Interpretations of Angular Distributions of the Drell-Yan Process

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The Drell-Yan Process

MASSIVE LEPTON-PAIR PRODUCTION IN HADRON-HADRON COLLISIONS AT HIGH ENERGIES*

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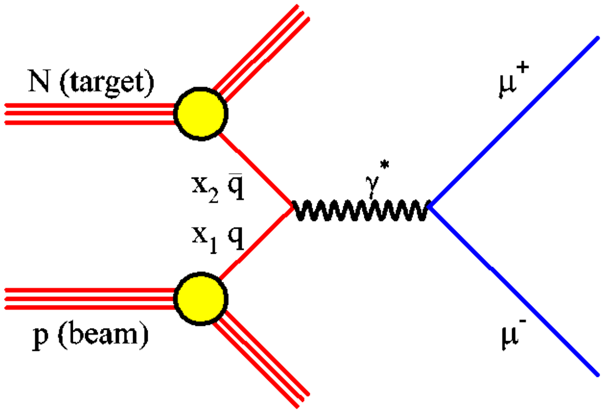
On the basis of a parton model studied earlier we consider the production process of large-mass lepton pairs from hadron-hadron inelastic collisions in the limiting region, $s\to\infty$, Q^2/s finite, Q^2 and s being the squared invariant masses of the lepton pair and the two initial hadrons, respectively. General scaling properties and connections with deep inelastic electron scattering are discussed. In particular, a rapidly decreasing cross section as $Q^2/s\to 1$ is predicted as a consequence of the observed rapid falloff of the inelastic scattering structure function νW_2 near threshold.



$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1dx_2}\right)_{D.Y.}=\frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9sx_1x_2}\sum_a e_a^2\left[q_a(x_1)\bar{q}_a(x_2)+\bar{q}_a(x_1)q_a(x_2)\right]$$

Angular Distribution in the "Naïve" Drell-Yan

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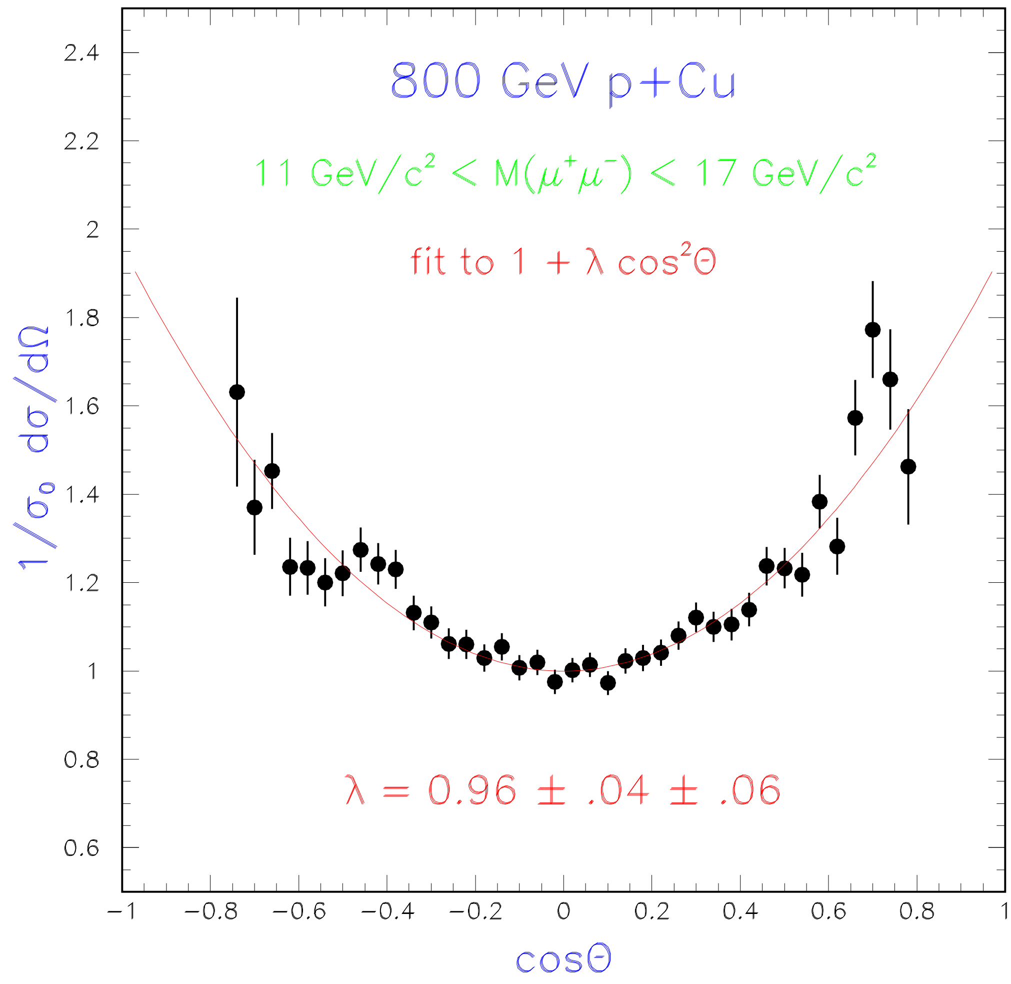
(3) The virtual photon will be predominantly transversely polarized if it is formed by annihilation of spin-$\frac{1}{2}$ parton-antiparton pairs. This means a distribution in the di-muon rest system varying as $(1+\cos^2\theta)$ rather than $\sin^2\theta$ as found in Sakurai's[10] vector-dominance model, where θ is the angle of the muon with respect to the timelike photon momentum. The model used in Fig.

Drell-Yan angular distribution

Lepton Angular Distribution of “naïve” Drell-Yan:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_0(1+\lambda\cos^2\theta); \quad \lambda = 1$$

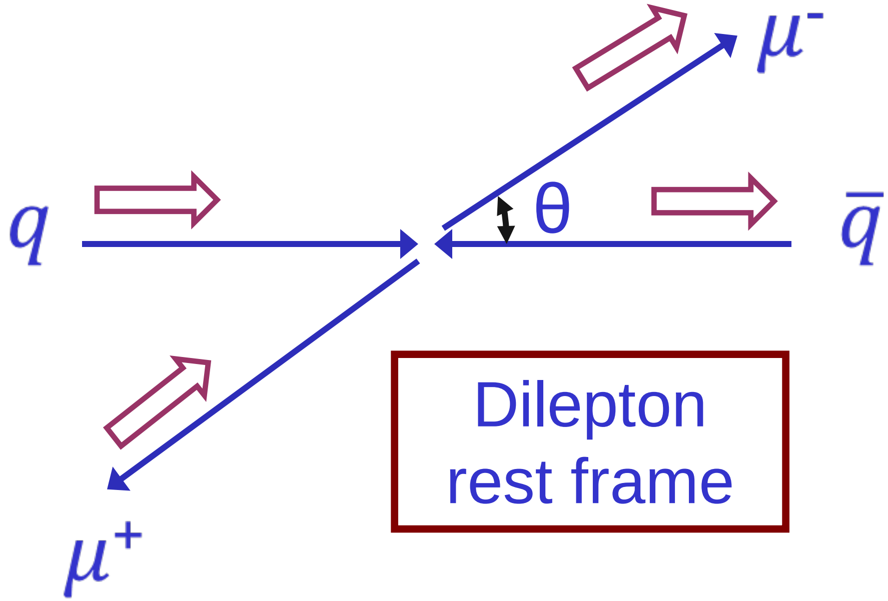


Data from Fermilab E772

(Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 49 (1999) 217-253)

Why is the lepton angular distribution $1+\cos^2\theta$?

