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# Modeling spin effects in electron-positron annihilation to hadrons

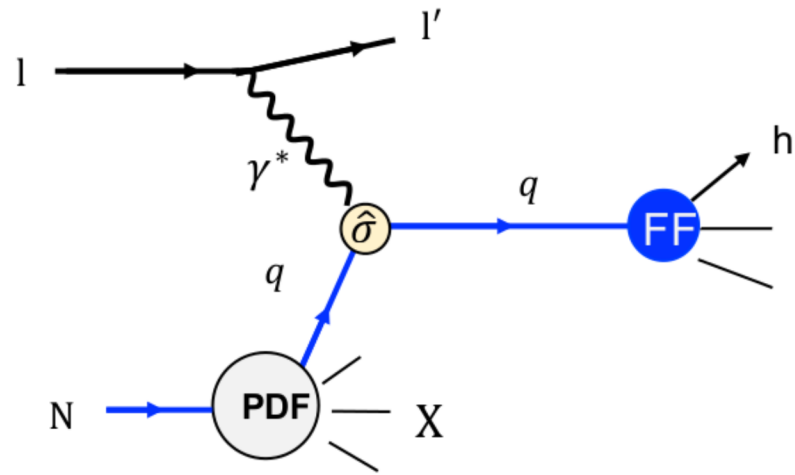
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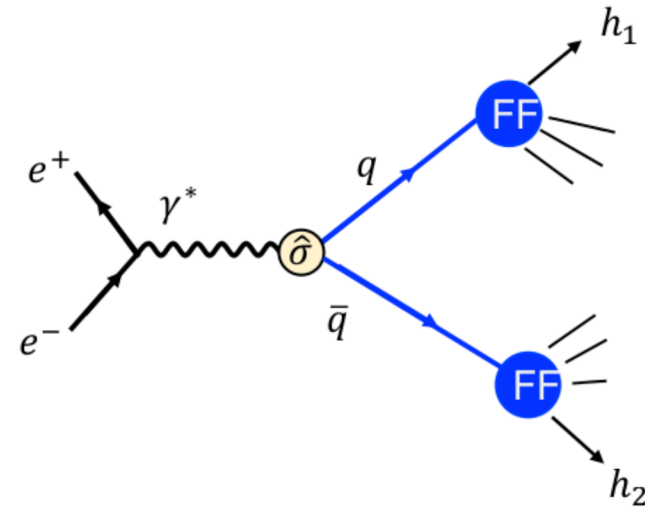
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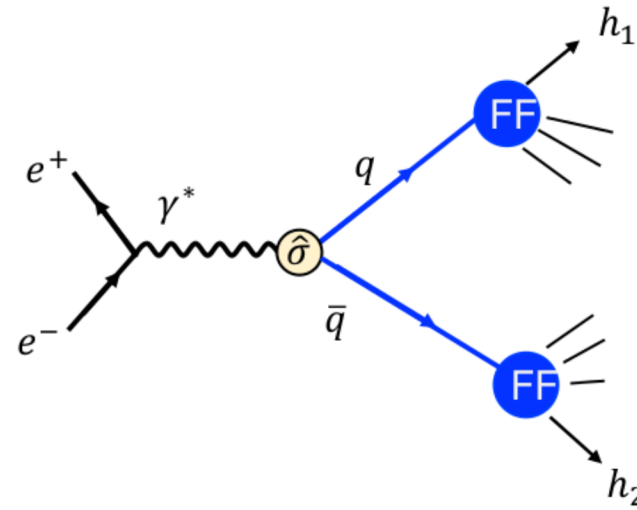
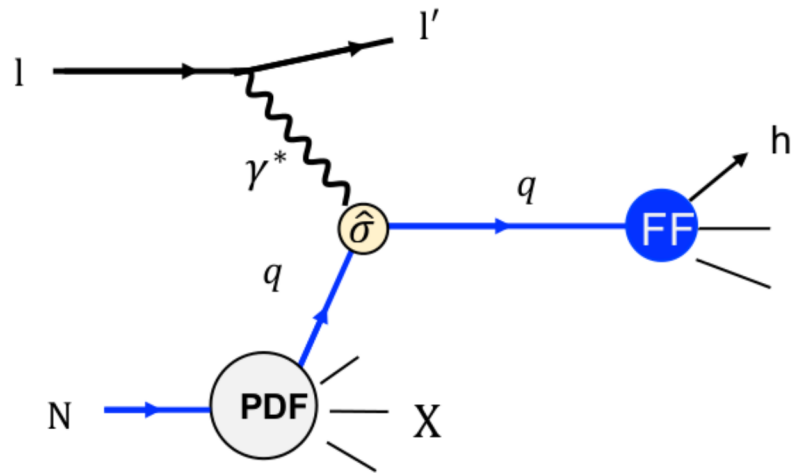


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$e^+e^-$  annihilation to hadrons → access to FFs

Combined to extract information on the transverse spin structure of nucleons e.g., transversity (but also Boer-Mulders TMD,..)

2h channel → talk of A. Metz

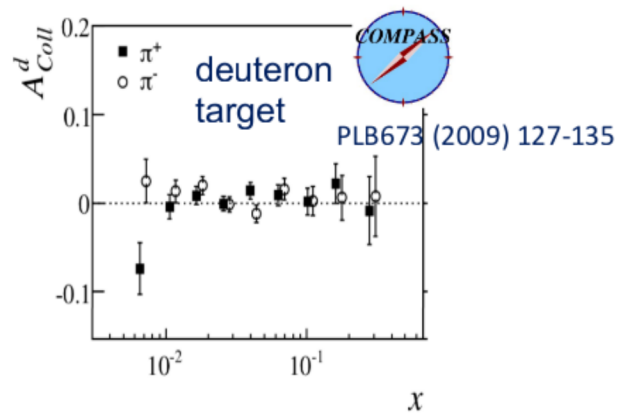
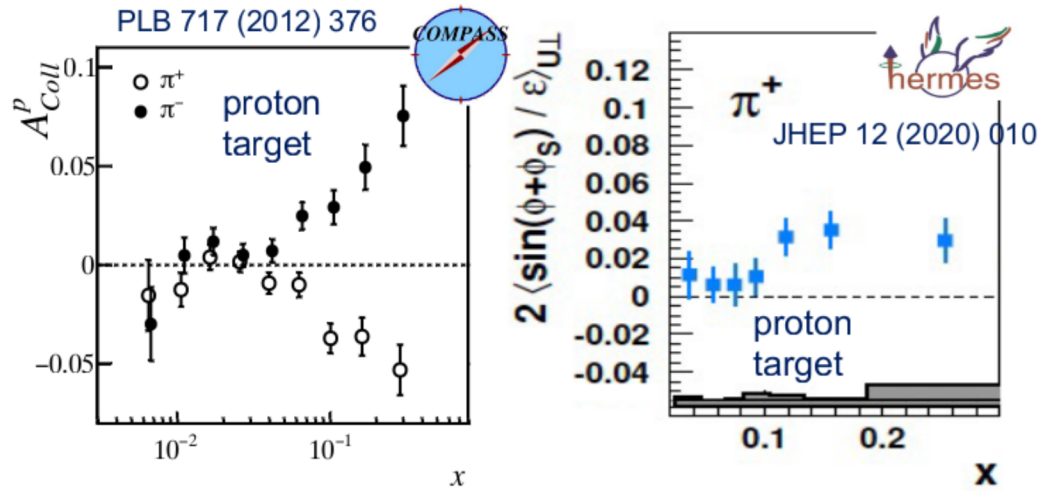
Example: Collins asymmetry in SIDIS

$$A_{UT}^{\sin \phi_h + \phi_S - \pi} = \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \overset{\text{transversity}}{h_1^q} \otimes \overset{\text{Collins FF}}{H_{1q}^{\perp h}}}{\sum_q e_q^2 f_1^q \otimes D_{1q}^h} \quad \text{Collins, NPB 396, 161 (1993).}$$

