

Probing the linearly polarized gluons in unpolarized hadrons *with heavy flavor production*

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Outline:

1. Heavy-quark leptonproduction

- ❖ Perturbatively stable observables in heavy-quark leptonproduction:
 - Azimuthal asymmetries;
 - Callan-Gross ratio $R = F_L / F_T$ in 1PI kinematics
- ❖ Search for linearly polarized gluons in unpolarized proton using the heavy-quark pair production:
 - Maximal values for the $\cos \varphi$, $\cos 2\varphi$ and R allowed by unpolarized photon-gluon fusion, f_1^g ;
 - Contribution of the linearly polarized gluons, $h_1^{\perp g}$;
 - Recommendations for EIC and LHeC

2. Heavy-quark hadroproduction

- ❖ Outlook for NICA

Our main conclusions:

Probing $h_1^{\perp g}$:

- ❑ $\cos \varphi$, $\cos 2\varphi$ asymmetries and ratio $R = F_L / F_T$ in heavy-quark pair leptonproduction depend dramatically on the contribution of linearly polarized gluons;
- ❑ Future measurements of these quantities at EIC and LHeC seem to be very promising for determination of $h_1^{\perp g}$, gluonic counterpart of the Boer–Mulders function;

Outlook for COMPASS:

- ❑ $\cos 2\varphi$ asymmetry in 1PI charm leptonproduction is predicted to be large ($\sim 15\%$) in the COMPASS kinematics;
- ❑ Extraction of the azimuthal asymmetries from available COMPASS data will provide valuable information about the TMD distribution $f_1^g(\xi, \vec{k}_T^2)$

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Parton TMD distributions inside the proton

The quark - proton correlator Φ_q and Boer - Mulders function $h_1^{\perp q}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_q(\zeta, k_T) &= \int \frac{d(P \cdot \lambda) d^2 \lambda_T}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik \cdot \lambda} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \psi(\lambda) | P \rangle_{\text{LF}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f_1^q(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) \hat{P} + i h_1^{\perp q}(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) \frac{[\hat{k}_T, \hat{P}]}{2m_N} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Boer, Mulders, PR D 57 (1998), 5780

The gluon - proton correlator $\Phi_g^{\mu\nu}$ and gluonic analogue of the Boer - Mulders function $h_1^{\perp g}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_g^{\mu\nu}(\zeta, k_T) &= \frac{n_\rho n_\sigma}{(P \cdot n)^2} \int \frac{d(P \cdot \lambda) d^2 \lambda_T}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik \cdot \lambda} \langle P | \text{Tr}[F^{\rho\mu}(0) F^{\sigma\nu}(\lambda)] | P \rangle_{\text{LF}} \\ &= \frac{x}{2} \left\{ -g_T^{\mu\nu} f_1^g(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) + \left(g_T^{\mu\nu} - 2 \frac{k_T^\mu k_T^\nu}{k_T^2} \right) \frac{\vec{k}_T^2}{2m_N^2} h_1^{\perp g}(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Mulders, Rodrigues PR D 63 (2001), 5780

$$\lambda^+ = \lambda \cdot n = n^2 = 0; \quad P = n^+ + \frac{m_N}{2} n^-; \quad k = \zeta P + k_T + k^- n$$

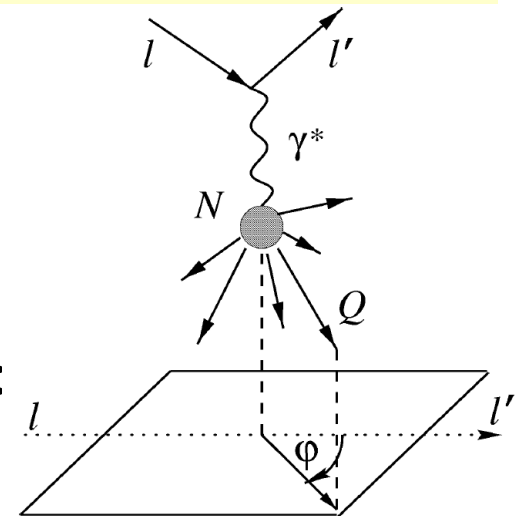
Perturbative stability in charm electroproduction

