

New jet quenching tools to explore equilibrium and non-equilibrium dynamics in heavy-ion collisions



# Quenching of Polarized Jets

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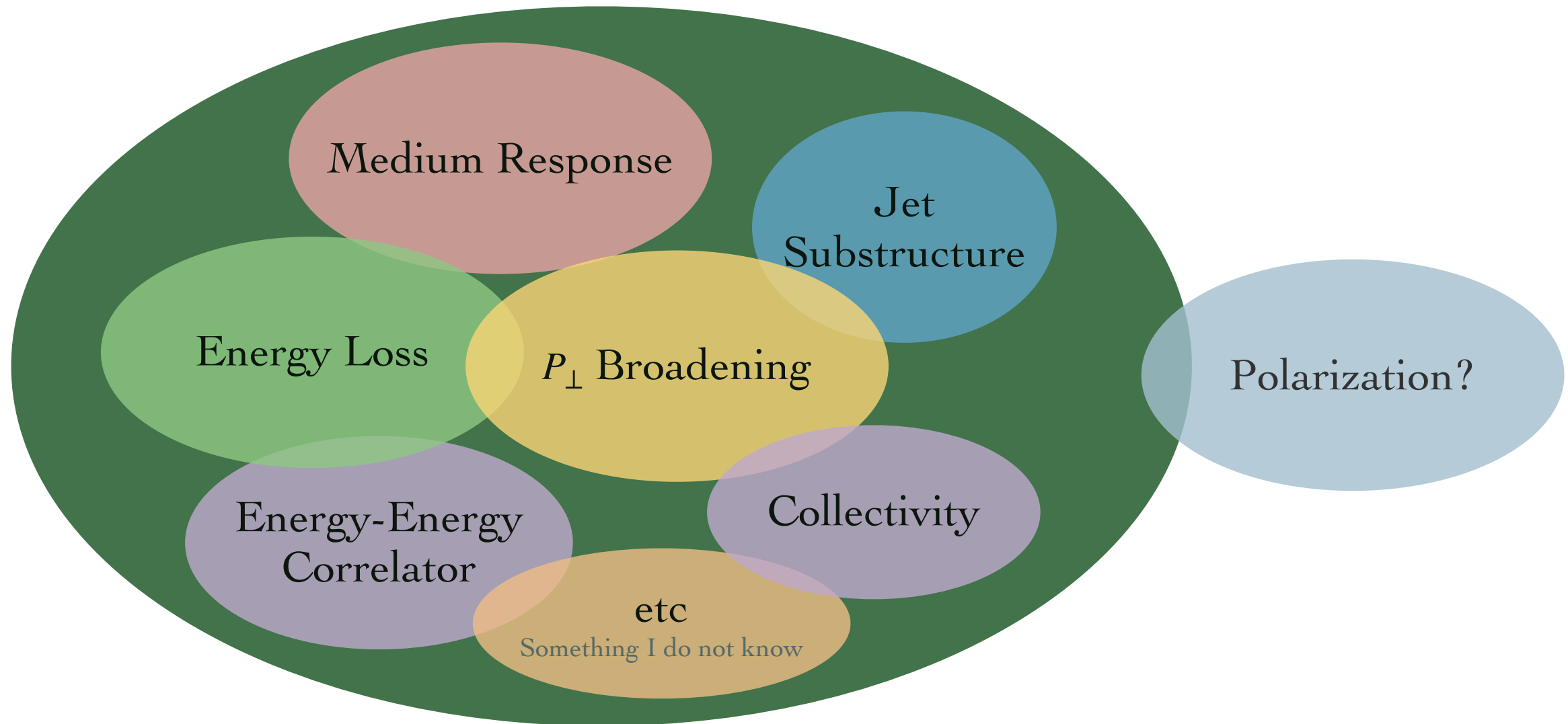
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## Keywords of Jet Quenching



Unpolarized Beams  
+  
Strong Interaction



Unpolarized Jets

See also  
Siggi's  
talk.

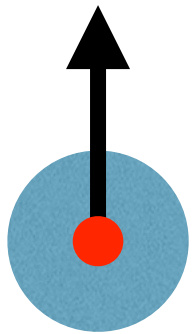
## QCD factorization

partonic interaction, perturbative

Cross Section = short distance  $\otimes$  long distance

non-perturbative, universal

TMD PDFs:  $\mathcal{FT} \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \psi(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) | p \rangle$



$$\not{n}_+ \left[ f_1 - \frac{(\hat{e}_p \times \mathbf{k}_T) \cdot \mathbf{S}_\perp}{M} f_{1T}^\perp \right] + \gamma_5 \not{n}_+ \left[ \lambda g_{1L} + \frac{k_T \cdot S_\perp}{m} g_{1T}^\perp \right] +$$

$$\frac{i[k_T, \not{n}_+]}{2m} h_1^\perp + \frac{1}{2} [\not{S}_\perp, \not{n}_+] \gamma_5 h_{1T} + \frac{[k_T, \not{n}_+] \gamma_5}{2m} \left[ \lambda h_{1L}^\perp + \frac{k_T \cdot S_\perp}{m} h_{1T}^\perp \right]$$

TMD FFs:  $\mathcal{FT} \langle 0 | \psi(0) | hX \rangle \langle hX | \bar{\psi}(x^-, \vec{x}_\perp) | 0 \rangle$

$$\not{n}_- \left[ D_1 + \frac{(\hat{e}_j \times \mathbf{p}_T) \cdot \mathbf{S}_\perp}{zM} D_{1T}^\perp \right] + \gamma_5 \not{n}_- \left[ \lambda G_{1L} + \frac{p_T \cdot S_\perp}{zM} G_{1T}^\perp \right] +$$

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## QCD factorization

## Baryons

		Baryons		
		Unpolarized	L	T
Quarks	Unpolarized	$D_1$		$D_{1T}^\perp$
	L		$G_{1L}$	$G_{1T}^\perp$
	T	$H_1^\perp$	$H_{1L}^\perp$	$H_{1T}^\perp, H_{1T}^\perp$

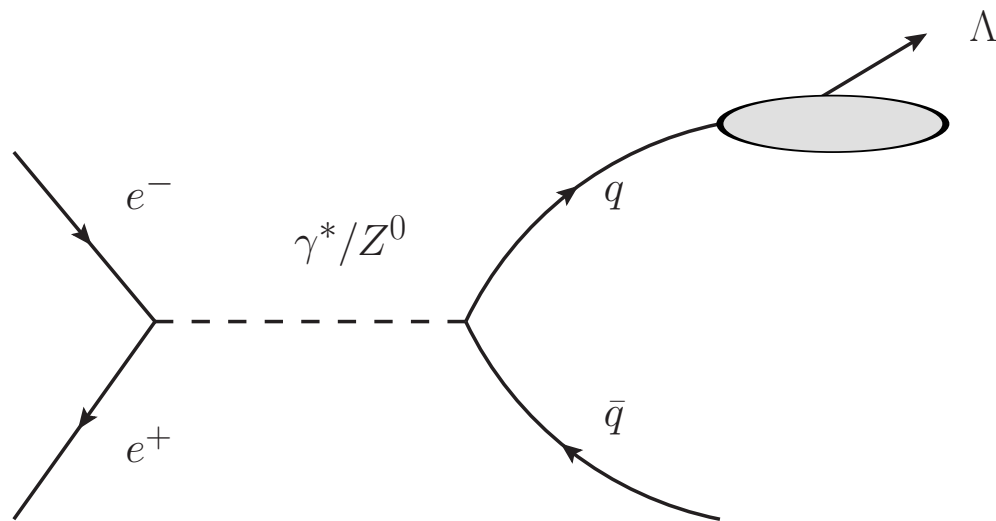
- ☑  $G_{1L}$ , aka, the longitudinal spin transfer