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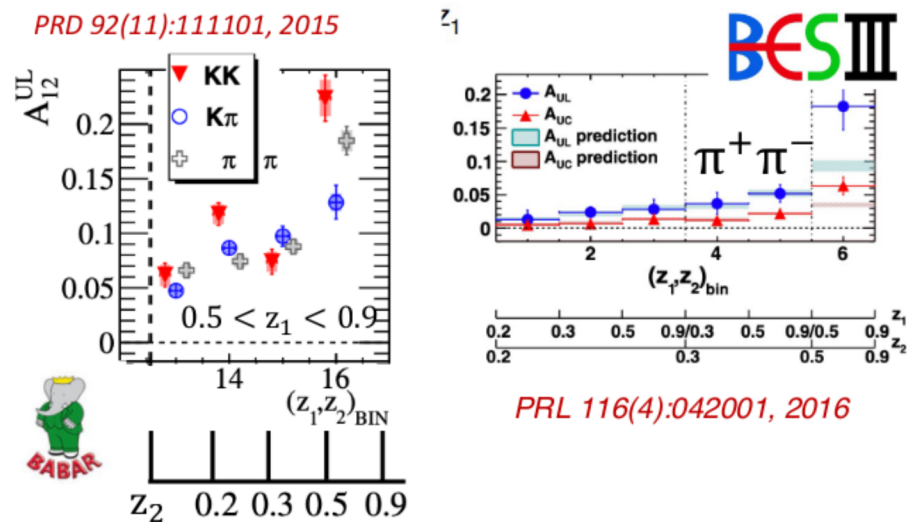
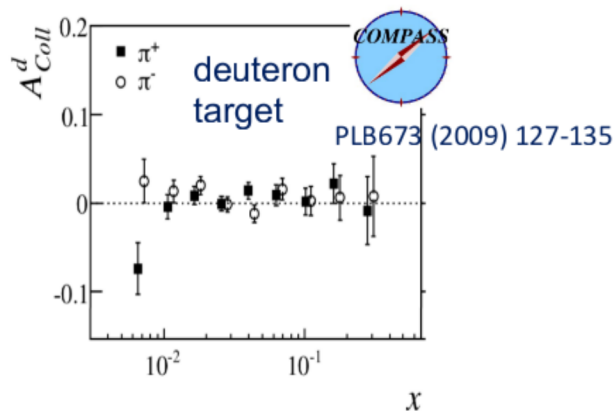
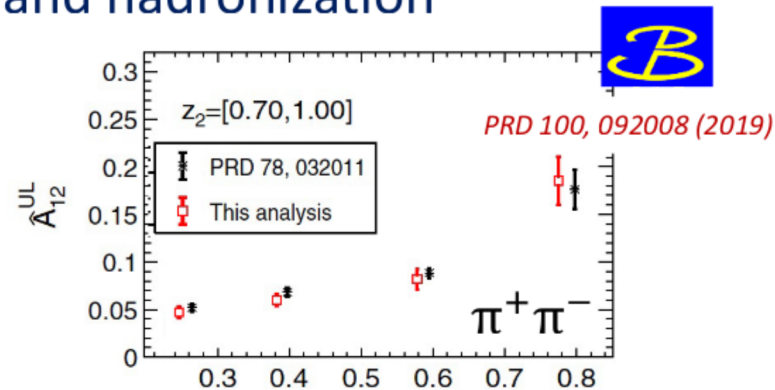
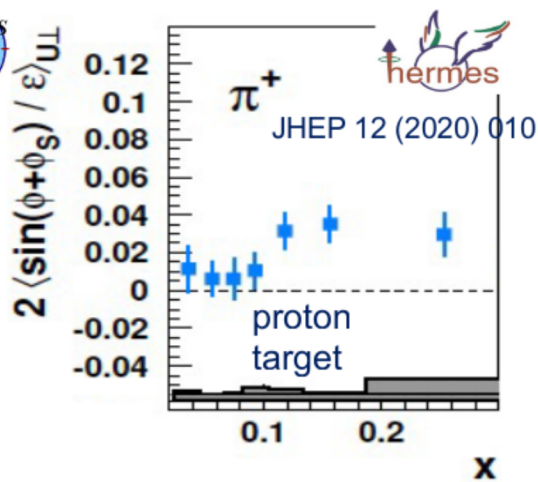
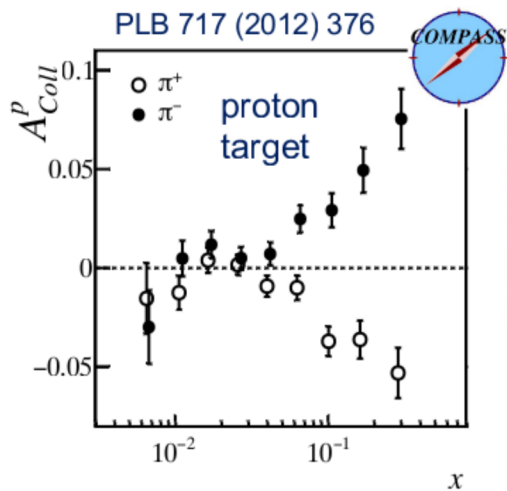
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Different measurements in  $e^+e^-$   
Belle, BaBar, BESIII

Used to extract transversity (and Collins FF) by different groups

Anselmino et al, PRD 92 (11) (2015) 114023

Martin et al., PRD 91(1):014034, 2015

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**But also a benchmark for hadronization models!**

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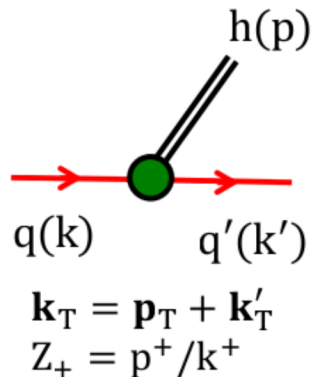
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$^3P_0$  mechanism  
 $\mu$  complex mass parameter  
 Coupling  
 e.g.  $\Gamma_{h=PS} = \sigma_z$

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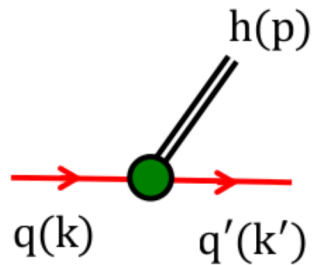
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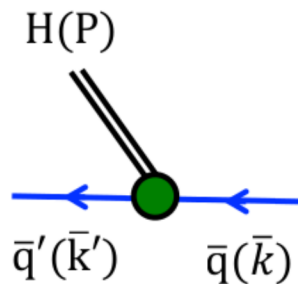
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$$\bar{\mathbf{k}}_T = \mathbf{P}_T + \bar{\mathbf{k}}'_T$$

$$Z_- = P^- / \bar{k}^-$$

For anti-quark splitting

$$\{q, h, q'\} \rightarrow \{\bar{q}, H, \bar{q}'\}, \quad Z_+ \rightarrow Z_-, \quad \{\mathbf{k}_T, \mathbf{p}_T, \mathbf{k}'_T\} \rightarrow \{\bar{\mathbf{k}}_T, \mathbf{P}_T, \bar{\mathbf{k}}'_T\}$$

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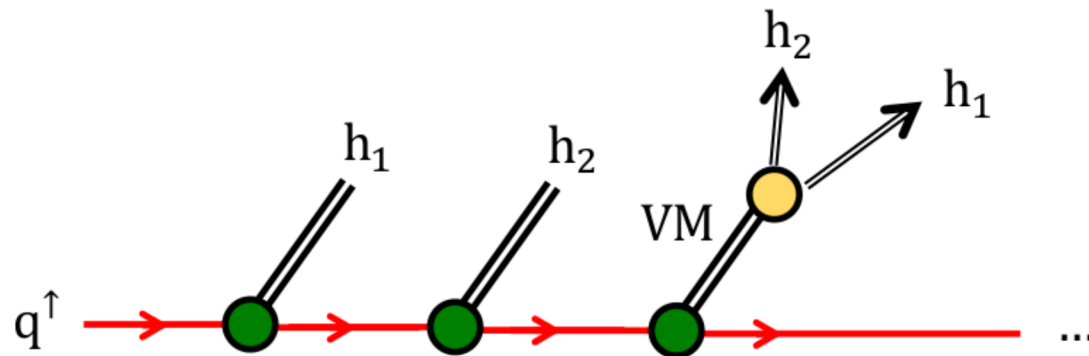
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Used to describe the fragmentation of (transversely) polarized quarks in SIDIS





