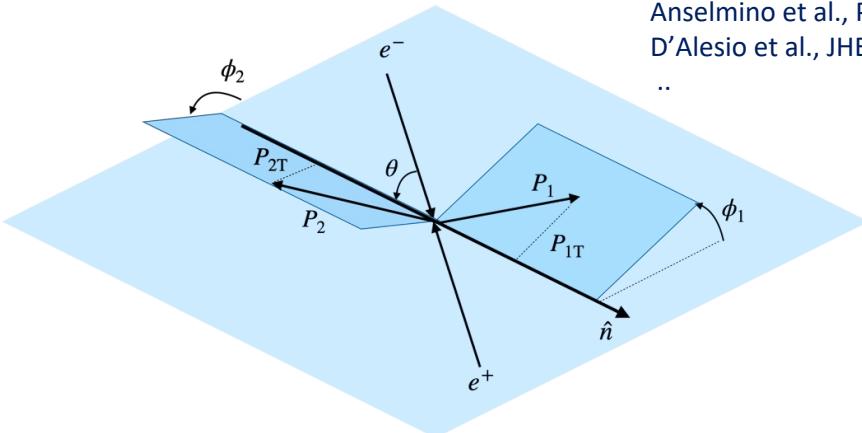
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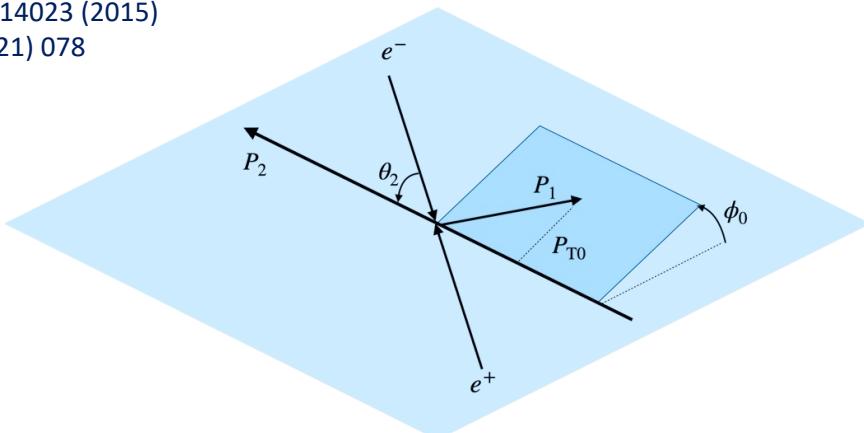
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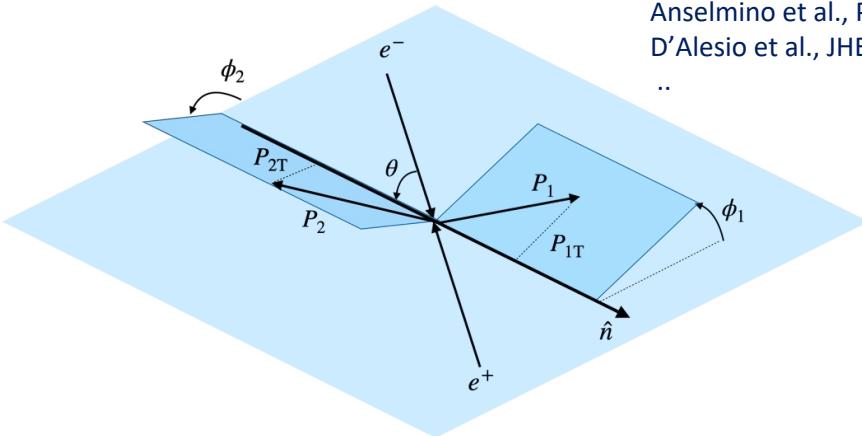
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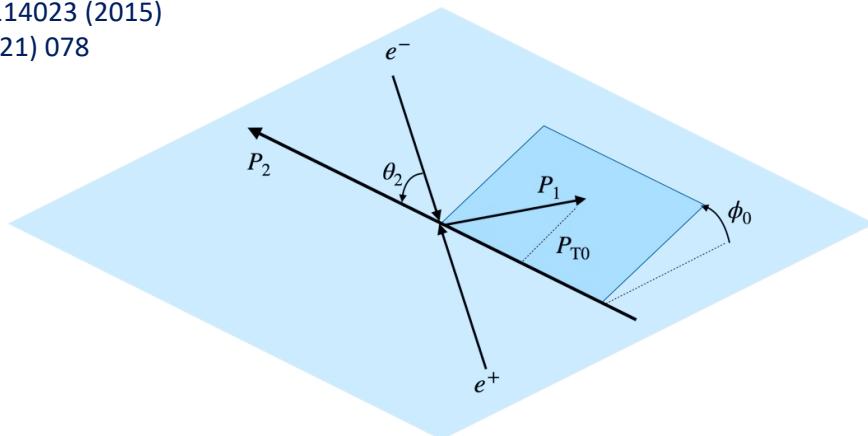
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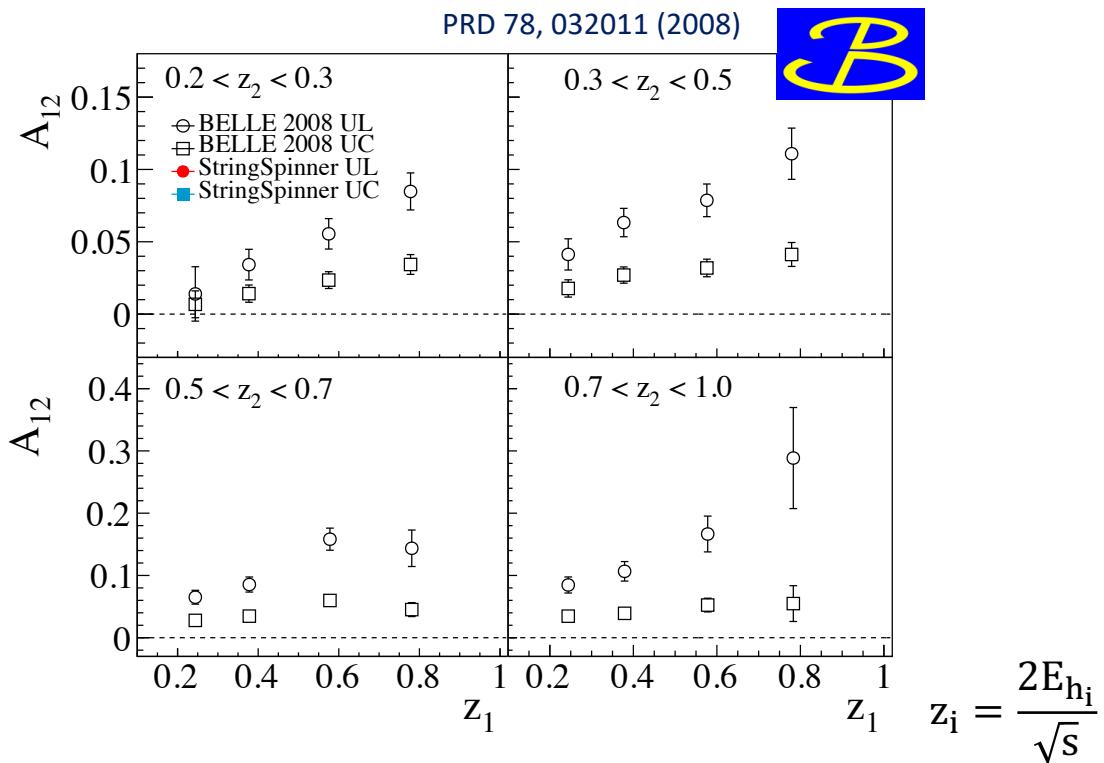
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	BABAR	2014 ( $\pi\pi$ ), 2015 ( $\pi\pi, \pi K, K K$ )
	BESIII	2016 ( $\pi\pi$ )