Definitions and Cross Sections

We consider the Callan-Gross ratio $R = F_L / F_T$ and azimuthal $\cos 2\varphi$ asymmetry, $A = 2xF_A / F_2$, in heavy-quark leptonproduction:

$$l(\ell) + N(p) \rightarrow l(\ell - q) + Q(p_Q) + X[\bar{Q}](p_X)$$

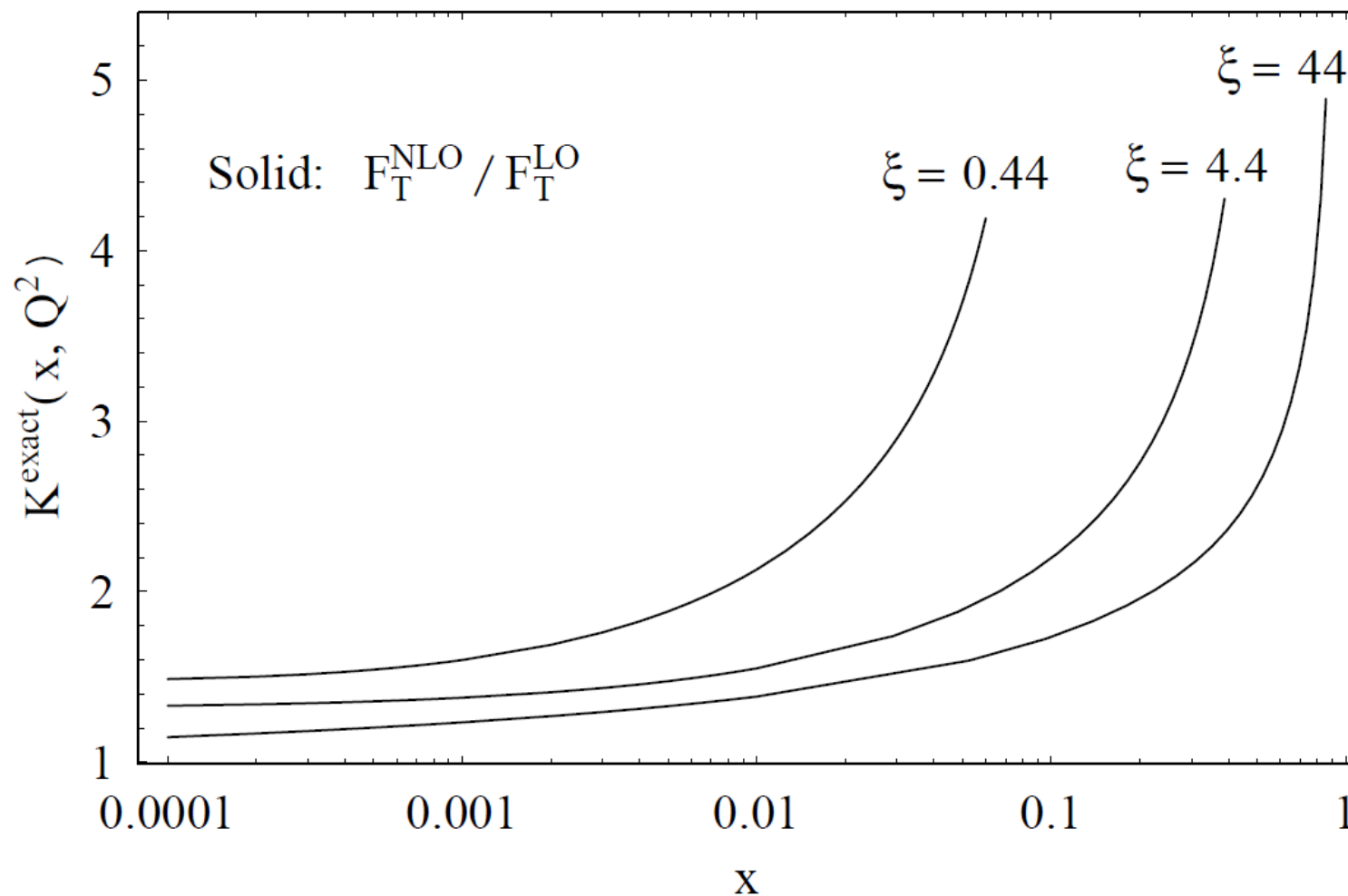
Corresponding cross section in 1PI kinematics is:



$$\frac{d^3\sigma_{lN}}{dx dQ^2 d\varphi} = \frac{\alpha_{em}^2}{xQ^4} \left\{ \left[1 + (1-y)^2 \right] F_2(x, Q^2) - 2xy^2 F_L(x, Q^2) \right. \\ \left. + 4x(1-y) F_A(x, Q^2) \cos 2\varphi + 4x(2-y) \sqrt{2(1-y)} F_I(x, Q^2) \cos \varphi \right\}$$

where $F_2(x, Q^2) = 2x(F_T + F_L)$ and x, y, Q^2 are usual DIS observables

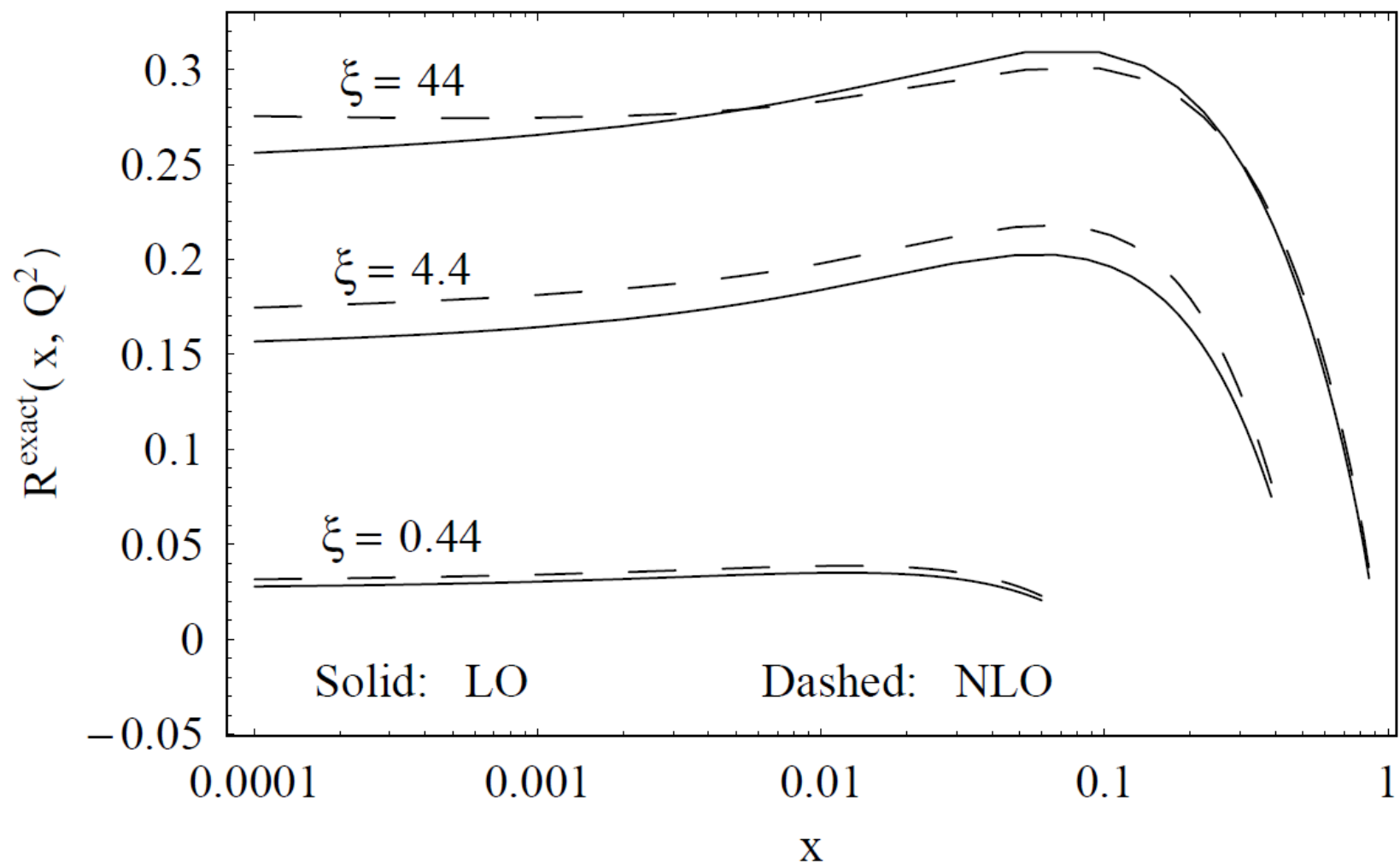
Perturbative **i**nstability of the cross section



