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# New look at the string model of quark fragmentation

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# Purpose of this study

Understand the  $\mathbf{p}_T$  correlations which come from kinematics, to disentangle them from those which depend on quark spin, like the single and di-hadron Collins asymmetries (for transversity) and Jet handedness (for helicity) and also from the Bose-Einstein correlations.

# Outlines

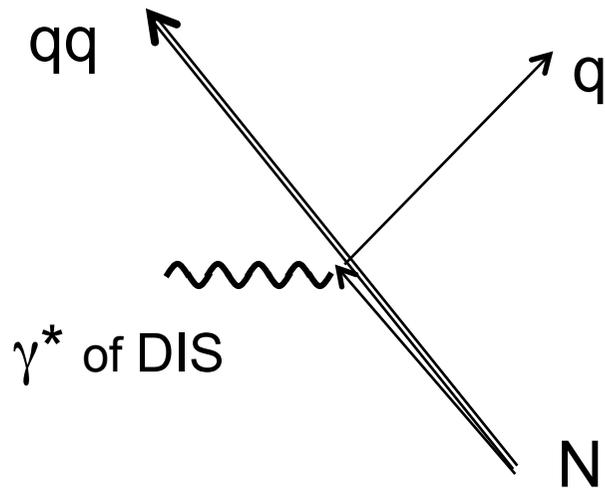
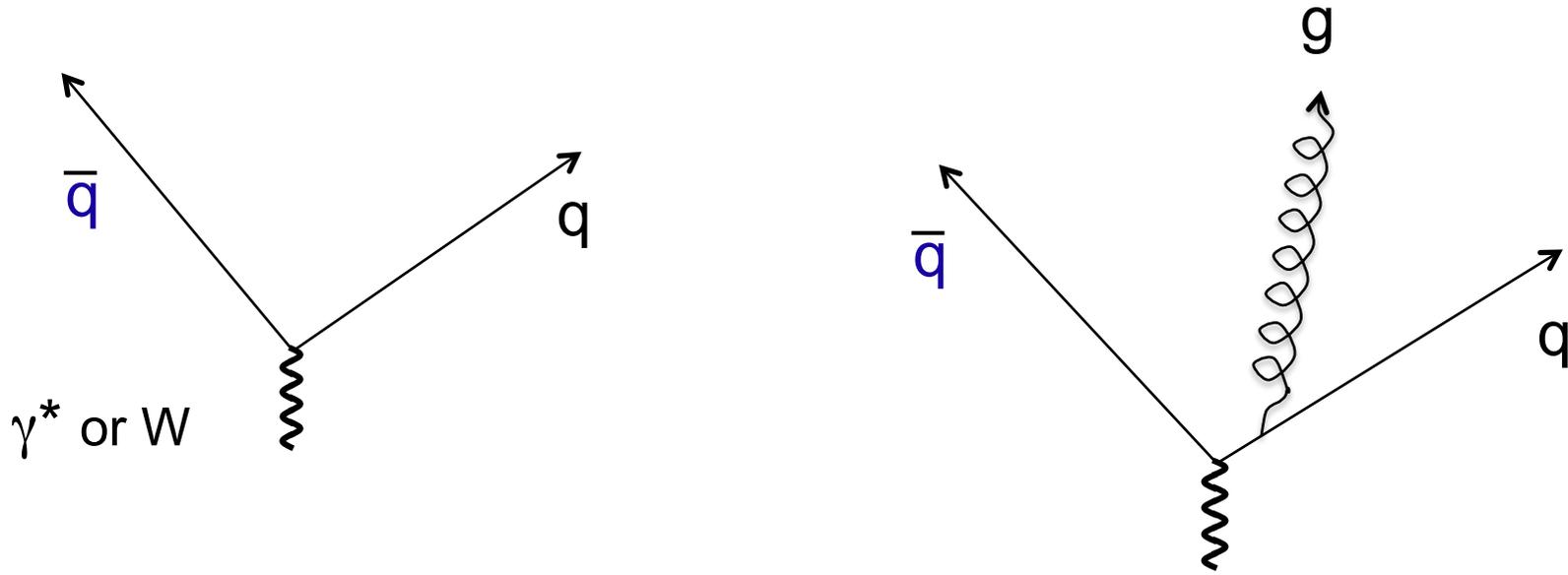
- jets and confinement
- string and multiperipheral approaches
- multiperipheral dynamics
- recursive method
- quark line reversal (or ‘left-right symmetry’)
- correspondance String model / multiperipheral models
- PYTHIA and “Lyon” splitting functions
- correlations between quark transverse momenta
- jet axis, primordial  $\mathbf{k}_T$
- non-existence of the jet axis
- lower  $\mathbf{p}_T$  of the first-rank hadron

all this *WITHOUT SPIN* (for the moment)

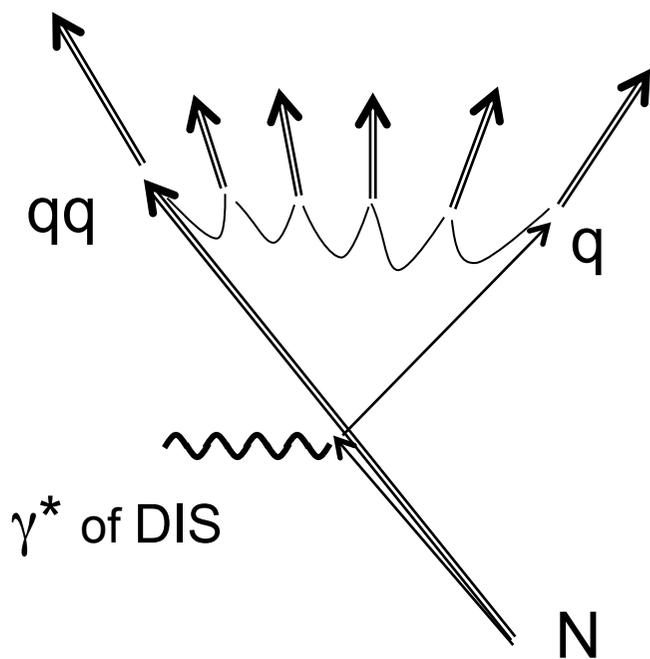
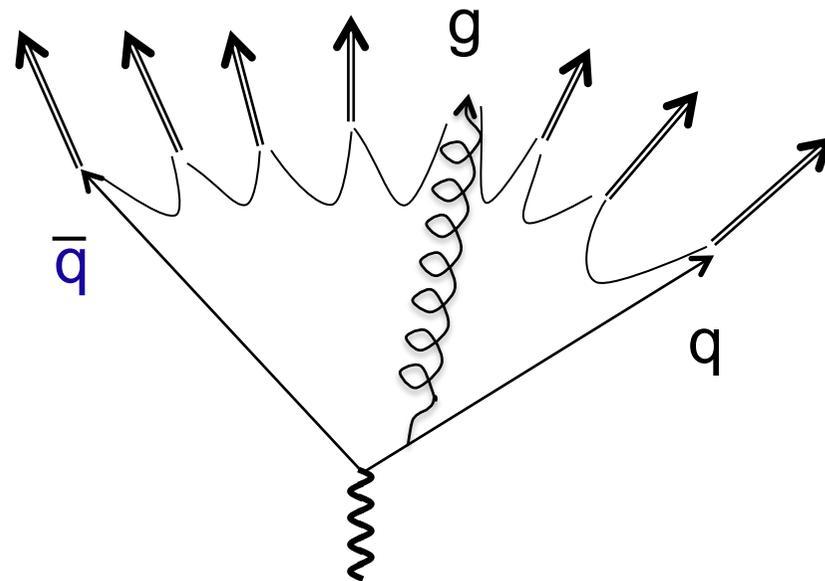
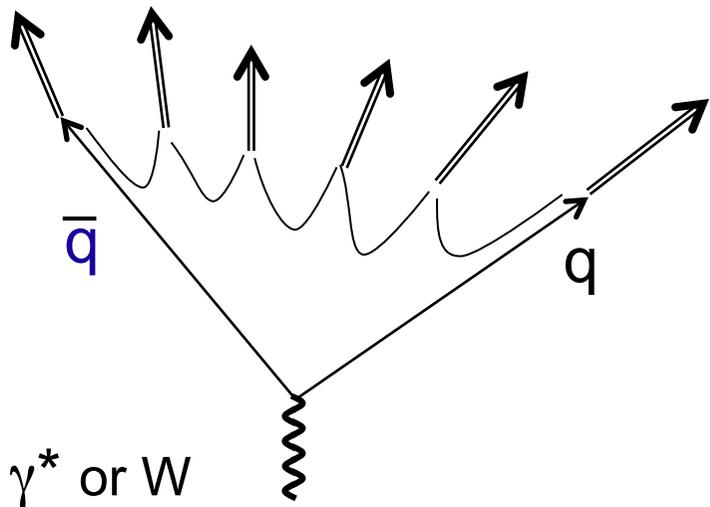
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# partons