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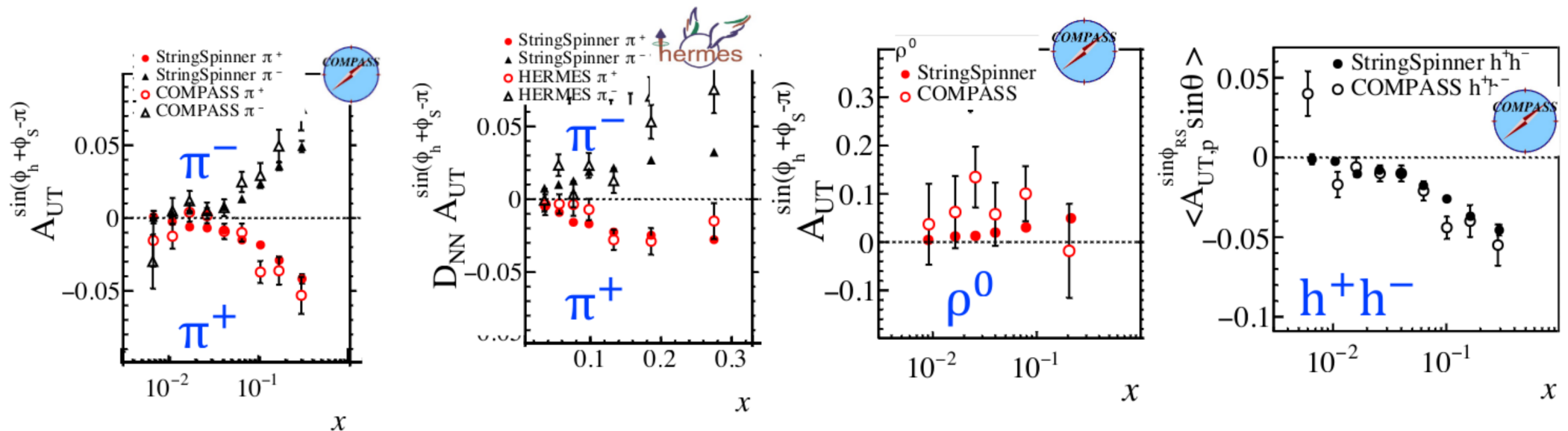
Implemented in Pythia for SIDIS → StringSpinner

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

PS, Pythia 8.2

AK, L. Lönnblad, arXiv: 2305.05058

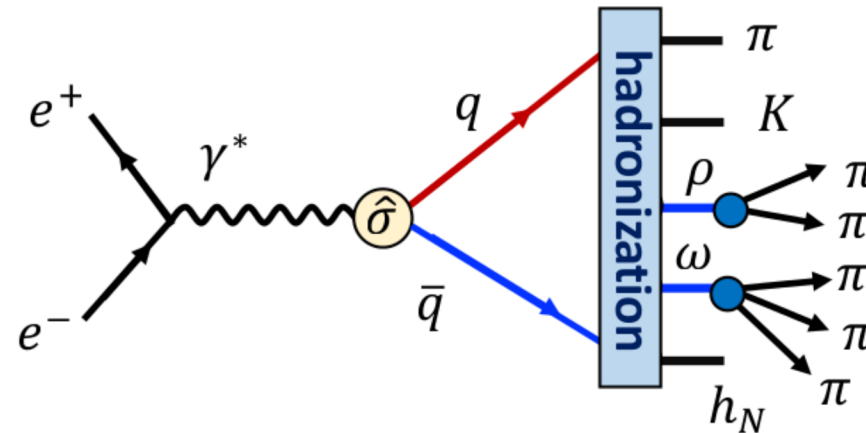
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Promising results for SIDIS! (more in AK, L. Lönnblad, arXiv: 2305.05058)

**Can we use the model for e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>?**

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



## Steps:

1. Hard scattering
2. Joint spin density matrix
3. Hadron emission from  $q$
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6. Exit condition

The goal is to hadronize the  $q\bar{q}$  system by using the string+ $^3P_0$  model and accounting for

- i) **correlated spin states** of  $q$  and  $\bar{q}$
- ii) **quantum mechanical spin-correlations** in the fragmentation chain

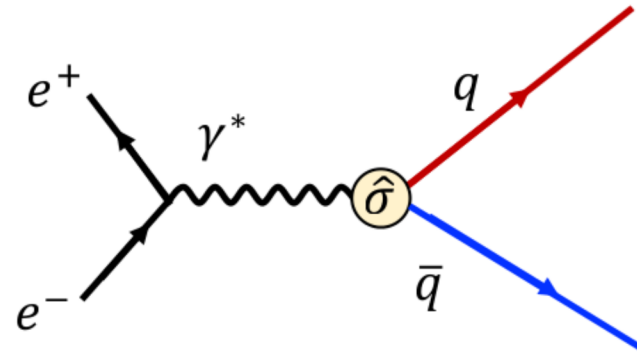
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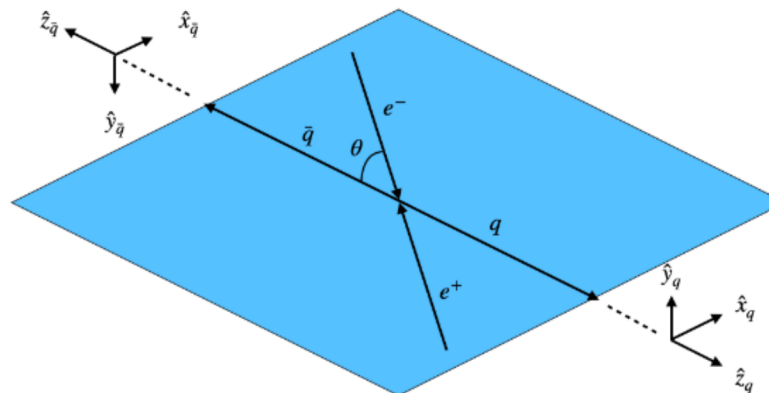


Set up the scattering  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  in the c.m.s  
generate the quark flavors and kinematics using

$$d\hat{\sigma}(q\bar{q})/d\cos\theta \propto \langle |\hat{M}|^2 \rangle$$

antiquark helicity frame  
(AHF)

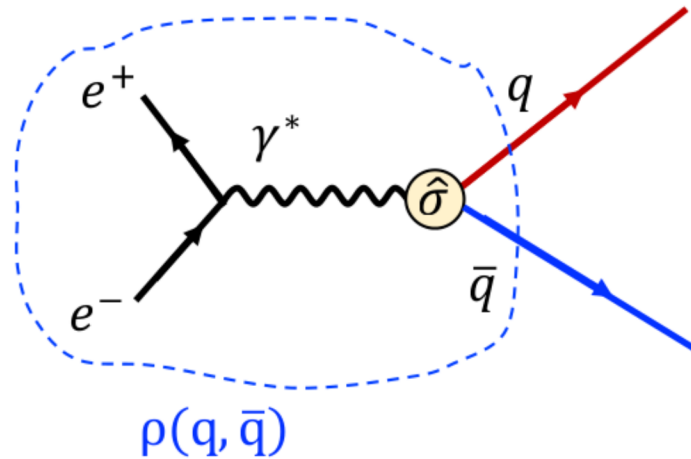
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{z}_q &\propto \mathbf{k}_q \\ \hat{y}_q &\propto \mathbf{p}_- \times \hat{z}_q \\ \hat{x}_q &= \hat{z}_q \times \hat{y}_q \end{aligned}$$



quark helicity frame  
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Set up the **joint spin density matrix** of the  $q\bar{q}$  pair

