

# Lepton Angular Distributions in the Drell-Yan Process

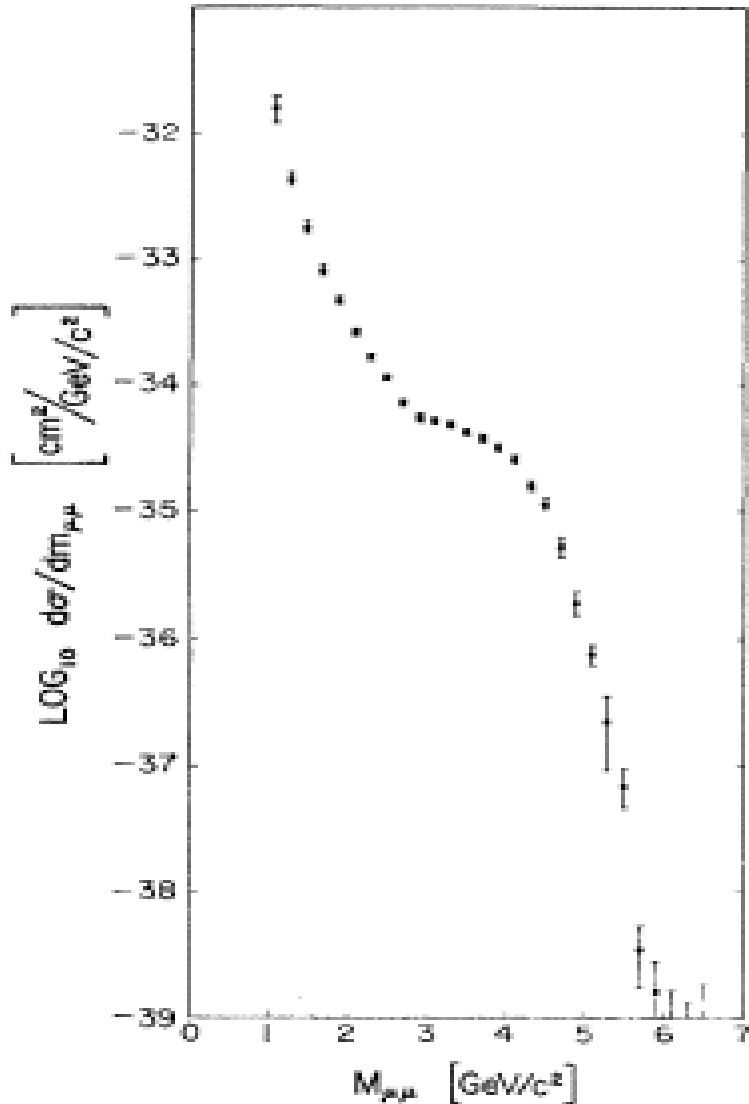
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Oleg Teryaev, Phys. Lett. B758 (2016) 384, arXiv: 1511.08932

# First Dimuon Experiment



$p + U \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^- + X$       29 GeV proton

Lederman et al. PRL 25 (1970) 1523

Experiment originally  
designed to search for  
neutral weak boson ( $Z^0$ )

Missed the  $J/\Psi$  signal !

“Discovered” the Drell-Yan  
process

# The Drell-Yan Process

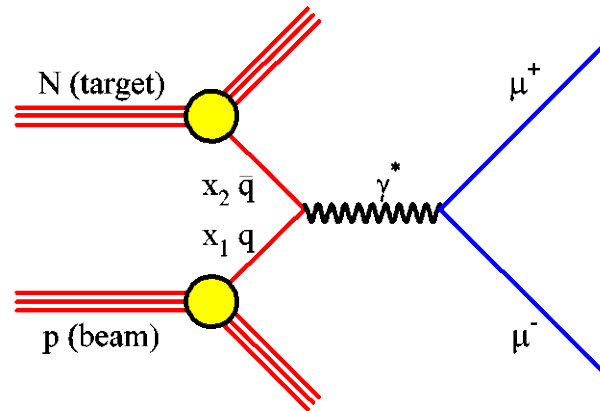
MASSIVE LEPTON-PAIR PRODUCTION IN HADRON-HADRON COLLISIONS AT HIGH ENERGIES\*

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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,  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Q^2/s$  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  $Q^2/s \rightarrow 1$  is predicted as a consequence of the observed rapid falloff of the inelastic scattering structure function  $\nu W_2$  near threshold.



$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} \right)_{D.Y.} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9sx_1x_2} \sum_a e_a^2 [q_a(x_1)\bar{q}_a(x_2) + \bar{q}_a(x_1)q_a(x_2)]$$

## Naive Drell-Yan and Its Successor\*

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### Abstract

We review the development in the field of lepton pair production since proposing parton-antiparton annihilation as the mechanism of massive lepton pair production. The basic physical picture of the Drell-Yan model has survived the test of QCD, and the predictions from the QCD improved version have been confirmed by the numerous experiments performed in the last three decades. The model has provided an active theoretical arena for studying infrared and collinear divergences in QCD. It is now so well understood theoretically that it has become a powerful tool for new physics information such as precision measurements of the  $W$  mass and lepton and quark sizes.

“... our original crude fit did not even remotely resemble the data. Sid and I went ahead to publish our paper because of the model’s simplicity...”

“... the successor of the naïve model, the QCD improved version, has been confirmed by the experiments...”

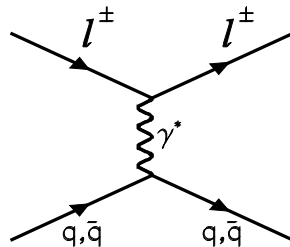
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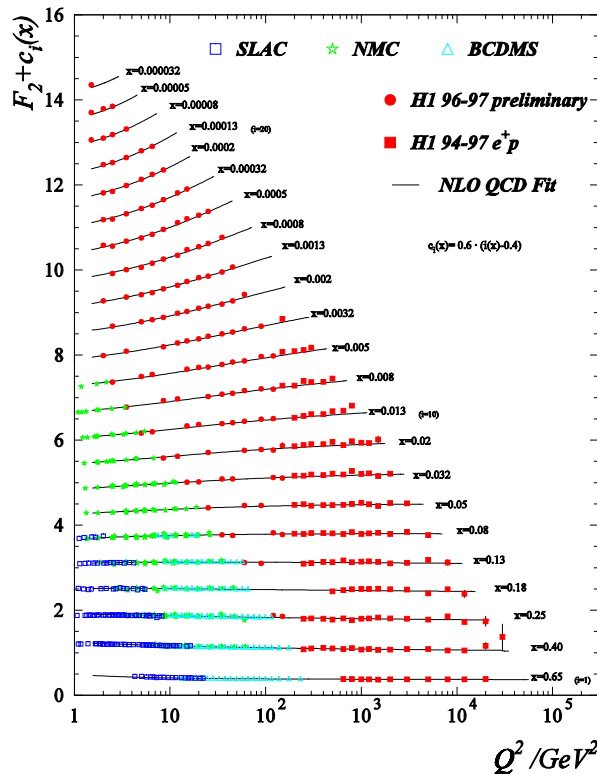
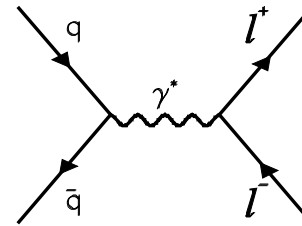
\*Talk given at the Drell Fest, July 31, 1998, SLAC on the occasion of Prof. Sid Drell's retirement.

# Complementarity between DIS and Drell-Yan

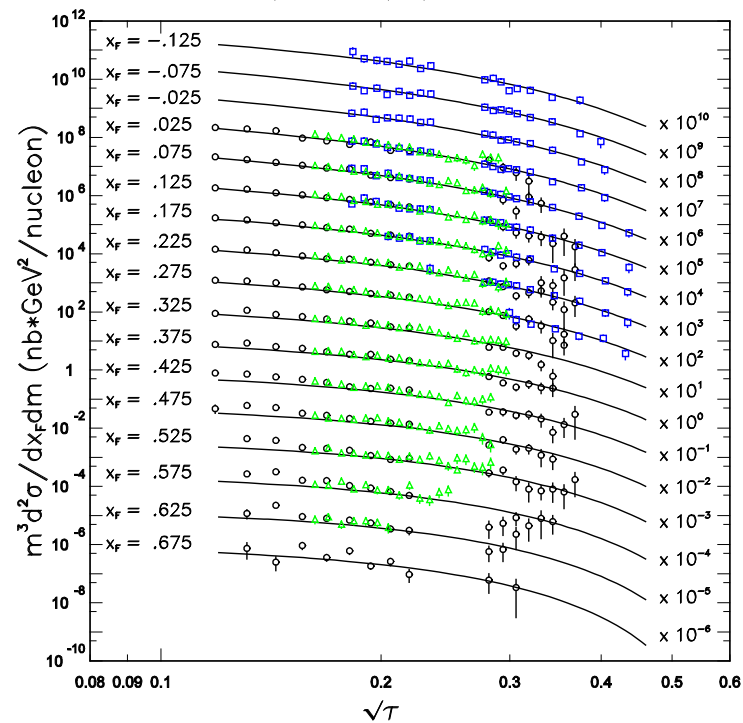
DIS



Drell-Yan



$$p A \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$$



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(1999) 217

Both DIS and Drell-Yan process are tools to probe the quark and antiquark structure in hadrons (factorization, universality)