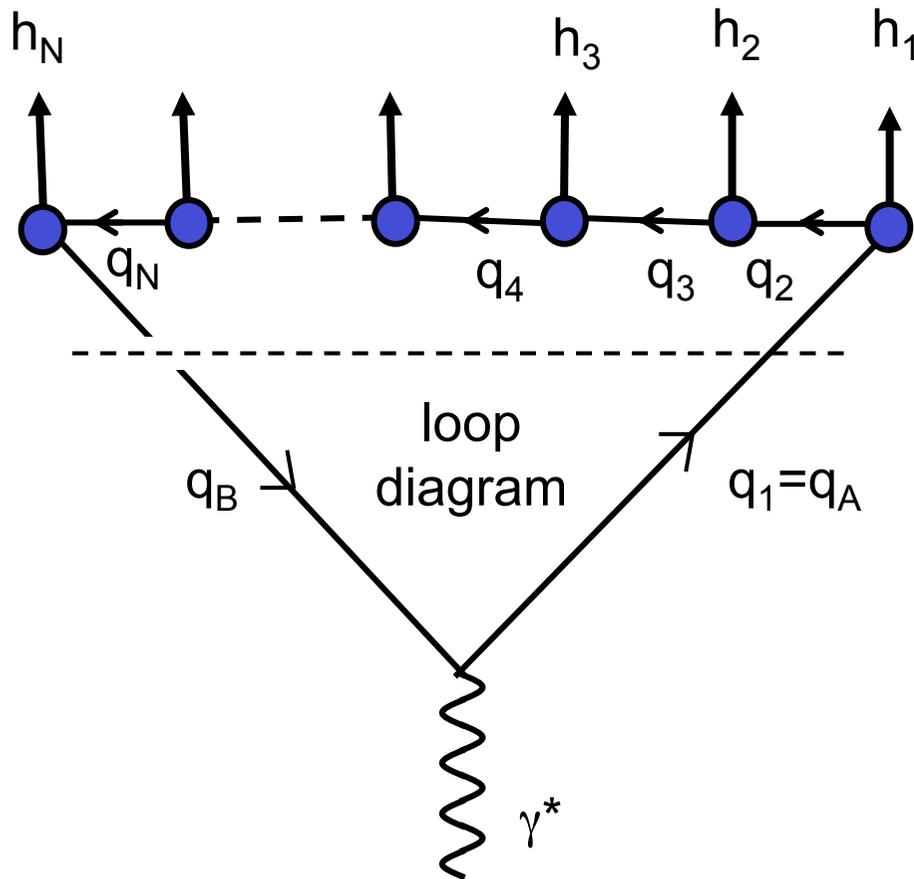


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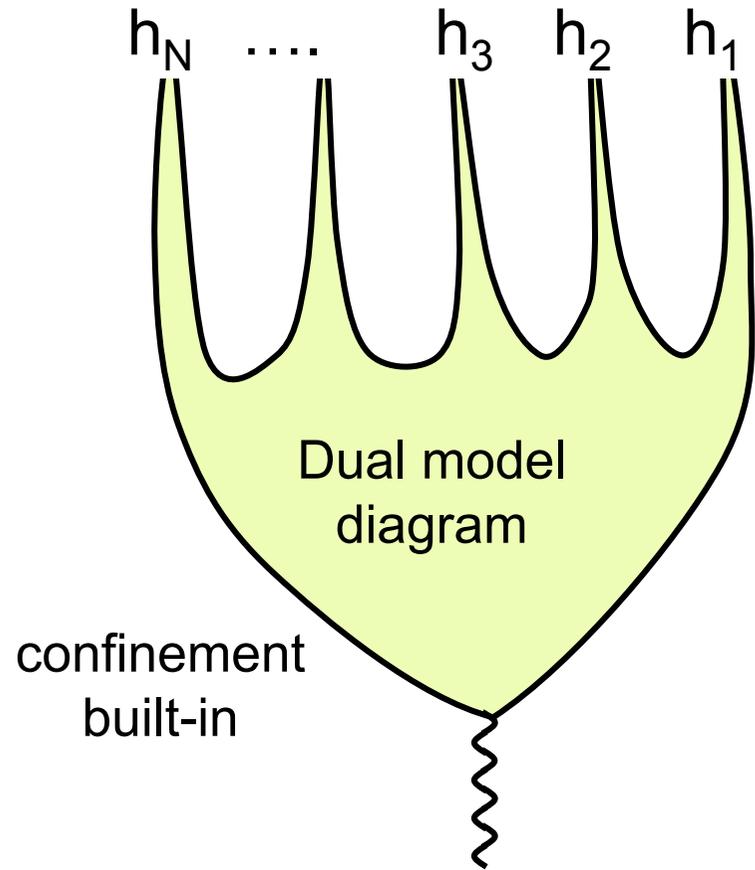