Used in many phenomenological fits to extract  $h_1$  and  $H_1$ , here only the model results

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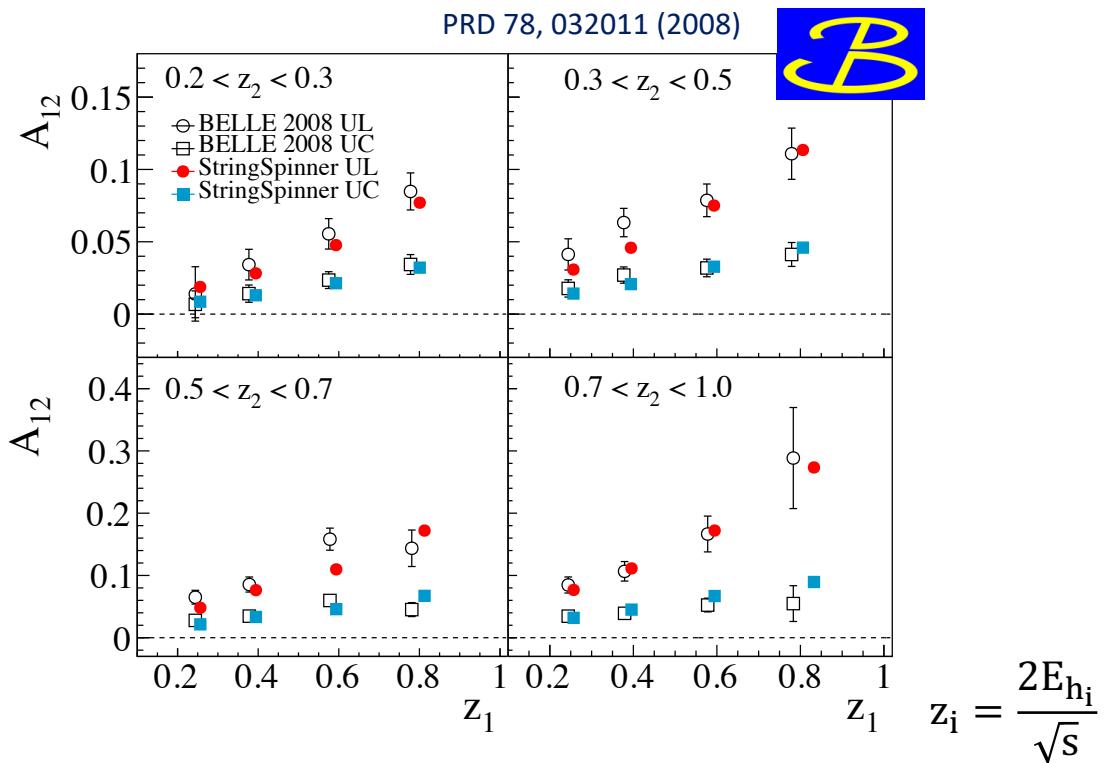