Number density of longitudinally polarized hadrons produced from longitudinally polarized quarks.

polarized beams  
or  
weak interaction



## Single Inclusive $\Lambda$ Production in $e^+e^-$ Annihilation Experiment



spin transfer

$$\mathcal{P}_L^\Lambda = \lambda_q \frac{G_{1Lq}^\Lambda}{D_{1q}^\Lambda}$$

quark polarization

Final state quarks gain polarization through weak interaction

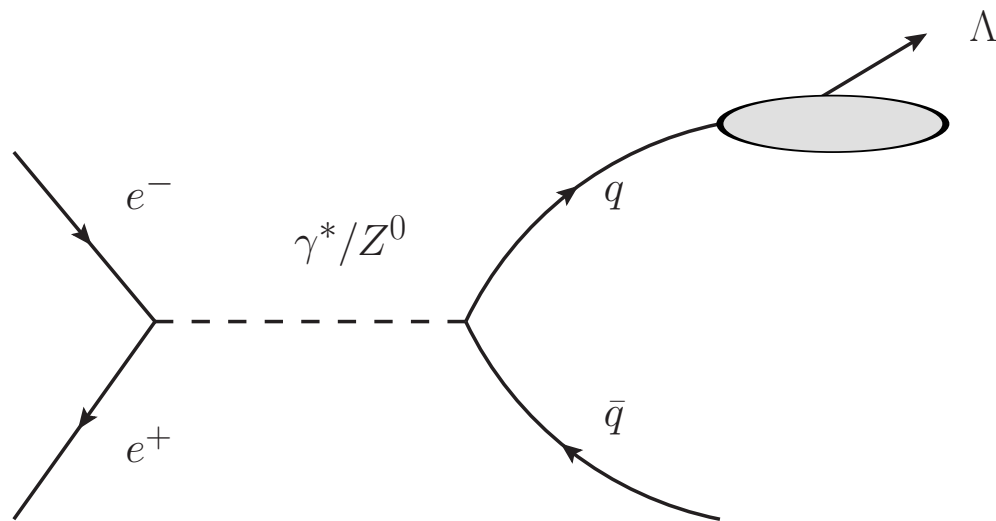
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dPS} = \sigma_0 \left[ D_{1q}^\Lambda(z) + \lambda_q \lambda_\Lambda G_{1Lq}^\Lambda(z) \right]$$

Belle Energy

LEP Energy



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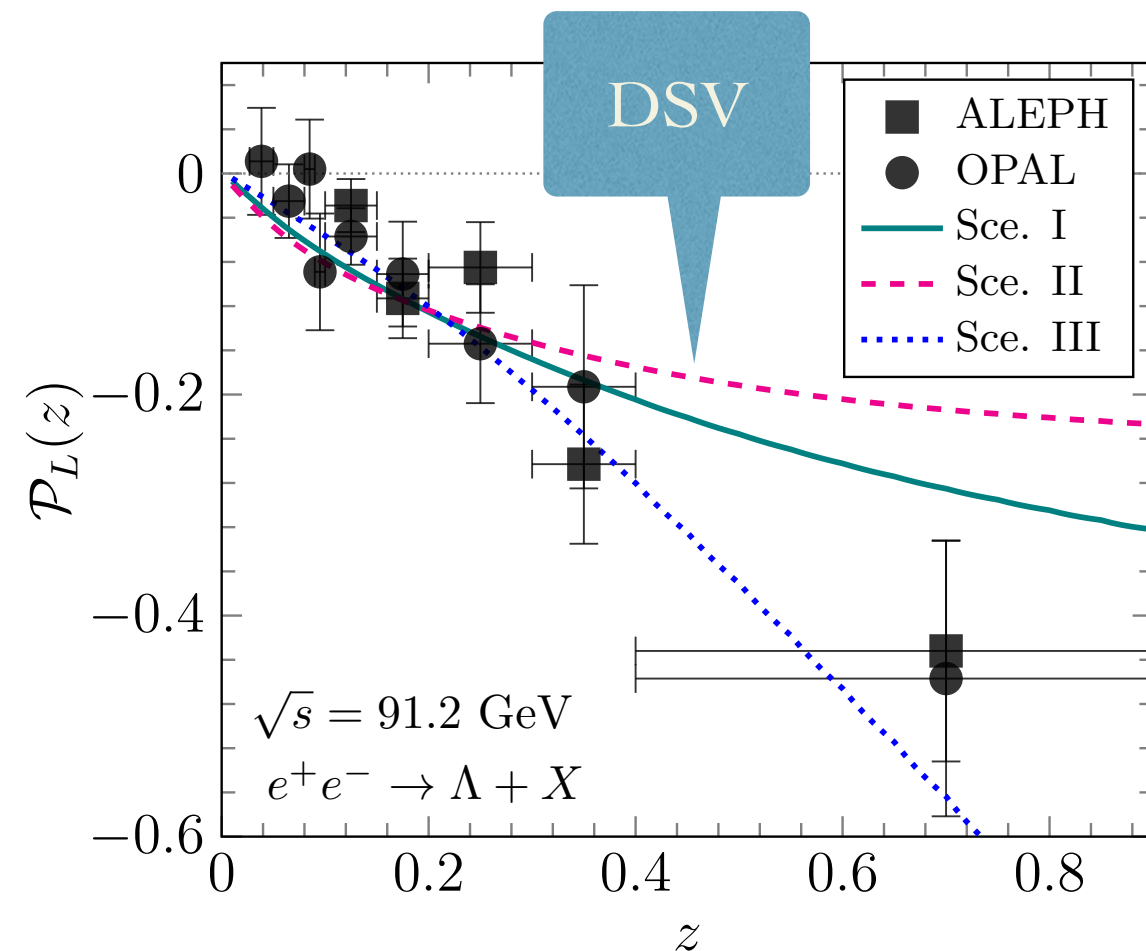