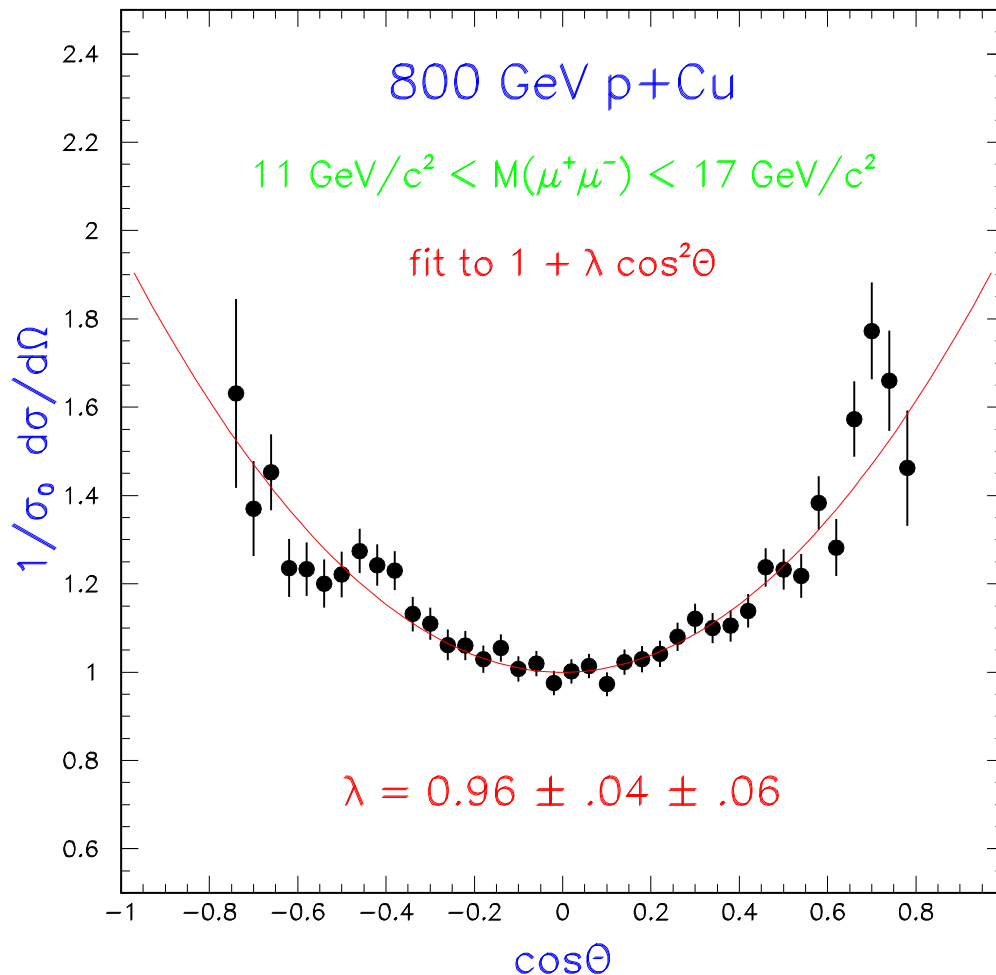
# Angular Distribution in the “Naïve” Drell-Yan

(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<sup>10</sup> vector-dominance model, where  $\theta$  is the angle of the muon with respect to the time-like photon momentum. The model used in Fig.

# Drell-Yan angular distribution

Lepton Angular Distribution of “naive” Drell-Yan:

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

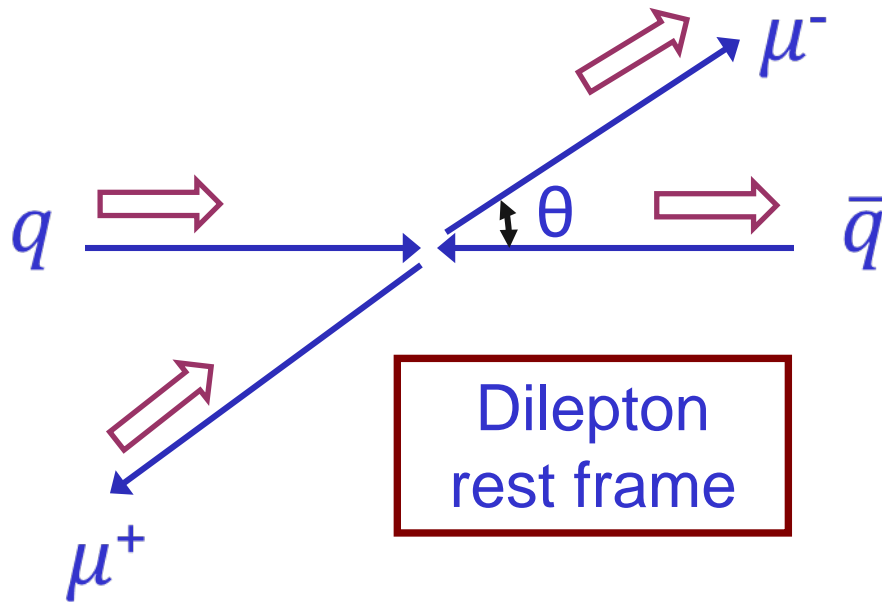


Data from Fermilab  
E772

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

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

## Helicity conservation and parity



Adding all four helicity configurations:

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

$$RL \rightarrow RL$$

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

$$RL \rightarrow LR$$

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

$$LR \rightarrow LR$$

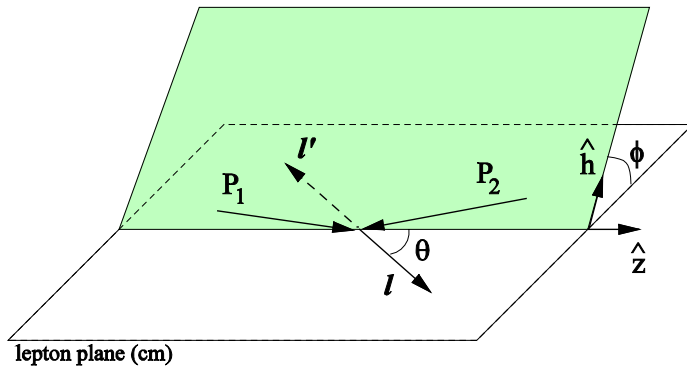
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# Drell-Yan lepton angular distributions



$\Theta$  and  $\Phi$  are the decay polar and azimuthal angles of the  $\mu^-$  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

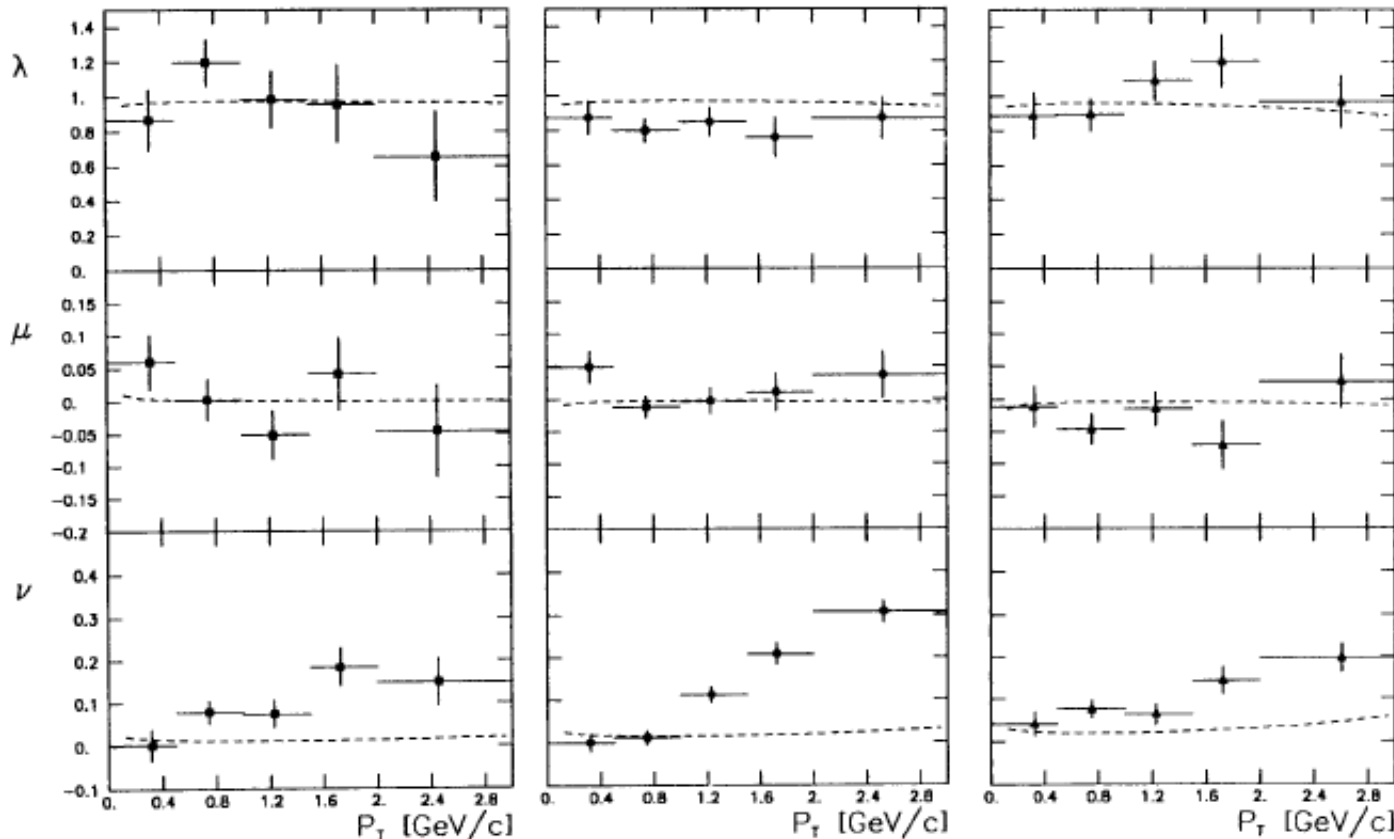
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140 GeV/c

194 GeV/c

286 GeV/c

NA10  $\pi^- + W$



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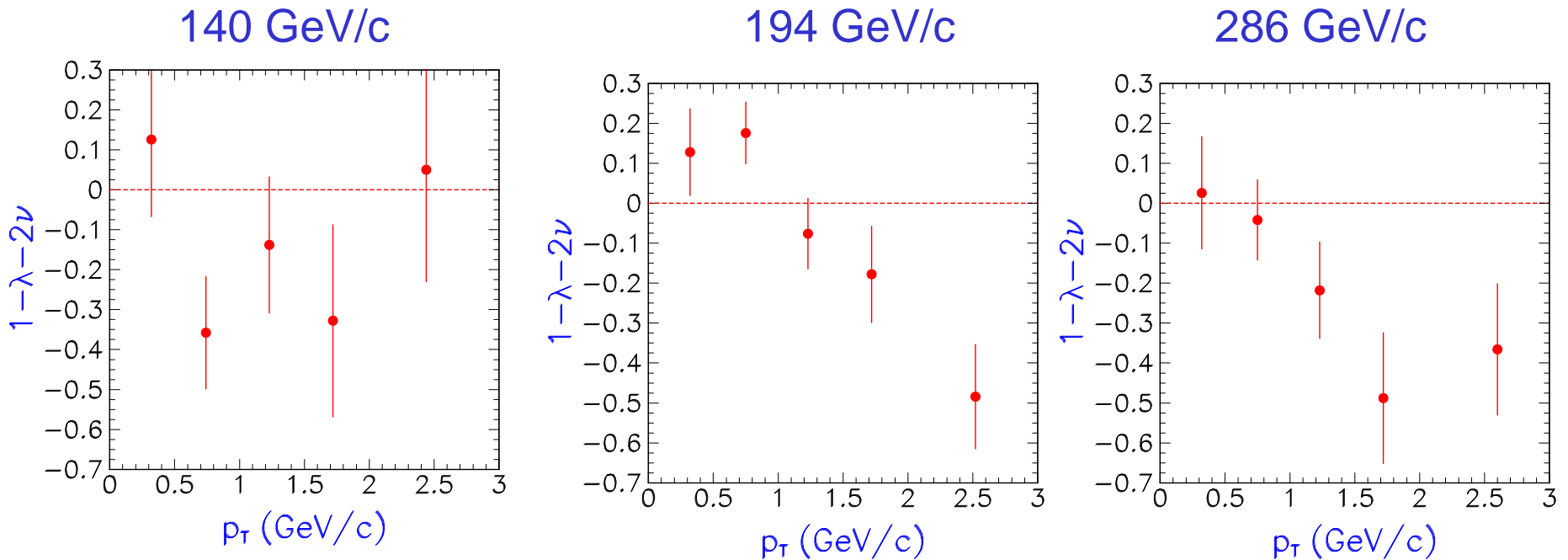
37 (1988) 545

Dashed curves  
are from pQCD  
calculations

$\nu \neq 0$  and  $\nu$  increases with  $p_T$

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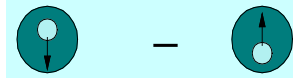
## Is the Lam-Tung relation violated?