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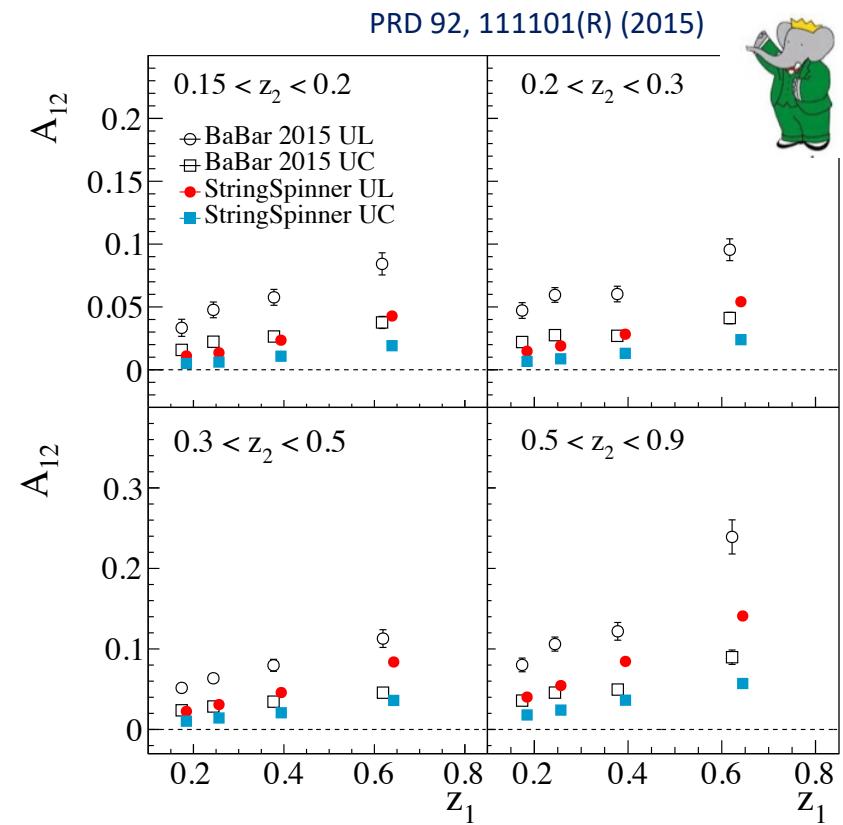
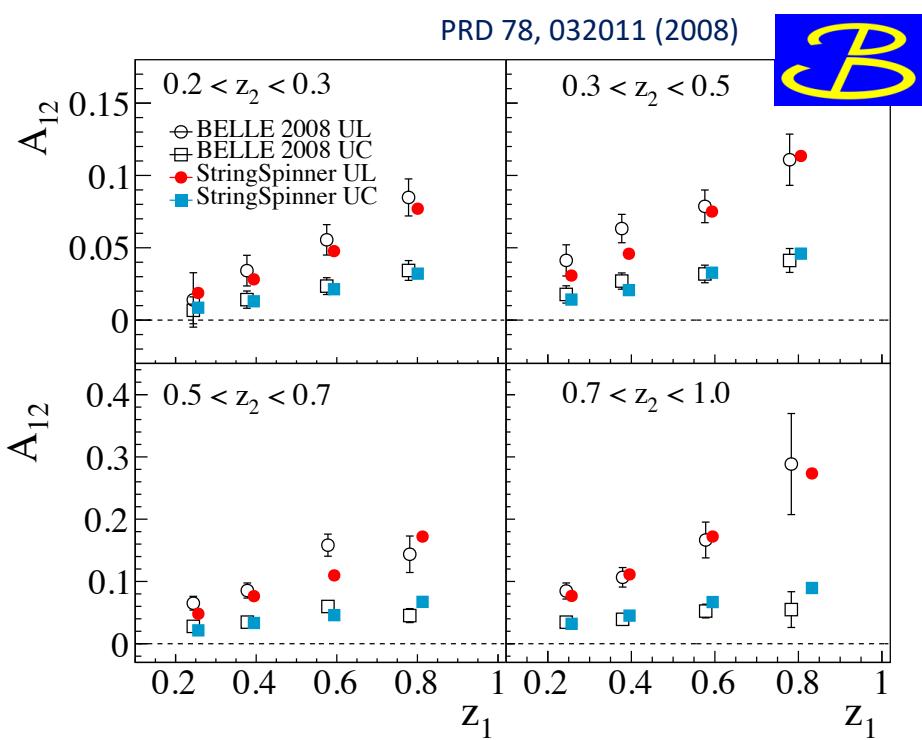
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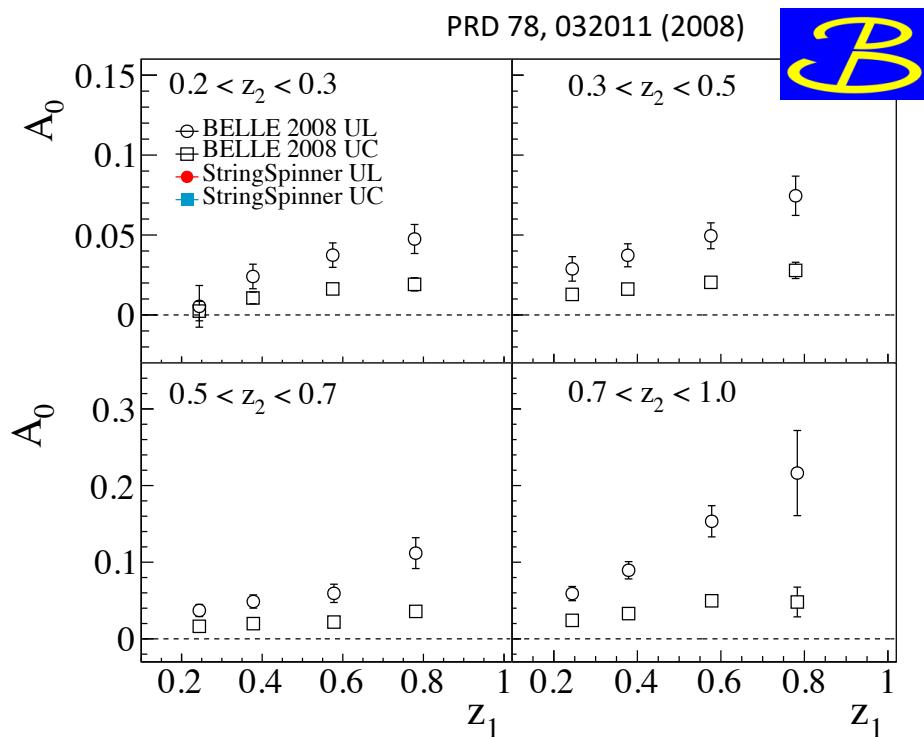
StringSpinner lower than BABAR  
BABAR and BELLE data different, unlike  
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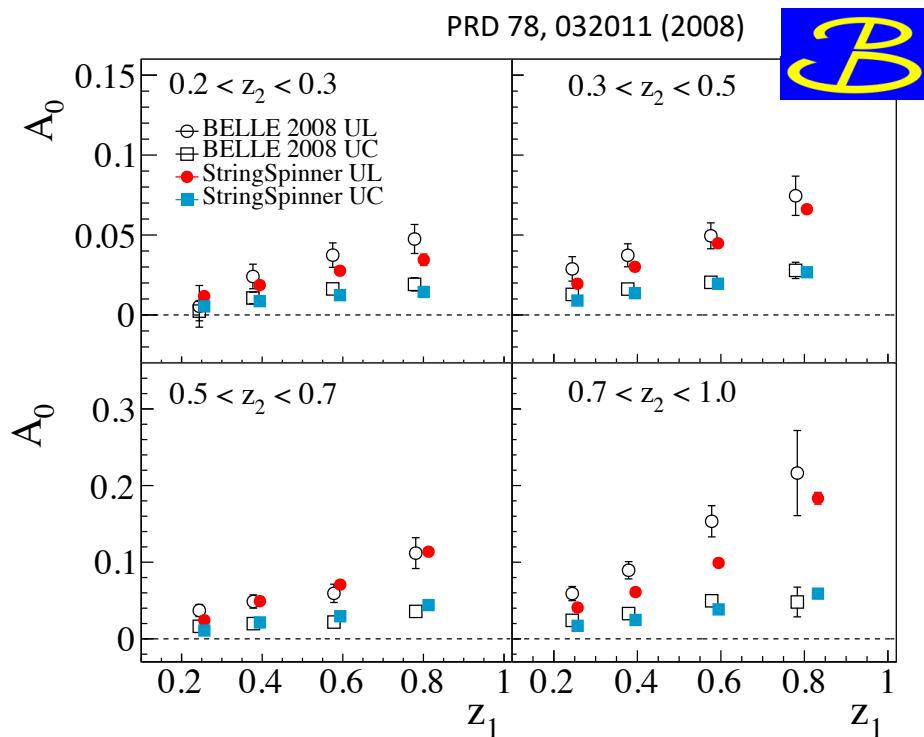
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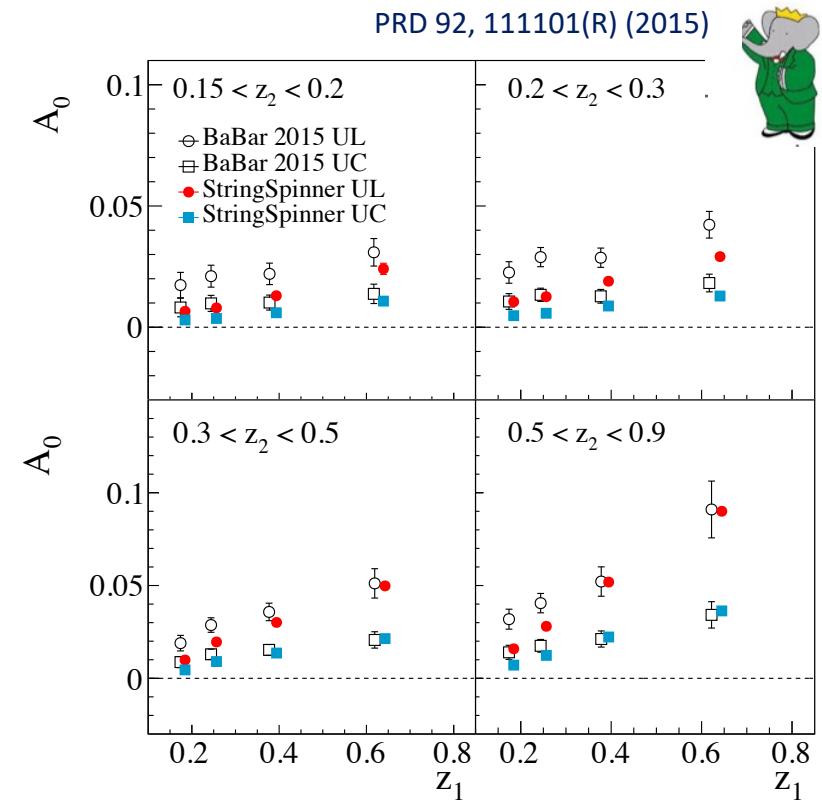
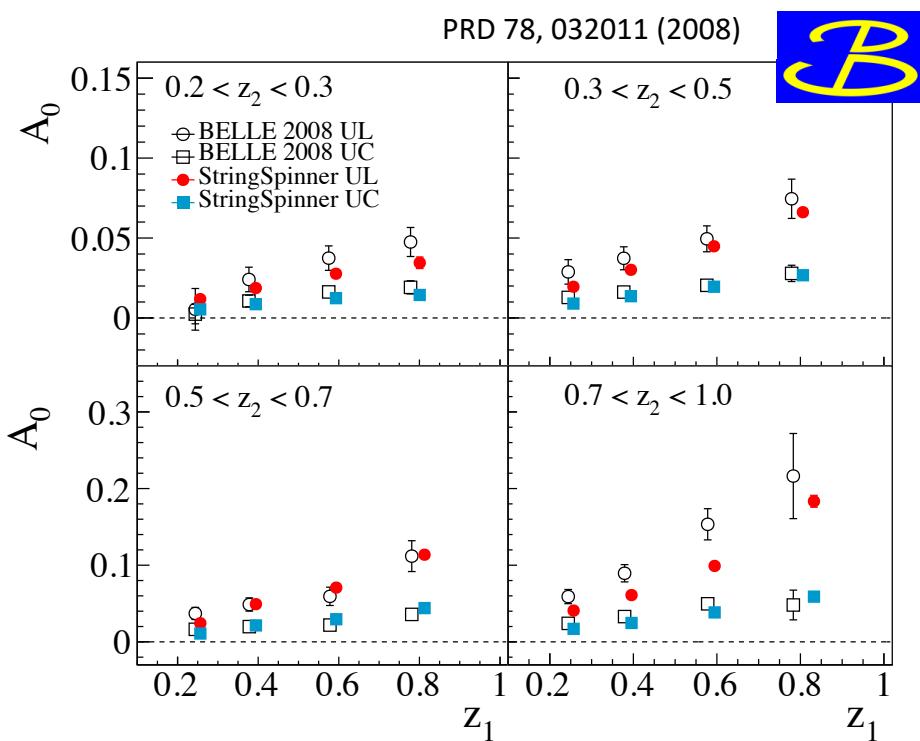