Helicity conservation and parity



Dilepton rest frame

$RL \rightarrow RL$

$$d\sigma \sim (1+\cos\theta)^2$$

$RL \rightarrow LR$

$$d\sigma \sim (1-\cos\theta)^2$$

$LR \rightarrow LR$

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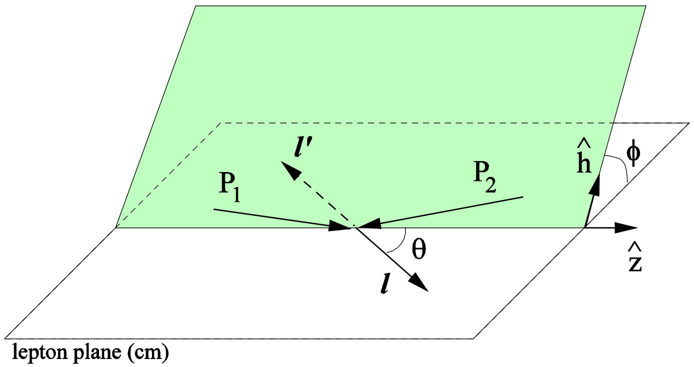
Adding all four helicity configurations:

$$d\sigma \sim 1+\cos^2\theta$$

Drell-Yan lepton angular distributions



Θ and Φ are the decay polar and azimuthal angles of the μ^- in the dilepton rest-frame

Collins-Soper frame

A general expression for Drell-Yan decay angular distributions:

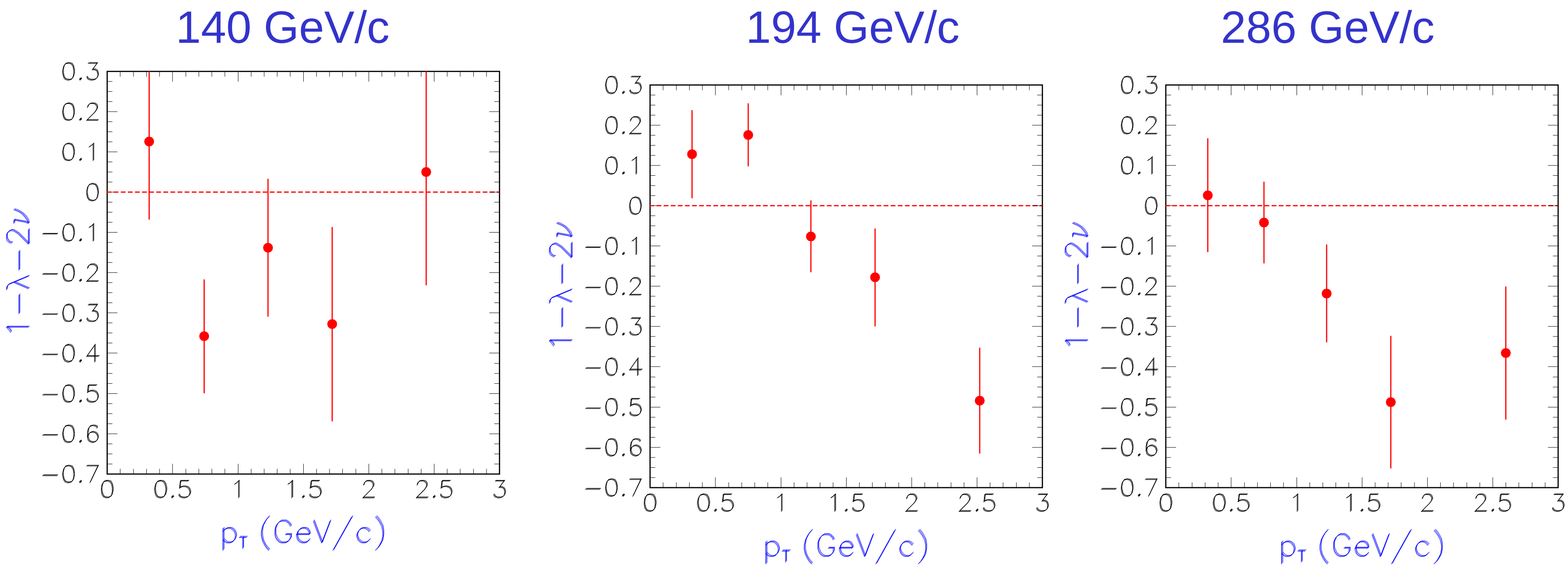
$$\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right)\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)=\left[\frac{3}{4\pi}\right]\left[1+\lambda\cos^2\theta+\mu\sin 2\theta\cos\phi+\frac{\nu}{2}\sin^2\theta\cos 2\phi\right]$$

Lam-Tung relation: $1-\lambda=2\nu$

- Reflect the spin-1/2 nature of quarks (analog of the Callan-Gross relation in DIS)
- Insensitive to QCD - corrections

Decay angular distributions in pion-induced Drell-Yan

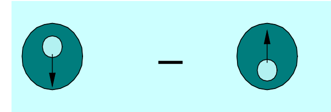
Is the Lam-Tung relation violated?



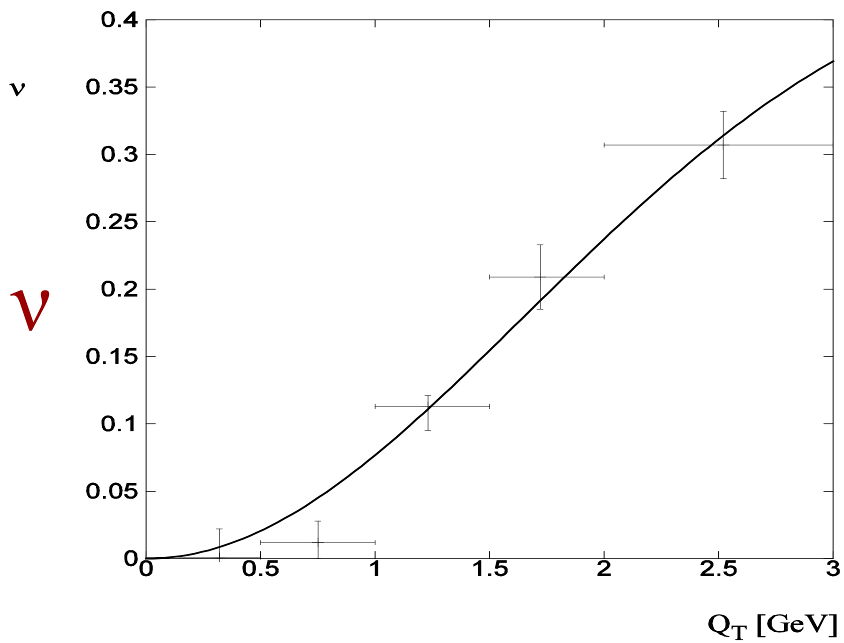
Data from NA10 (Z. Phys. 37 (1988) 545)

Violation of the Lam-Tung relation suggests interesting new origins (Brandenburg, Nachtmann, Mirkes, Brodsky, Khoze, Müller, Eskolar, Hoyer,Väntinnen, Vogt, etc.)