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

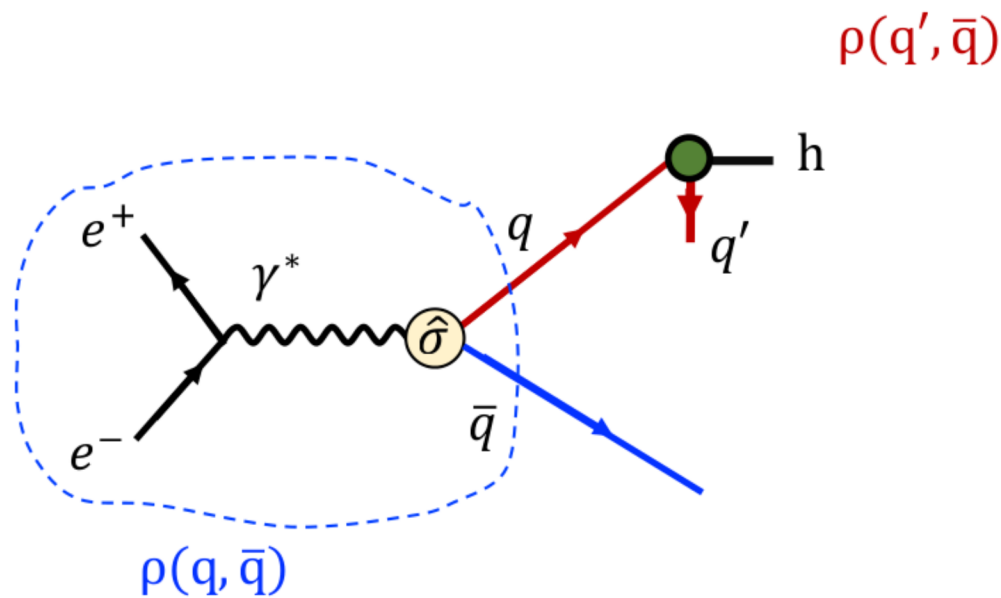
correlation coefficients
Pauli matrices along QHF and AHF

$\alpha = 0, x_q, y_q, z_q$   
 $\beta = 0, x_{\bar{q}}, y_{\bar{q}}, z_{\bar{q}}$

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 matrix of the string+ $^3P_0$  model

splitting function (emission probability density)

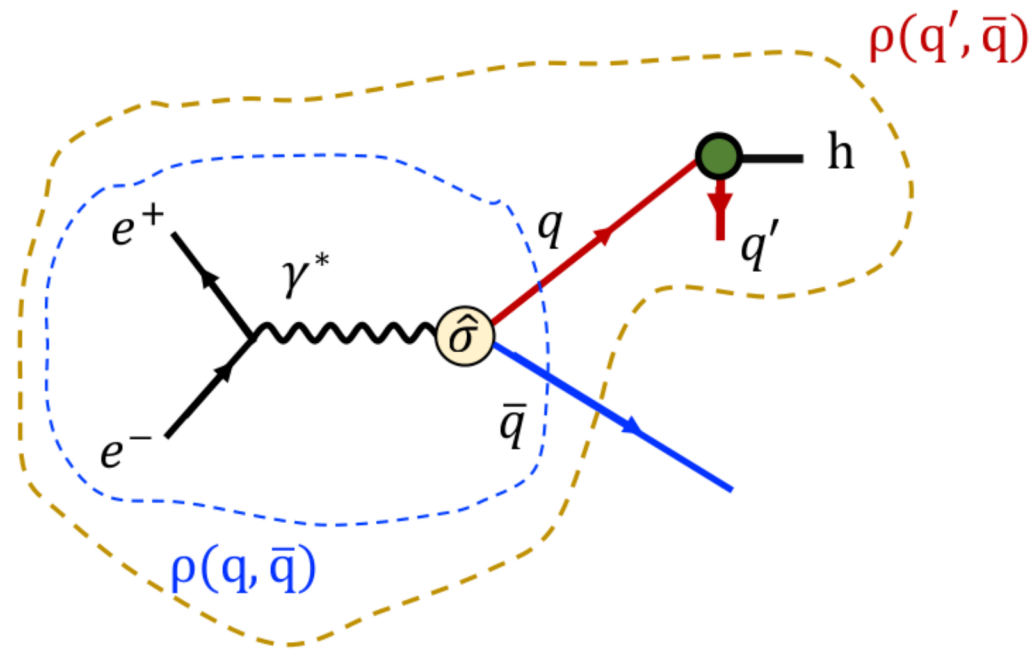
$$\frac{dP(q \rightarrow h + q'; q\bar{q})}{dZ_+ Z_+^{-1} d^2 p_T} = \text{Tr}_{q'\bar{q}} \mathbf{T}_{q',h,q} \rho(q, \bar{q}) \mathbf{T}_{q',h,q}^\dagger = F_{q',h,q}(Z_+, \mathbf{p}_T; \mathbf{k}_T, C^{q\bar{q}})$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{q',h,q} \equiv \mathbf{T}_{q',h,q} \otimes 1_{\bar{q}}$$

in the QHF

For VM emission see backup

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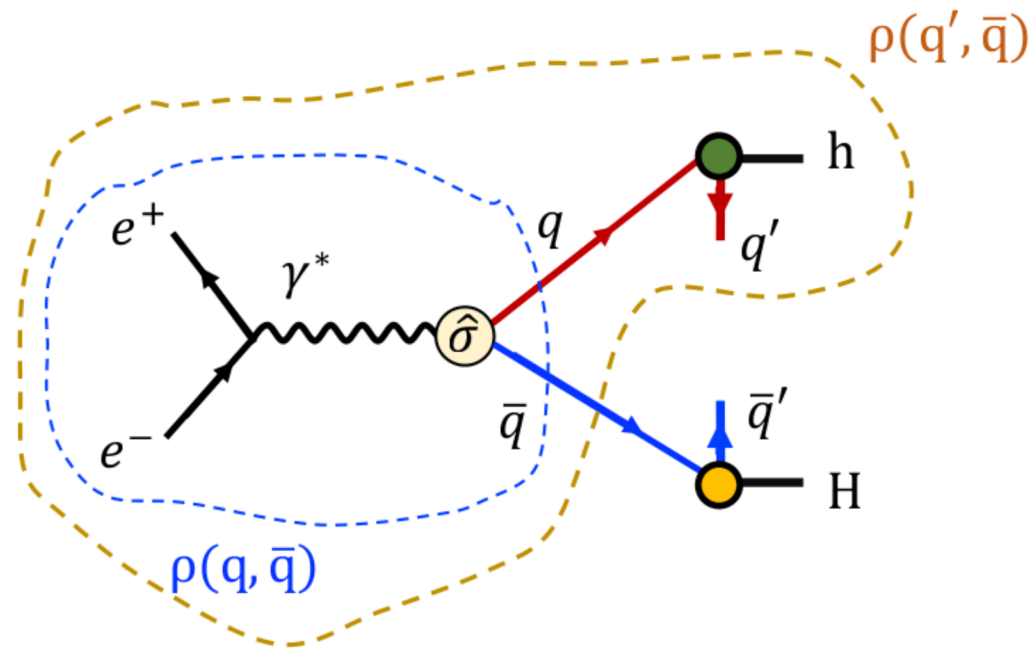
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Evaluate the spin density matrix  $\rho(q', \bar{q})$

$$\rho(q', \bar{q}) = \mathbf{T}_{q', h, q} \rho(q, \bar{q}) \mathbf{T}_{q', h, q}^\dagger$$

includes the information on the emission of  $h$

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Emit a hadron from the  $\bar{q}$  side using the **splitting function** (emission probability density)

$$\frac{dP(\bar{q} \rightarrow H + \bar{q}'; q' \bar{q})}{dZ_- Z_-^{-1} d^2 P_T} = \text{Tr}_{q' \bar{q}'} \mathbf{T}_{\bar{q}', H, \bar{q}} \rho(q', \bar{q}) \mathbf{T}_{\bar{q}', H, \bar{q}}^\dagger = F_{\bar{q}', H, \bar{q}}(Z_-, P_T; \bar{\mathbf{k}}_T, C^{q' \bar{q}})$$