# Two pictures of $e^+e^- \rightarrow q + \bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

## Quark MultiPeripheral (QMPM)

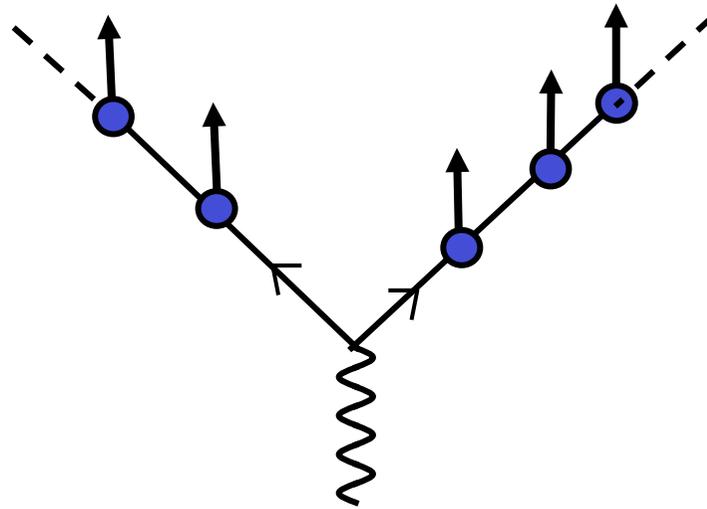


## String Fragmentation (SFM)



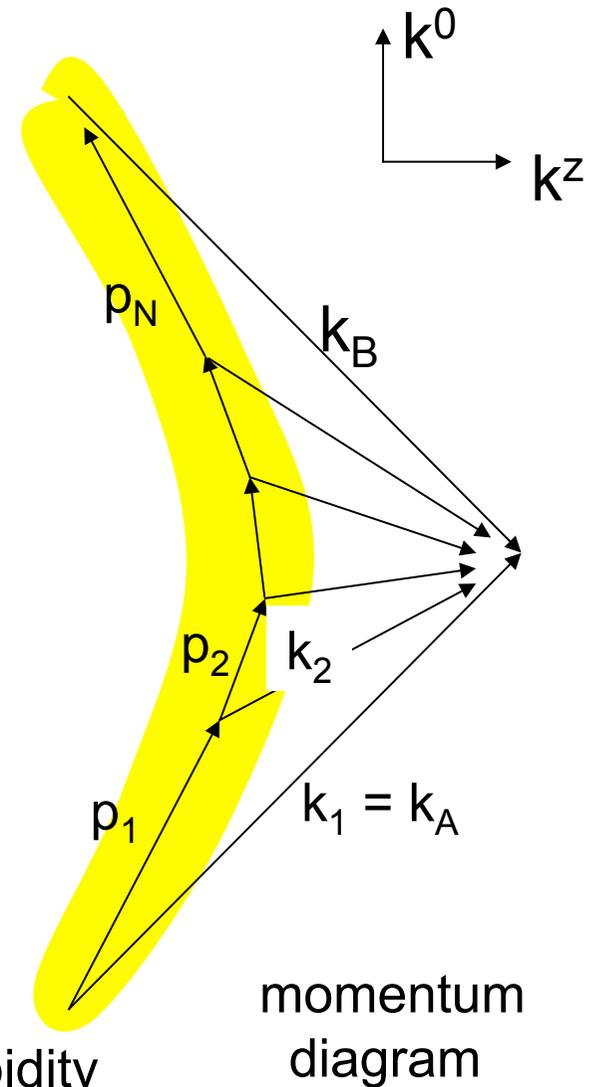
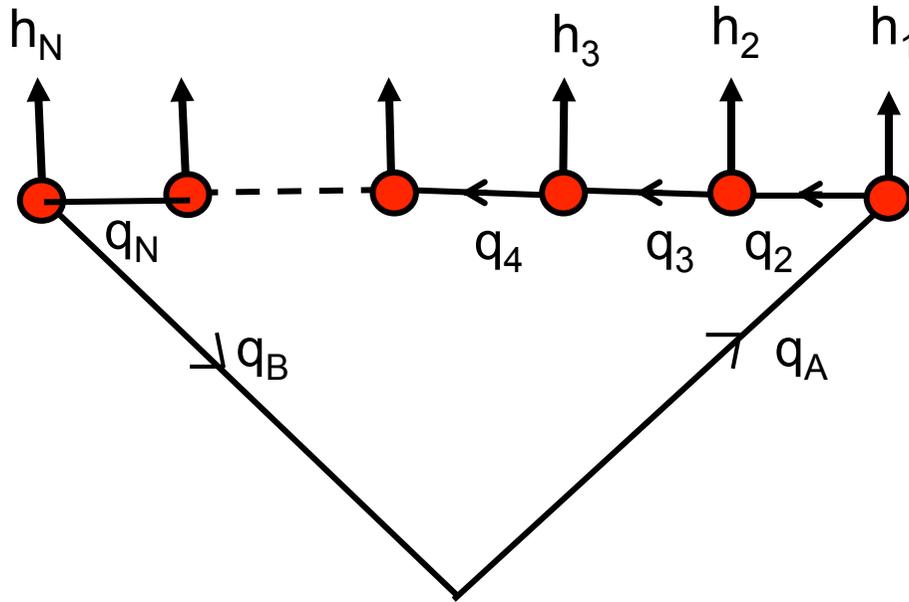
A bad picture :

two **independent** cascades of "quark decays"



- No confinement
- Would produce two isotropic distributions in c.m. frame of each jet

# Multiperipheral dynamics



quark virtuality :  $-k^2 = |k^+k^-| + \mathbf{k}_T^2$

Cutoff in  $\mathbf{k}_T \rightarrow$  Cutoff in  $\mathbf{p}_T$

Cutoff in  $|k^+k^-| \rightarrow h_1, h_2, h_3, \dots$  are nearly ordered in rapidity

**Local Compensation of Charges and Transverse Momenta**

# Recursive fragmentation model

- with virtual mesons : Krzywicki & Petersson ; Finkel & Peccei (1972)
- with quarks : Feynman & Field

Splitting distribution for  $k \rightarrow p + k'$  :

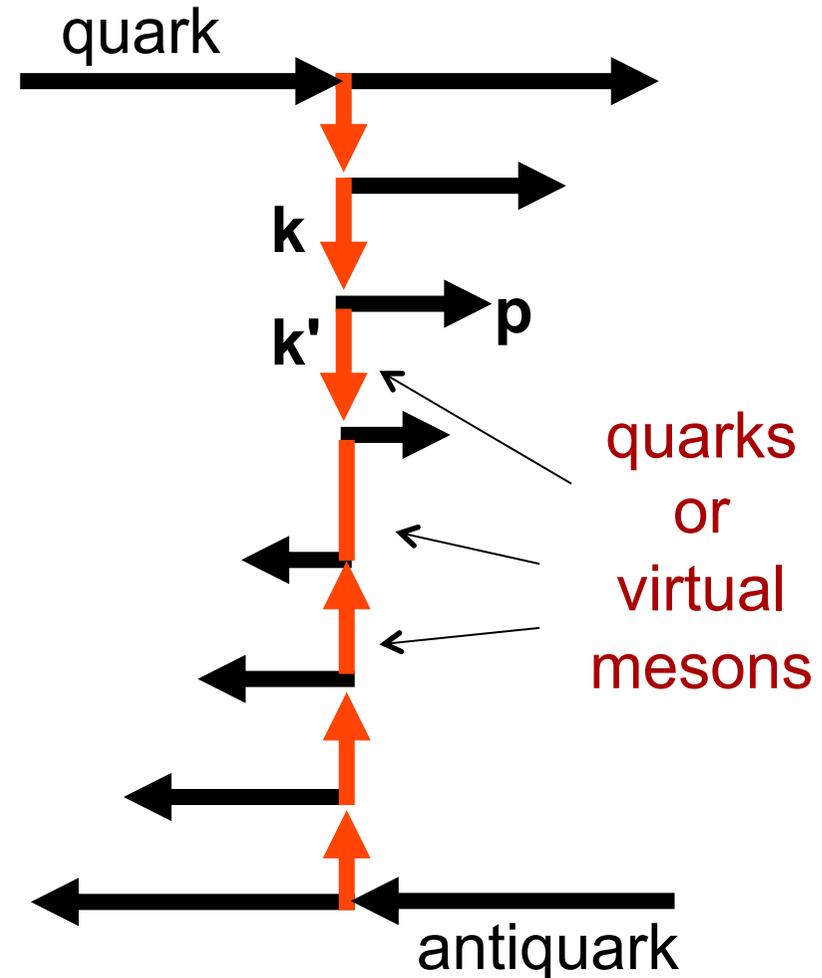
$f(Z) dZ$  (Krzywicki...)

$f(Z, \mathbf{k}'_{\text{T}}) dZ d^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}$  (Feynman-Field...)

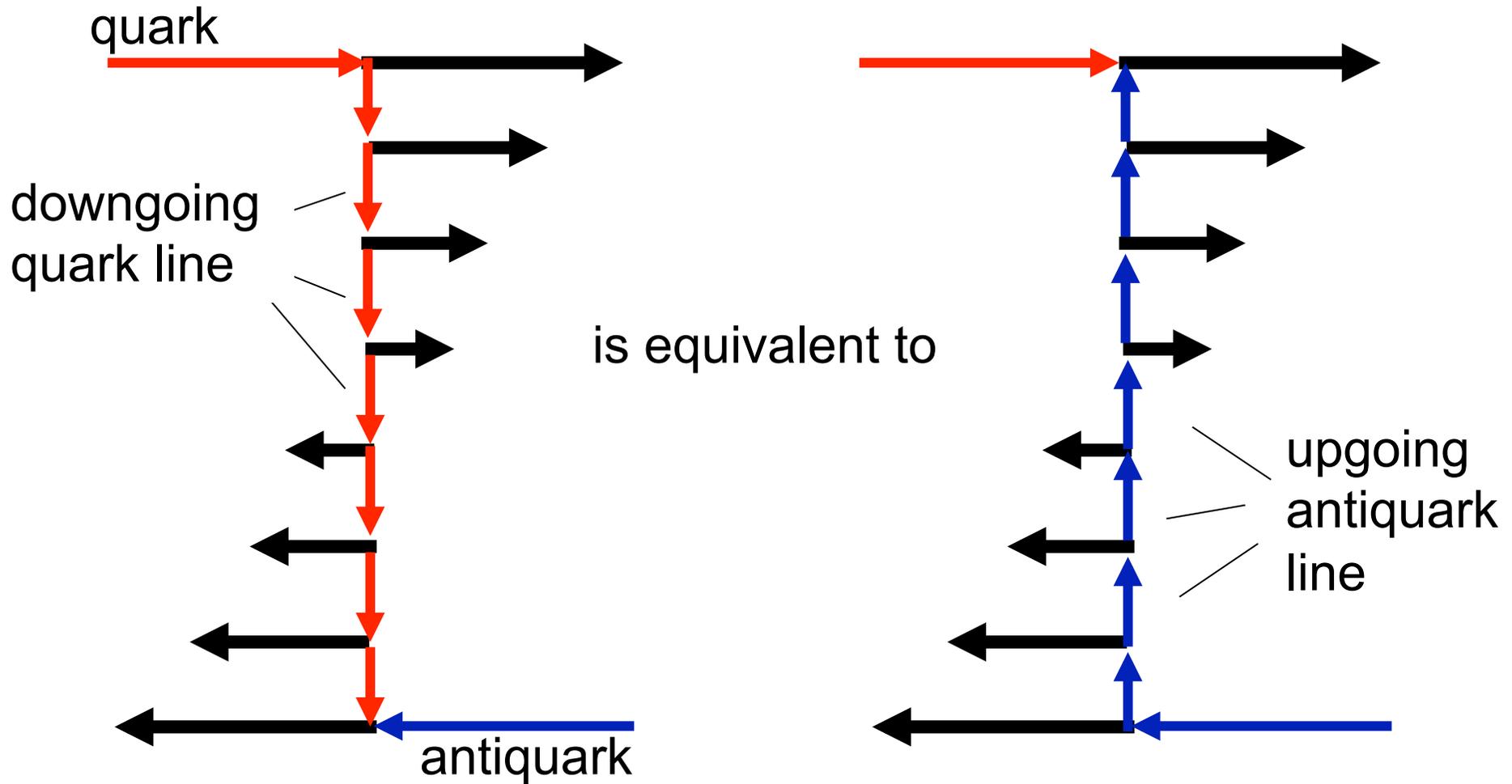
$f(Z, \mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}, \mathbf{k}'_{\text{T}}) dZ d^2\mathbf{p}_{\text{T}}$  (Lund-symmetric)