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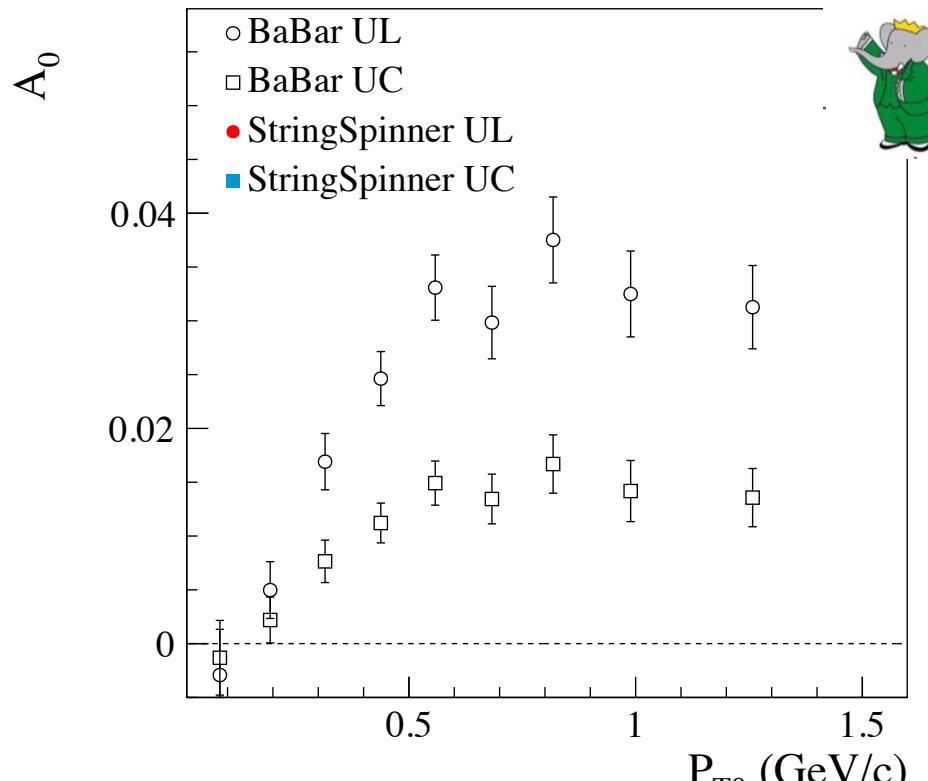
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BABAR asymmetries also ok

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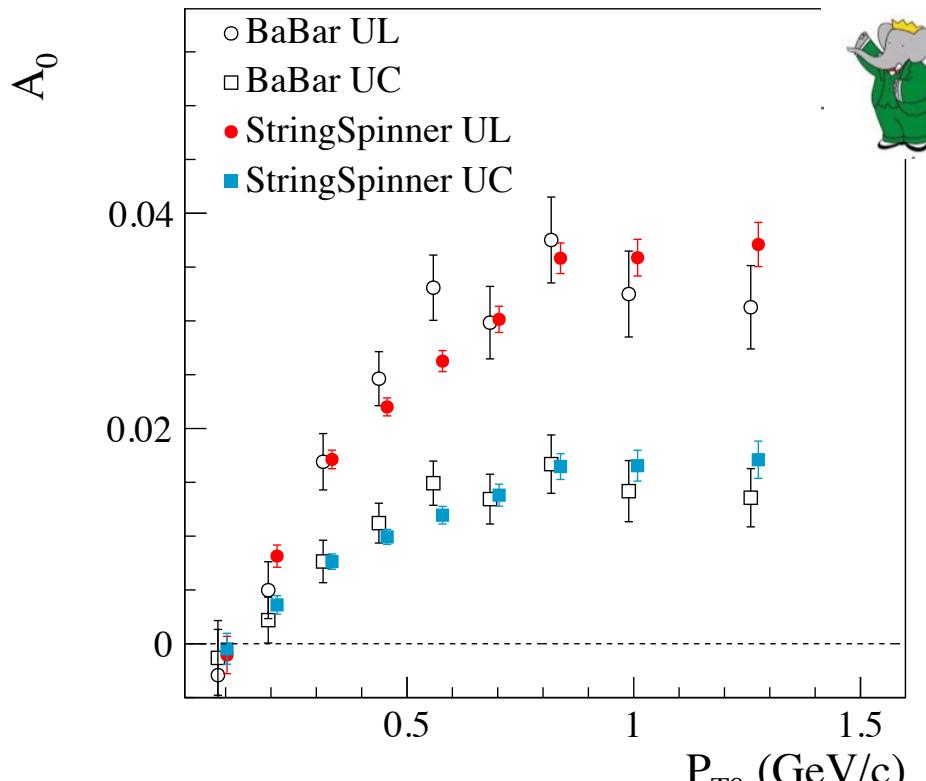