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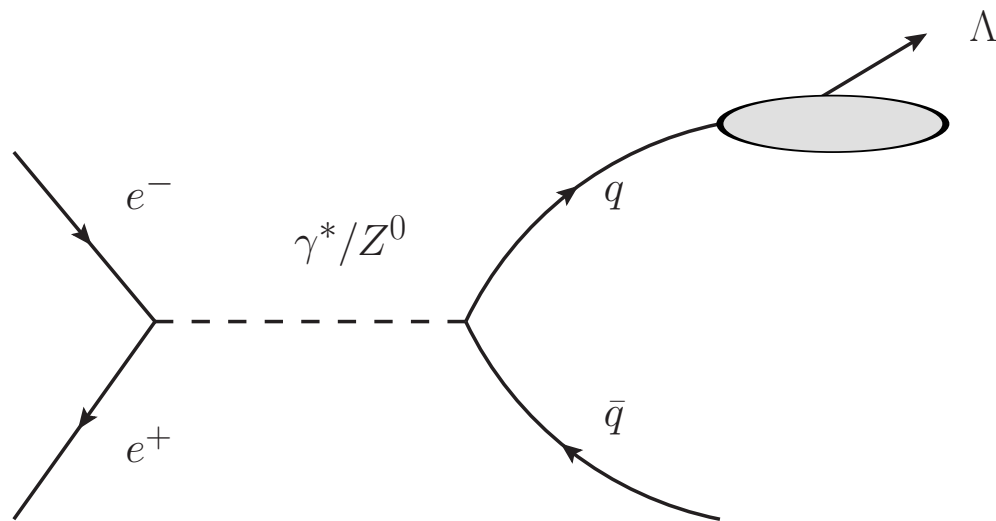
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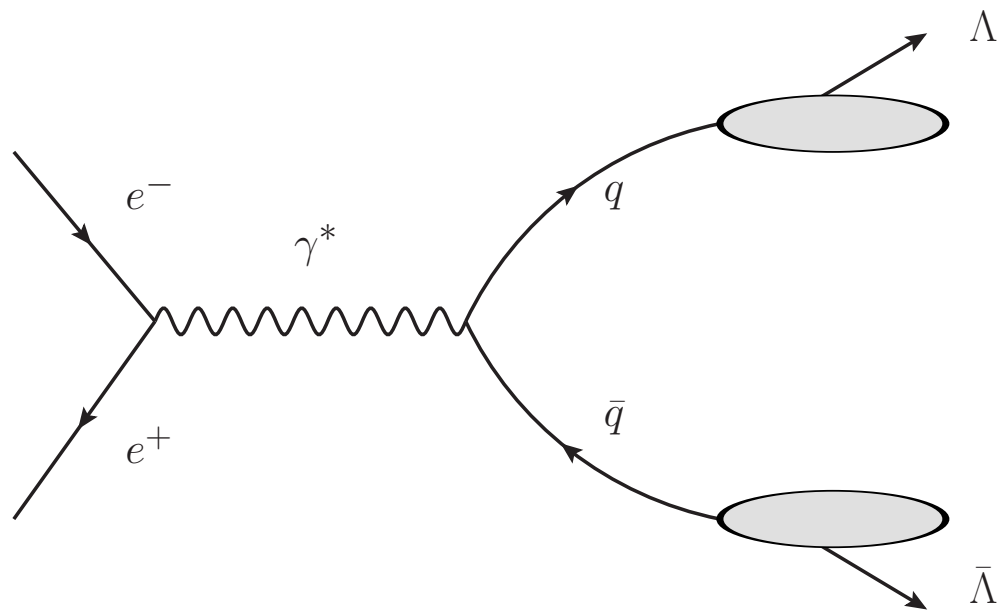
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Belle Energy

LEP Energy



## $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ -pair Production in $e^+e^-$ Annihilation Experiment



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dPS} = \sigma_0 \left[ D_{1q}^{\Lambda}(z_1) D_{1\bar{q}}^{\bar{\Lambda}}(z_2) - \lambda_{\Lambda} \lambda_{\bar{\Lambda}} G_{1Lq}^{\Lambda}(z_1) G_{1L\bar{q}}^{\bar{\Lambda}}(z_2) \right]$$

Belle  
Energy

### ☑ Helicity Conservation

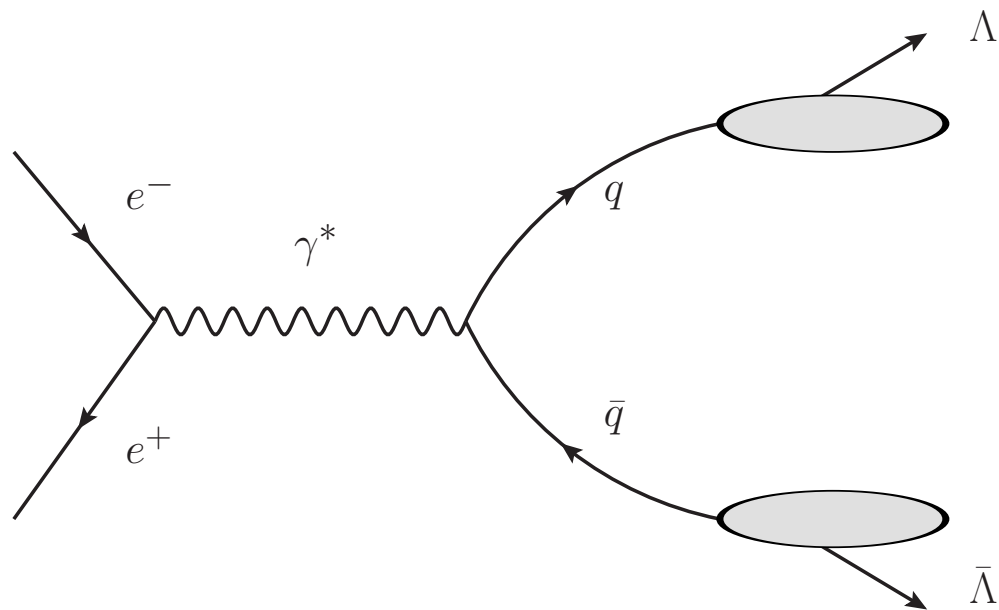
$q$  and  $\bar{q}$  are on the same fermi line. They must have opposite helicities.

### ☑ Polarization Correlation

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## Helicity Amplitude Approach



$\sigma_{\lambda_q \lambda_{\bar{q}}}$  denotes the differential X of  $q\bar{q}$ -pair production

$$\sigma_{+-} = \sigma_{-+} = \sigma_0/2$$

$$\sigma_{++} = \sigma_{--} = 0$$

$\mathcal{D}$  denotes the helicity dependent fragmentation function

$$\mathcal{D}(\lambda_q, \lambda_{\Lambda}, z) = D_{1q}(z) + \lambda_q \lambda_{\Lambda} G_{1Lq}(z)$$

Physical interpretation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dPS} &= \sigma_{+-} \otimes \mathcal{D}_q(+, \lambda_{\Lambda}, z_1) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\bar{q}}(-, \lambda_{\bar{\Lambda}}, z_2) + \sigma_{-+} \otimes \mathcal{D}_q(-, \lambda_{\Lambda}, z_1) \otimes \mathcal{D}_{\bar{q}}(+, \lambda_{\bar{\Lambda}}, z_2) \\ &= \sigma_0 \left[ D_{1q}^{\Lambda}(z_1) D_{1\bar{q}}^{\bar{\Lambda}}(z_2) - \lambda_{\Lambda} \lambda_{\bar{\Lambda}} G_{1Lq}^{\Lambda}(z_1) G_{1L\bar{q}}^{\bar{\Lambda}}(z_2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