**conditional probability of emitting H, having emitted h**  
 → correlations between their transverse momenta

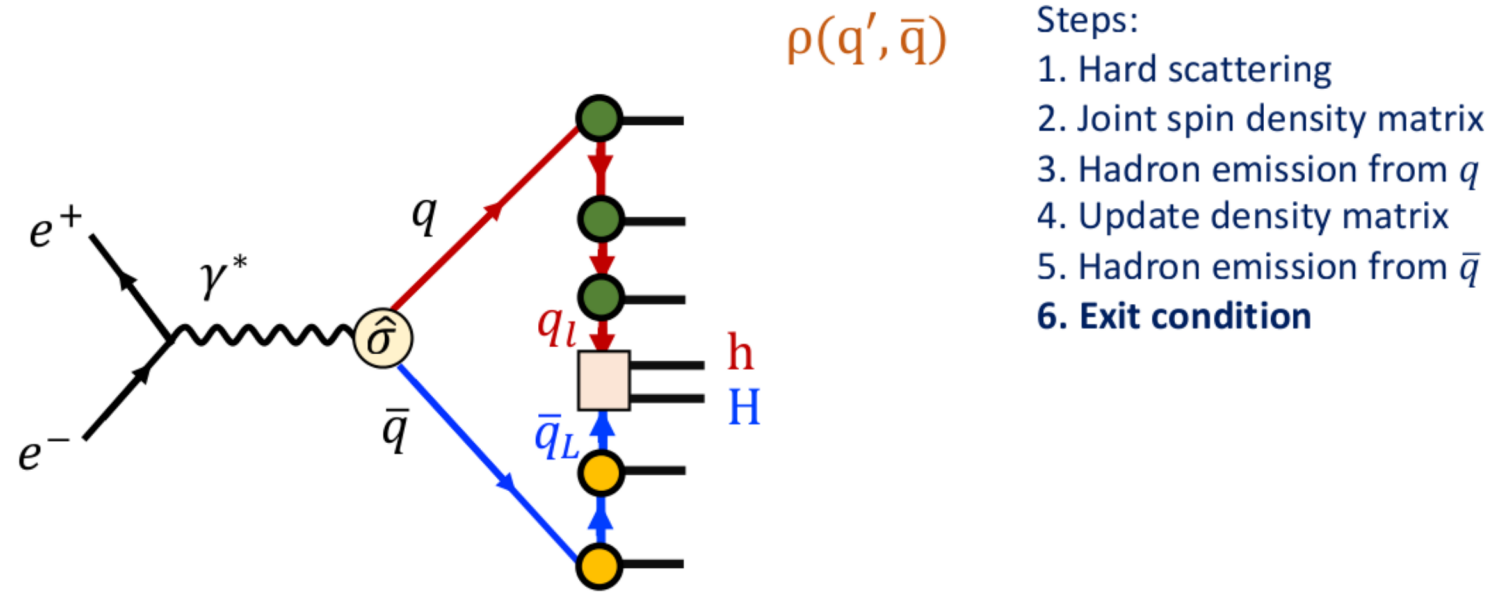
Depend on the azimuthal angle  $h$



Expressed in the AHF

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

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After several emissions, hadronize the last pair  $q_l \bar{q}_L$   
 emit the hadron  $h = q_l \bar{q}'$  from  $q_l$  and project  $\bar{q}_L q'$  to the state  $H$

$$dP(q_l \rightarrow h + q'; q_l \bar{q}_L) = \text{Tr}_{q' \bar{q}_L} [T_{q', h, q_l} \otimes \Gamma_{H, s_H}] \rho(q_l, \bar{q}_L) [T_{q', h, q_l}^\dagger \otimes \Gamma_{H, s_H}^\dagger]$$

or emit the hadron  $H = q' \bar{q}_L$  from  $\bar{q}_L$  and project  $q_l \bar{q}'$  to the state  $h$



The model can be shown analytically to reproduce the expected form of the  $e^+e^- \rightarrow h_1h_2X$  cross section see backup

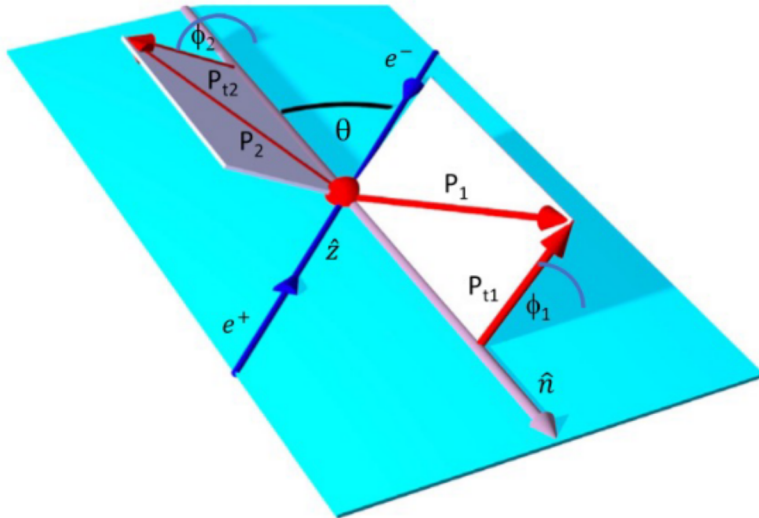
For quantitative results and phenomenology → [implementation in Pythia 8.3](#)  
for  $e^+e^-$

*ongoing work, in collaboration with A. Martin and L. Lönnblad*

# Simulations of $e^+e^-$ with Pythia 8.3

We are extending the StringSpinner package to  $e^+e^-$

Next slides → preliminary results on Collins asymmetries for back-to-back hadrons



## Simulations (caveats)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow h_1h_2X @ \sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ GeV}, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

only PS meson production

$q\bar{q} = u\bar{u}$

$q\bar{q}$  axis instead of the thrust axis

complex mass as in CPC **272** (2022) 108234

(to account for the absence of VMs)

# Steps for the extraction of Collins asymmetries

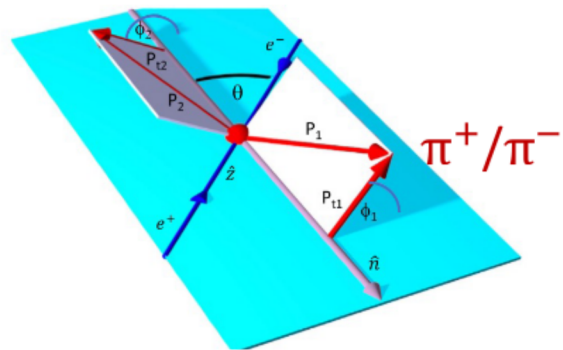
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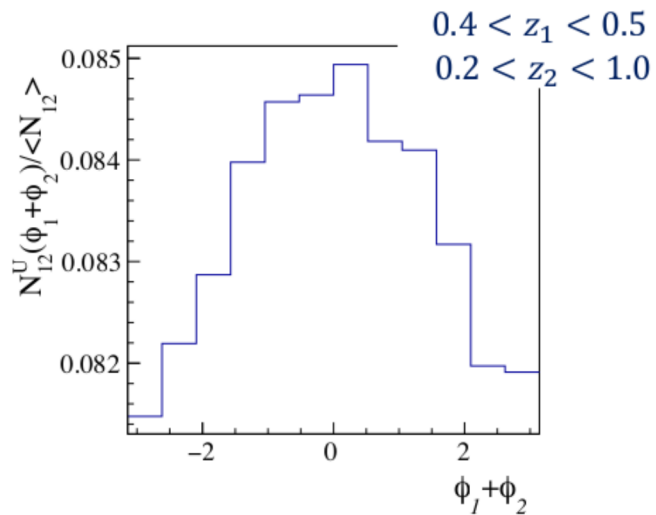
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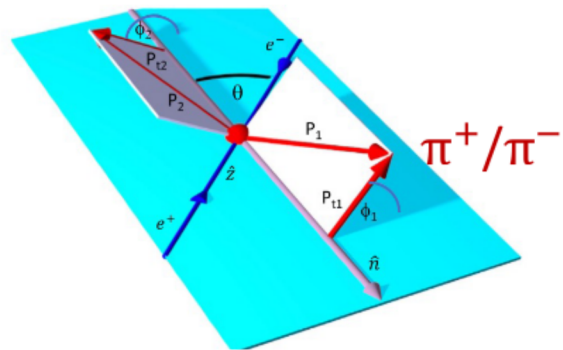
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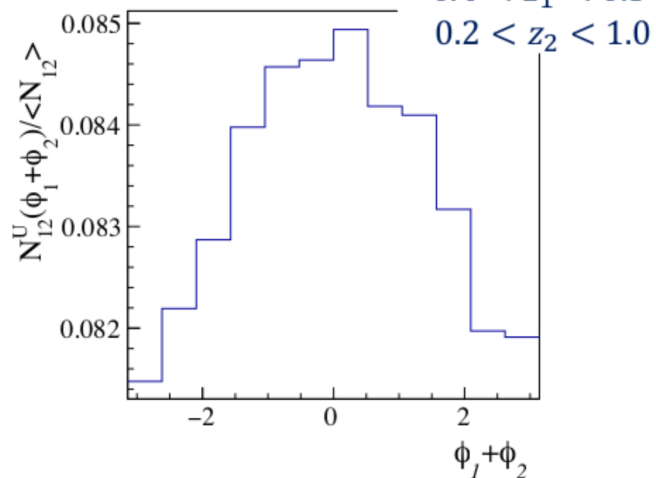
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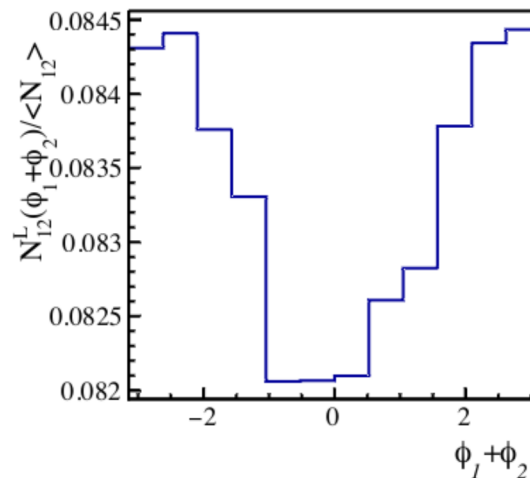
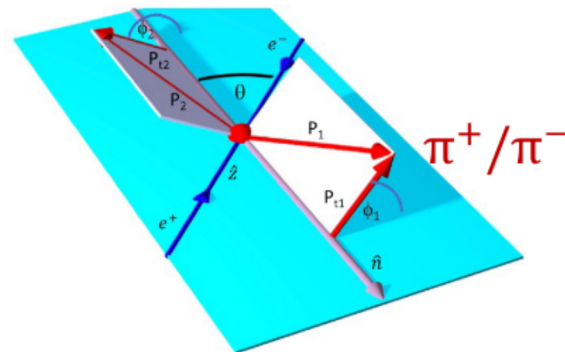
$0.4 < z_1 < 0.5$   
 $0.2 < z_2 < 1.0$