$$\xi = \frac{Q^2}{m^2}$$

$$K(x, Q^2) = \frac{F_T^{\text{NLO}}}{F_T^{\text{LO}}}$$

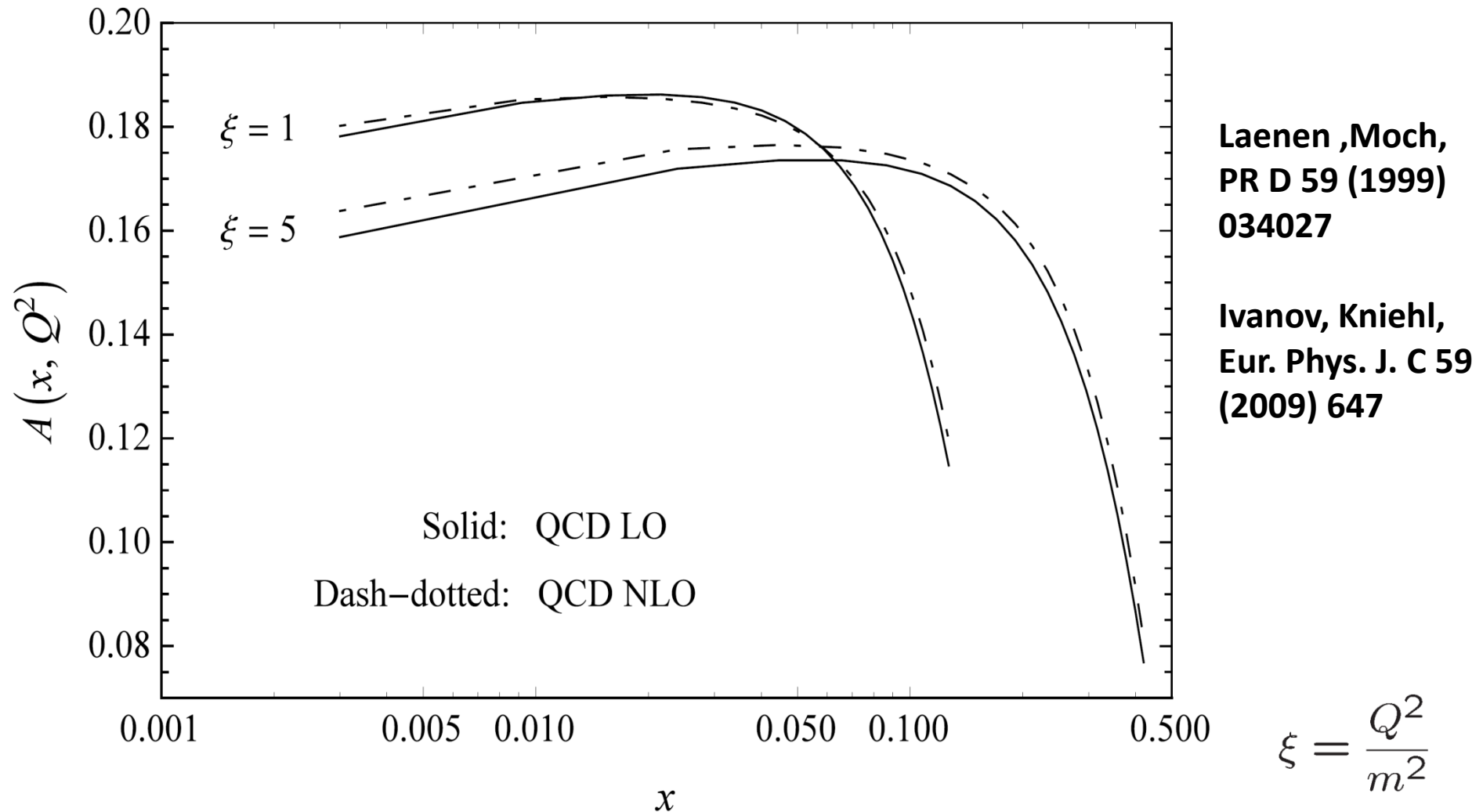
Perturbative stability of $R = F_L / F_T$