Boer-Mulders function $h_1^\perp$



- Boer pointed out that the cos2ϕ dependence can be caused by the presence of the Boer-Mulders function.
- $h_1^\perp$ can lead to an azimuthal dependence with $\nu \propto \left(\frac{h_1^\perp}{f_1}\right)\left(\frac{\overline{h}_1^\perp}{\overline{f}_1}\right)$



$$h_1^\perp(x,k_T^2) = \frac{\alpha_T}{\pi} c_H \frac{M_C M_H}{k_T^2 + M_C^2} e^{-\alpha_T k_T^2} f_1(x)$$

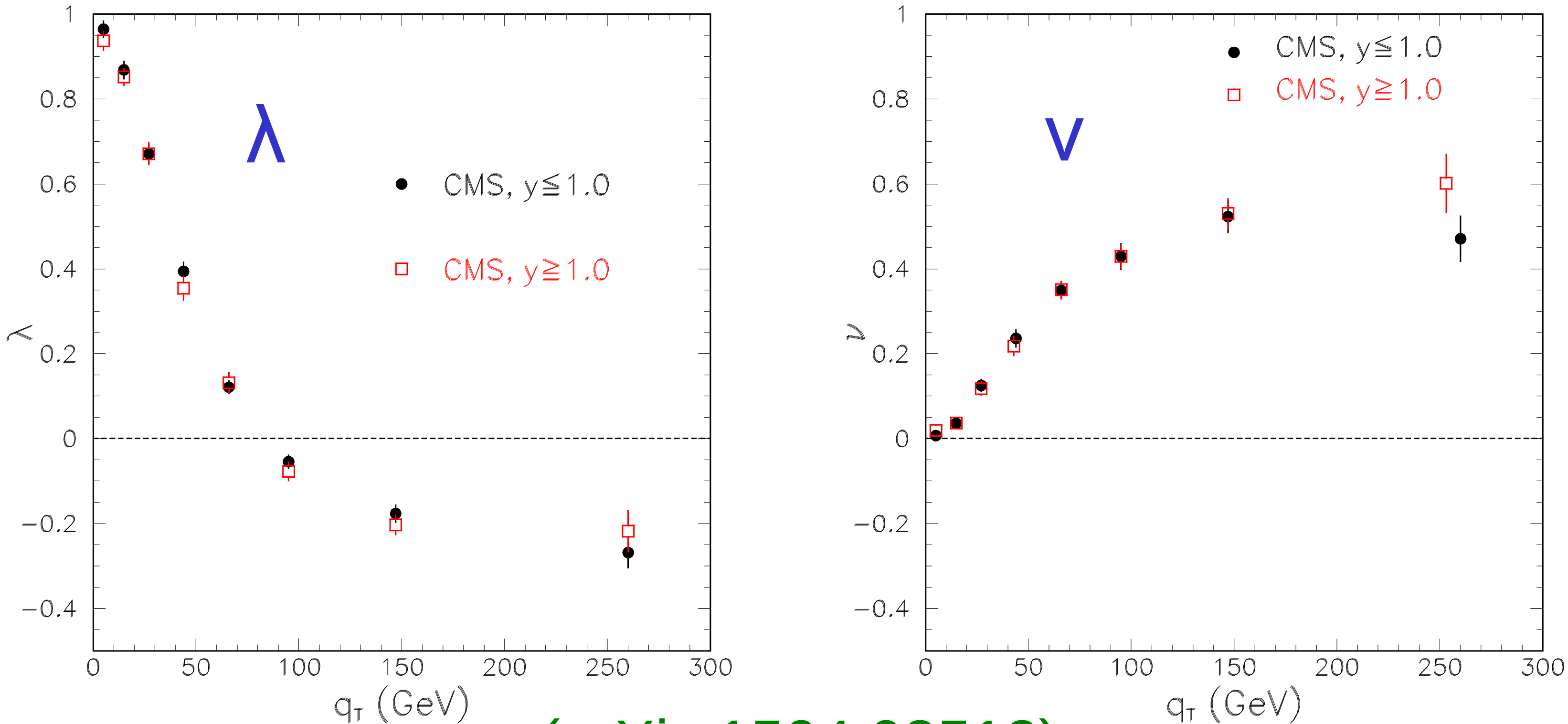
$$\nu = 16\kappa_1 \frac{Q_T^2 M_C^2}{(Q_T^2 + 4M_C^2)^2}$$

Boer, PRD 60 (1999) 014012

κ_1=0.47, M_C=2.3 GeV

ν>0 implies valence BM functions for pion and nucleon have same signs

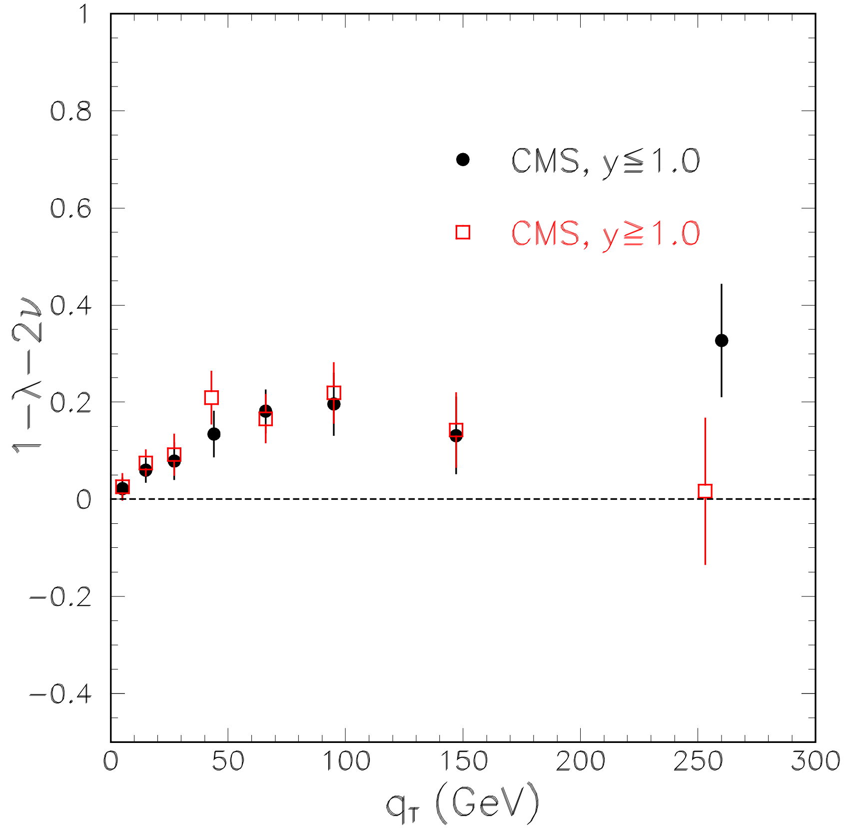
Recent CMS data for Z-boson production in $p+p$ collision at 8 TeV



(arXiv:1504.03512)

- Striking q_T dependencies for λ and ν were observed at two rapidity regions
- Is Lam-Tung relation violated?

Recent data from CMS for *Z*-boson production in *p*+*p* collision at 8 TeV



- Yes, the Lam-Tung relation is violated (1-λ > 2ν)!
- Can one understand the origin of the violation of the Lam-Tung relation?

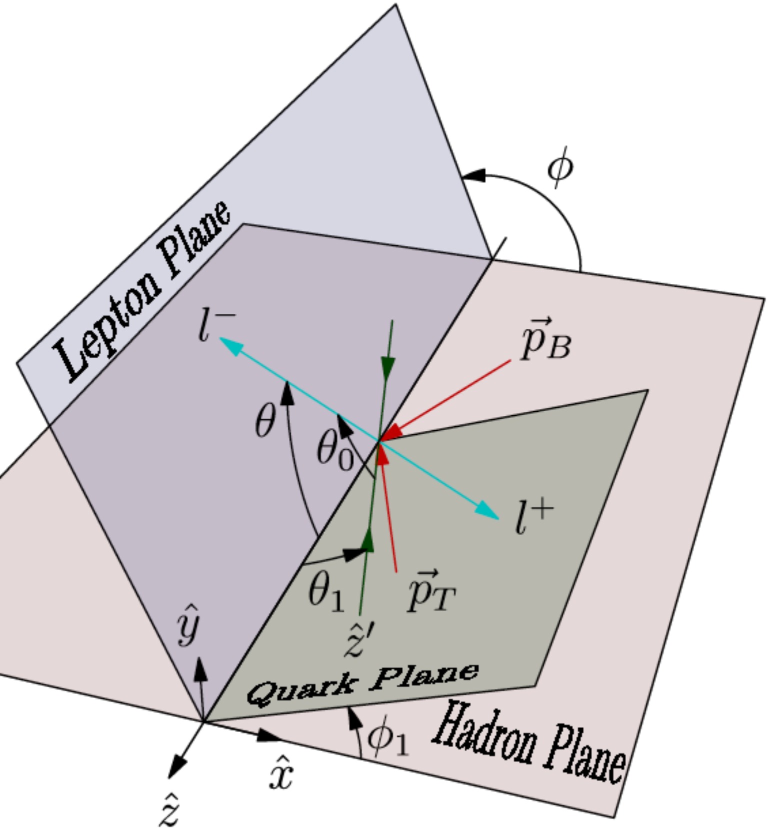
Interpretation of the CMS Z-production results