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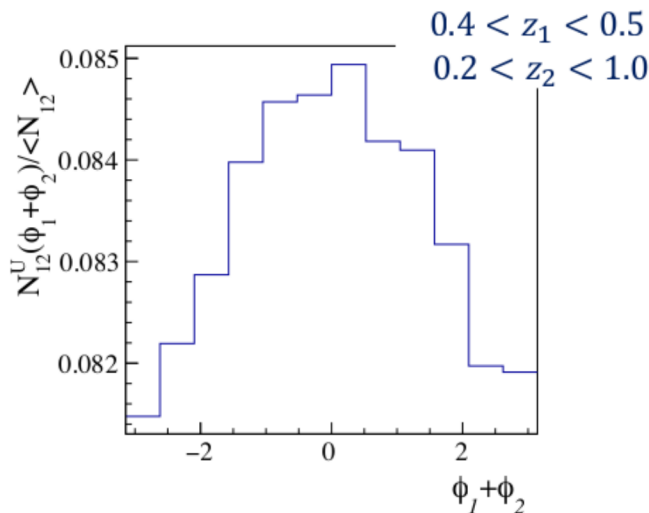
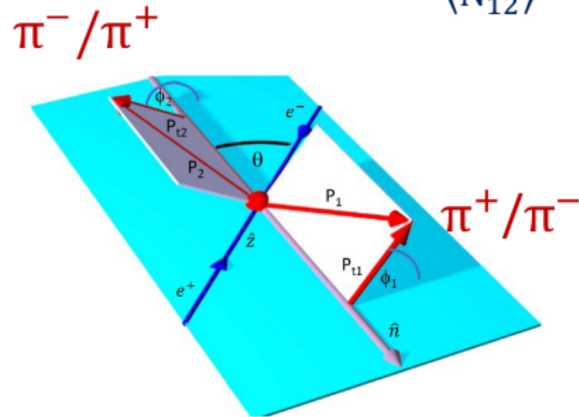


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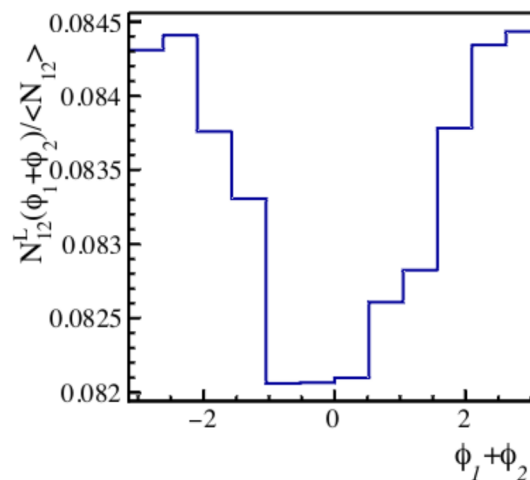
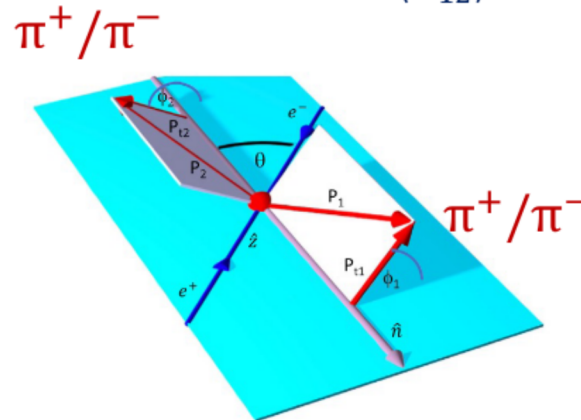
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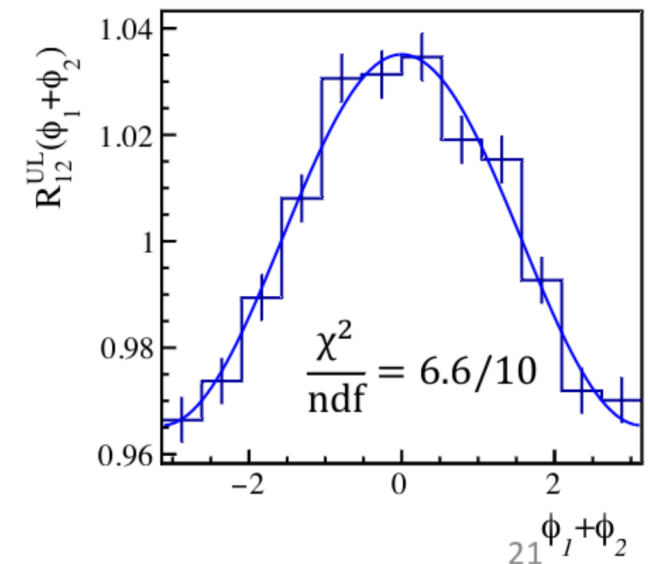
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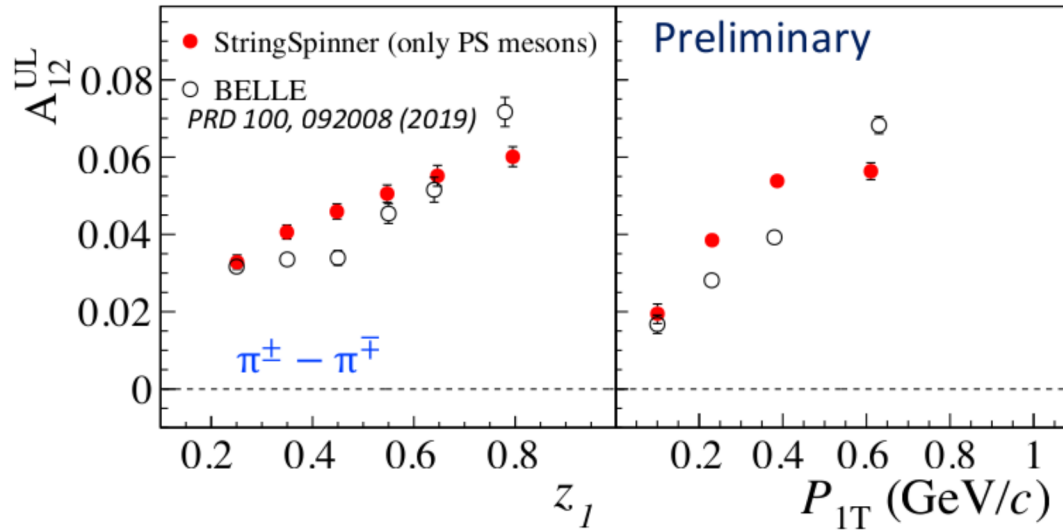
ii) Evaluate the ratio  $\frac{R_{12}^U}{R_{12}^L}$  and fit the asymmetry

$$R_{12}^{UL} = \frac{R_{12}^U}{R_{12}^L} \approx 1 + A_{12}^{UL} \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$$