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

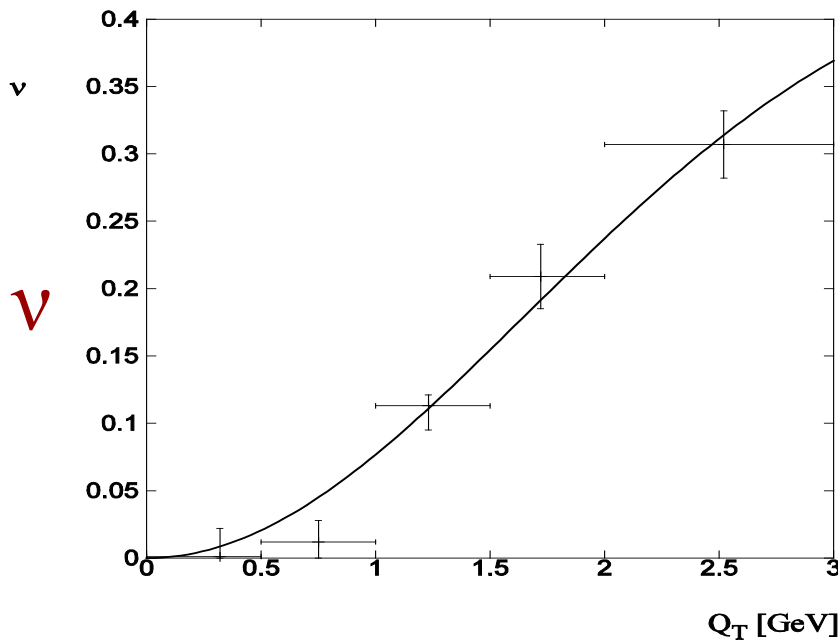
Violation of the Lam-Tung relation suggests interesting new origins  
(Brandenburg, Nachtmann, Mirkes, Brodsky, Khoze, Müller, Eskolar,  
Hoyer, Vântinnen, Vogt, etc.)

# Boer-Mulders function $h_1^\perp$



- Boer pointed out that the  $\cos 2\phi$  dependence can be caused by the presence of the Boer-Mulders function.

- $h_1^\perp$  can lead to an azimuthal dependence with  $v \propto \left(\frac{h_1^\perp}{f_1}\right) \left(\frac{\bar{h}_1^\perp}{\bar{f}_1}\right)$



Boer, PRD 60 (1999) 014012

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

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

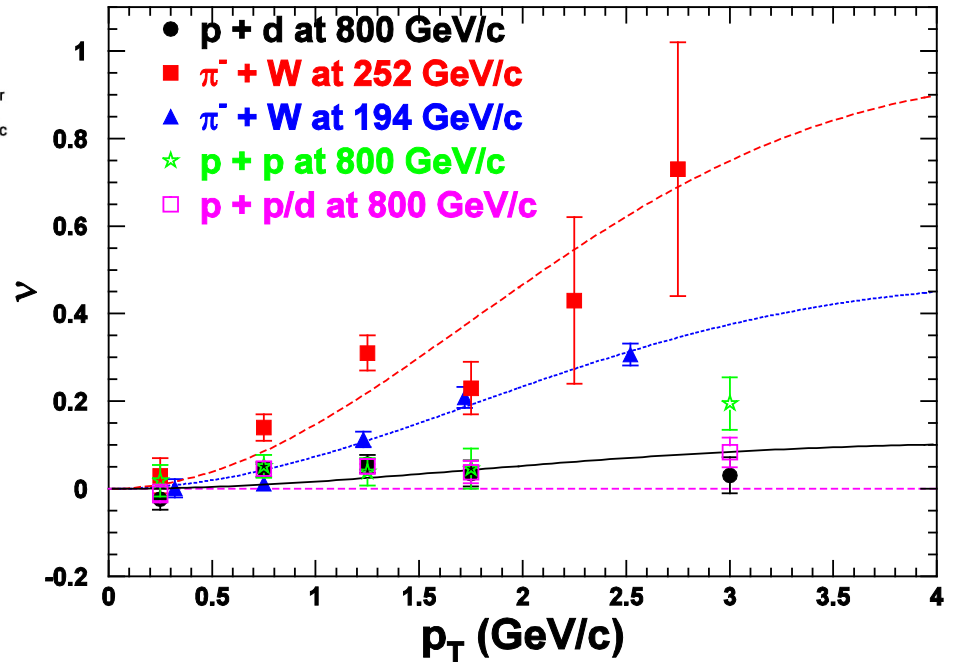
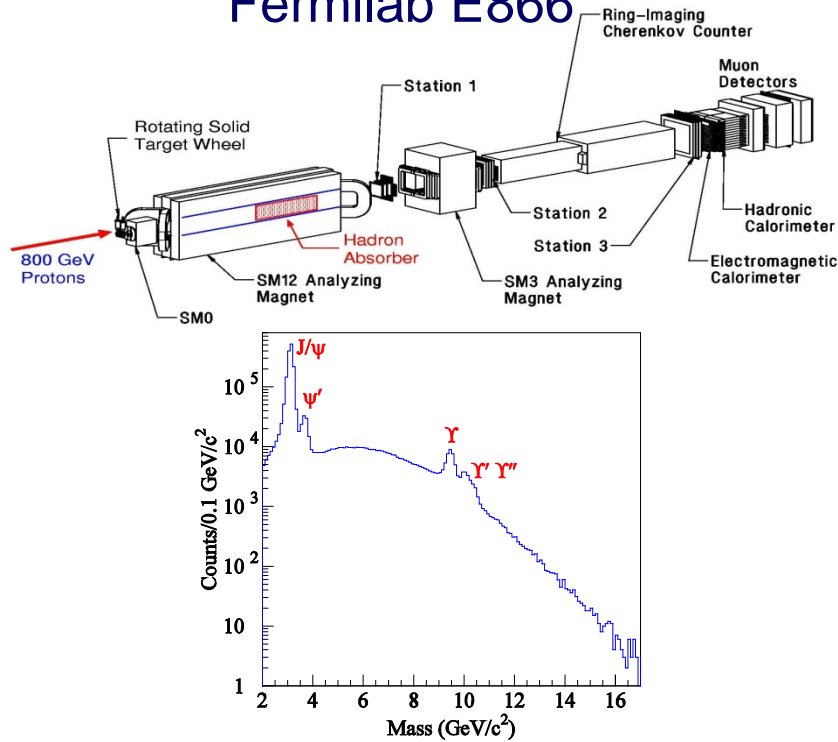
$$\kappa_1 = 0.47, M_C = 2.3 \text{ GeV}$$

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

# Azimuthal $\cos 2\Phi$ Distribution in p+d Drell-Yan

Lingyan Zhu et al., PRL 99 (2007) 082301;  
PRL 102 (2009) 182001

Fermilab E866



With Boer-Mulders function  $h_1^\perp$ :

$$v(\pi^- W \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X) \sim [\text{valence } h_1^\perp(\pi)] * [\text{valence } h_1^\perp(p)]$$

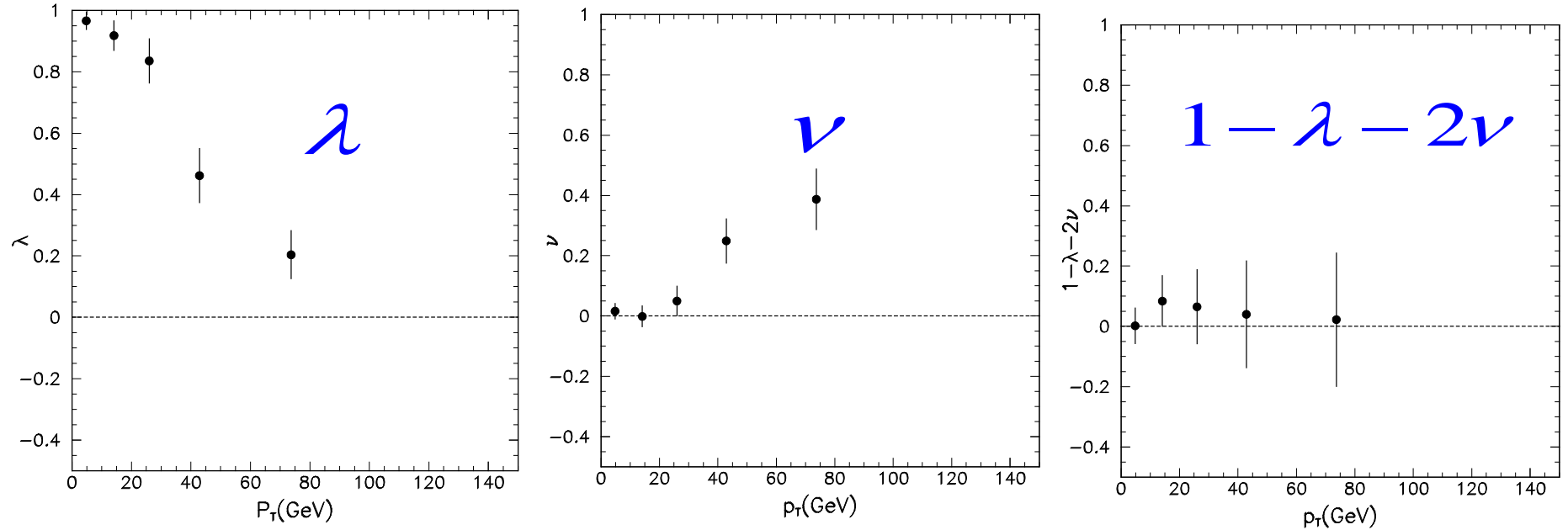
$$v(pd \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X) \sim [\text{valence } h_1^\perp(p)] * [\text{sea } h_1^\perp(p)]$$