$$Z = p^+ / k^+ ; k^+ = k^0 + k^z$$

$$z_4 = p_4^+ / k_A^+ = z_4 (1 - z_3)(1 - z_2)(1 - z_1)$$



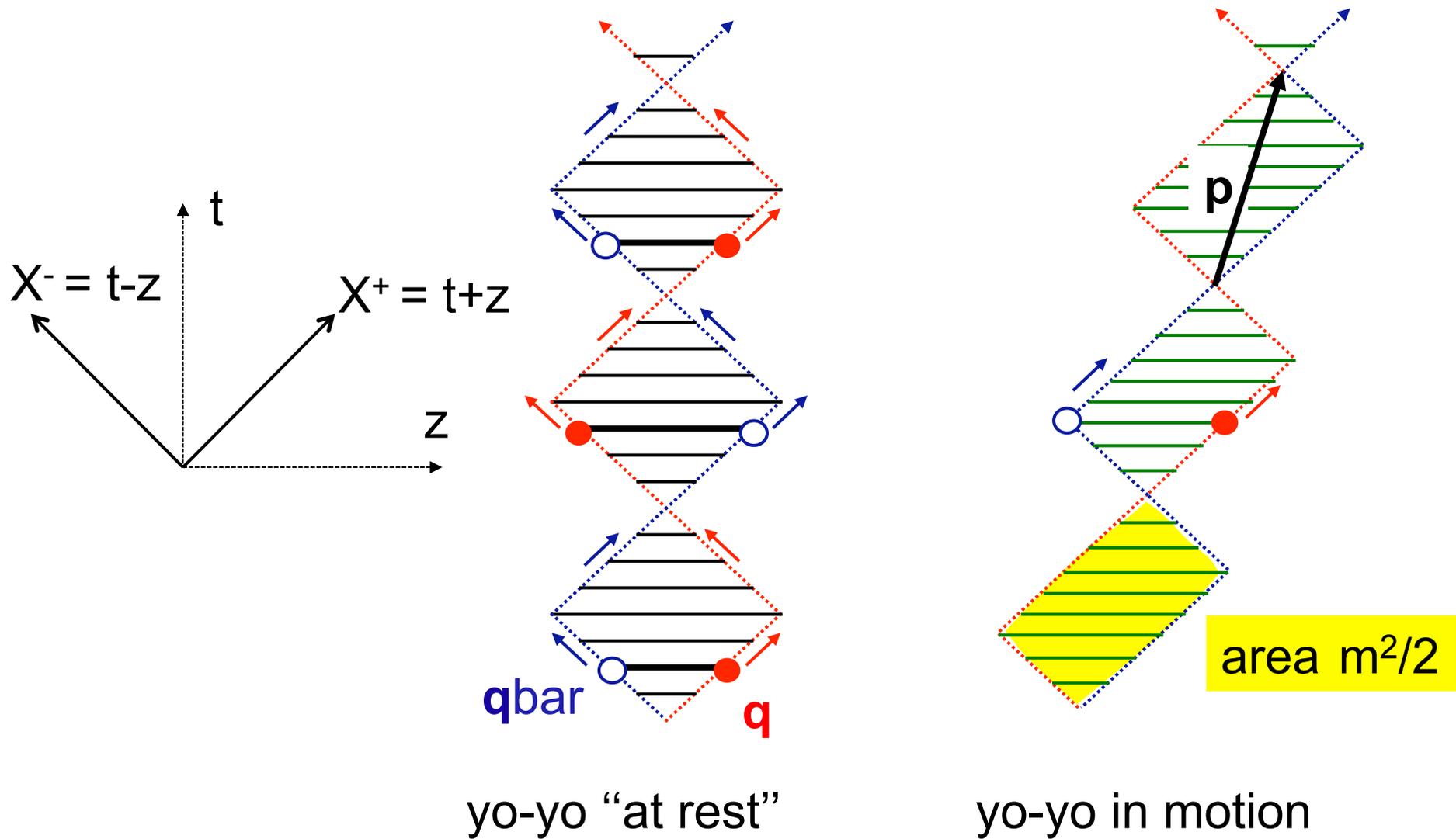
# An important constraint : Symmetry of *quark line reversal*



➔ Lund-*symmetric* model

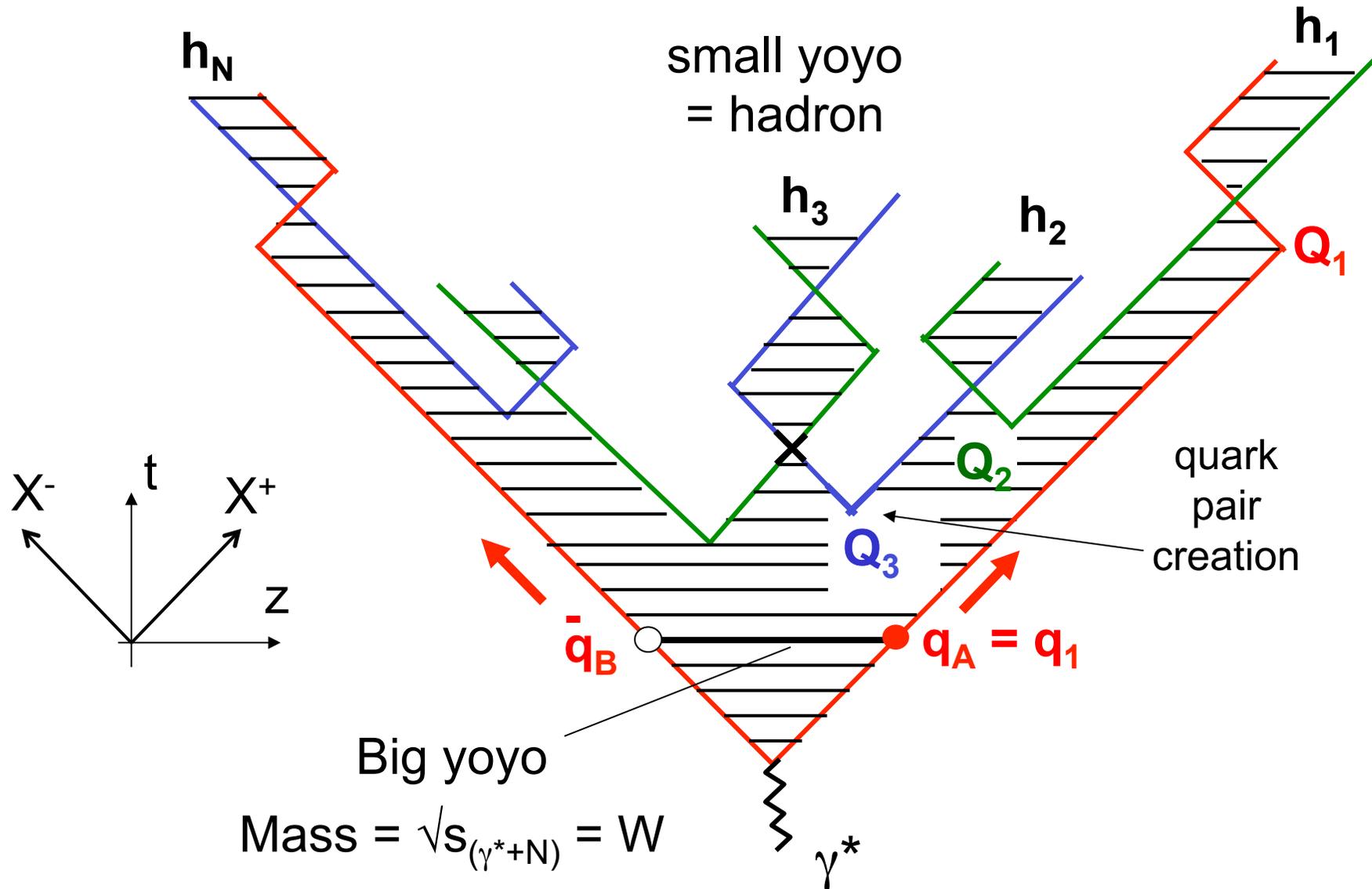
The string fragmentation model  
or “yoyo” model