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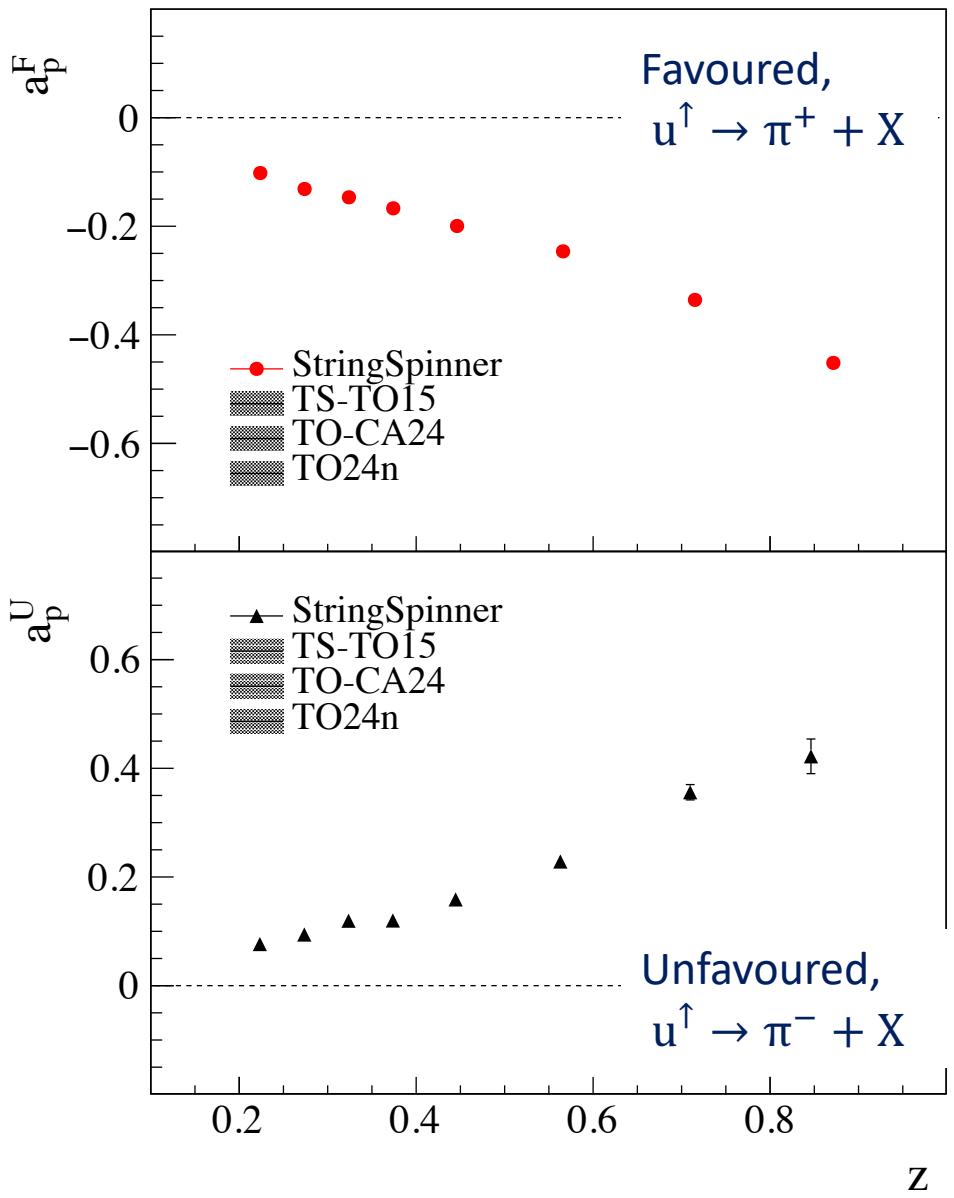
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Transverse-momentum dependence reproduced by string+ ${}^3P_0$ !

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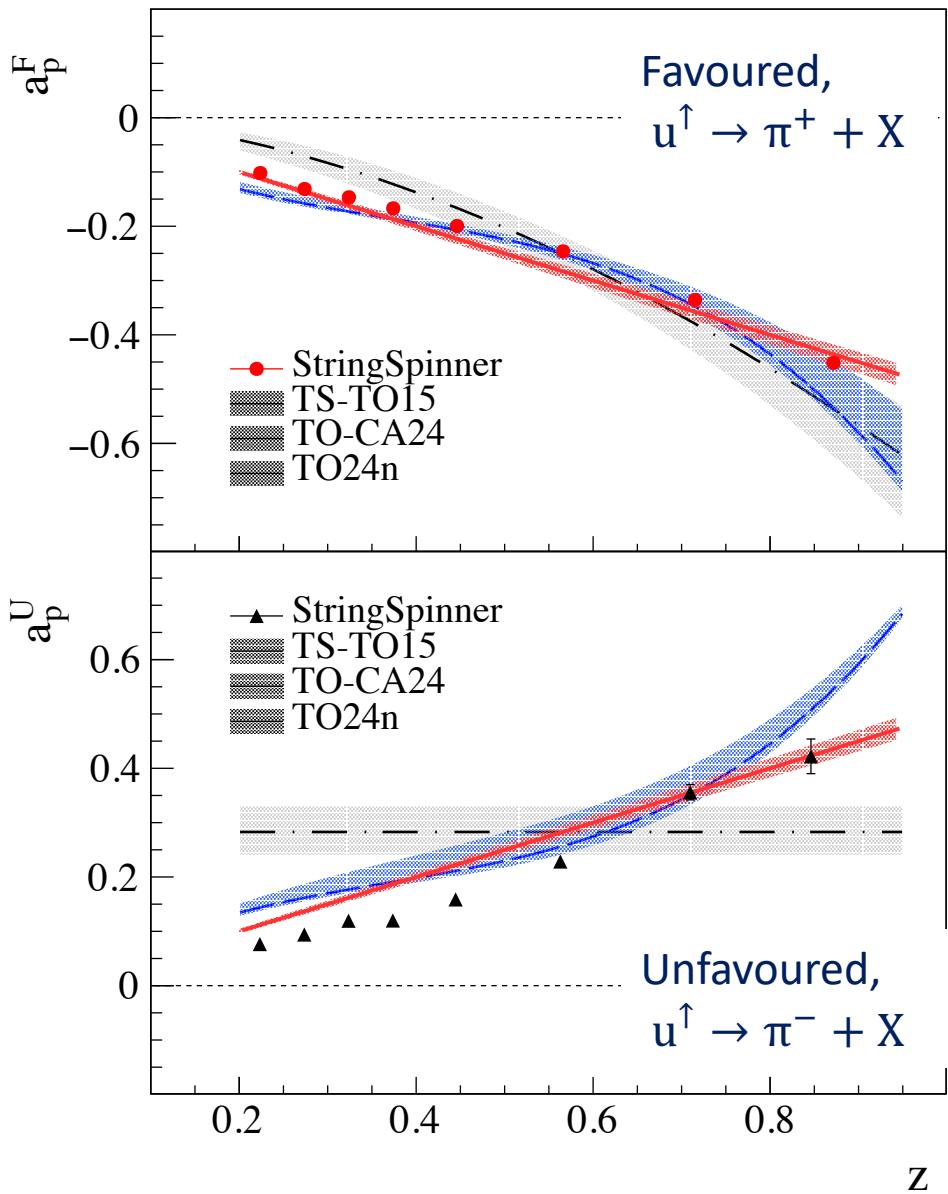
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TS-TO15 Martin, Bradamante, Barone  
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point-by-point extraction from Belle  $A_{12}^{\text{UL}}$

TO-CA24 Boglione et al., PLB 854 (2024) 138712  
fit of SIDIS,  $e^+e^-$  and pp

TO24n Boglione, Flore (2024, private comm.)  
like in TO-CA24 + Collins asymm. COMPASS  
2022 data on d

string+ ${}^3P_0 \rightarrow$  rising trend with  $z$  for fav. and  
unfav.

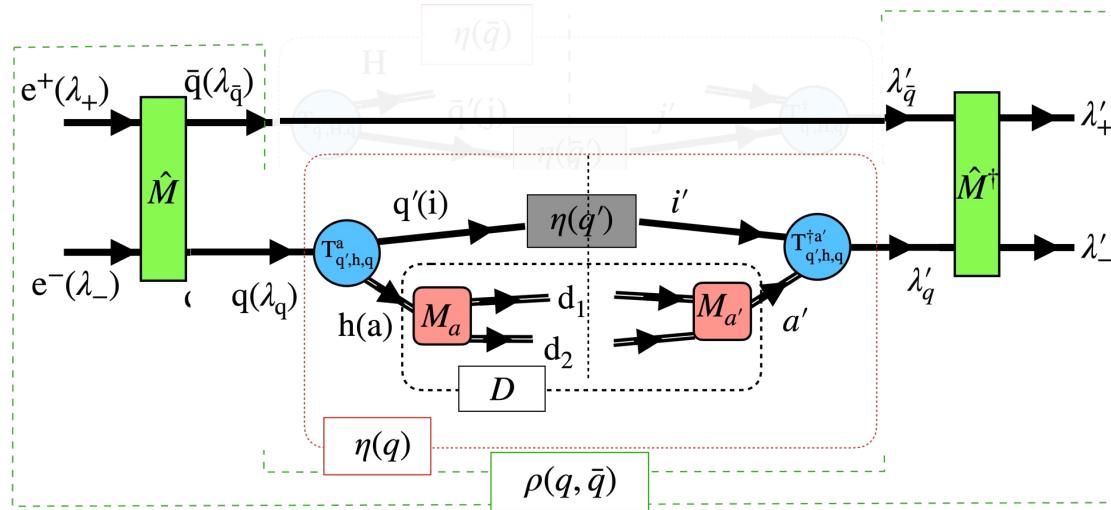
A guide for the choice of the  
parametrizations of Collins FFs used in  
phenomenology?