Sea-quark BM function is much smaller than valence BM function

# Lam-Tung relation from CDF Z-production

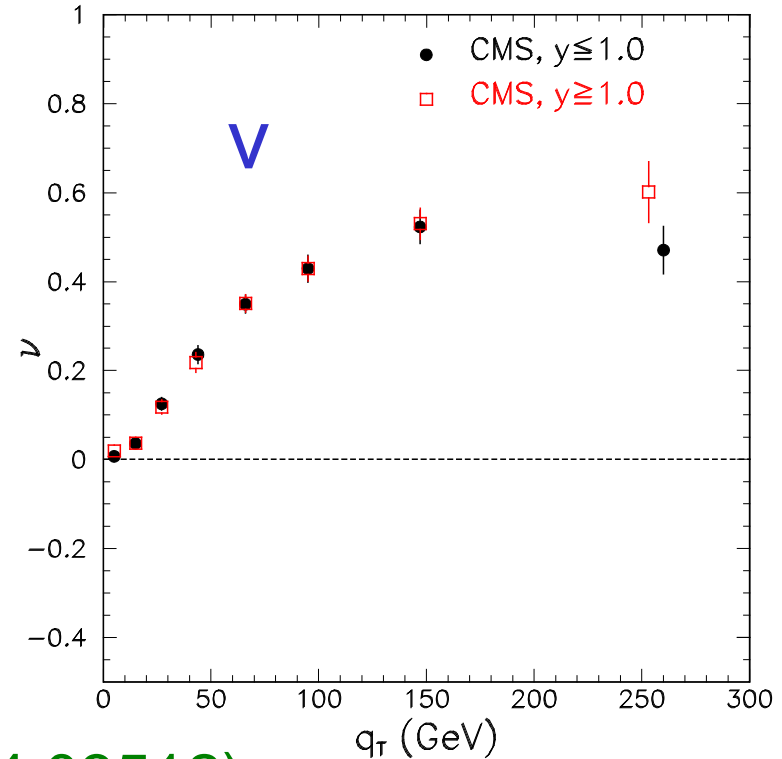
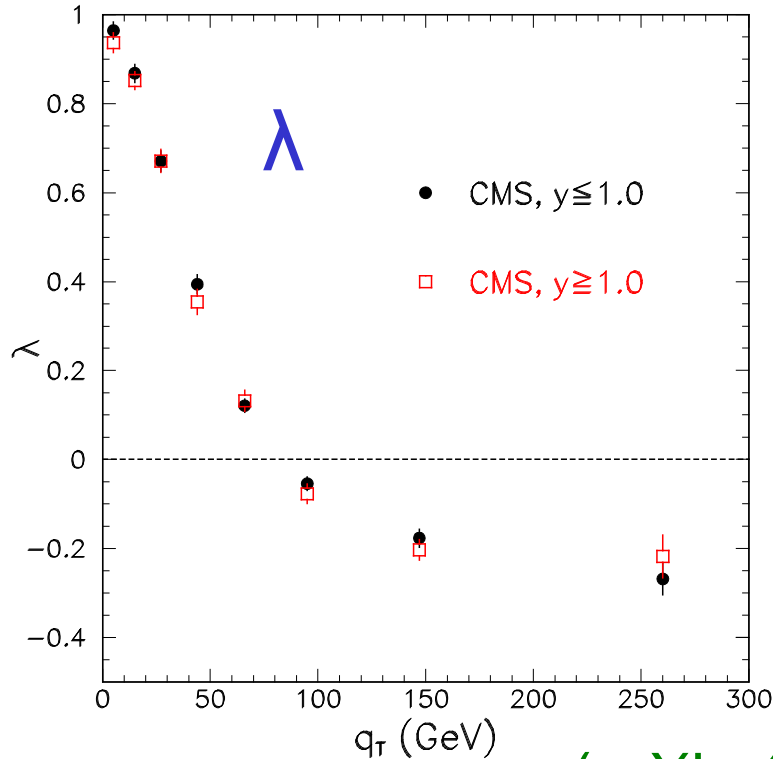
$$p + \bar{p} \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + X \text{ at } \sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$$

arXiv:1103.5699



- Strong  $p_T$  ( $q_T$ ) dependence of  $\lambda$  and  $\nu$
- Lam-Tung relation ( $1 - \lambda = 2\nu$ ) is satisfied within experimental uncertainties

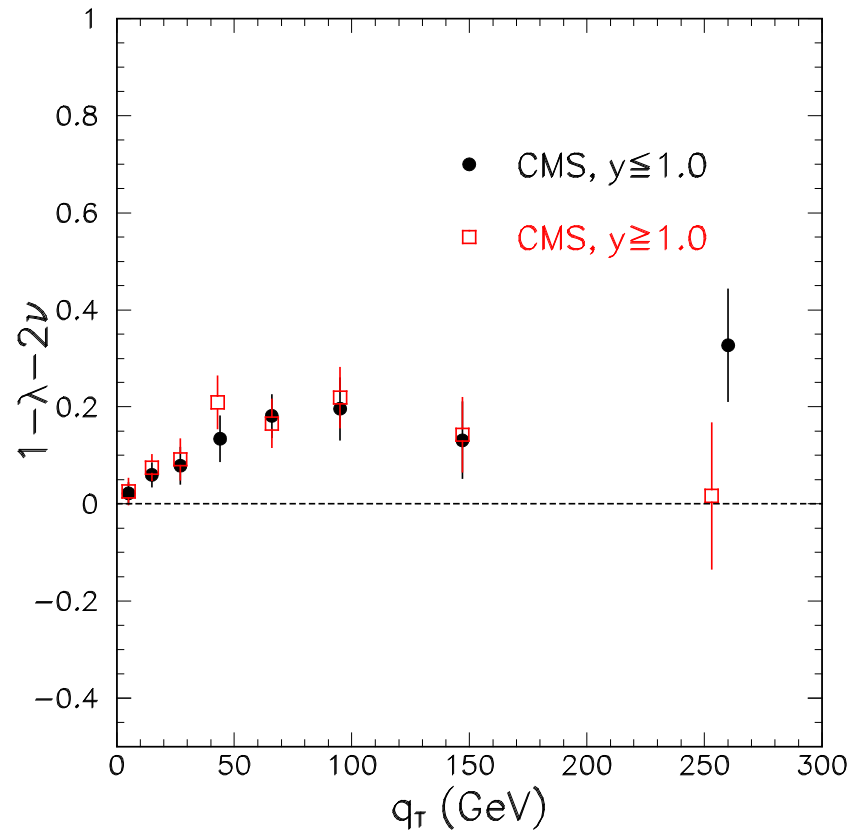
# Recent CMS data for Z-boson production in $p+p$ collision at 8 TeV



(arXiv:1504.03512)

- Striking  $q_T$  dependencies for  $\lambda$  and  $\nu$  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 ( $1 - \lambda > 2\nu$ )!
- Can one understand the origin of the violation of the Lam-Tung relation?



# Interpretation of the CMS Z-production results

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

## Questions:

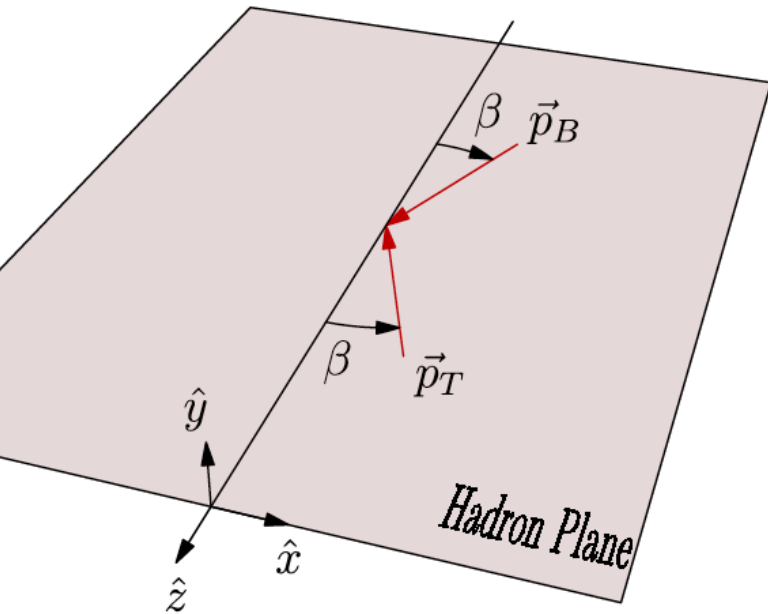
- How is the above expression derived?
- Can one express  $A_0 - A_7$  in terms of some quantities?
- Can one understand the  $Q_T$  dependence of  $A_0, A_1, A_2$ , etc?
- Can one understand the origin of the violation of Lam-Tung relation?

# 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
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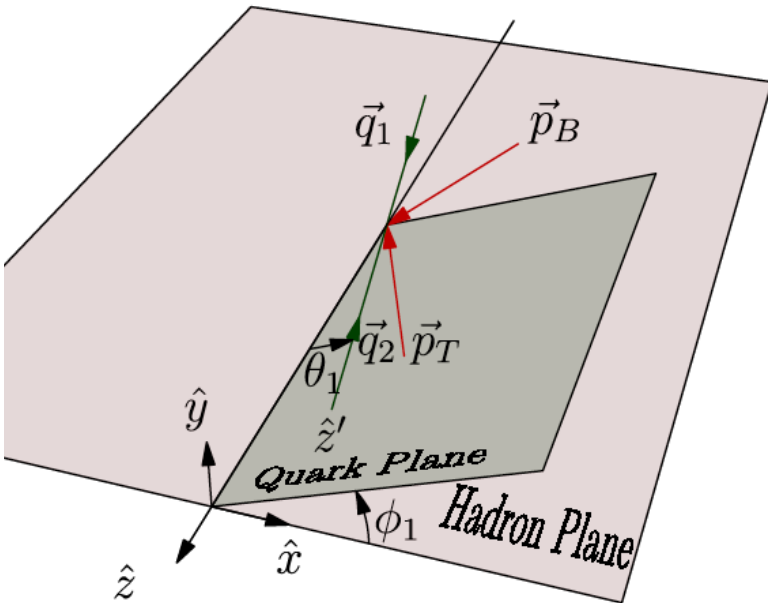
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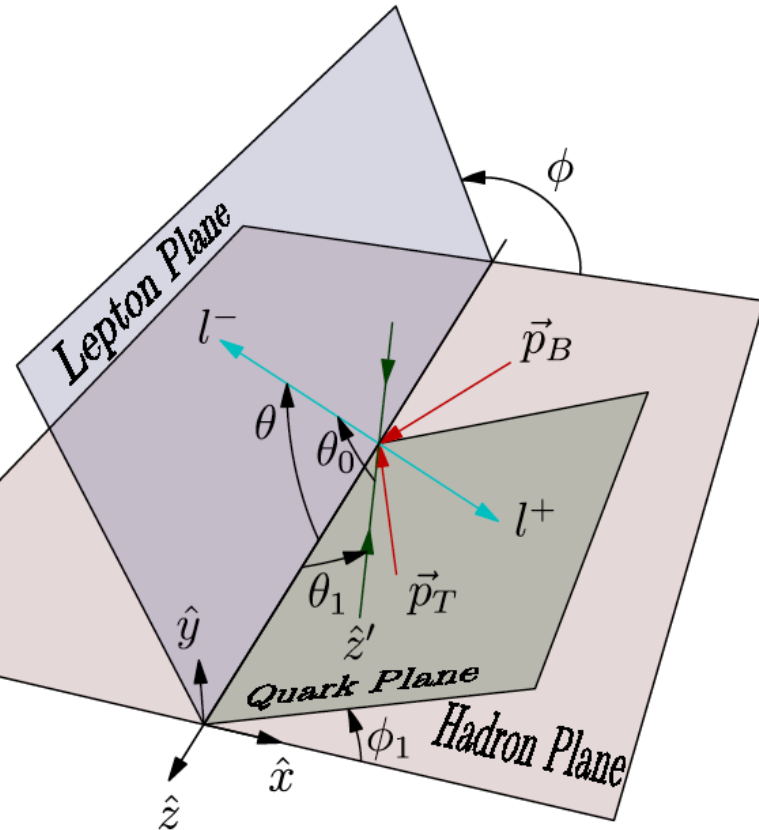
### 2) Quark Plane