# Simplest string motion : the relativistic yo-yo

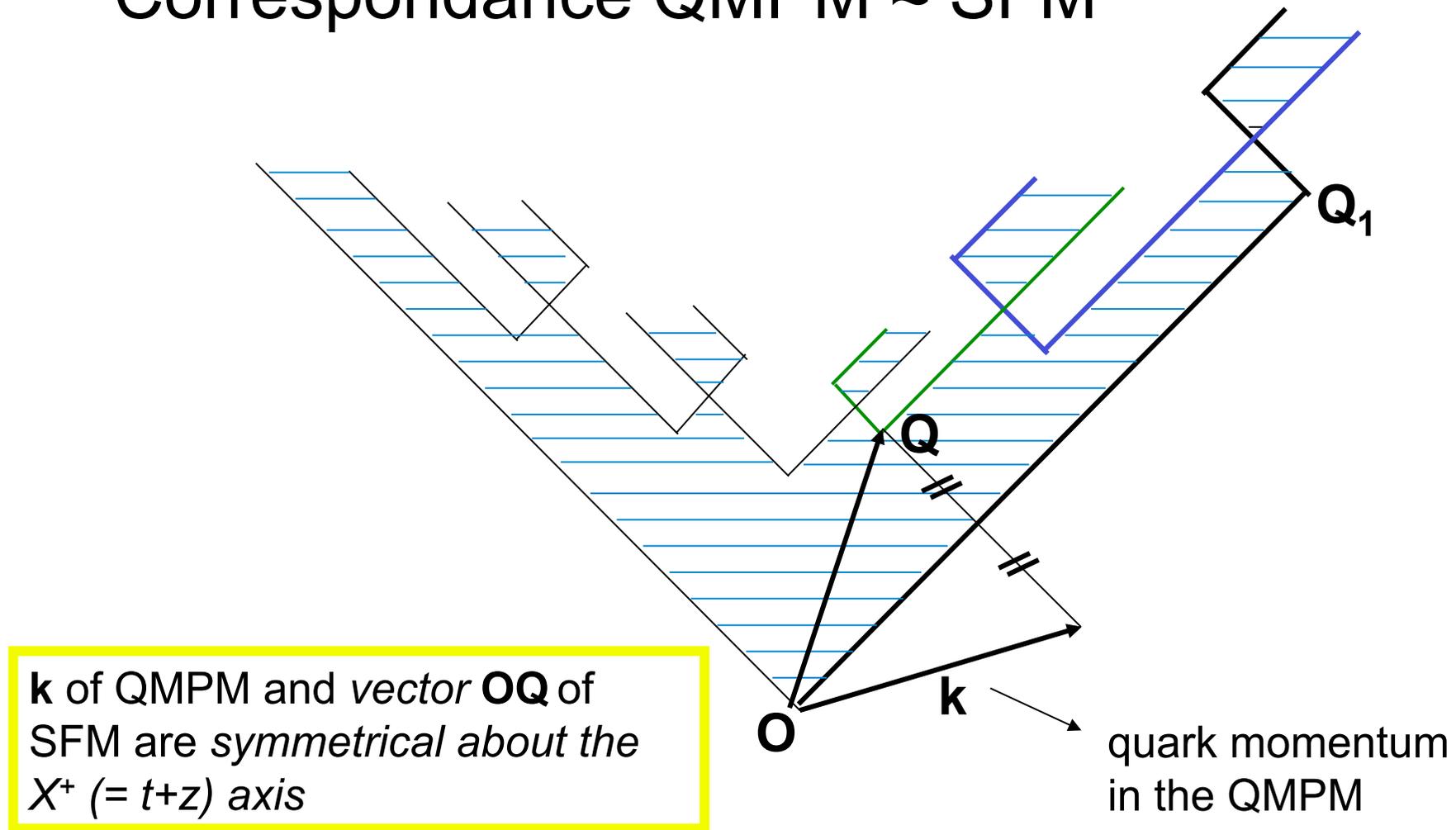


(the string tension  $\kappa \approx 1 \text{ GeV/fermi}$  is taken as unity)

# Space-time history of string fragmentation



# Correspondance QMPM $\approx$ SFM



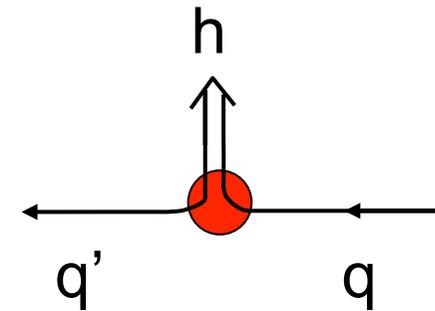
**String Fragmentation Model** and **Quark MultiPeripheral Model** are two complementary pictures.

# The PYTHIA splitting function

$$f(q \rightarrow h+q') \propto \exp(-b_T \mathbf{k}'_T{}^2) \\ \times Z^{-1} \times (1-Z)^a \times \exp\{-Z^{-1} b_L (m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)\} \\ \times N^{-1}(m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)$$

where

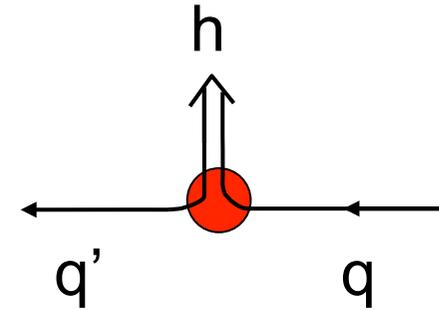
$$N(m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2) = \int dZ Z^{-1} \times (1-Z)^a \times \exp\{-Z^{-1} b_L (m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)\}$$



## The PYTHIA algorithm :

- draw  $\mathbf{k}'_T$  first, with the  $\exp(-b_T \mathbf{k}'_T{}^2)$  distribution
  - draw  $Z$  with the distribution on the 3rd line
- ➔ no  $(\mathbf{k}_T, \mathbf{k}'_T)$  correlation, in spite of the factor  $\exp\{-b_L (m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)/Z\}$  which penalizes large  $|\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{k}'_T|$ .  
The factor  $N^{-1}(m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)$  cancels this correlation.