# Conclusions

- ❑ Spin effects implemented in Pythia 8.3 for DIS and  $e^+e^-$   
StringSpinner → string+ ${}^3P_0$  in Pythia                    public soon for  $e^+e^-$
- ❑ Encouraging results on Collins asymmetries in  $e^+e^-$   
the predicted Collins effect can be used to guide parametrizations  
in phenomenological extractions
- ❑ More developments of the string+ ${}^3P_0$  model possible and foreseen  
baryon production, pQCD effects, inclusion of TMDs in DIS, ..
- ❑ Several steps towards an event generator systematically implementing spin  
effects done!

## **Backup**

# The recursive recipe for simulating $e^+e^-$ annihilation: VM emission



For a vector meson  $h=VM$

$$\rightarrow \eta(q) = T_{q',h=VM,q}^{a'\dagger} \eta(q') T_{q',h=VM,q}^a D_{a'a}, \quad \eta(q') = 1_{q'}, \text{ and } \eta(\bar{q}) = 1_{\bar{q}}$$

Steps:

i) Emission probability density (summing over decay information, i.e.  $D_{a'a} = \delta_{a'a}$ )

$$\frac{dP(q \rightarrow h = VM + q'; q\bar{q})}{dM^2 dZ_+ Z_+^{-1} d^2 p_T} = \text{Tr}_{q'\bar{q}} T_{q',h,q}^a \rho(q, \bar{q}) T_{q',h,q}^{a\dagger} = F_{q',h,q}(M^2, Z_+, p_T; k_T, C^{q\bar{q}})$$

ii) Calculate the spin density matrix of  $h=VM$ , and decay the meson

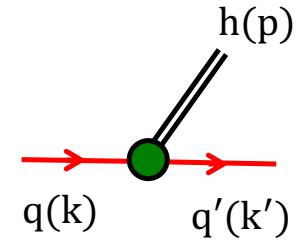
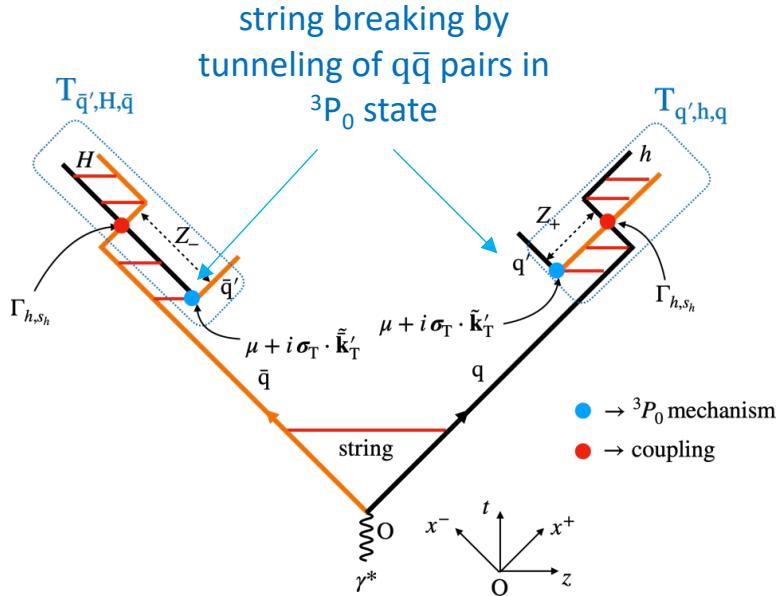
$$\rho_{aa'}(h) = \text{Tr}_{q'\bar{q}} T_{q',h,q}^a \rho(q, \bar{q}) T_{q',h,q}^{a\dagger}$$

iii) Decay the meson  $p \rightarrow p_1 p_2 ..$

$$dN(p_1, p_2, \dots) / d\Omega \propto M_{\text{dec.}}^a(p \rightarrow p_1 p_2, \dots) \rho_{aa'}(h) M_{\text{dec.}}^{a\dagger a'}(p \rightarrow p_1 p_2, \dots)$$

iv) Build the decay matrix  $D_{a'a}(p_1, p_2, \dots) = M_{\text{dec.}}^{a\dagger a'}(p \rightarrow p_1 p_2, \dots) M_{\text{dec.}}^a(p \rightarrow p_1 p_2, \dots)$

# The hadronization model: string+ $^3P_0$



quark splitting  $q \rightarrow h + q'$

Relevant variables:  
 $\mathbf{k}_T = \mathbf{p}_T + \mathbf{k}'_T$   
 $Z_+ = p^+/k^+$   
 $\varepsilon_h^2 = M^2 + p_T^2$

Transverse vectors  
defined w.r.t. string axis

Quark splitting amplitude in the string+ $^3P_0$  model

$$T_{q',h,q} \propto C_{q',h,q} D_h(M^2) \left( \frac{1 - Z_+}{\varepsilon_h^2} \right)^{\frac{a}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{b_L \varepsilon_h^2}{2Z_+} \right] N_a^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\varepsilon_h^2) e^{-\frac{b_T k'^2_T}{2}}$$

longitudinal momentum      transverse momentum (w.r.t string axis)

flavor      mass

Free param. Lund

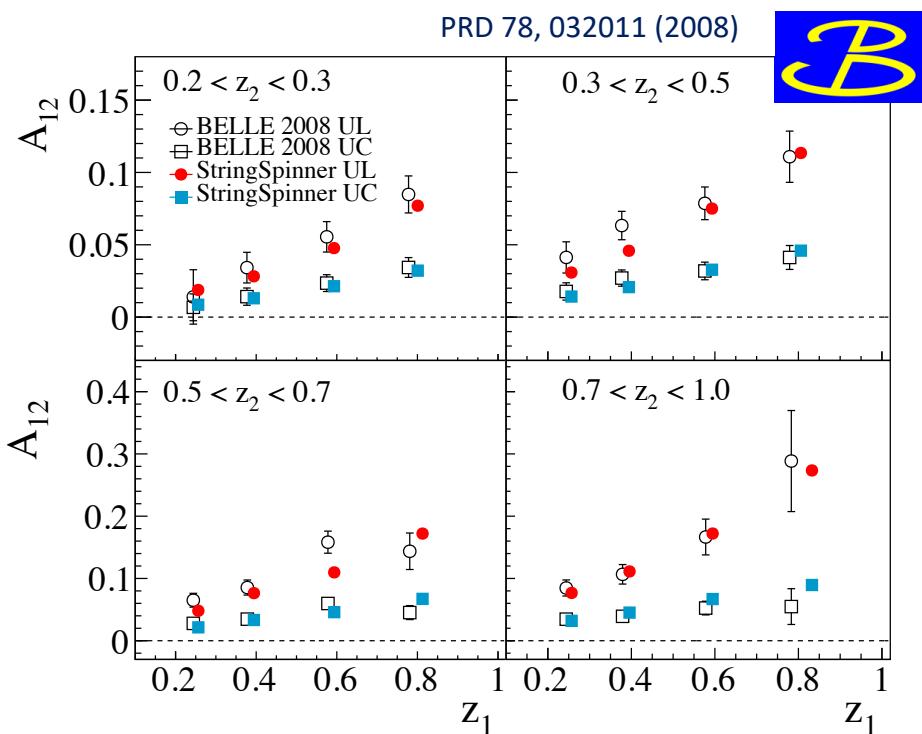
Free param. string+ $^3P_0$

$[u + \sigma_z \sigma_T \cdot \mathbf{k}'_T]$   
 ${}^3P_0$  mechanism  
 $[\mu \text{ complex mass parameter}]$