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### 3) Lepton Plane

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

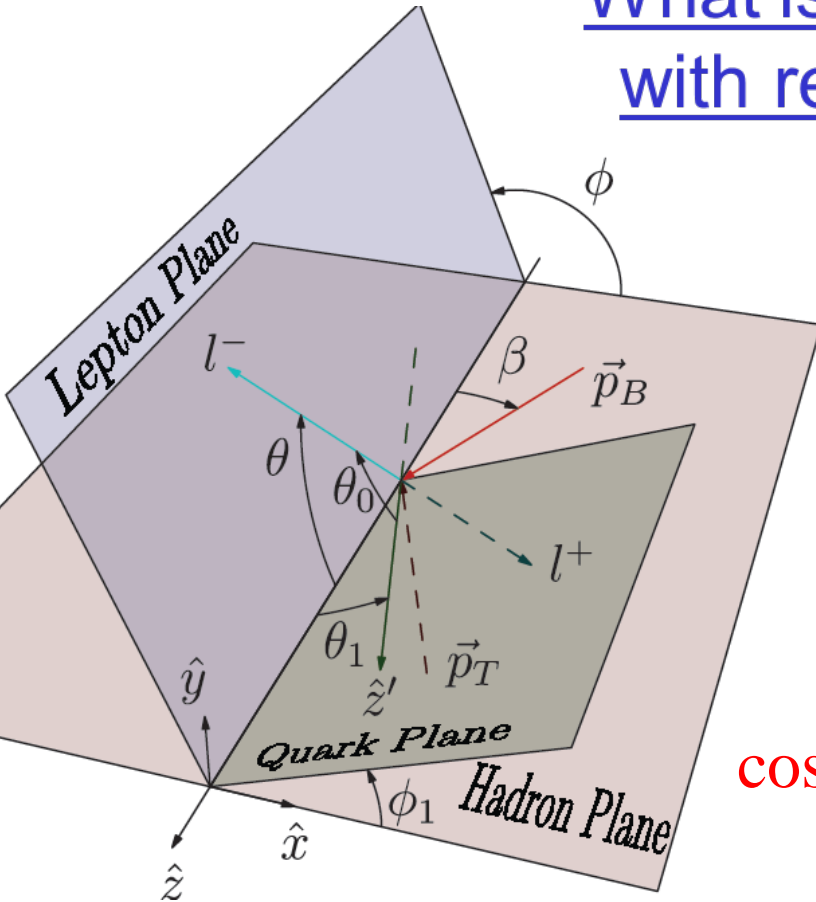
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What is the lepton angular distribution with respect to the  $\hat{z}'$  (natural) axis?

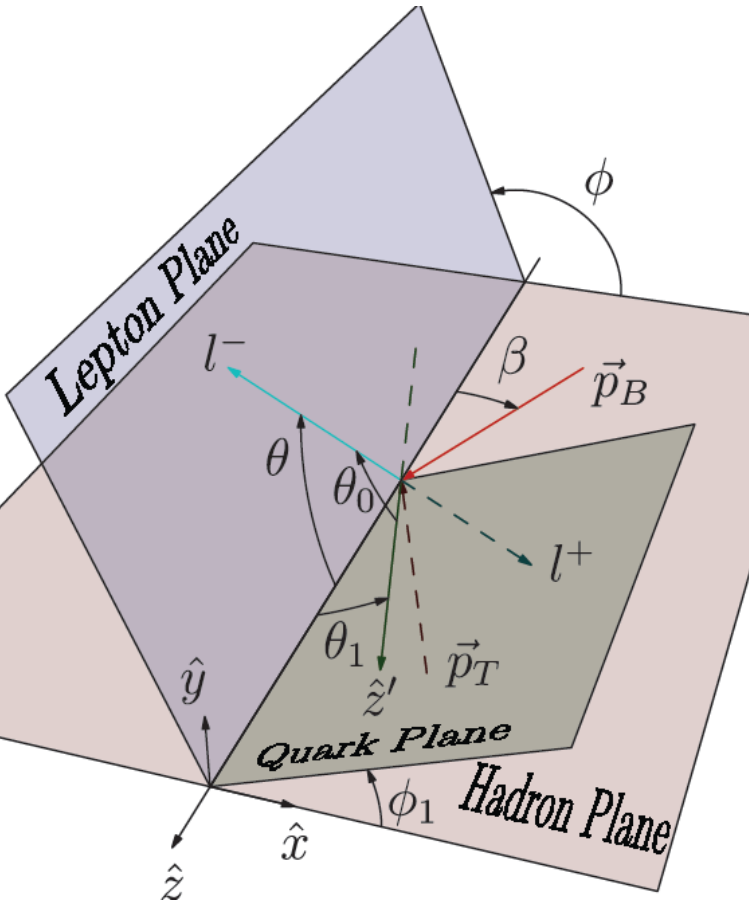
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto 1 + a \cos \theta_0 + \cos^2 \theta_0$$

How to express the angular distribution in terms of  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ ?

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



# How is the angular distribution expression derived?



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto & (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{\sin^2 \theta_1}{2} (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta) \\
 & + \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta_1 \cos \phi_1\right) \sin 2\theta \cos \phi \\
 & + \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta_1 \cos 2\phi_1\right) \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \\
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$A_0 - A_7$  are entirely described by  $\theta_1$ ,  $\phi_1$  and  $a$





# Some implications of the angular distribution coefficients $A_0 - A_7$

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

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

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- $A_0 \geq A_2$  (or  $1 - \lambda - 2\nu \geq 0$ )
- Lam-Tung relation ( $A_0 = A_2$ ) is satisfied when  $\phi_1 = 0$
- Forward-backward asymmetry,  $a$ , is reduced by a factor of  $\langle \cos \theta_1 \rangle$  for  $A_4$
- $A_5, A_6, A_7$  are odd function of  $\phi_1$  and must vanish from symmetry consideration
- Some equality and inequality relations among  $A_0 - A_7$  can be obtained

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$$0 < A_0 < 1$$

$$-1/2 < A_1 < 1/2$$

$$-1 < A_2 < 1$$

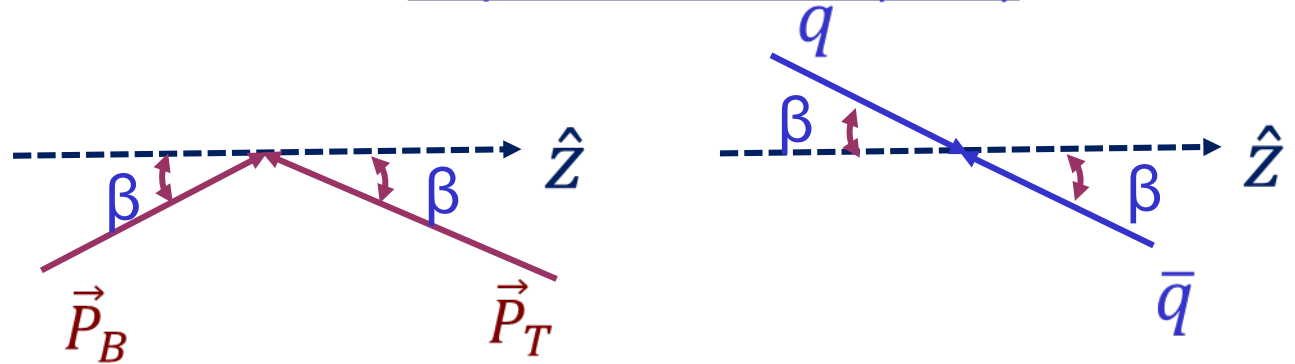
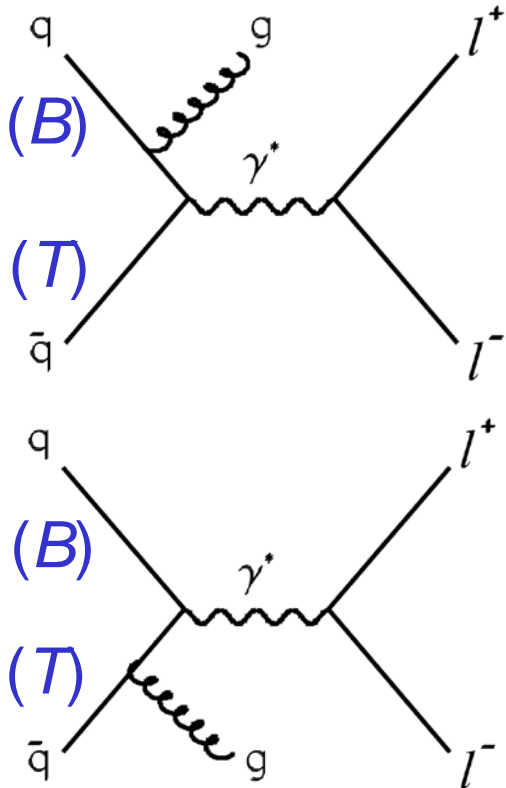
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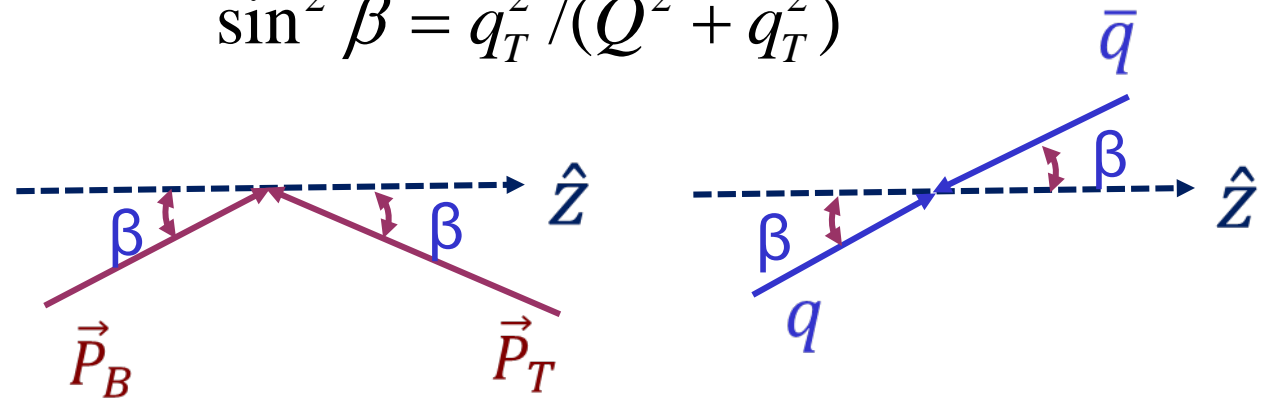
# What are the values of $\theta_1$ and $\phi_1$ at order $\alpha_s$ ?