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto (1+\cos^2\theta) + \frac{A_0}{2}(1-3\cos^2\theta) + A_1 \sin 2\theta \cos\phi$$
$$+ \frac{A_2}{2}\sin^2\theta \cos 2\phi + A_3 \sin\theta \cos\phi + A_4 \cos\theta$$
$$+ A_5 \sin^2\theta \sin 2\phi + A_6 \sin 2\theta \sin\phi + A_7 \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

Questions:

- How is the above expression derived?
- Can one express $A_0 - A_7$ in terms of some quantities?
- Can one understand the Q_T depndence of $A_0, A_1, A_2,$ etc?
- Can one understand the origin of the violation of Lam-Tung relation?

How is the angular distribution expression derived?



Define three planes in the Collins-Soper frame

1) Hadron Plane

- Contains the beam $\vec{P}_B$ and target $\vec{P}_T$ momenta
- Angle β satisfies the relation $\tan\beta = q_T / Q$

2) Quark Plane

- q and $\overline{q}$ have head-on collision along the $\hat{z}'$ axis
- $\hat{z}'$ axis has angles θ_1 and φ_1 in the C-S frame

3) Lepton Plane

- l^- and l^+ are emitted back-to-back with equal $|\vec{P}|$
- l^- is emitted at angle θ and φ in the C-S frame

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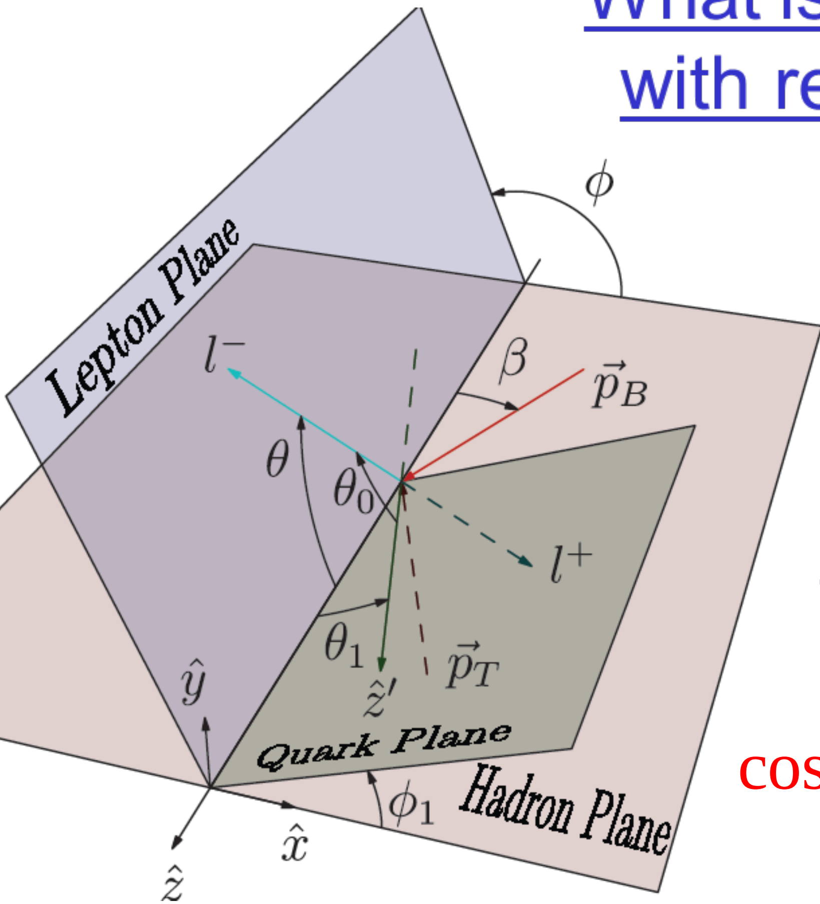


What is the lepton angular distribution with respect to the $\hat{z}'$ (natural) axis?

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto 1 + a\cos\theta_0 + \cos^2\theta_0$$

How to express the angular distribution in terms of θ and Φ?

$$\cos\theta_0 = \cos\theta\cos\theta_1 + \sin\theta\sin\theta_1\cos(\phi - \phi_1)$$

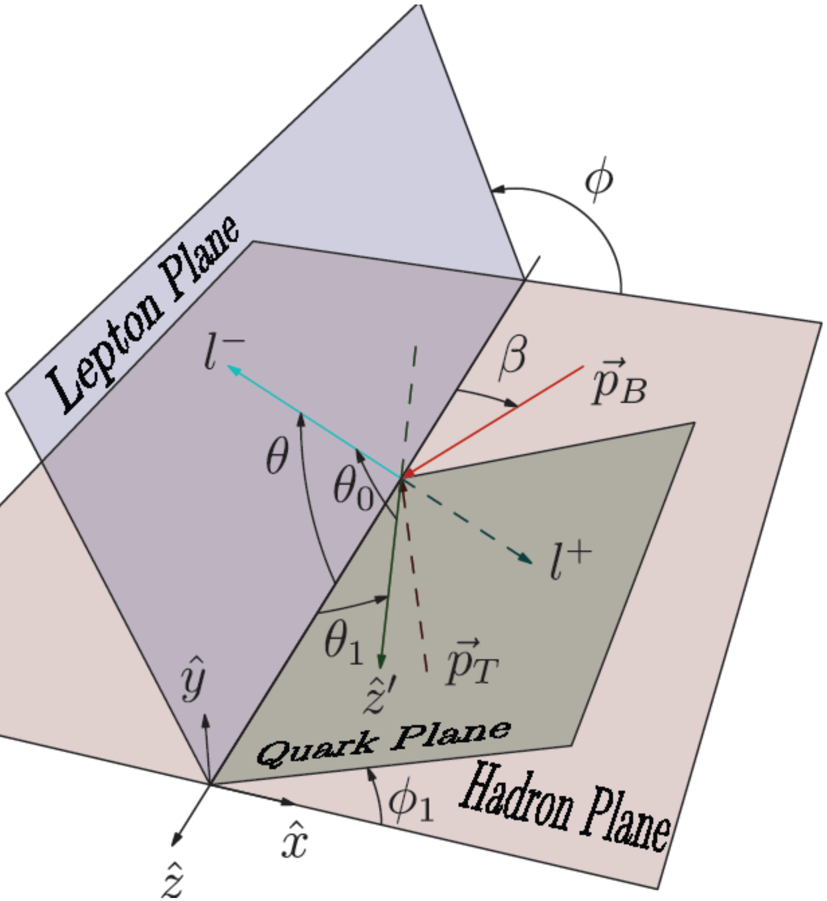
How is the angular distribution expression derived?