$\Gamma_{h,s_h}$   
 Coupling  
 e.g.  
 $\Gamma_{h=PS} = \sigma_z$

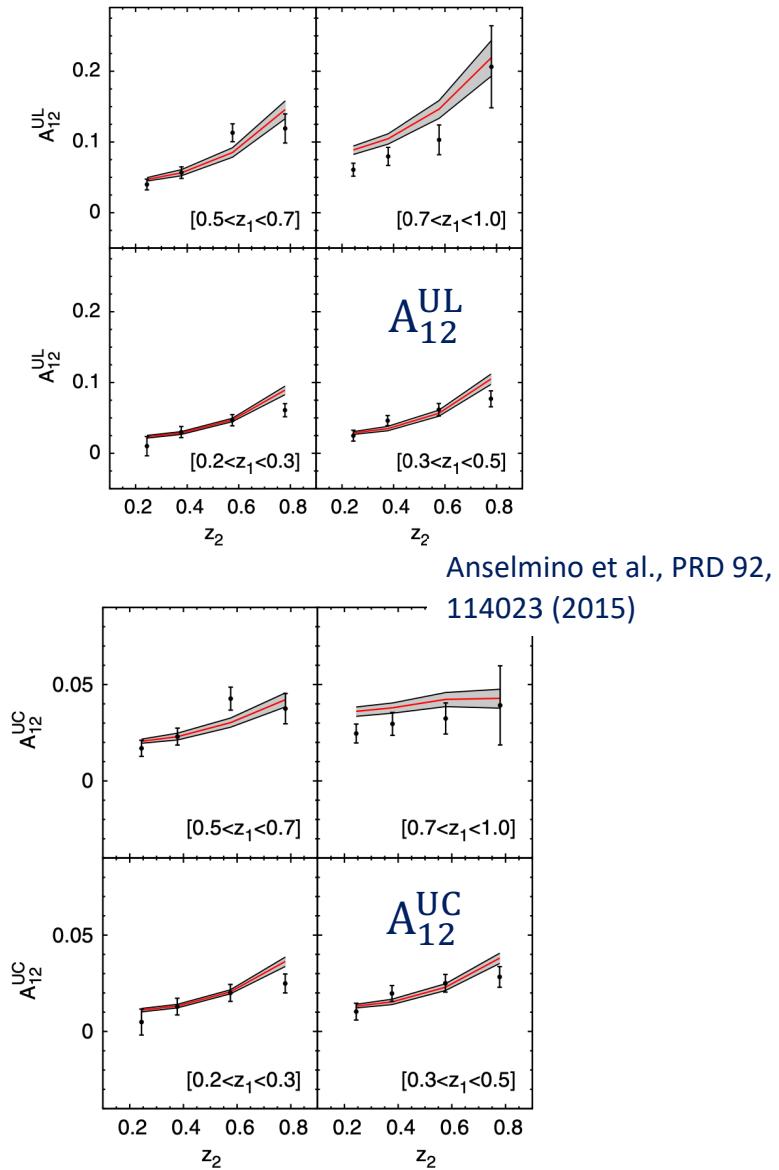
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# $A_{12}$ asymmetry for charged $\pi\pi$ pairs

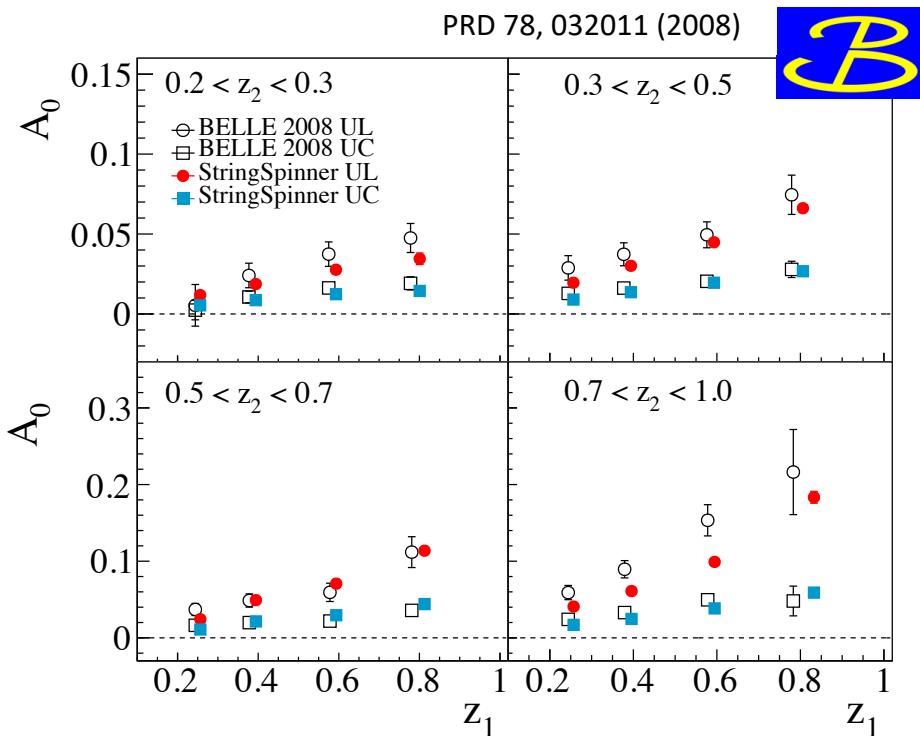


Belle asymmetries corrected for thrust smearing  
Cuts:  
 $T > 0.8, z > 0.2, Q_T < 3.5 \text{ GeV}$

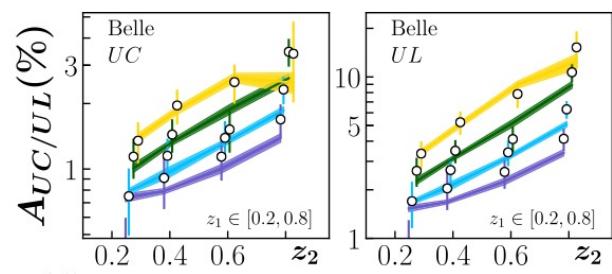
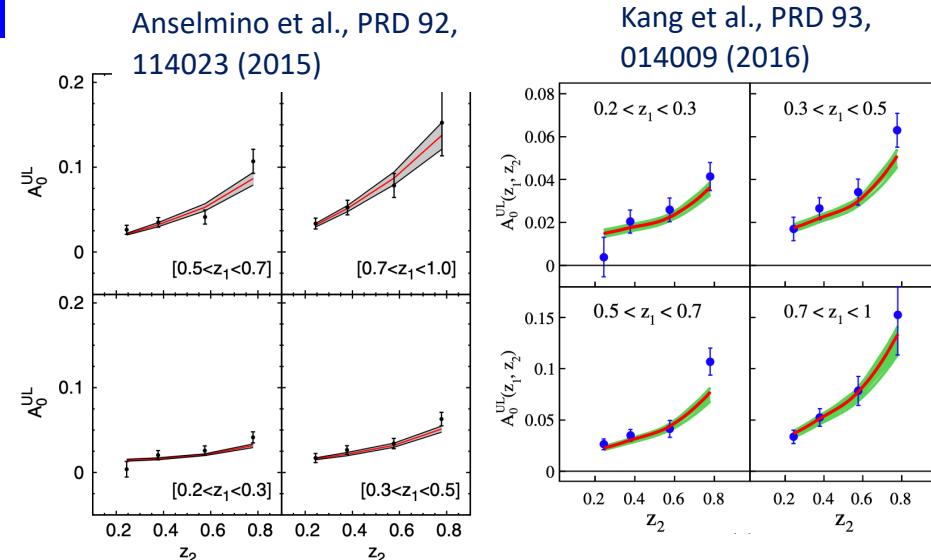
StringSpinner reproduces trend and size