# The “Lyon” splitting function

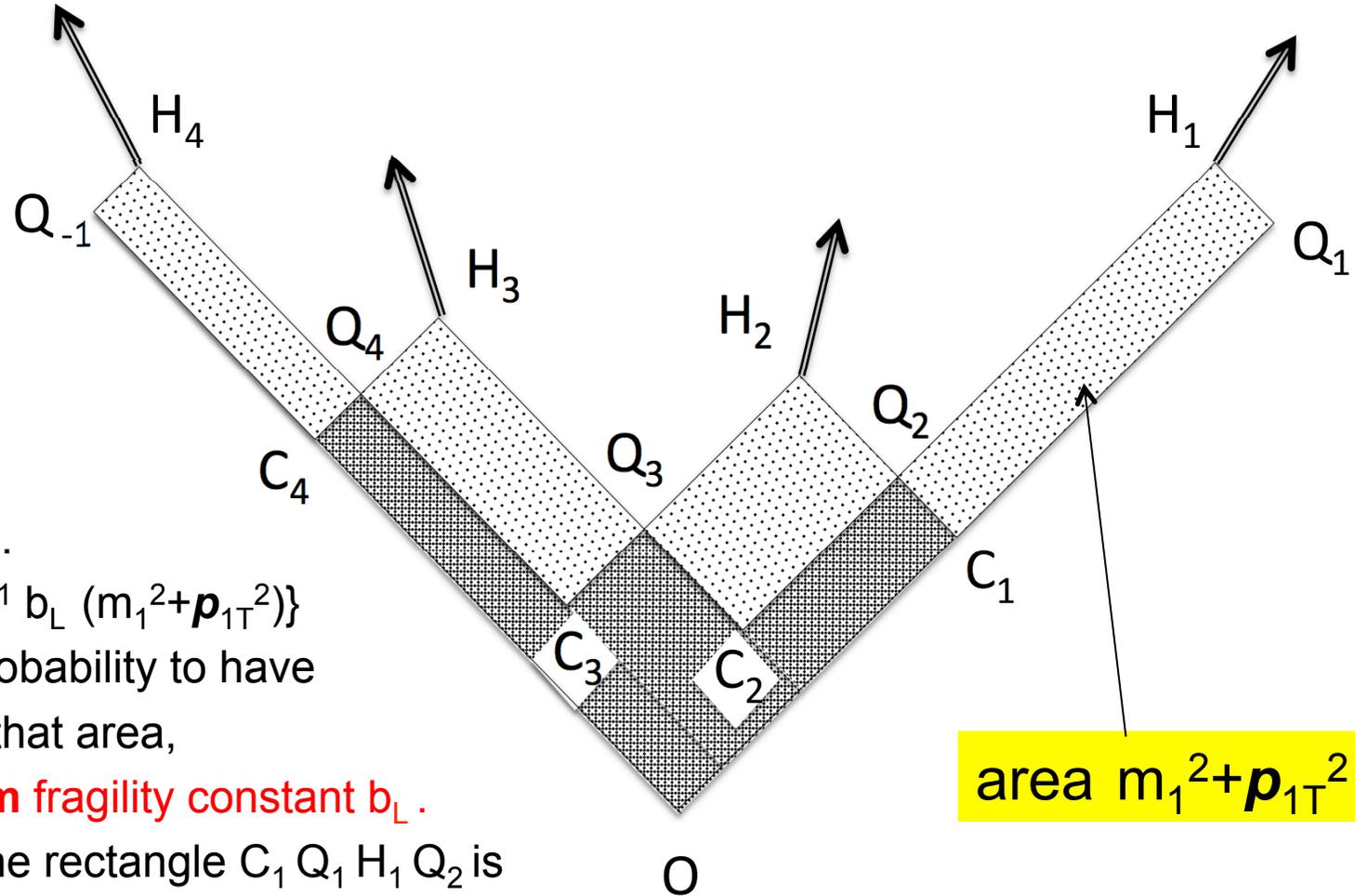


$$f(q \rightarrow h+q') \propto \exp(-b_T \mathbf{k}'_T{}^2)$$

$$\times Z^{-1} \times (1-Z)^a \times \exp\{-(Z^{-1} - c) \cdot b_L \cdot (m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)\}$$

- The factor  $N^{-1}(m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)$  has been thrown away.
- $\mathbf{k}_T$  and  $\mathbf{k}'_T$  are correlated :  $\langle \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}'_T \rangle$  is positive
- We added a new parameter  $c$ .
- Monte Carlo drawing of  $\mathbf{k}'_T$  and  $Z$  is no more complicated than in PYTHIA

# Meaning of the parameter $c$



In the exponential,  $Z_1^{-1} b_L (m_1^2 + \mathbf{p}_{1T}^2)$  is the area in the past lightcone of  $H_1$ .

The factor  $\exp\{-Z_1^{-1} b_L (m_1^2 + \mathbf{p}_{1T}^2)\}$  of PYTHIA is the probability to have no string cutting in that area,

**assuming a uniform fragility constant  $b_L$ .**

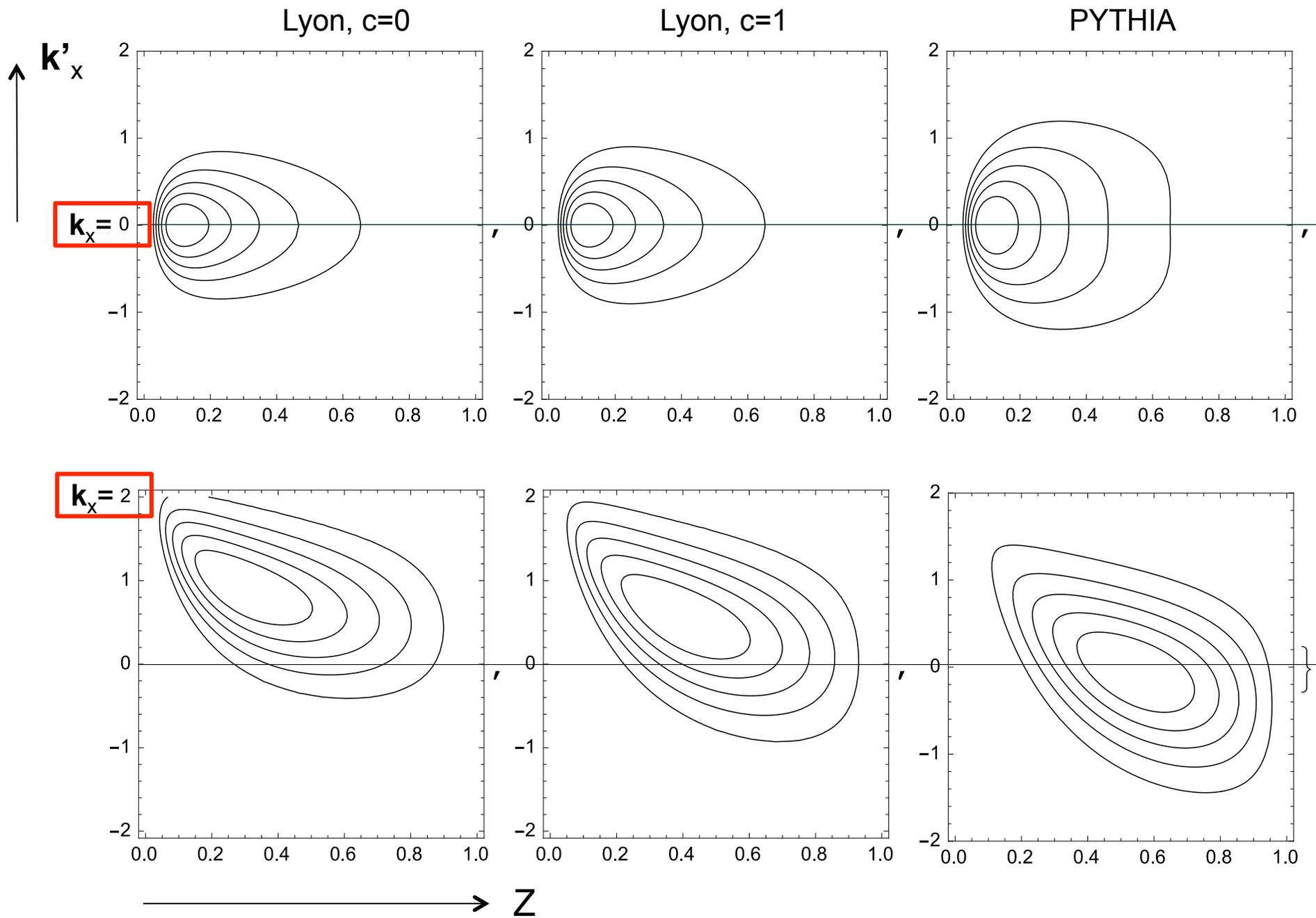
However, a cut in the rectangle  $C_1 Q_1 H_1 Q_2$  is kinematically forbidden. The meson  $h_1$  is “born” in  $C_1$ , not  $H_1$ . Thus we require

***no string cutting in the past light cone of  $Q_2$ .***

The exponential factor becomes  $\exp\{- (Z^{-1} - 1) b_L (m_h^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)\}$ .