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto (1+\cos^2\theta) + \frac{\sin^2\theta_1}{2}(1-3\cos^2\theta)$$
$$+ (\frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta_1 \cos\phi_1)\sin 2\theta\cos\phi$$
$$+ (\frac{1}{2}\sin^2\theta_1 \cos 2\phi_1)\sin^2\theta\cos 2\phi$$
$$+ (a\sin\theta_1\cos\phi_1)\sin\theta\cos\phi + (a\cos\theta_1)\cos\theta$$
$$+ (\frac{1}{2}\sin^2\theta_1 \sin 2\phi_1)\sin^2\theta\sin 2\phi$$
$$+ (\frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta_1 \sin\phi_1)\sin 2\theta\sin\phi$$
$$+ (a\sin\theta_1\sin\phi_1)\sin\theta\sin\phi.$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto (1+\cos^2\theta) + \frac{A_0}{2}(1-3\cos^2\theta)$$
$$+ A_1\sin 2\theta\cos\phi$$
$$+ \frac{A_2}{2}\sin^2\theta\cos 2\phi$$
$$+ A_3\sin\theta\cos\phi + A_4\cos\theta$$
$$+ A_5\sin^2\theta\sin 2\phi$$
$$+ A_6\sin 2\theta\sin\phi$$
$$+ A_7\sin\theta\sin\phi$$

$A_0 - A_7$ are entirely described by θ_1, ϕ_1 and a

Angular distribution coefficients $A_0 - A_7$



$$A_0 = \langle \sin^2\theta_1 \rangle$$

$$A_1 = \frac{1}{2}\langle \sin 2\theta_1 \cos\phi_1 \rangle$$

$$A_2 = \langle \sin^2\theta_1 \cos 2\phi_1 \rangle$$

$$A_3 = a\langle \sin\theta_1 \cos\phi_1 \rangle$$

$$A_4 = a\langle \cos\theta_1 \rangle$$

$$A_5 = \frac{1}{2}\langle \sin^2\theta_1 \sin 2\phi_1 \rangle$$

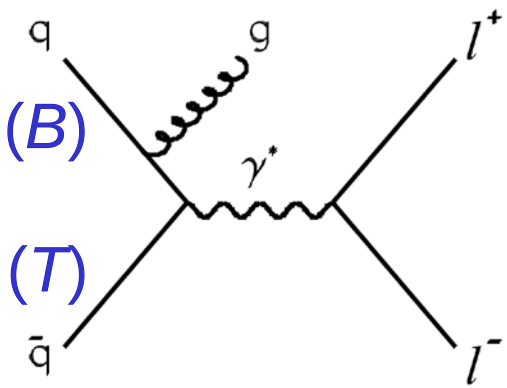
$$A_6 = \frac{1}{2}\langle \sin 2\theta_1 \sin\phi_1 \rangle$$

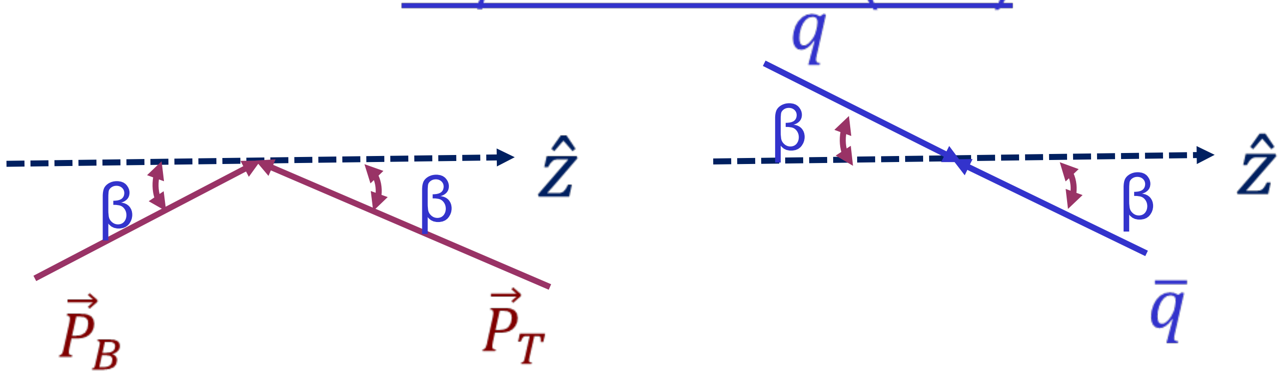
$$A_7 = a\langle \sin\theta_1 \sin\phi_1 \rangle$$

What are the values of θ_1 and ϕ_1 at order α_s?

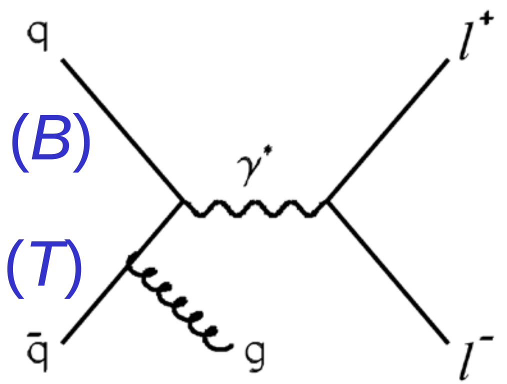
1) $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^*(Z^0)g$

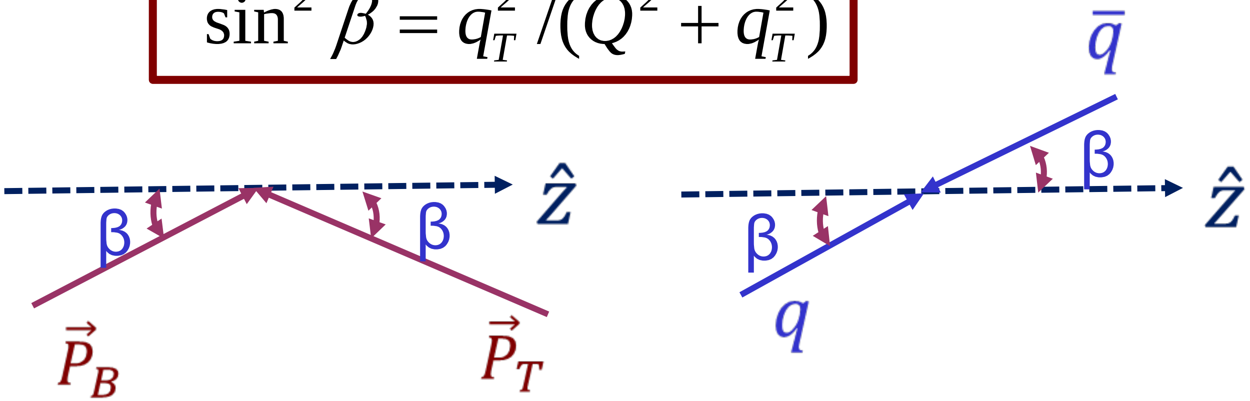
In γ^* rest frame (C-S)





$$\sin^2\beta = q_T^2/(Q^2 + q_T^2)$$





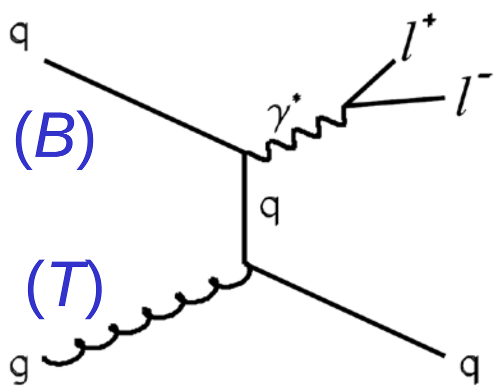
$\theta_1 = \beta$ and $\phi_1 = 0$; $A_0 = A_2 = \sin^2\beta$

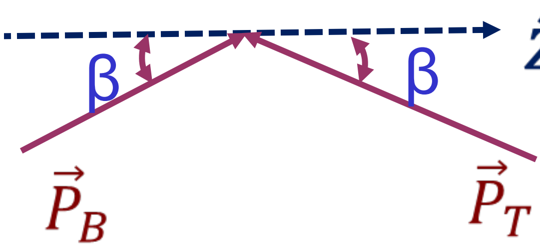
$$\lambda = \frac{2 - 3A_0}{2 + A_0} = \frac{2Q^2 - q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 3q_T^2}; \quad \nu = \frac{2A_2}{2 + A_0} = \frac{2q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 3q_T^2}$$

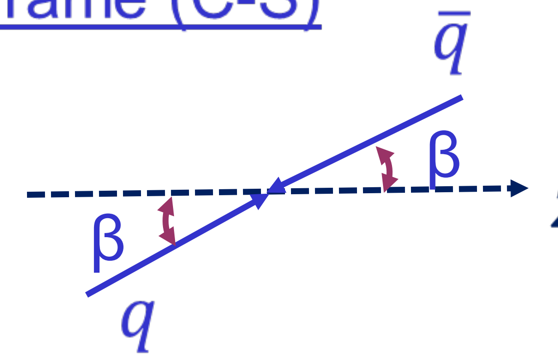
What are the values of θ_1 and ϕ_1 at order α_s?