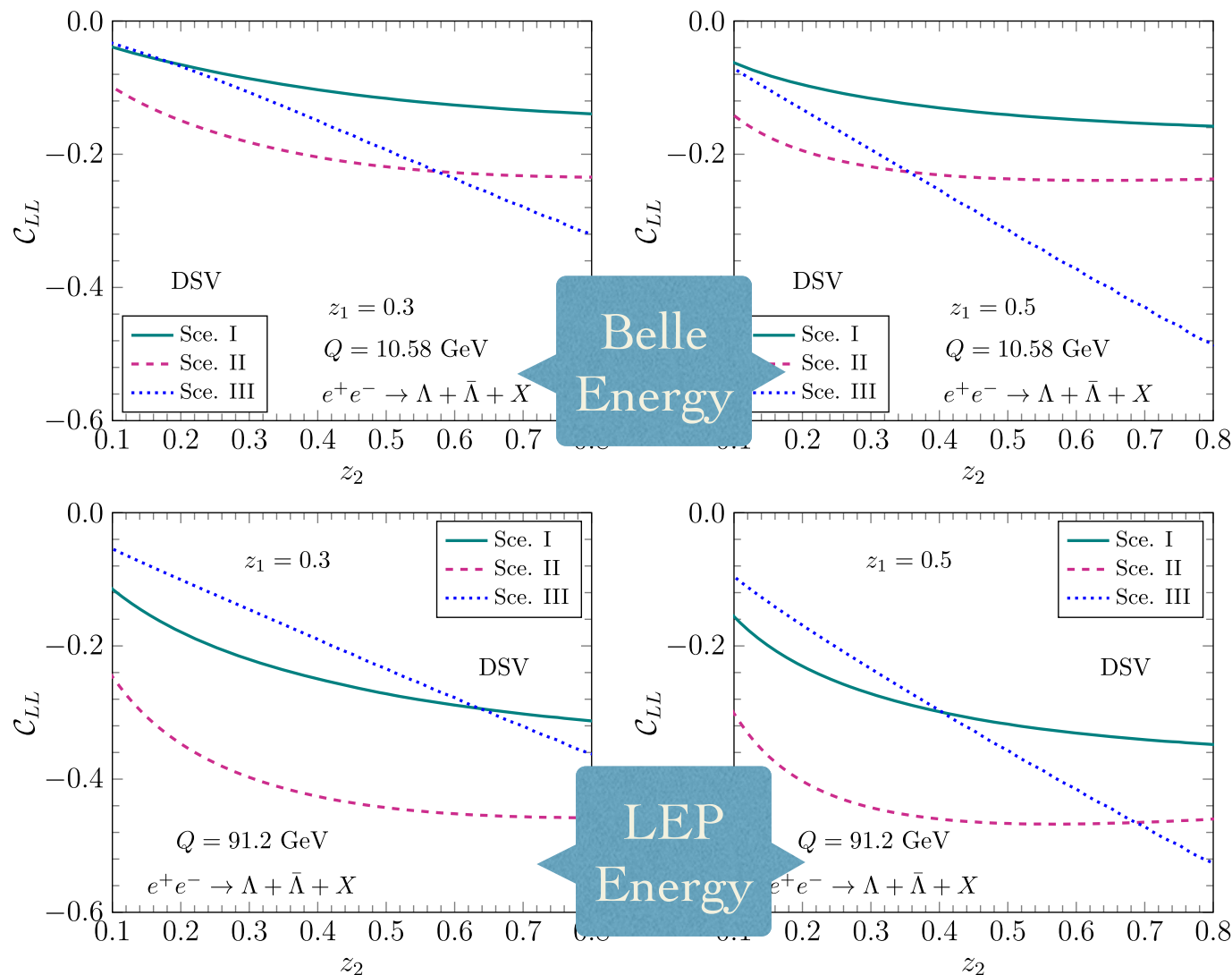
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# Helicity Amplitude Approach

## Polarization Correlation of $\Lambda\bar{\Lambda}$ -pair

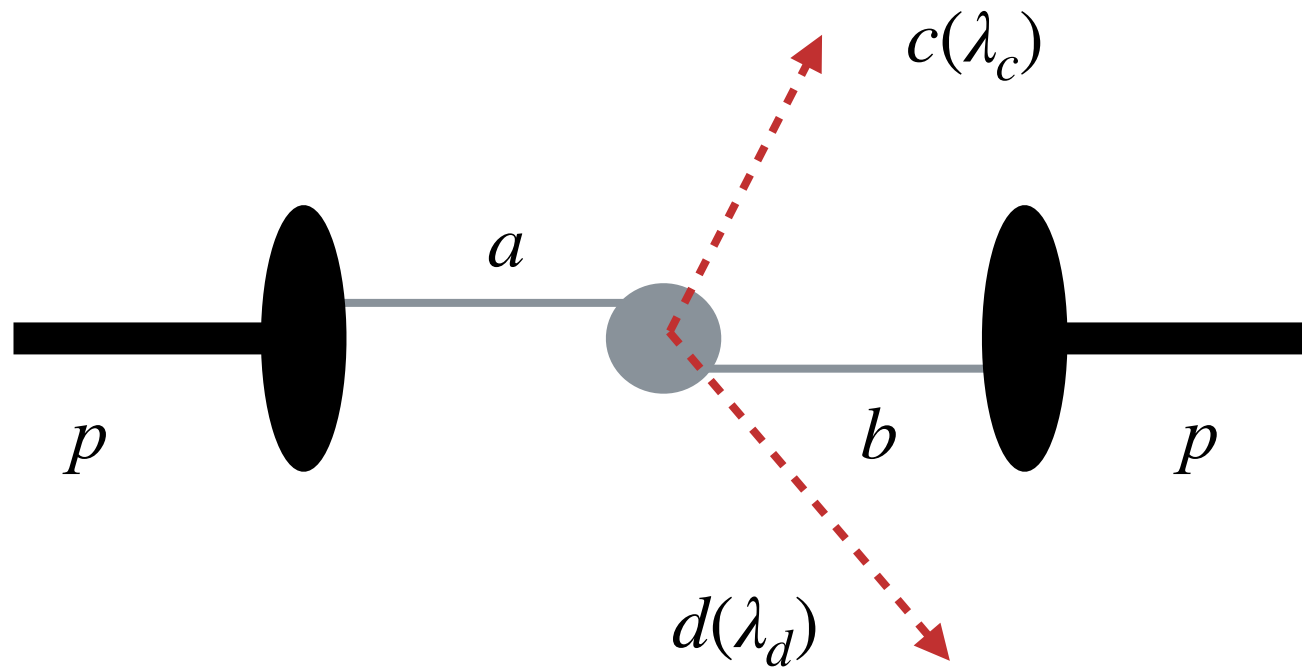
$$C_{LL} = \frac{\text{same signs} - \text{opposite signs}}{\text{total cross section}} = \frac{\sum_q \sigma_0 G_{1Lq}^\Lambda(z_1) G_{1L\bar{q}}^{\bar{\Lambda}}(z_2)}{\sum_q \sigma_0 D_{1q}^\Lambda(z_1) D_{1\bar{q}}^{\bar{\Lambda}}(z_2)} \propto \langle \cos \theta_1^* \cos \theta_2^* \rangle$$



☑ The polarization correlation at the Belle energy has a similar magnitude with that at the LEP energy.

☑ It is now possible to extract the longitudinal spin transfer at Belle experiment.