$$\xi = \frac{Q^2}{m^2}$$

$$R(x, Q^2) = \frac{F_L}{F_T}$$

Perturbative stability of $A = 2xF_A / F_2$



➤ The soft-gluon NLO NLL corrections are given

$$A(x, Q^2) = 2x \frac{F_A}{F_2}$$

Linearly polarized gluons in unpolarized proton

To probe the TMD distribution $h_1^{\perp g}$, the momenta of both heavy quark and anti-quark should be measured (reconstructed) in the reaction:

$$l(\ell) + N(P) \rightarrow l'(\ell - q) + Q(p_Q) + \bar{Q}(p_{\bar{Q}}) + X(p_X)$$

The LO parton - level subprocess is:

$$\gamma^*(q) + g(k_g) \rightarrow Q(p_Q) + \bar{Q}(p_{\bar{Q}}) \quad k_g^\mu \simeq \zeta P^\mu + k_T^\mu$$

Corresponding cross section is:

$$d\sigma \propto L(\ell, q) \otimes \Phi_g(\zeta, k_T) \otimes \left| H_{\gamma^* g \rightarrow Q \bar{Q} X}(q, k_g, p_Q, p_{\bar{Q}}) \right|^2$$

$$\Phi_g^{\mu\nu}(\zeta, k_T) \propto -g_T^{\mu\nu} f_1^g(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) + \left(g_T^{\mu\nu} - 2 \frac{k_T^\mu k_T^\nu}{k_T^2} \right) \frac{\vec{k}_T^2}{2m_N^2} h_1^{\perp g}(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2)$$

The positivity bound:

$$\frac{\vec{k}_T^2}{2m_N^2} \left| h_1^{\perp g}(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) \right| \leq f_1^g(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2)$$