2) $qg \rightarrow \gamma^*(Z^0)q$

In γ^* rest frame (C-S)







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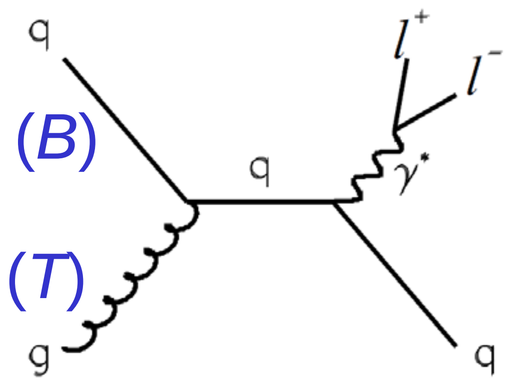
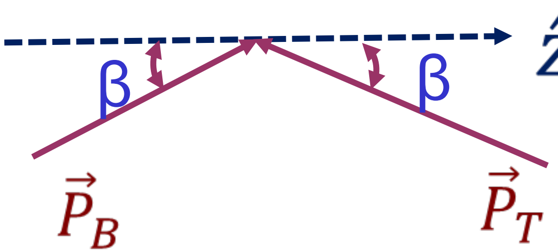
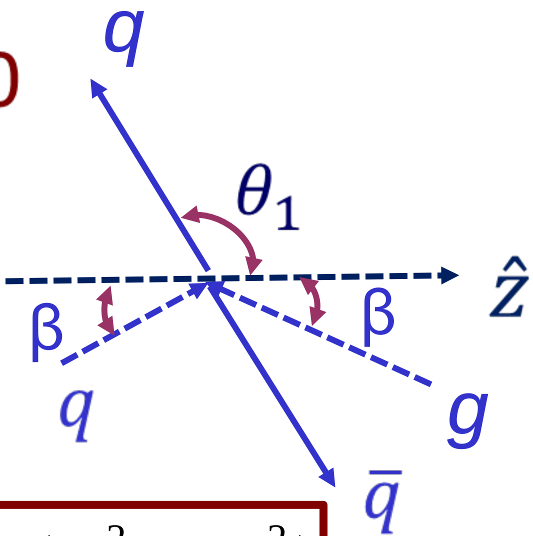




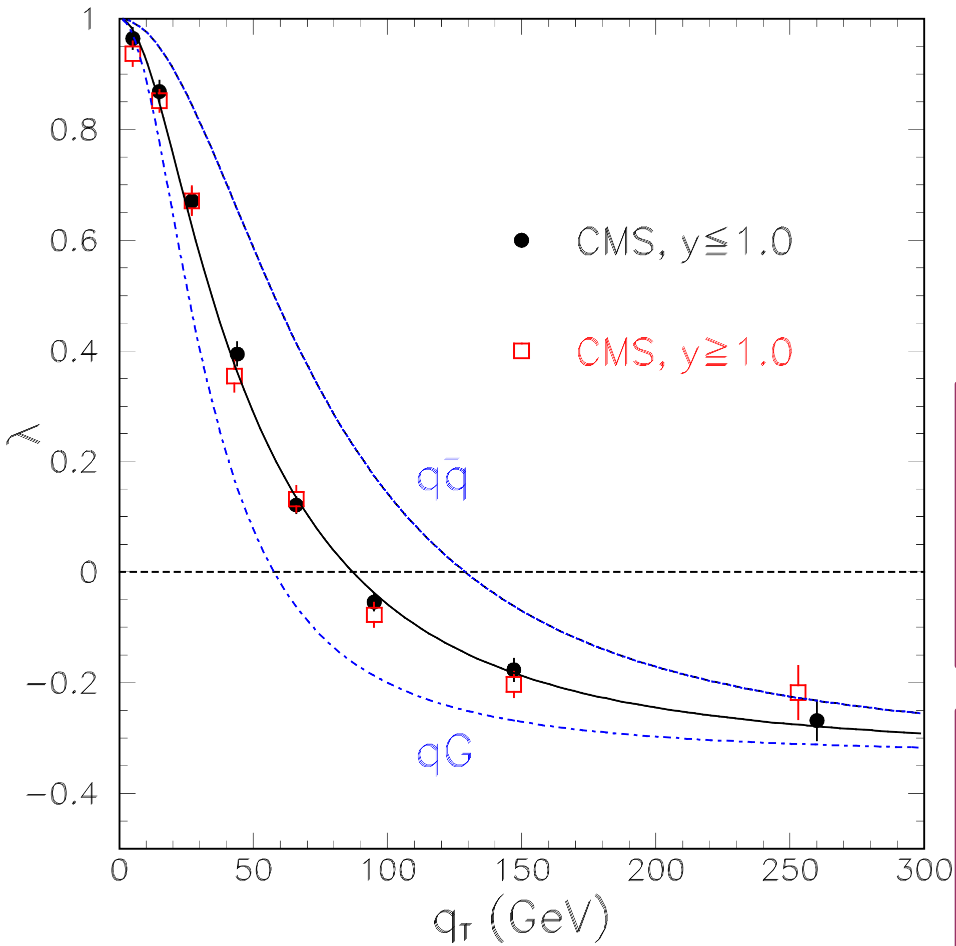


$\theta_1 > \beta$ and $\phi_1 = 0$; $A_0 = A_2 \approx 5q_T^2/(Q^2 + 5q_T^2)$

$$\lambda = \frac{2 - 3A_0}{2 + A_0} = \frac{2Q^2 - 5q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 15q_T^2}; \qquad \nu = \frac{2A_2}{2 + A_0} = \frac{10q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 15q_T^2}$$

Compare with CMS data on λ

(*Z* production in *p*+*p* collision at 8 TeV)