Applying to the unpolarized pp collisions

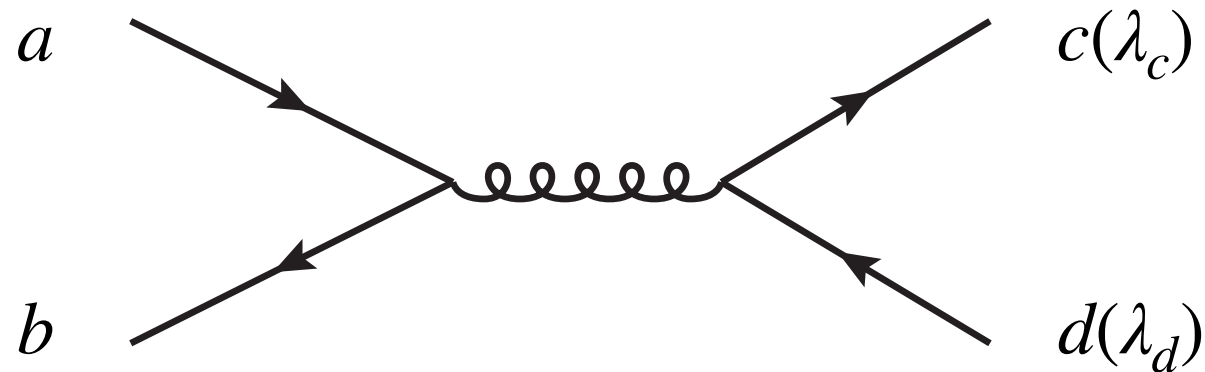


$$a + b \rightarrow c(\lambda_c) + d(\lambda_d)$$

Are  $\lambda_c$  and  $\lambda_d$  correlated?

Yes!

“s-channel diagrams”: just like  $e^+e^-$  annihilation, maximum correlation



$$g + g \rightarrow q + \bar{q}$$

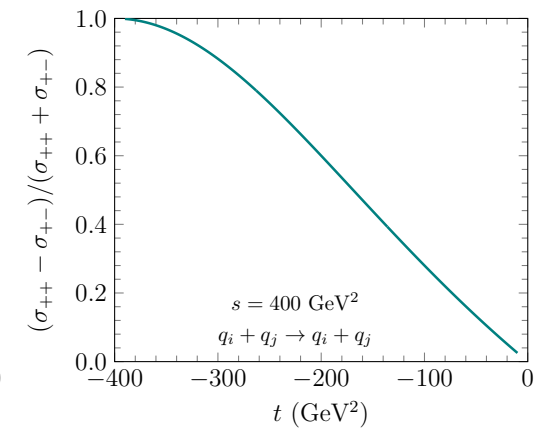
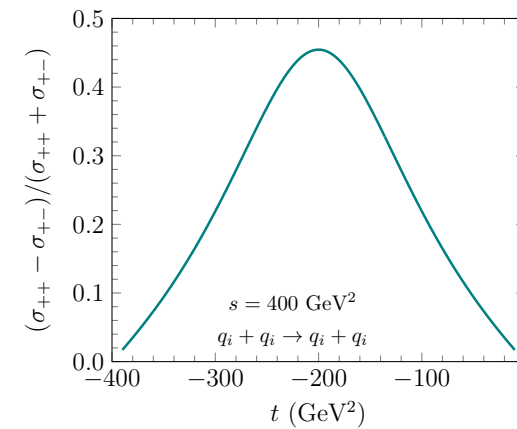
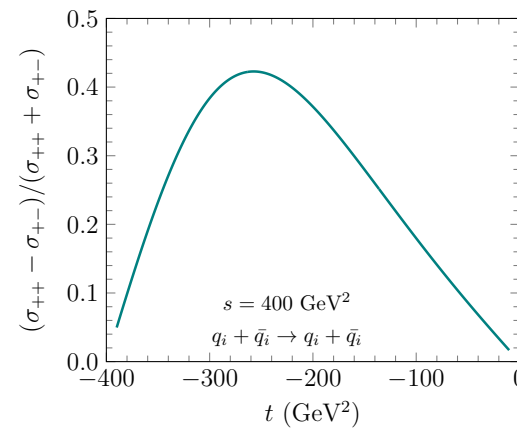
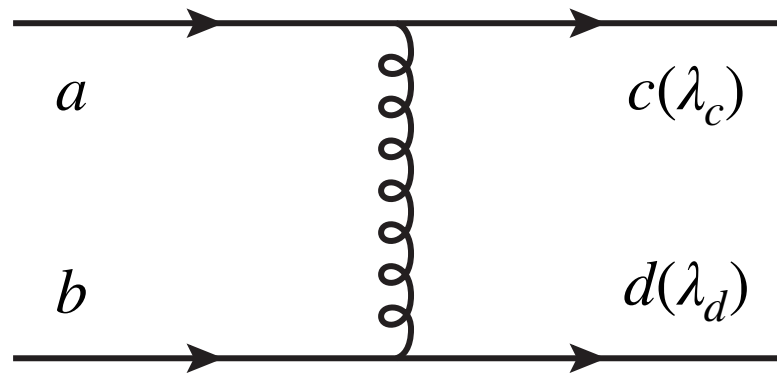
$$q_i + \bar{q}_i \rightarrow q_j + \bar{q}_j$$