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

In  $\gamma^*$  rest frame (C-S)



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



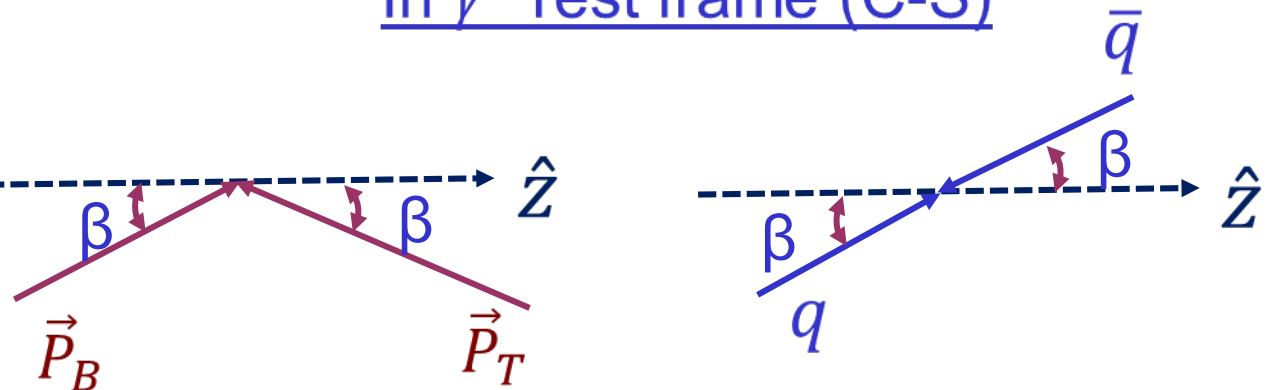
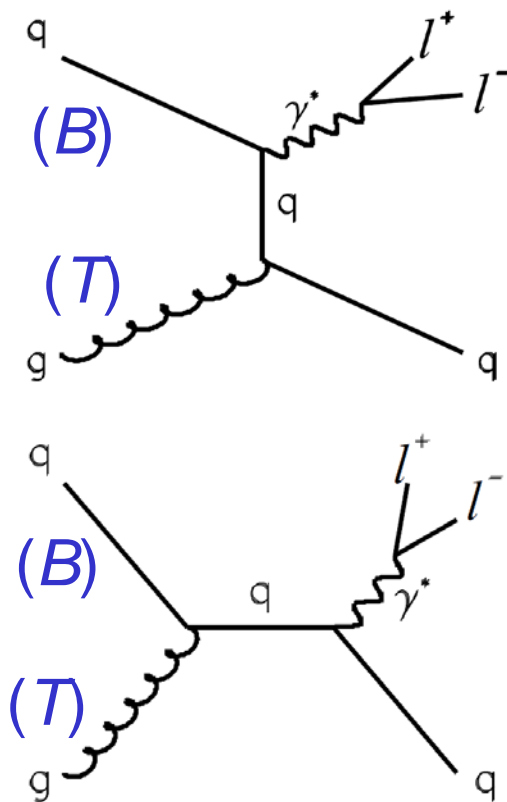
$$\theta_1 = \beta \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_1 = 0; \quad A_0 = A_2 = \sin^2 \beta$$

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

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

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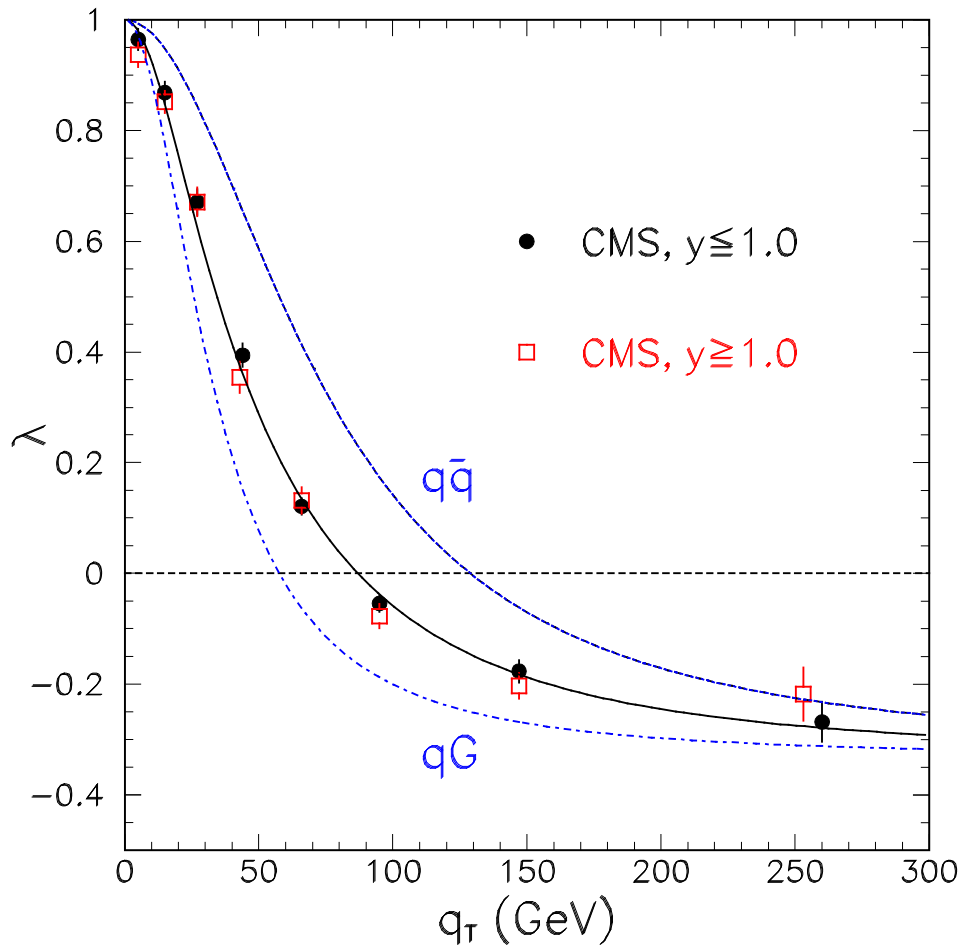
$\theta_1 = \beta$  and  $\phi_1 = 0$

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

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

# Compare with CMS data on $\lambda$

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



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

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

For both processes

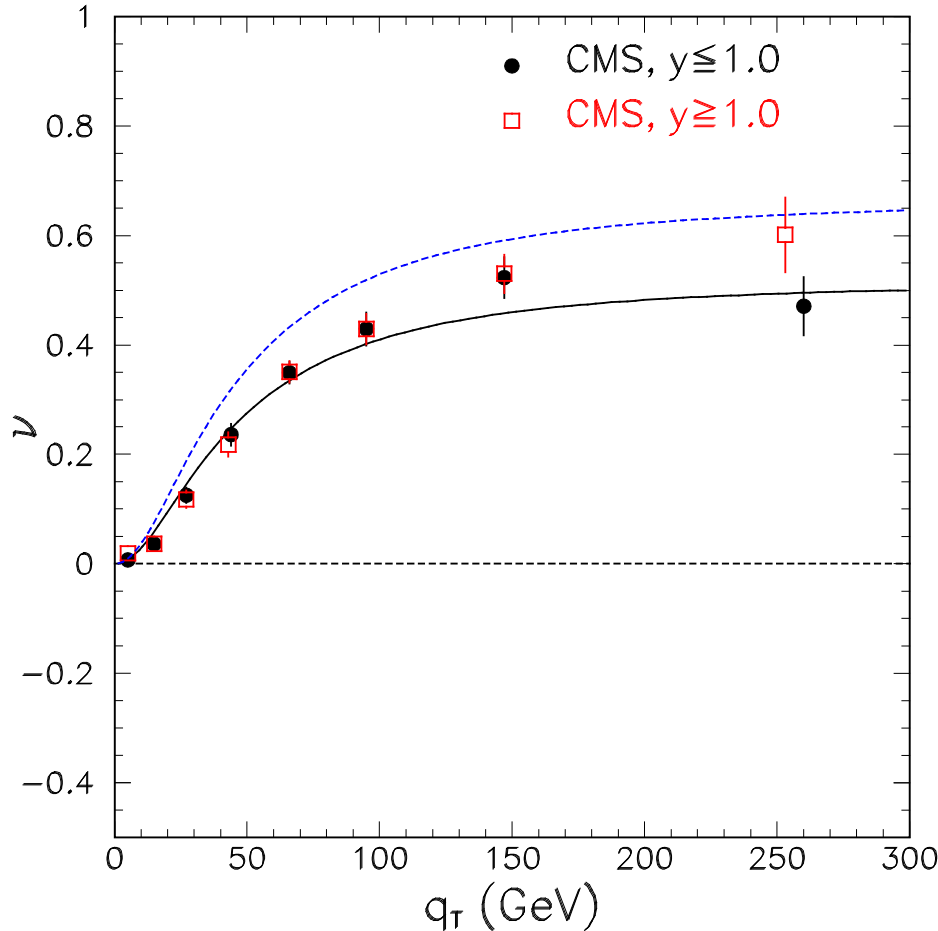
$$\lambda = 1 \text{ at } q_T = 0 \quad (\theta_1 = 0^\circ)$$

$$\lambda = -1/3 \text{ at } q_T = \infty \quad (\theta_1 = 90^\circ)$$

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

# Compare with CMS data on $\nu$

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



$$\nu = \frac{2q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 3q_T^2} \quad \text{for } q\bar{q} \rightarrow Zg$$

$$\nu = \frac{10q_T^2}{2Q^2 + 15q_T^2} \quad \text{for } qG \rightarrow Zq$$

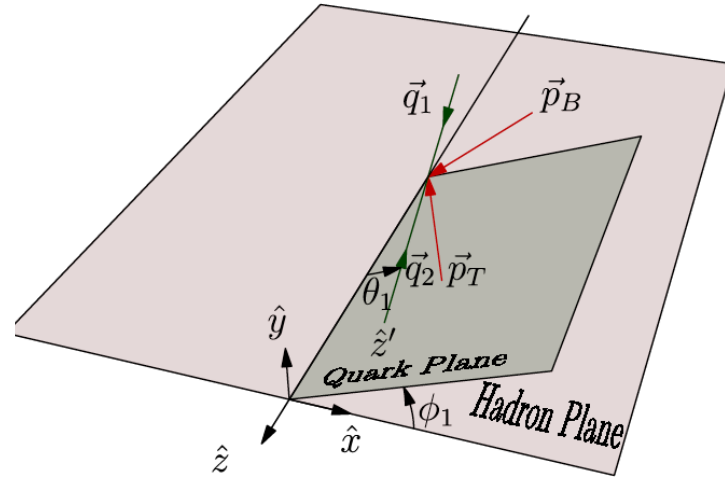
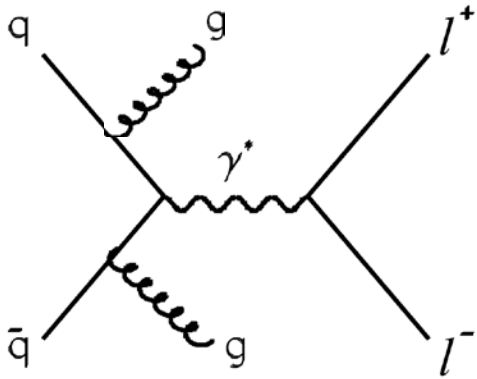
Dashed curve corresponds to a mixture of 58.5%  $qG$  and 41.5%  $q\bar{q}$  processes