For flexibility, we put  $-c$  instead of  $-1$ .

area  $m_1^2 + \mathbf{p}_{1T}^2$



# Tentative to define a *theoretical* jet axis, or *string axis*

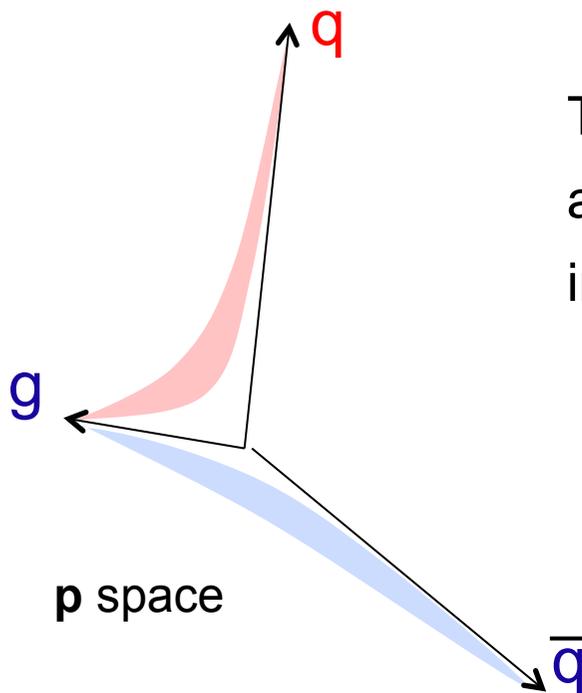
A string is spanned between **two** colored objects (quark, diquark, gluon).

The jet axis should be defined by the 4-momenta  $k_A$  and  $k_B$  of these objects.

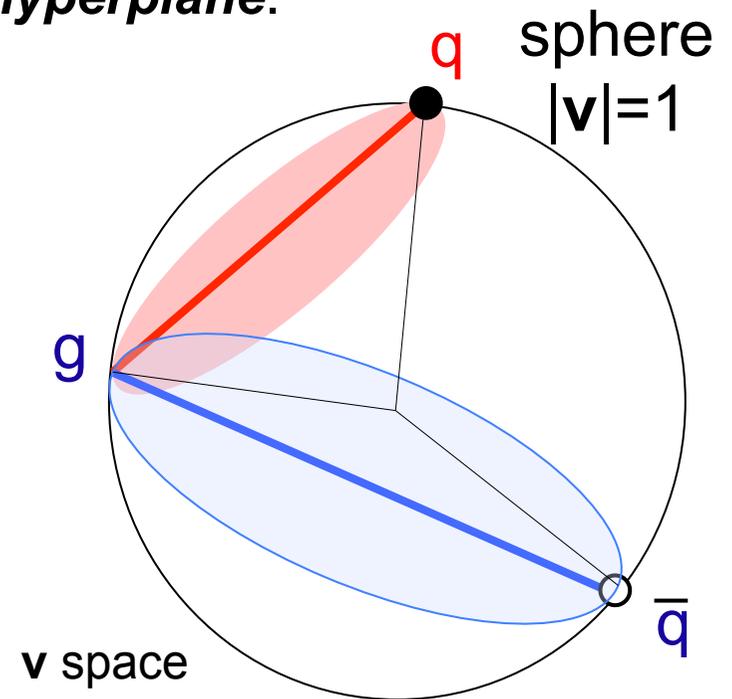
A hadron of this jet has 4-momentum  $p = z^+ k_A + z^- k_B + \mathbf{p}_{T/string}$ .

$\mathbf{p}_T = 0$  defines a 2-D *hyperplane* spanned by  $k_A$  and  $k_B$ .

One should speak of a **jet hyperplane** or **string hyperplane**.



The particles of a jet are roughly aligned in *velocity space*.



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow q + \bar{q} + \text{gluon}$$

# Practical jet axis, primordial $\mathbf{k}_T$

The string hyperplane is not accessible experimentally. In DIS, a *practical* jet axis is defined by the momentum  $\mathbf{Q}$  of the virtual photon ( $\gamma^*$ ).

Relative to  $\mathbf{Q}$ , the struck quark (A) has a transverse momentum  $\mathbf{k}_{T/Q}$ , called *primordial transverse momentum*.

The nucleon remnant (B) has the opposite  $\mathbf{k}_{T/Q}$ .

From  $\mathbf{p} = z^+ \mathbf{k}_A + z^- \mathbf{k}_B + \mathbf{p}_{T/string}$  :

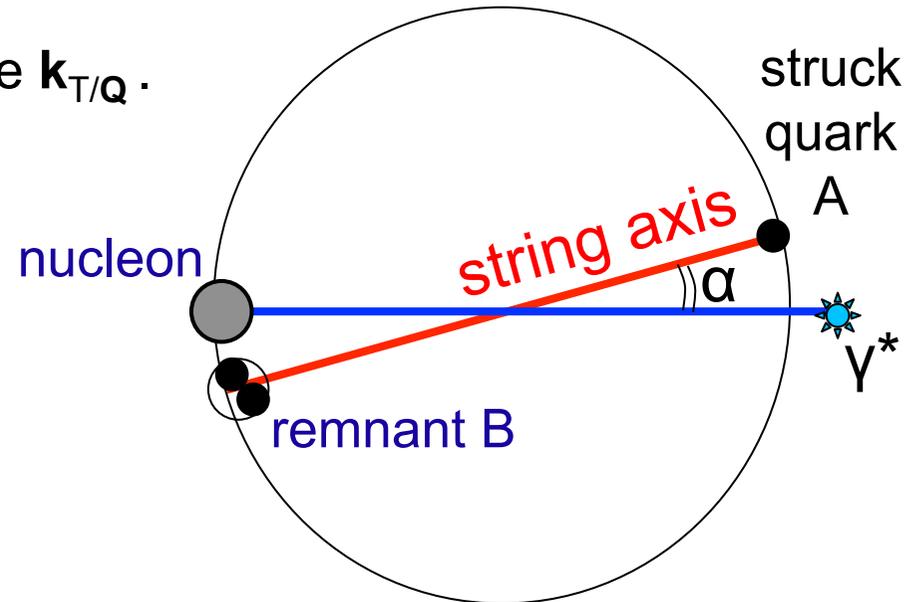
$$\mathbf{p}_{T/Q} = \mathbf{p}_{T/string} + x_F \mathbf{k}_{T/Q},$$

with  $z^+ = z = p^+ / p_A^+$  ,  $z^- = p^- / p_B^-$  ,

$$x_F = z^+ - z^- = 2 p_z(\text{c.m.}) / W .$$

Then,  $\langle \mathbf{p}_{T/Q} \rangle^2 = \langle \mathbf{p}_{T/string} \rangle^2 + x_F^2 \langle \mathbf{k}_{T/Q} \rangle^2 .$