$$q + \bar{q} \rightarrow g + g$$



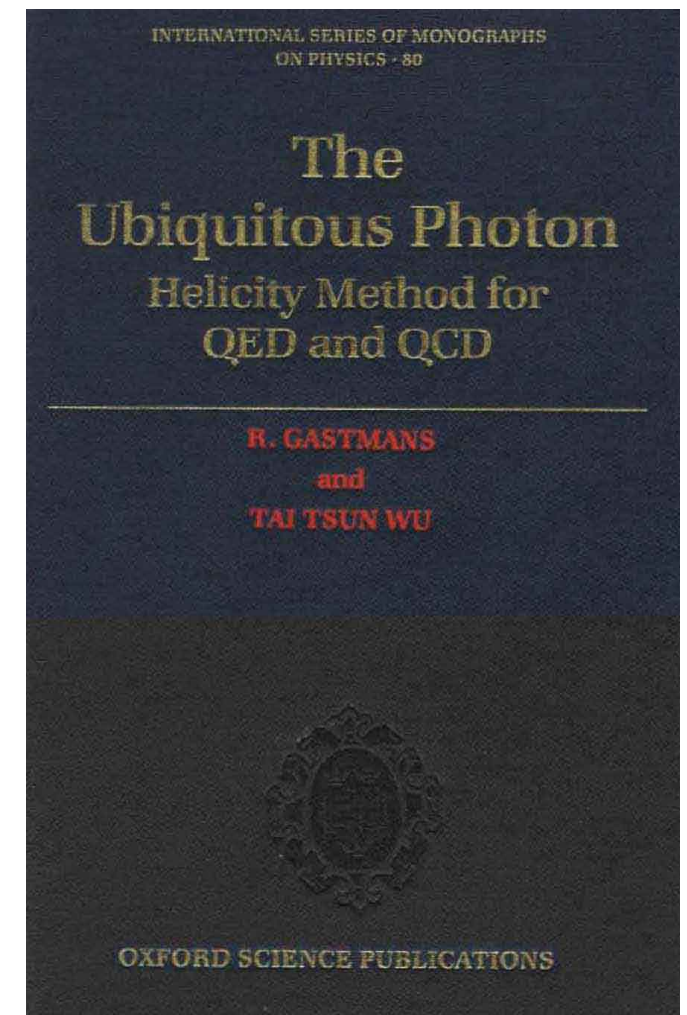
# Helicity Amplitude Approach

“t-channel diagrams”: prefer same-sign correlation

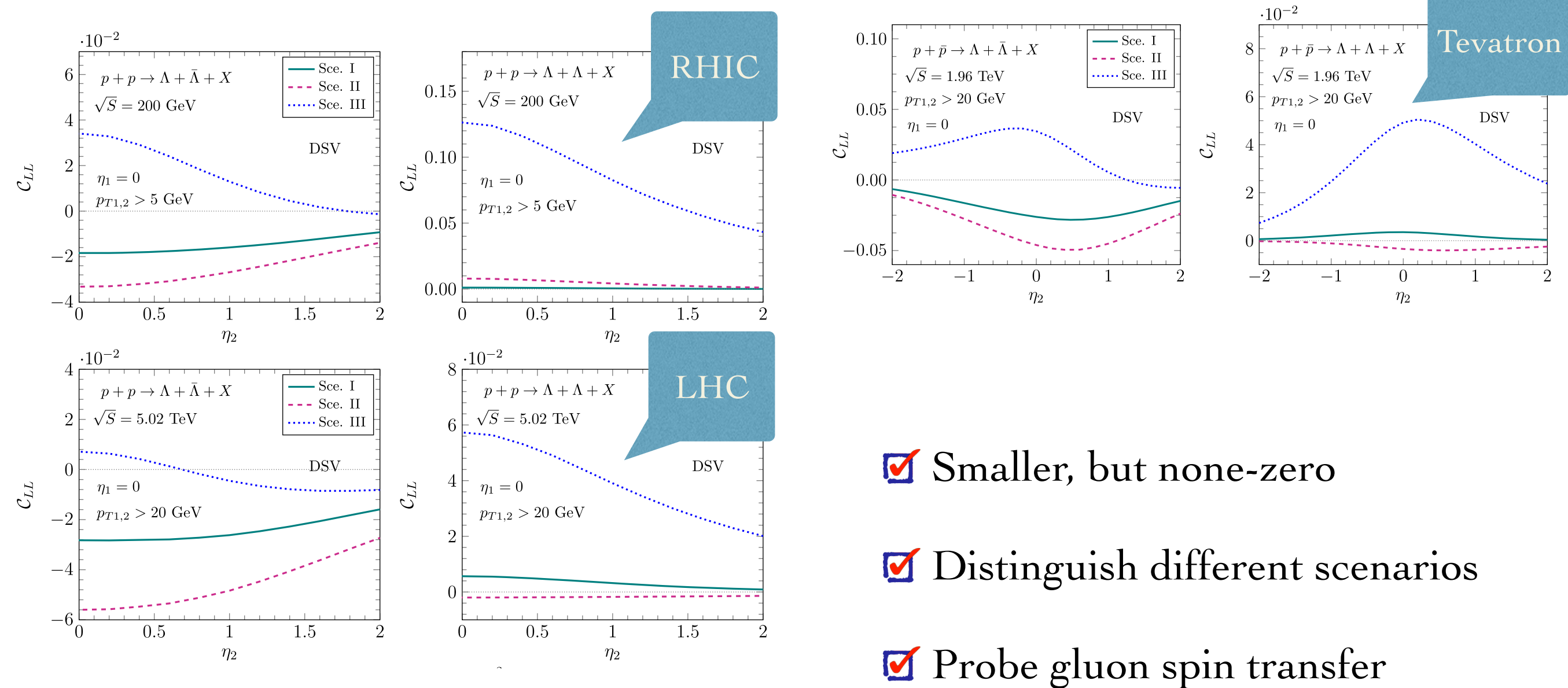


To summarize

- ☑ “s-channel”:  $\sigma_{+-} = \sigma_{-+} > \sigma_{++} = \sigma_{--} = 0$
- ☑ “t-channel”:  $\sigma_{++} = \sigma_{--} > \sigma_{+-} = \sigma_{-+} > 0$
- ☑ Probe polarized FF in unpolarized pp collisions
- ☑ Explore the circularly polarized gluon FF



## Polarization Correlation in unpolarized pp collisions



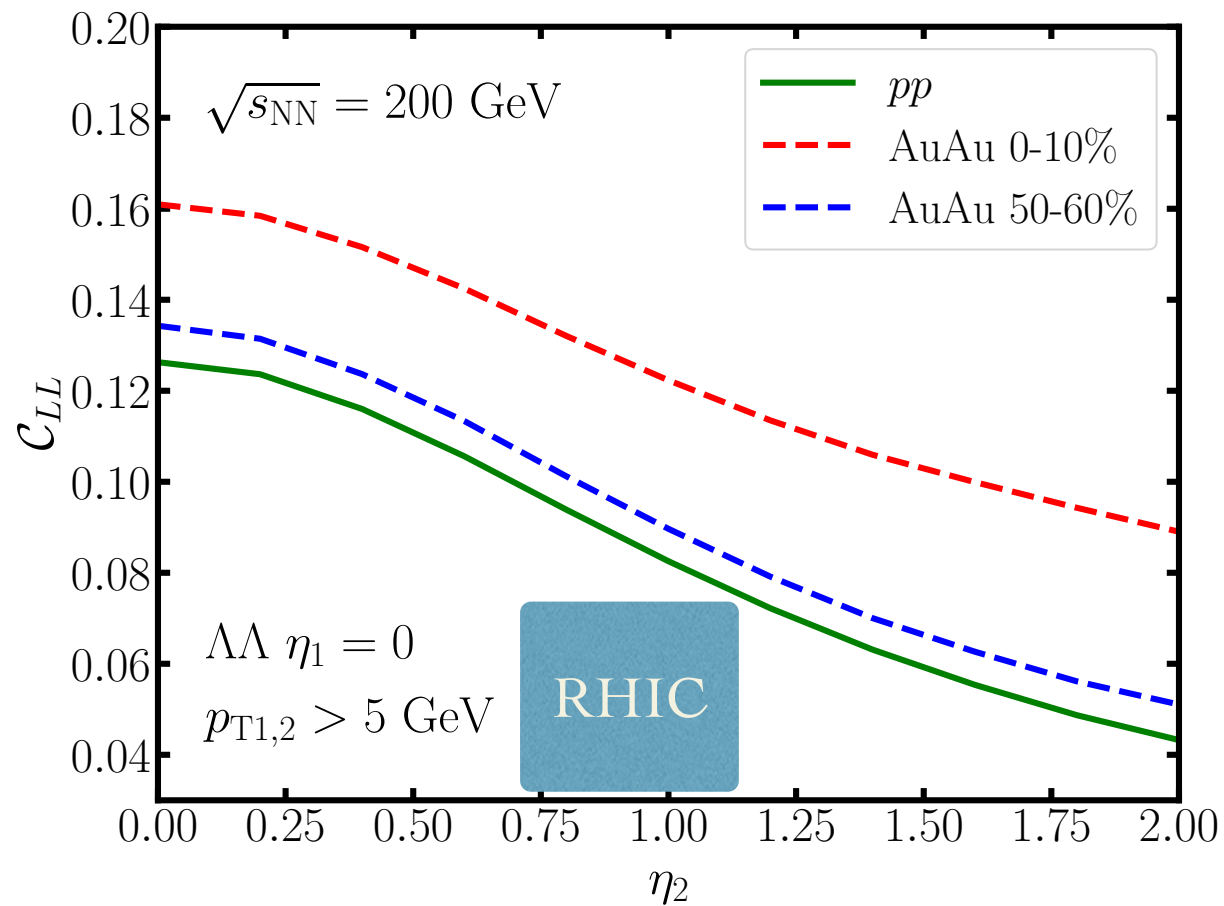
- Smaller, but none-zero
- Distinguish different scenarios
- Probe gluon spin transfer