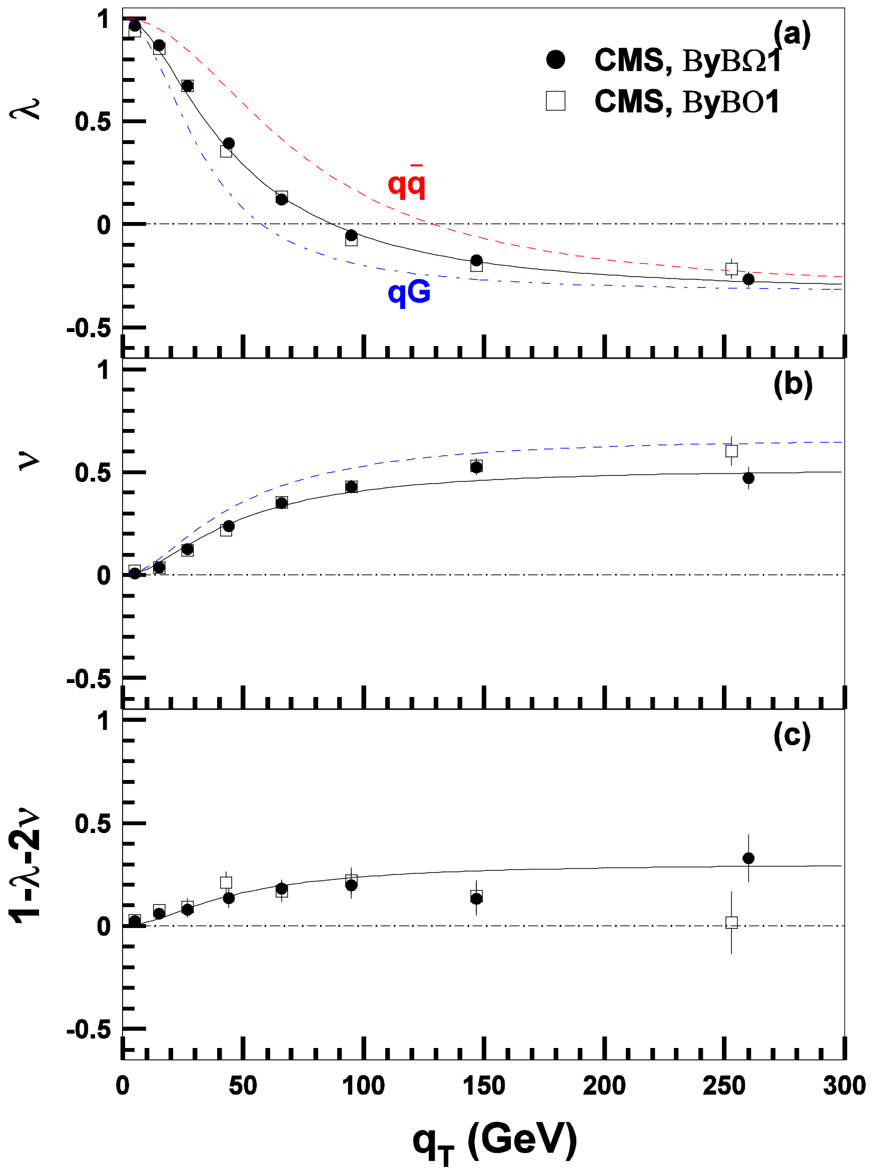
$$\lambda = \frac{2Q^2 - q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 3q_T^2} \quad \text{for} \quad q\bar{q} \to Zg$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2Q^2 - 5q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 15q_T^2} \quad \text{for} \quad qG \to Zq$$

For both processes
$\lambda = 1$ at $q_T = 0$ ($\theta_1 = 0^o$)
$\lambda = -1/3$ at $q_T = \infty$ ($\theta_1 = 90^o$)

Data can be well described with a mixture of 58.5% qG and 41.5% $q\bar{q}$ processes

Compare with CMS data on Lam-Tung relation



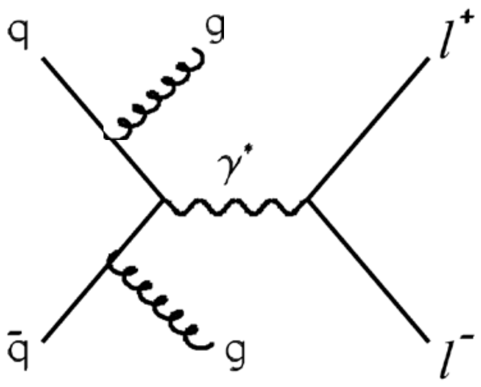
Solid curves correspond to a mixture of 58.5% qG and 41.5% $q\bar{q}$ processes, and

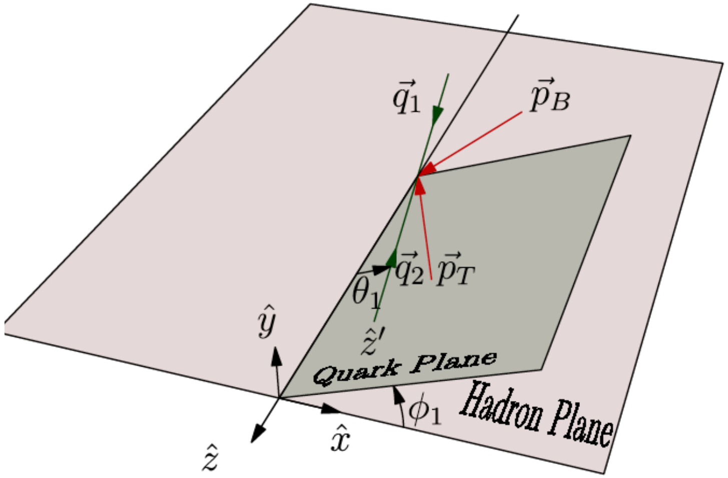
$$\left\langle \sin^2\theta_1 \cos 2\phi_1 \right\rangle / \left\langle \sin^2\theta_1 \right\rangle = 0.77$$