Fit function  
 $f(\phi_1 + \phi_2) = p_0 + p_1 \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$



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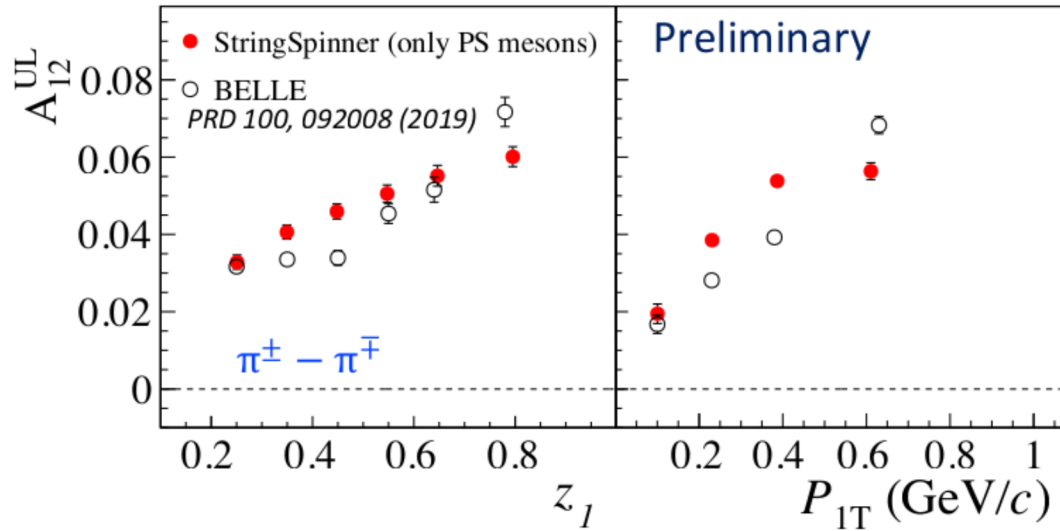
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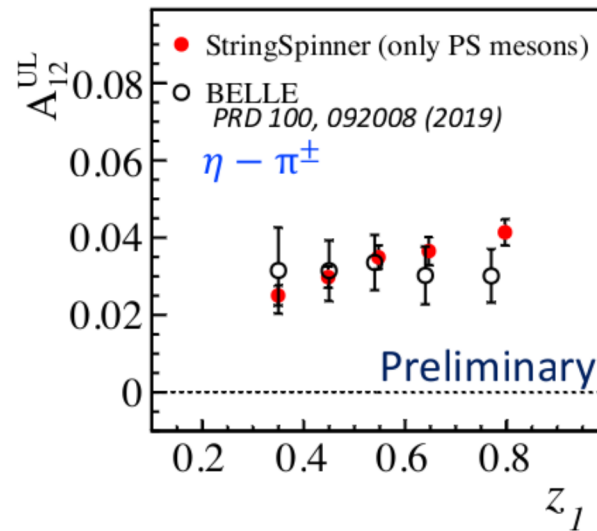
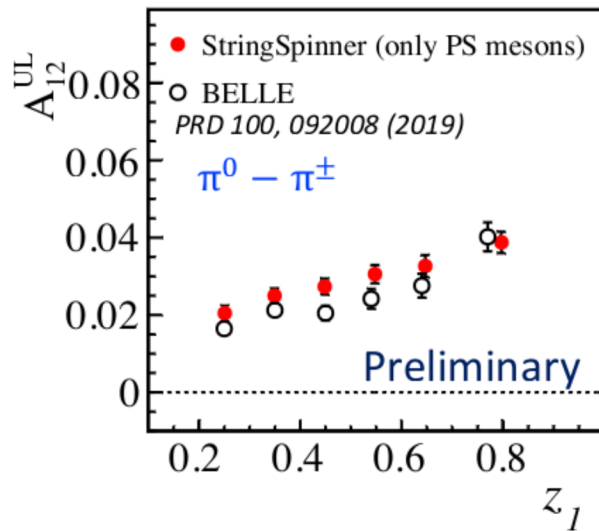
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# Conclusions

We generalized the  $\text{string}+{}^3P_0$  model of hadronization to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

recursive quantum mechanical recipe

The recipe is general

can be applied to other production channels of the  $q\bar{q}$  pair

The implementation in Pythia 8.3 is ongoing

preliminary Collins asymmetry for back-to-back pions promising

(More) phenomenological studies ongoing

the goal is to publish the results in few months..



## Backup

## Relevant free parameters for string fragmentation used in simulations

(see AK, L. Lönnblad, arXiv: 2305.05058)

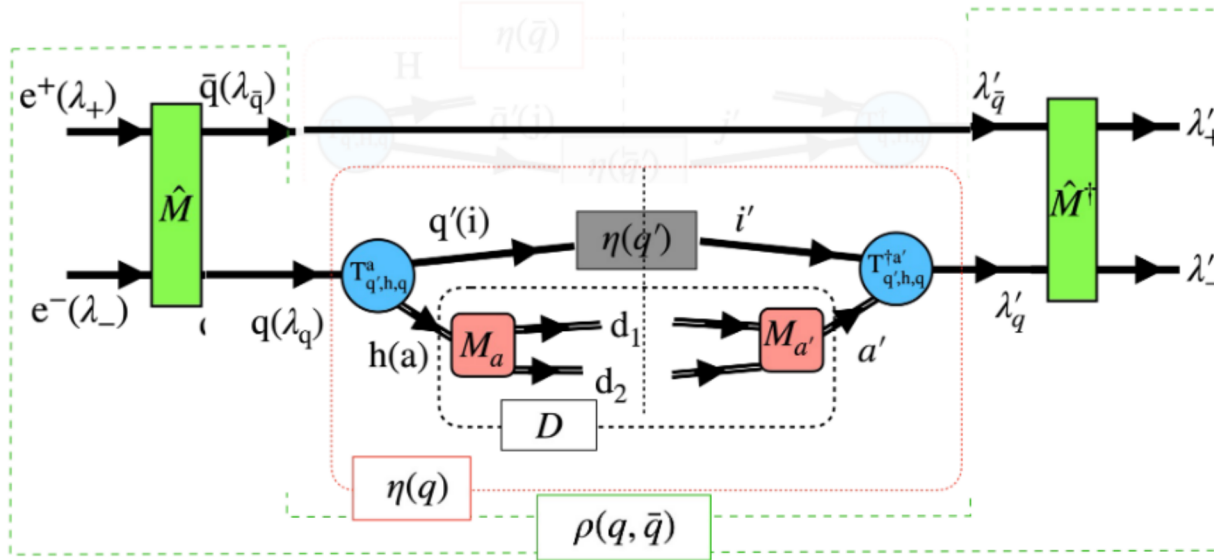
### Pythia parameters

StringZ:aLund	default
StringZ:bLund	default
StringPT:sigma	default
StringPT:enhancedFraction	0.0
StringPT:enhancedWidth	0.0 GeV/c

### String+<sup>3</sup>P<sub>0</sub> parameters

Re( $\mu$ )	0.42 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
Im( $\mu$ )	0.76 GeV/c <sup>2</sup>
$f_L$	0.93
$\theta_{LT}$	0