# Polarization and Jet Quenching

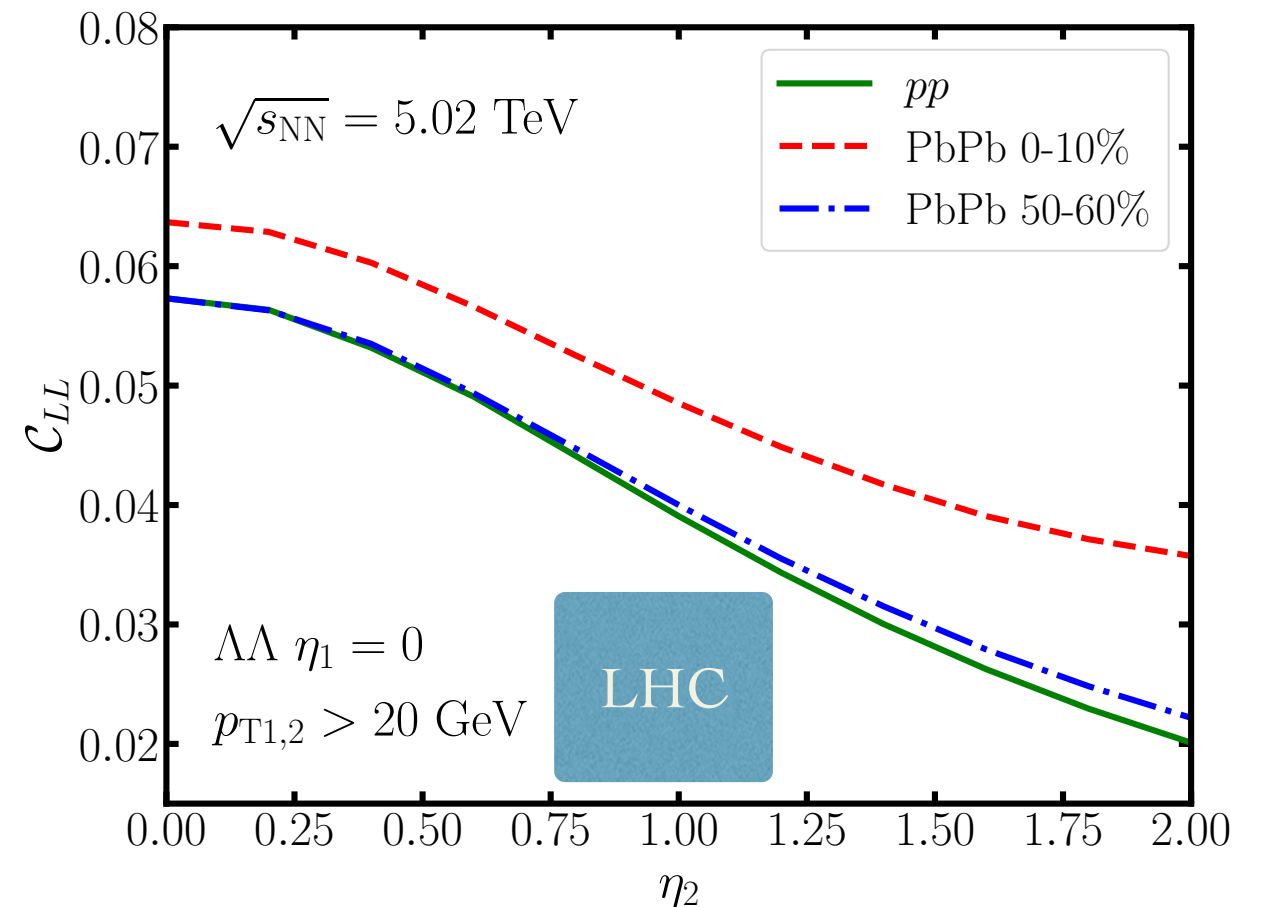
## Polarization Correlation in central and peripheral AA collisions

A toy model:  $\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dPS} \right|_{AA} = \text{Energy Loss} \otimes \left. \frac{d\sigma}{dPS} \right|_{pp}$