# $A_0$ asymmetry for charged pions



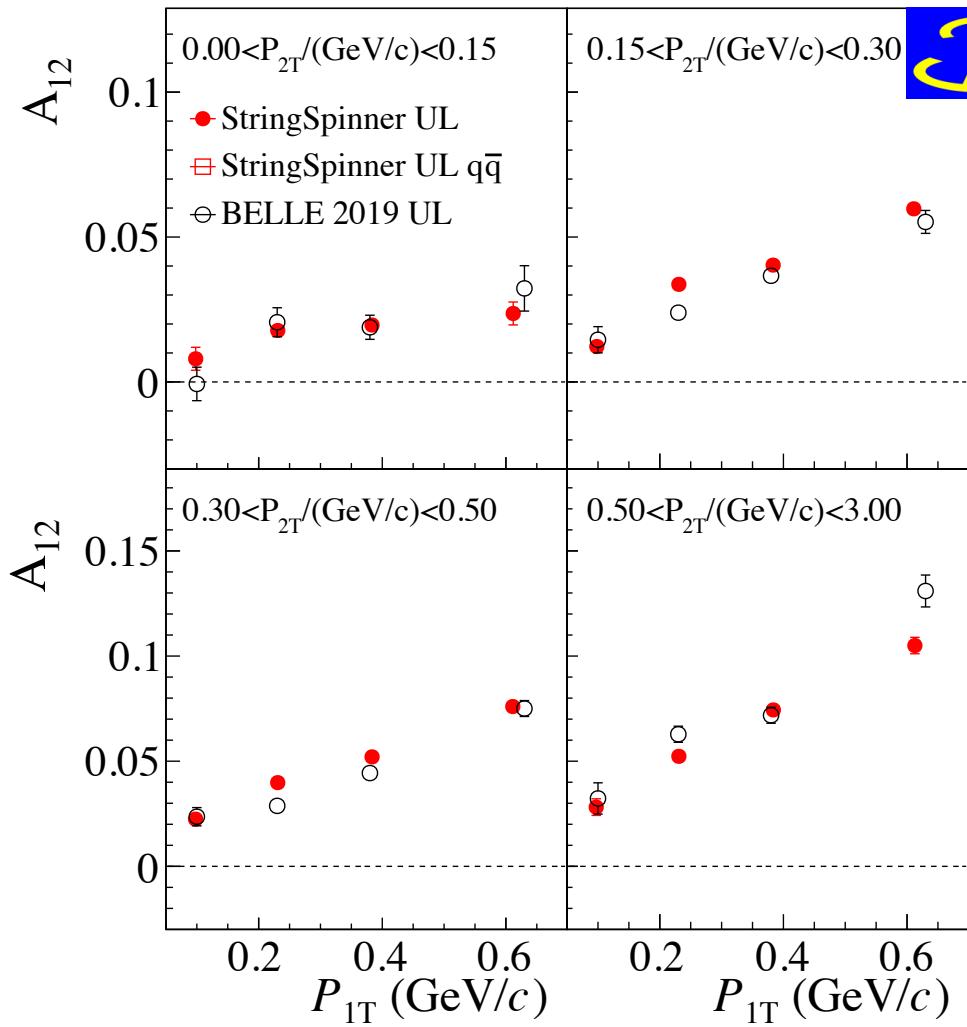
Trend reproduced by string+ $^3P_0$   
 somewhat lower values in the last  $z_2$  bin



JAM, PRD 102, 054002 (2020)

$A_0$  asymmetry essential observable  
 included in phenomenological fits

# $A_{12}^{\text{UL}}$ asymmetry for charged $\pi \pi$ pairs $P_{\text{T}1} \times P_{\text{T}2}$ - dependence w.r.t thrust



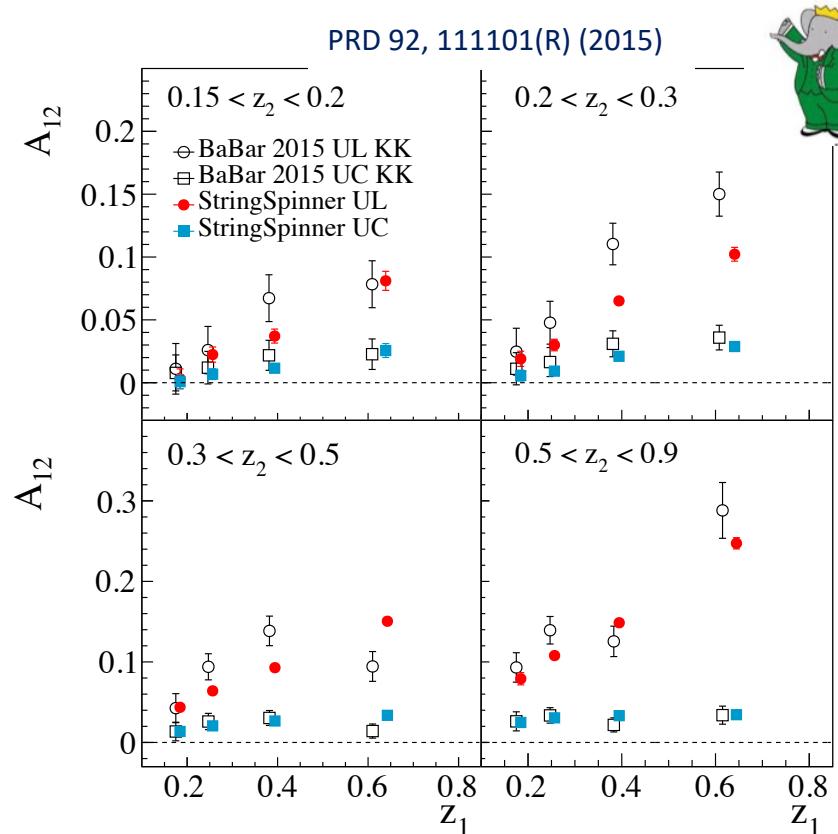
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Asymmetries using thrust axis,  
**not corrected for thrust smearing**

$T > 0.8$   
 $z > 0.2, P_{\text{T}} < 3.0 \text{ GeV}/c$   
 $\alpha_0 < 0.3 \text{ rad}$

StringSpinner reproduces the nearly linear trend observed by BELLE

# $A_{12}$ asymmetry for charged KK pairs



Corrected for thrust smearing

Cuts

$T > 0.8, z > 0.15, Q_T < 3.5 \text{ GeV}, \alpha_0 < \pi/4$

$A_{12}^{\text{UC}}$  much smaller than  $A_{12}^{\text{UL}}$  at large  $z$   
reproduced by string+ ${}^3P_0$