Solid curve corresponds to  $\langle \sin^2 \theta_1 \cos 2\phi_1 \rangle / \langle \sin^2 \theta_1 \rangle = 0.77$

$q - \bar{q}$  axis is non-coplanar relative to the hadron plane

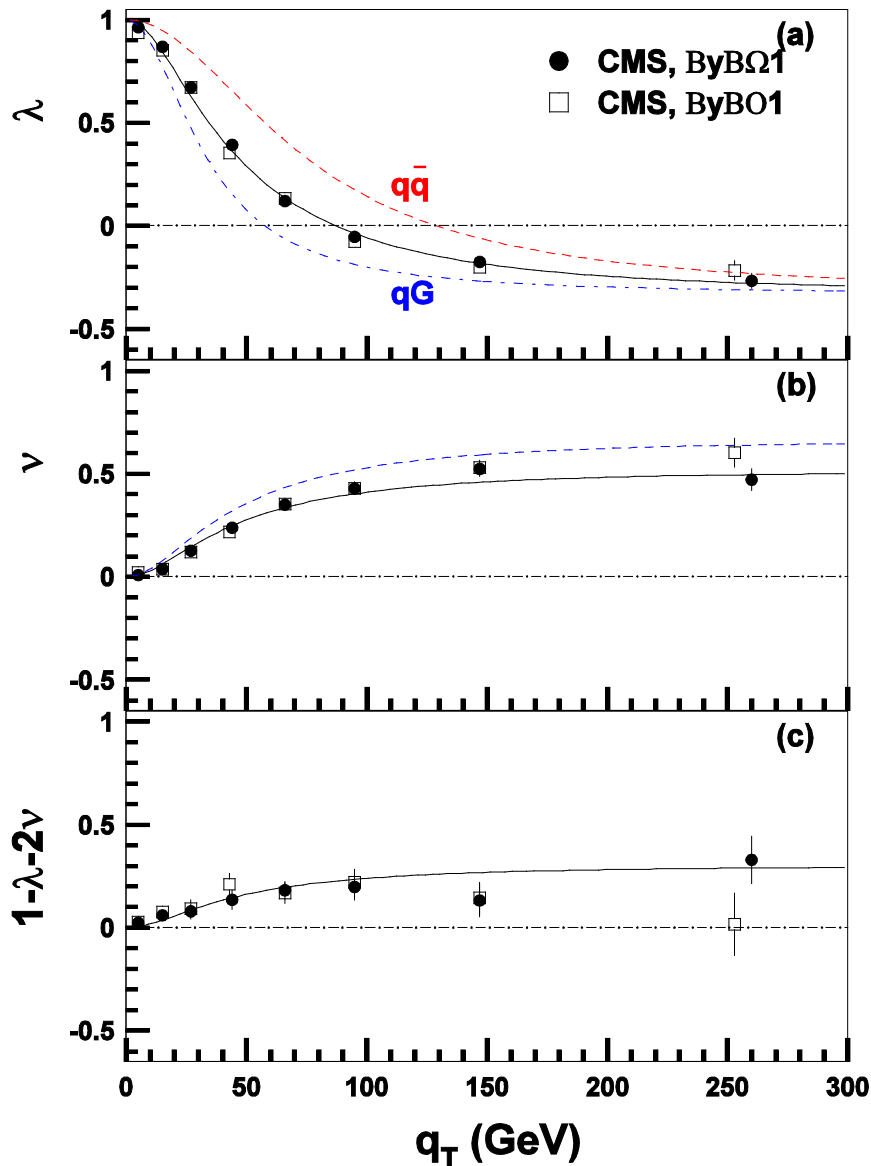
# Origins of the non-coplanarity

1) Processes at order  $\alpha_s^2$  or higher



2) Intrinsic  $k_T$  from interacting partons

# 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

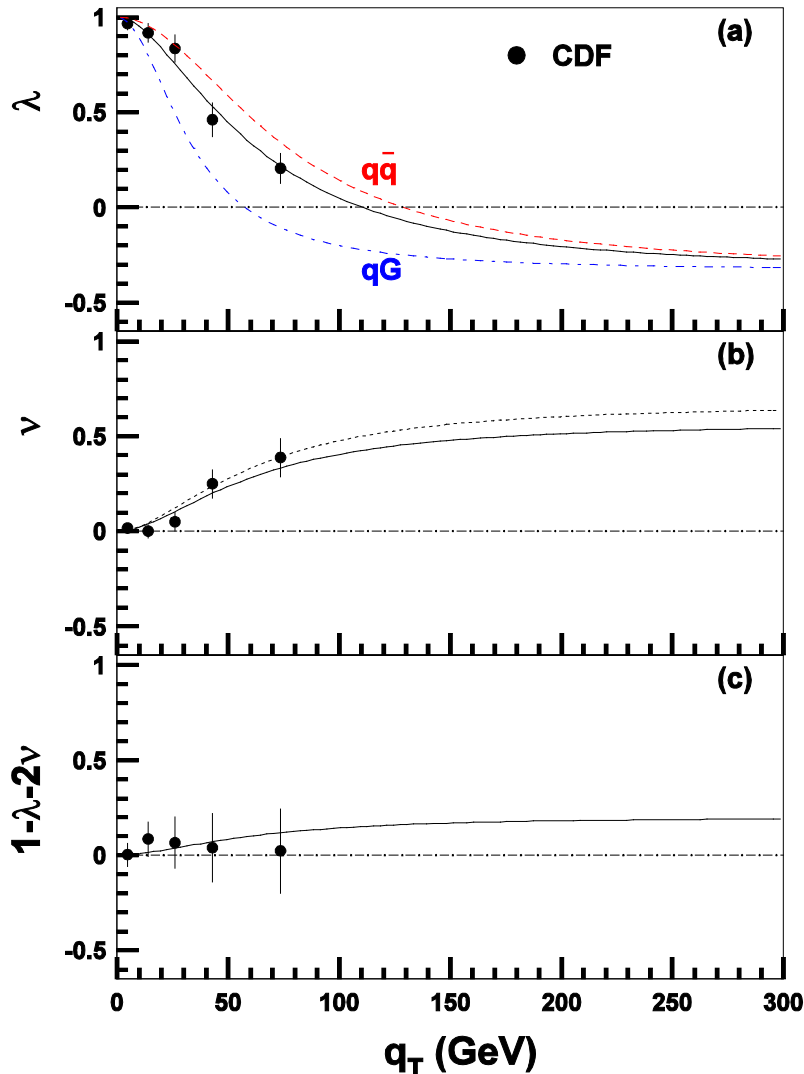
$$\langle \sin^2 \theta_1 \cos 2\phi_1 \rangle / \langle \sin^2 \theta_1 \rangle = 0.77$$

Violation of Lam-Tung relation is well described



# Compare with CDF data

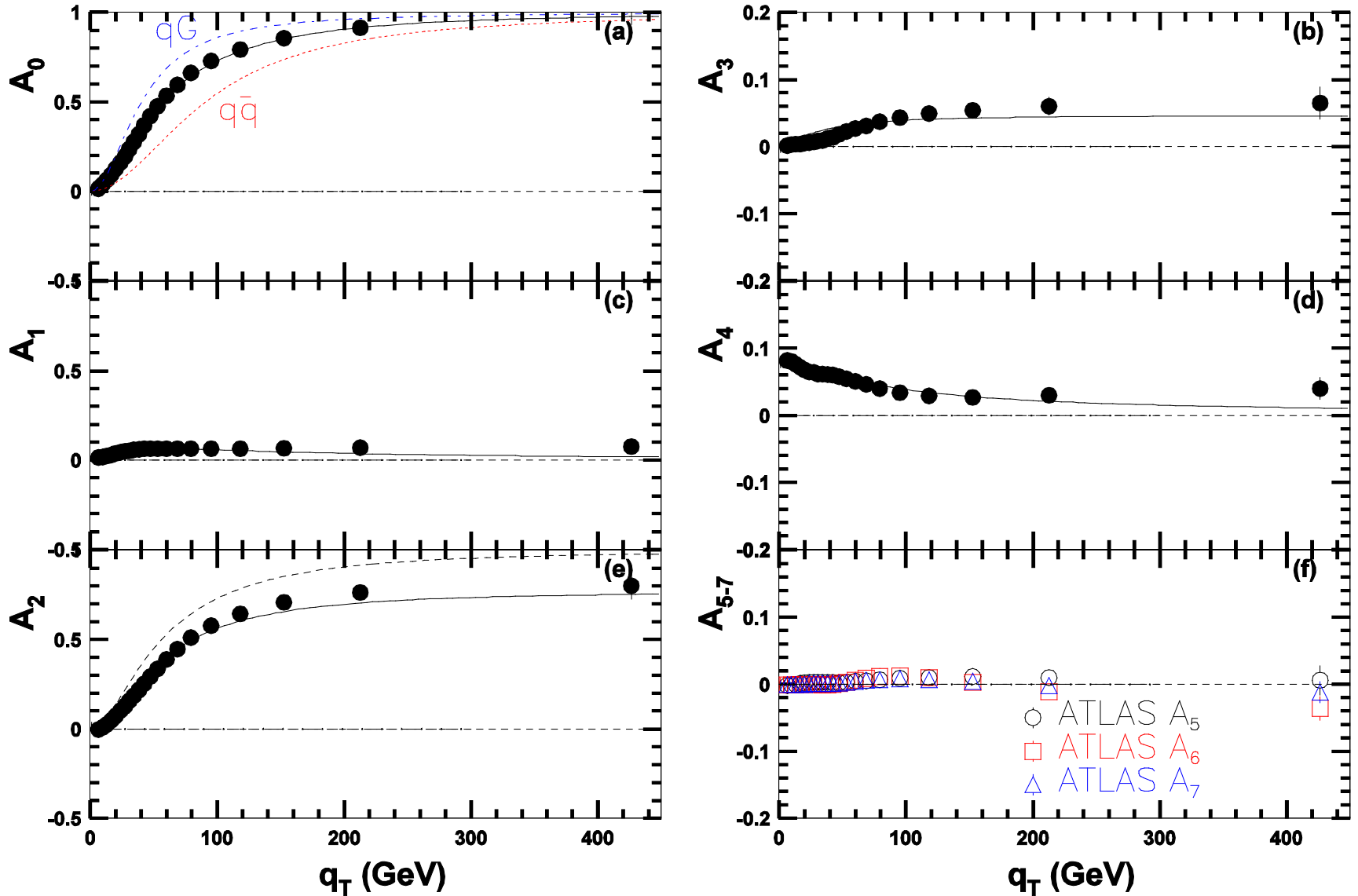
(Z production in  $p + \bar{p}$  collision at 1.96 TeV)