Violation of Lam-Tung relation is well described

Origins of the non-coplanarity

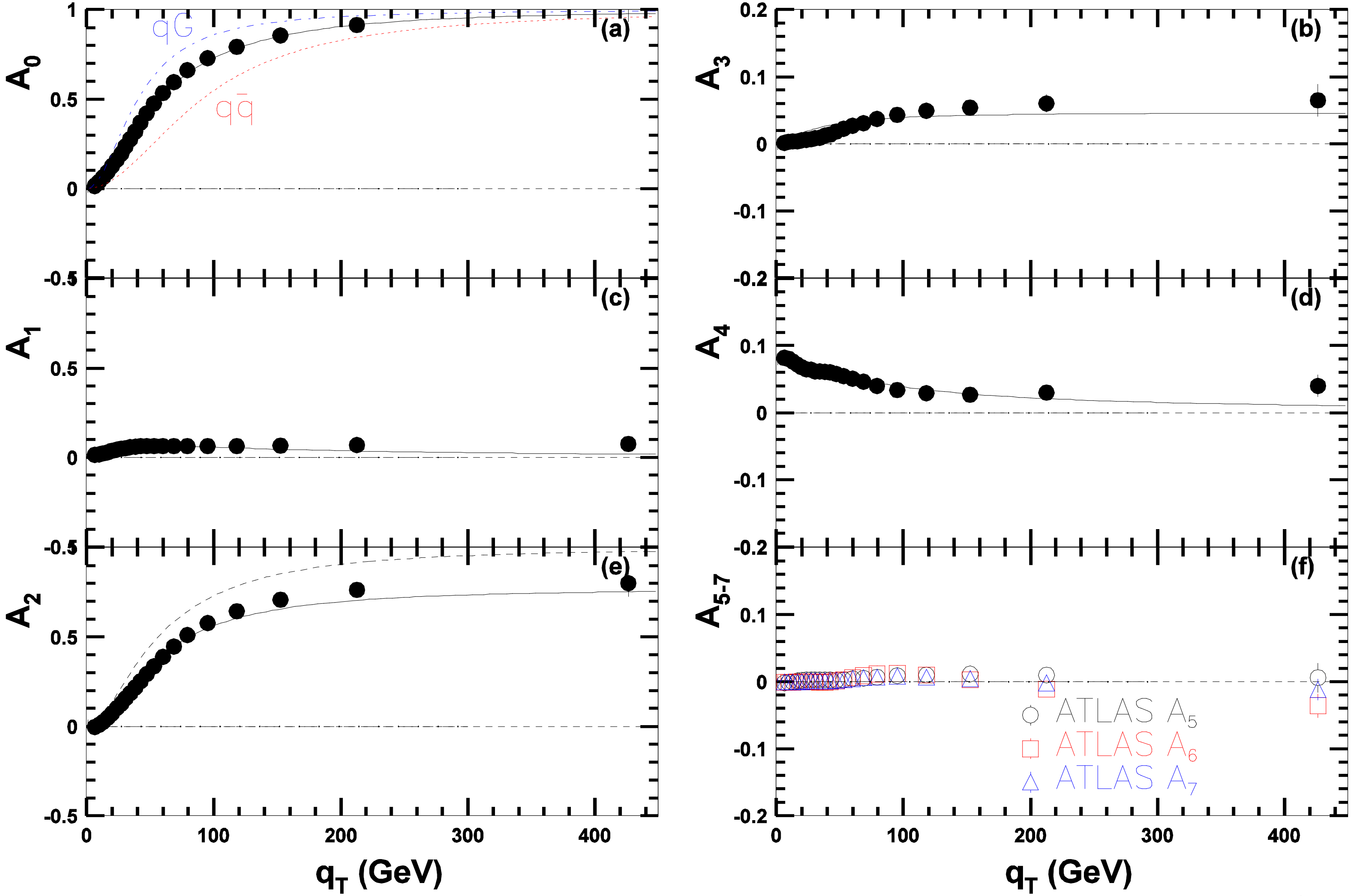
1) Processes at order α_s^2 or higher





2) Intrinsic k_T from interacting partons

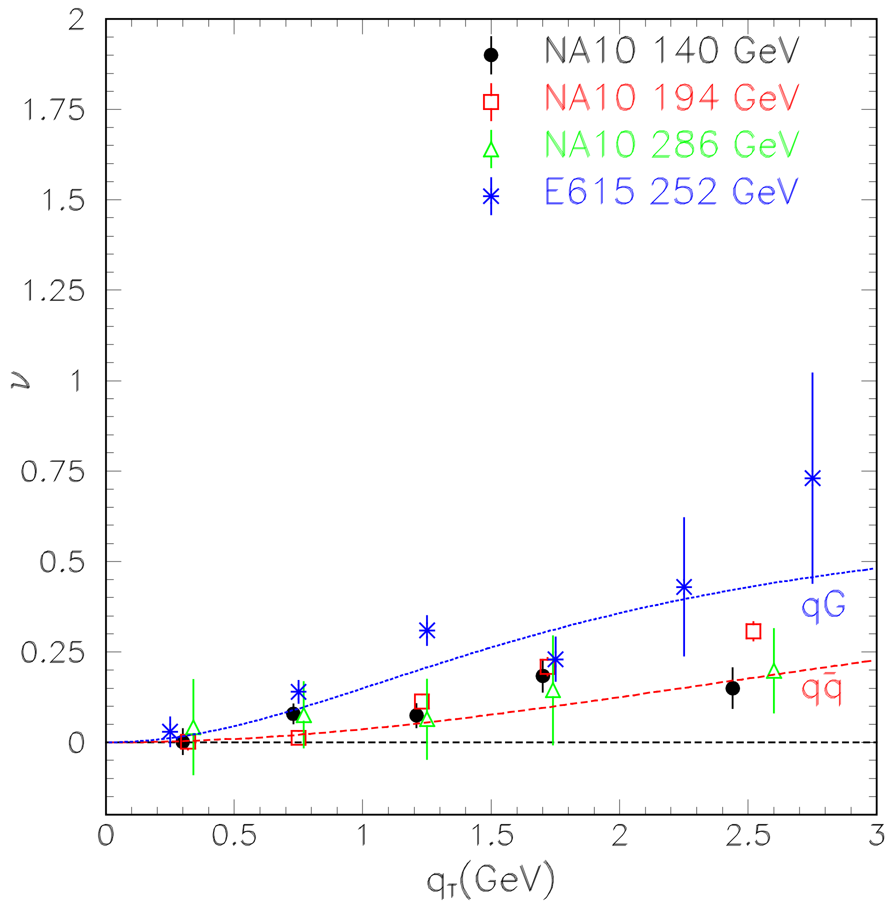
Compare with ATLAS data on A_0-A_7



Summary

- The lepton angular distribution coefficients A_0-A_7 are described in terms of the polar and azimuthal angles of the $q-\bar{q}$ axis.
- The striking q_T dependence of A_0 (or equivalently, λ) can be well described by the mis-alignment of the $q-\bar{q}$ axis and the Collins-Soper z-axis.
- Violation of the Lam-Tung relation ($A_0 \neq A_2$) is described by the non-coplanarity of the $q-\bar{q}$ axis and the hadron plane. This can come from order α_s^2 or higher processes or from intrinsic k_T.
- This study can be extended to fixed-target Drell-Yan data.

Pion-induced D-Y

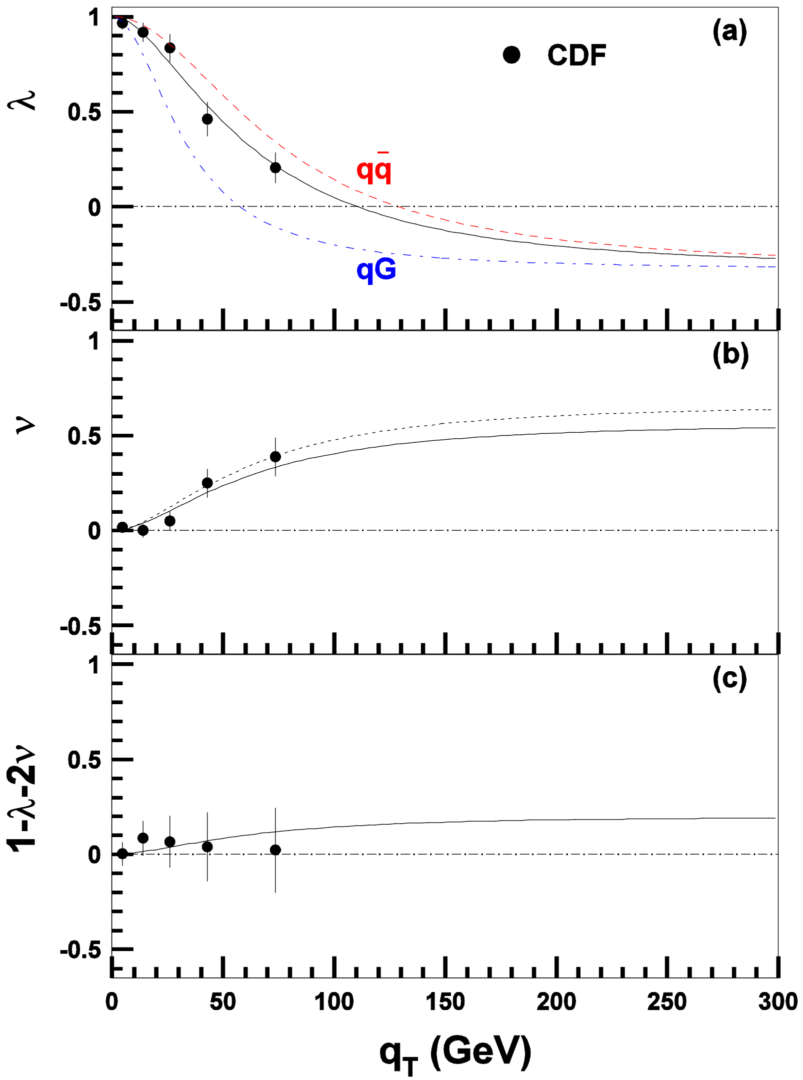


See Lambertsen and Vogelsang, arXiv: 1605.02625

- The ν data should be between the $q\bar{q}$ and qG curves, if the effect is entirely from pQCD. The $q\bar{q}$ process should dominate.
- Surprisingly large pQCD effect is predicted!
- Extraction of the B-M functions must remove the pQCD effect.

Compare with CDF data

(Z production in $p + \bar{p}$ collision at 1.96 TeV)



Solid curves correspond to a mixture of 27.5% qG and 72.5% $q\bar{q}$ processes, and $\langle \sin^2\theta_1 \cos 2\phi_1 \rangle / \langle \sin^2\theta_1 \rangle = 0.85$

Violation of Lam-Tung relation is not ruled out