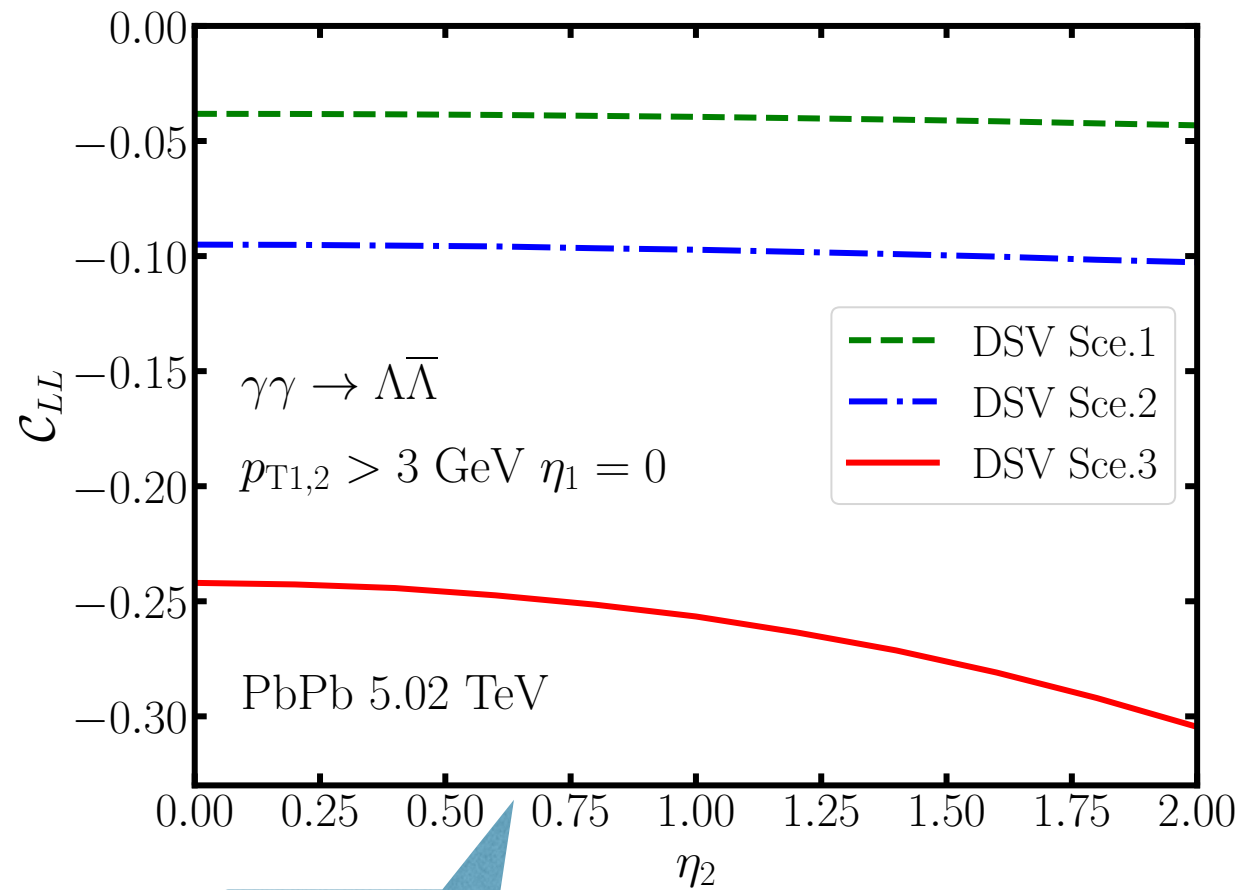


Clear Enhancement in central AA collisions

- Much larger luminosity
- Jet Quenching + Polarization



## Polarization Correlation in ultra-peripheral AA collisions

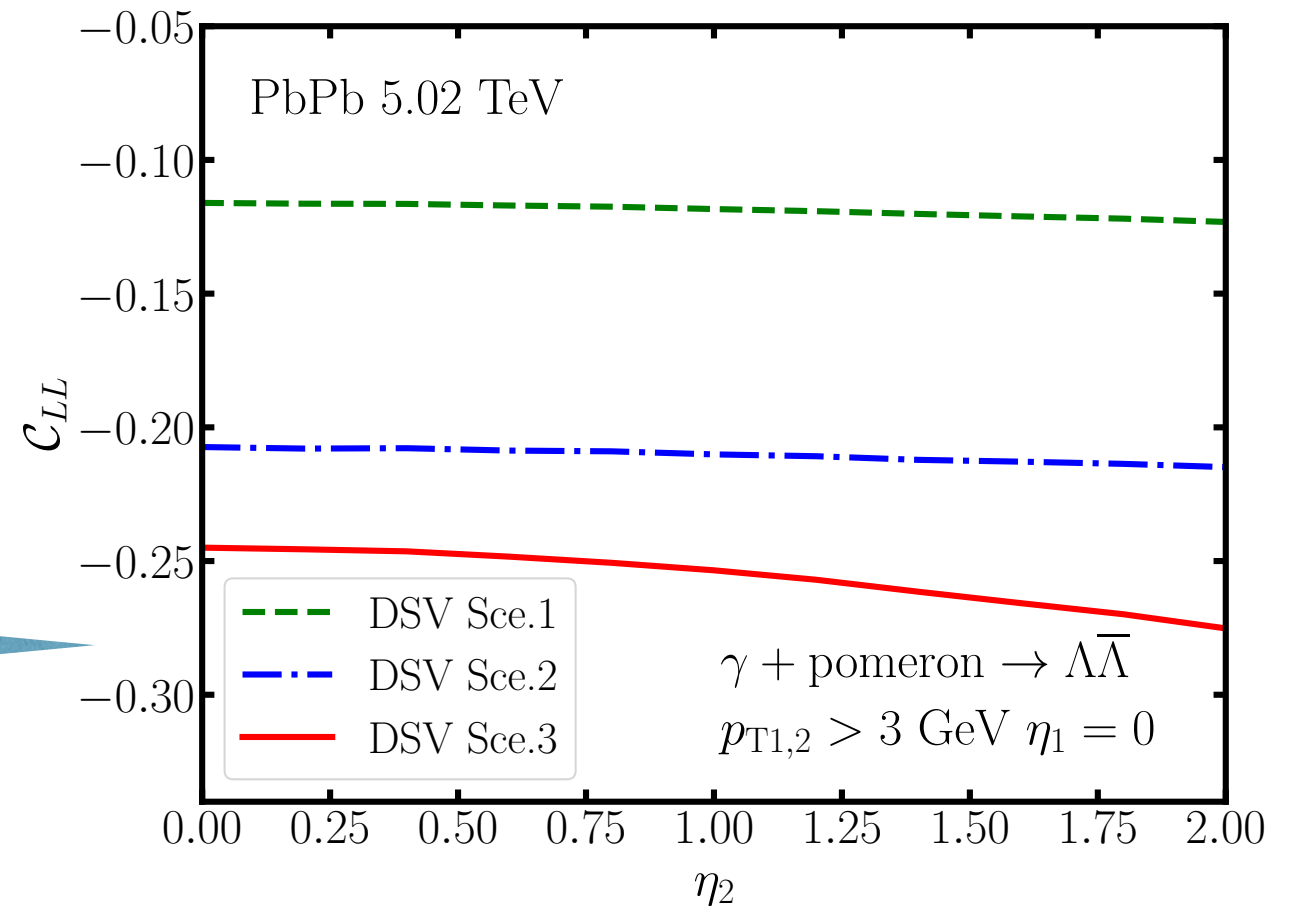


$\gamma + \gamma$

$\gamma + \mathbb{P}$

Much larger luminosity

Pomeron + Polarization





## Advantages?

### Unpolarized Splitting Functions

$$P_{qq} = C_F \left[ \frac{1 + \xi^2}{(1 - \xi)_+} + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1 - \xi) \right]$$

$$P_{gg} = 2N_c \left[ \frac{1 - \xi}{\xi} + \xi(1 - \xi) + \frac{\xi}{(1 - \xi)_+} \right] + \frac{11N_c - 2\pi}{6} \delta(1 - \xi)$$

$$P_{gq} = C_F \frac{1 + (1 - \xi)^2}{\xi}$$

$$P_{qg} = \frac{\xi^2 + (1 - \xi)^2}{2}$$

### Polarized Splitting Functions (L)

$$\Delta P_{qq} = C_F \left[ \frac{1 + \xi^2}{(1 - \xi)_+} + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1 - \xi) \right]$$

$$\Delta P_{gg} = N_c \left[ (1 + \xi^4) \left( \frac{1}{\xi} + \frac{1}{(1 - \xi)_+} \right) - \frac{(1 - \xi)^3}{\xi} \right] + \frac{11N_c - 2n_f}{6} \delta(1 - \xi)$$

$$\Delta P_{gq} = C_F \frac{1 - (1 - \xi)^2}{\xi}$$

$$\Delta P_{qg} = \frac{\xi^2 - (1 - \xi)^2}{2}$$

- ☑ Spin effects can also be studied in unpolarized collisions.
- ☑ The combination of hadron polarization and jet quenching offers a new platform to study the jet medium interaction.
- ☑  $Z^0$ -boson + Jet?
- ☑ MC simulation with the spin degree of freedom?

Besides this talk, we also studied other spin effects in unpolarized collisions.

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**Thanks for your attention!**

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