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



For a vector meson  $h=VM$

$$\rightarrow \eta(q) = \mathbf{T}_{q',h=VM,q}^{a'\dagger} \eta(q') \mathbf{T}_{q',h=VM,q}^a D_{a'a}, \quad \eta(q') = 1_{q'}, \text{ and } \eta(\bar{q}) = 1_{\bar{q}}$$

Steps:

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

$$\frac{dP(q \rightarrow h = VM + q'; q\bar{q})}{dM^2 dZ_+ Z_+^{-1} d^2 p_T} = \text{Tr}_{q'\bar{q}} \mathbf{T}_{q',h,q}^a \rho(q, \bar{q}) \mathbf{T}_{q',h,q}^{a\dagger} = F_{q',h,q}(M^2, Z_+, p_T; k_T, C^{q\bar{q}})$$

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

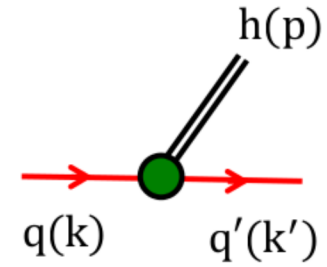
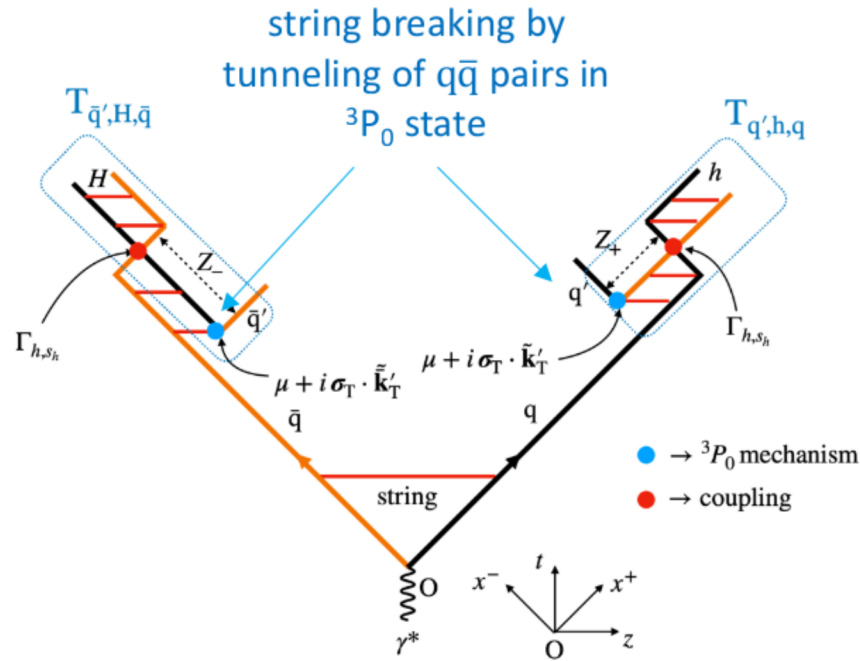
$$\rho_{aa'}(h) = \text{Tr}_{q'\bar{q}} \mathbf{T}_{q',h,q}^a \rho(q, \bar{q}) \mathbf{T}_{q',h,q}^{a'\dagger}$$

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

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

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

# 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

$$T_{q',h,q} \propto C_{q',h,q} D_h(M^2) \underbrace{\left( \frac{1 - Z_+}{\varepsilon_h^2} \right)^{\frac{a}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{\mathbf{b}_L \varepsilon_h^2}{2Z_+} \right]}_{\text{longitudinal momentum}} N_a^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\varepsilon_h^2) \underbrace{e^{-\frac{\mathbf{b}_T k_T'^2}{2}}}_{\text{transverse momentum (w.r.t string axis)}}$$

Free param. Lund

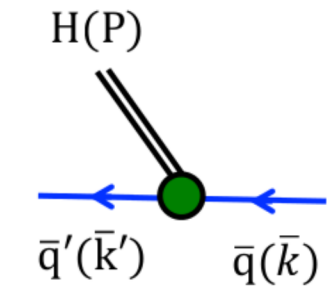
Free param. string+ $^3P_0$

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

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

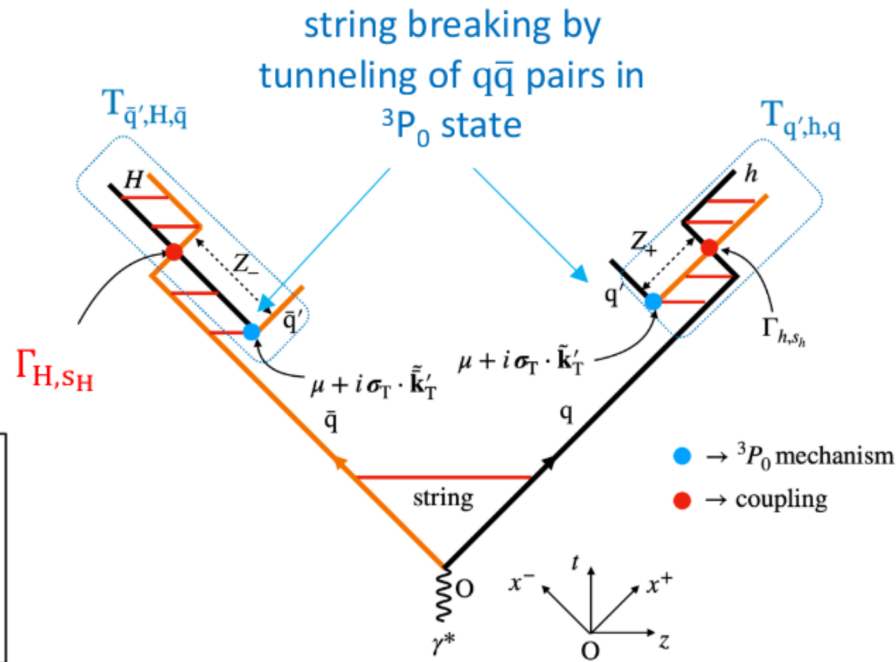
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# The hadronization model: string+ $^3P_0$



antiquark splitting  
 $\bar{q} \rightarrow H + \bar{q}'$

Relevant variables:  
 $\bar{\mathbf{k}}_T = \mathbf{P}_T + \bar{\mathbf{k}}'_T$   
 $Z_- = P^- / \bar{k}^-$   
 $\epsilon_H^2 = M^2 + P_T^2$



Antiquark splitting amplitude in the string+ $^3P_0$  model obtained by the quark one by

$$\{q, h, q'\} \rightarrow \{\bar{q}, H, \bar{q}'\},$$

$$Z_+ \rightarrow Z_-,$$

$$\{\mathbf{k}_T, \mathbf{p}_T, \mathbf{k}'_T\} \rightarrow \{\bar{\mathbf{k}}_T, \mathbf{P}_T, \bar{\mathbf{k}}'_T\}$$

## Application of the recipe to the first two hadrons produced

Application of the recipe to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow h H X$

$h = \text{PS}$  and  $H = \text{PS}$  being the first two hadrons produced

$$dP(e^+e^- \rightarrow h H X) = \hat{\sigma}^{-1} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d \cos \theta} \times \underset{\text{Prob}(e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q})}{F_{q',h,q}(Z_+, \mathbf{p}_T; \mathbf{k}_T, C^{q\bar{q}})} \times \underset{\text{Prob}(q \rightarrow h + q')}{F_{\bar{q}',H,\bar{q}}(Z_-, \bar{\mathbf{p}}_T; \bar{\mathbf{k}}_T, C^{q'\bar{q}})} \times \underset{\text{Prob}(\bar{q} \rightarrow H + \bar{q}'; q \rightarrow h + q')}{F_{\bar{q}',H,\bar{q}}(Z_-, \bar{\mathbf{p}}_T; \bar{\mathbf{k}}_T, C^{q'\bar{q}})}$$

$$\propto (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \times (\dots) \times \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} \frac{2\text{Im}(\mu)p_T}{|\mu|^2 + p_T^2} \frac{2\text{Im}(\mu)P_T}{|\mu|^2 + P_T^2} \cos(\phi_h + \phi_H) \right]$$

expected form for the azimuthal distribution of back-to-back hadrons!

For quantitative results and phenomenology

→ implementation of the model in Pythia 8.3 for of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$