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

# Compare with ATLAS data on $A_0$ - $A_7$

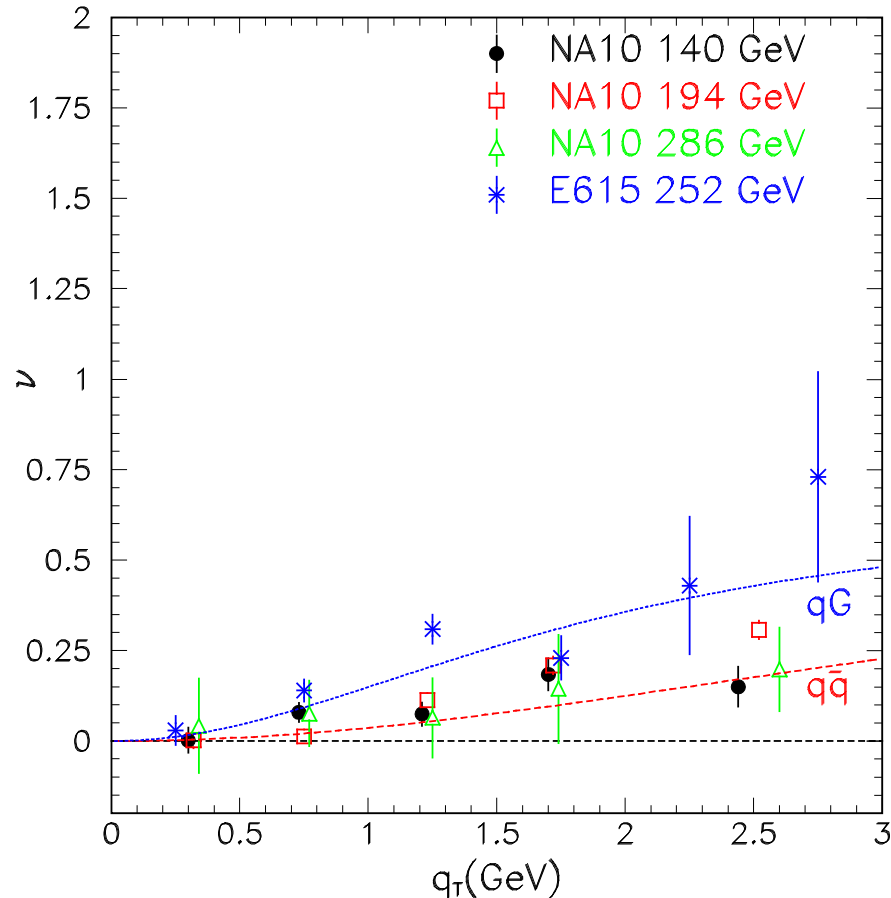


(Chang, McClellan, Peng, Teryaev, to be published)

# 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,  $\lambda$ ) 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  $\alpha_s^2$  or higher processes or from intrinsic  $k_T$ .
- This study can be extended to fixed-target Drell-Yan data.

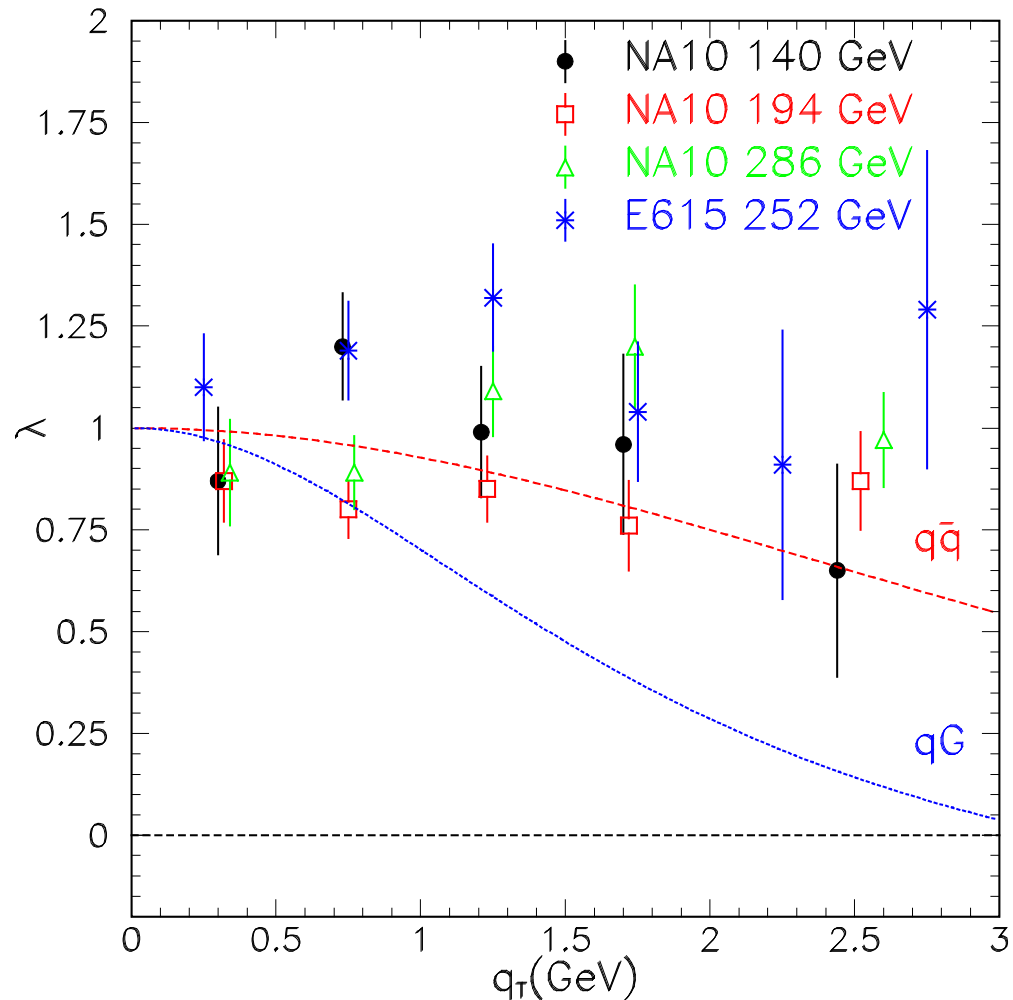
# Pion-induced D-Y



See Lambertsen  
and Vogelsang,  
arXiv: 1605.02625

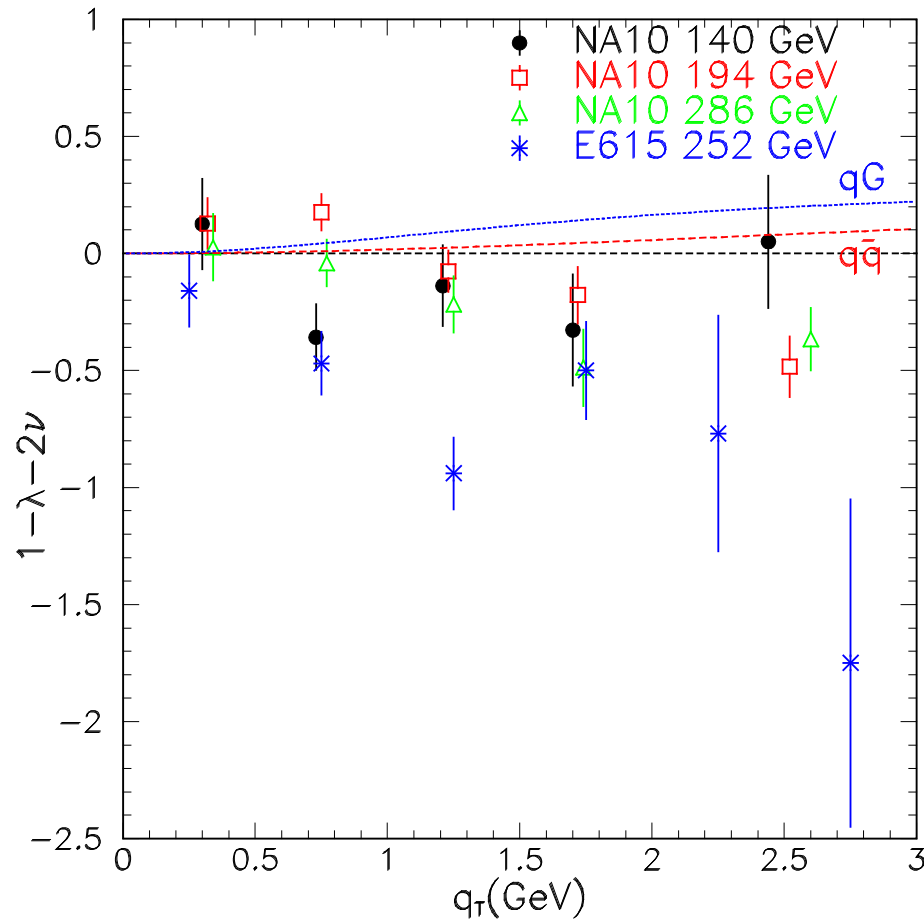
- The  $\nu$  data should be between the  $q\bar{q}$  and  $qG$  curves, if the effect is entirely from pQCD. The  $q\bar{q}$  process should dominate.
- Surprisingly large pQCD effect is predicted!
- Extraction of the B-M functions must remove the pQCD effect.

# Pion-induced D-Y



- The  $\lambda$  data should be between the  $q\bar{q}$  and  $qG$  curves, if the effect is entirely from pQCD. Also  $\lambda$  must be less than 1 (from positivity)!!
- The data suggest the presence of other effects (or poor data)

# Pion-induced D-Y



- The L-T violation should be between the  $q\bar{q}$  and  $qG$  curves, if the effect is entirely from pQCD (we assume the same non-coplanarity as in the LHC).
- pQCD effect can only be positive, while the data are large and negative!
- Large violation of L-T (due to  $\lambda > 1$ ) cannot be explained by pQCD. Need better data