$\downarrow$   
 instead of  $z^2$



Velocity space, c.m. frame

$$\mathbf{k}_{T/Q} = \alpha W / 2$$

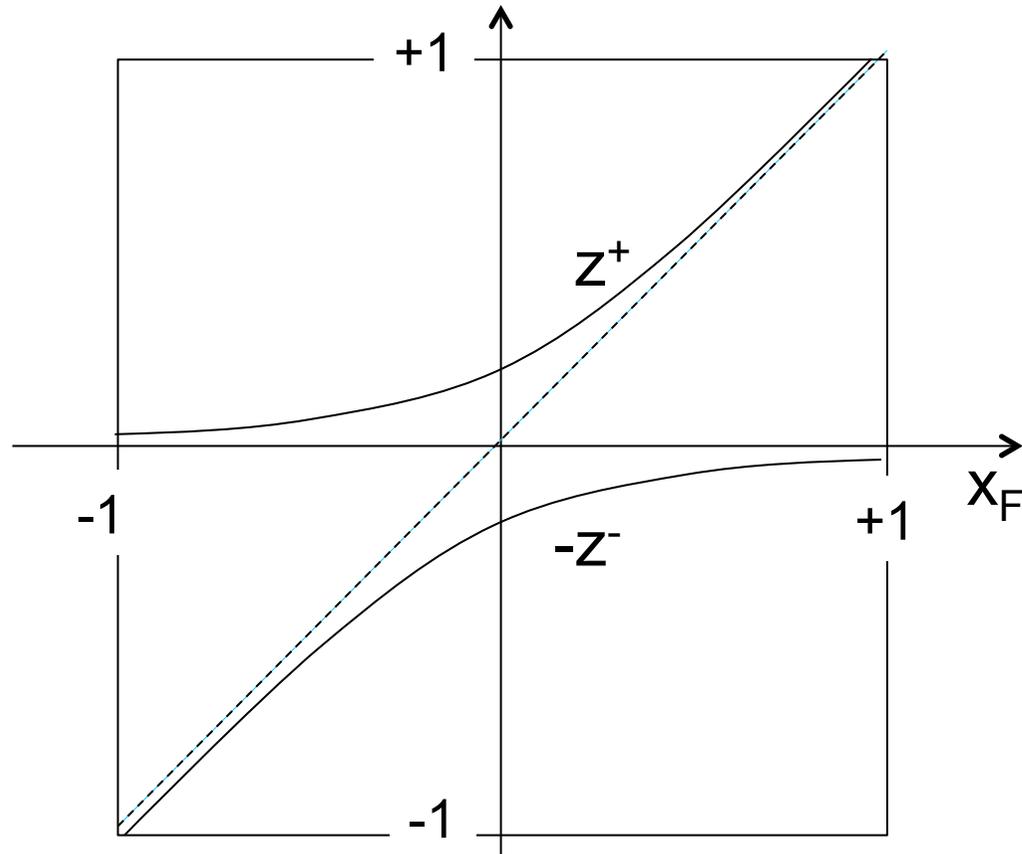
# Relation between $x_F$ , and $z$

In the hadronic c.m. frame

$$z = z^+ = p^+ / W ,$$

$$z^- = p^- / W ,$$

$$x_F = 2 p_z / W$$



$$z^+ = \frac{1}{2} [ x_F + \text{sqrt}\{x_F^2 + 4(m^2 + \mathbf{p}_T^2)/W^2\} ]$$

# Lower $\mathbf{p}_T$ of the first-rank hadron

$$\mathbf{p}_{T/\text{string}} = (\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{k}'_T)_{/\text{string}}$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle_{/\text{string}} = 2 \langle \mathbf{k}_T^2 \rangle - 2 \langle \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}'_T \rangle \sim 2 \langle \mathbf{k}_T^2 \rangle_{/\text{string}}$$

*except for the first rank, because  $\mathbf{k}_{1T/\text{string}} = 0$ .*

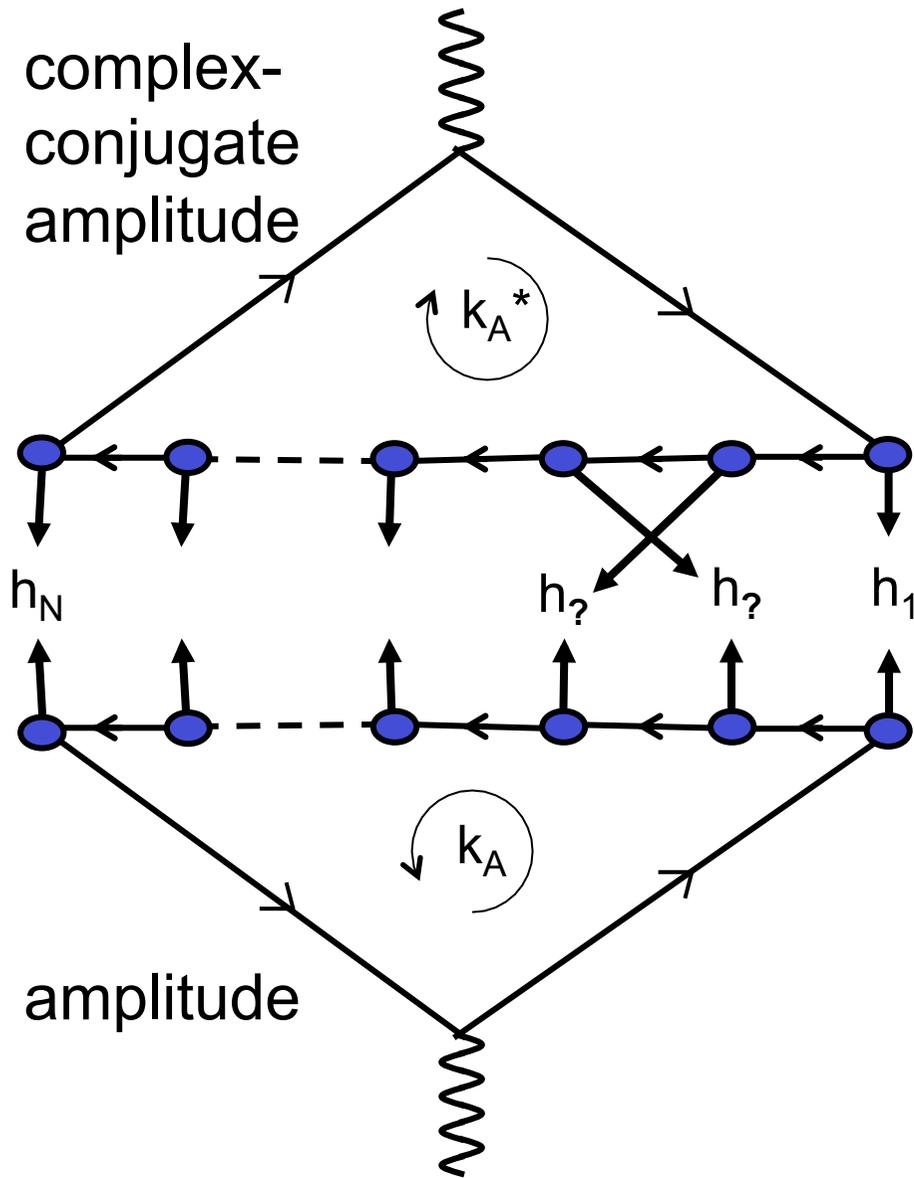
→ the recursive model predicts, at large but equal  $z$ ,

$$\langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle_{\text{favored}} < \langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle_{\text{unfavored}}$$

For instance, in DIS on protons :  $\langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle(\pi^+) < \langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle(\pi^-)$

**Is it the case experimentally ?**

# Non-existence of a theoretical jet axis



$k_A$  and  $k_A^*$  are internal momenta of quark loops = integration variables.

$k_A - k_A^*$  has no classical counterpart. When  $k_A \neq k_A^*$  one can speak of a  $k_A \times k_A^*$  interference.

Also the **ranks** of the hadrons are theoretically ambiguous, due to crossing between identical particles.

# Main conclusions

- We have proposed a new splitting formula introducing the  $\mathbf{k}_T$  correlations, which are missing in PYTHIA.
- Our splitting function also depends on a new parameter  $c$ . Kinematical constraints forbid string decay in some regions, suggesting  $c=1$ .
- In DIS,  $\langle \mathbf{p}_{T/Q} \rangle^2 = \langle \mathbf{p}_{T/string} \rangle^2 + x_F^2 \langle \mathbf{k}_{T/Q} \rangle^2$ .
- The recursive models generally predict a smaller  $\langle \mathbf{p}_T^2 \rangle$  for a favored meson than for an unfavored one, at large but equal  $z$ . This has to be clarified on the experimental side.
- Jet axis and hadron rank cannot be defined without ambiguity, even theoretically.

***Thank you for attention !***