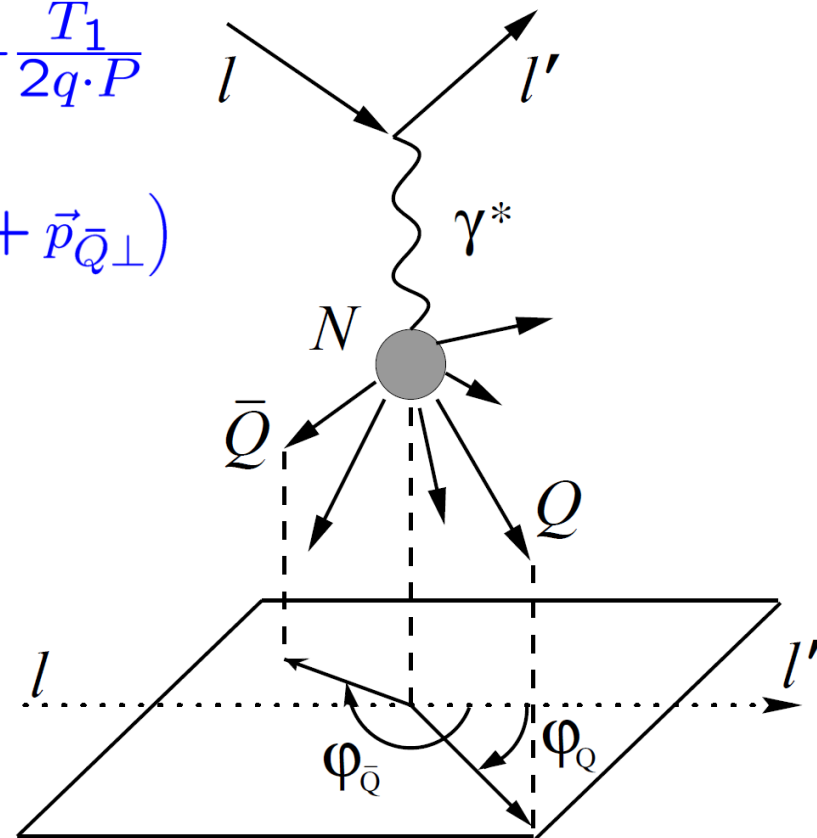
The resulting cross section is:

$$d^7\sigma_{lN} \propto A_0 + A_1 \cos \phi_\perp + A_2 \cos 2\phi_\perp + \vec{q}_T^2 [B_0 \cos 2(\phi_\perp - \phi_T) + B_1 \cos(\phi_\perp - 2\phi_T) + B'_1 \cos(3\phi_\perp - 2\phi_T) + B_2 \cos 2\phi_T + B'_2 \cos 2(2\phi_\perp - \phi_T)]$$

$$\zeta = \frac{-U_1}{y\bar{S} + T_1} = x + \frac{m^2 + \vec{K}_\perp^2}{z(1-z)y\bar{S}}, \quad z = -\frac{T_1}{2q \cdot P}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \vec{K}_\perp = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{p}_{Q\perp} - \vec{p}_{\bar{Q}\perp}) & \vec{q}_T = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{p}_{Q\perp} + \vec{p}_{\bar{Q}\perp}) \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \phi_\perp & \phi_T \end{array}$$

$$A_i \sim f_1^g, \quad B_i^{(\prime)} \sim h_1^{\perp g}$$



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We work in the approximation:

$$|\vec{q}_T| \ll |\vec{K}_\perp|, \quad |\varphi_Q - \varphi_{\bar{Q}}| \sim \pi \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_T \simeq \phi_\perp - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Integration over ϕ_T gives:

$$\frac{d^6\sigma^{(\pi)}}{dy dx dz d\vec{K}_\perp^2 d\vec{q}_T^2 d\varphi} = \frac{e_Q^2 \alpha_{em}^2 \alpha_s}{8 \bar{S}^2} \frac{f_1^g(\zeta, \vec{q}_T^2) \hat{B}_2}{y^3 x \zeta z (1-z)} \left\{ \left[1 + (1-y)^2 \right] \left(1 - 2r \frac{\hat{B}_2^h}{\hat{B}_2} \right) - y^2 \frac{\hat{B}_L}{\hat{B}_2} \left(1 - 2r \frac{\hat{B}_L^h}{\hat{B}_L} \right) \right. \\ \left. + 2(1-y) \frac{\hat{B}_A}{\hat{B}_2} \left(1 - 2r \frac{\hat{B}_A^h}{\hat{B}_A} \right) \cos 2\varphi + (2-y) \sqrt{1-y} \frac{\hat{B}_I}{\hat{B}_2} \left(1 - 2r \frac{\hat{B}_I^h}{\hat{B}_I} \right) \cos \varphi \right\}$$

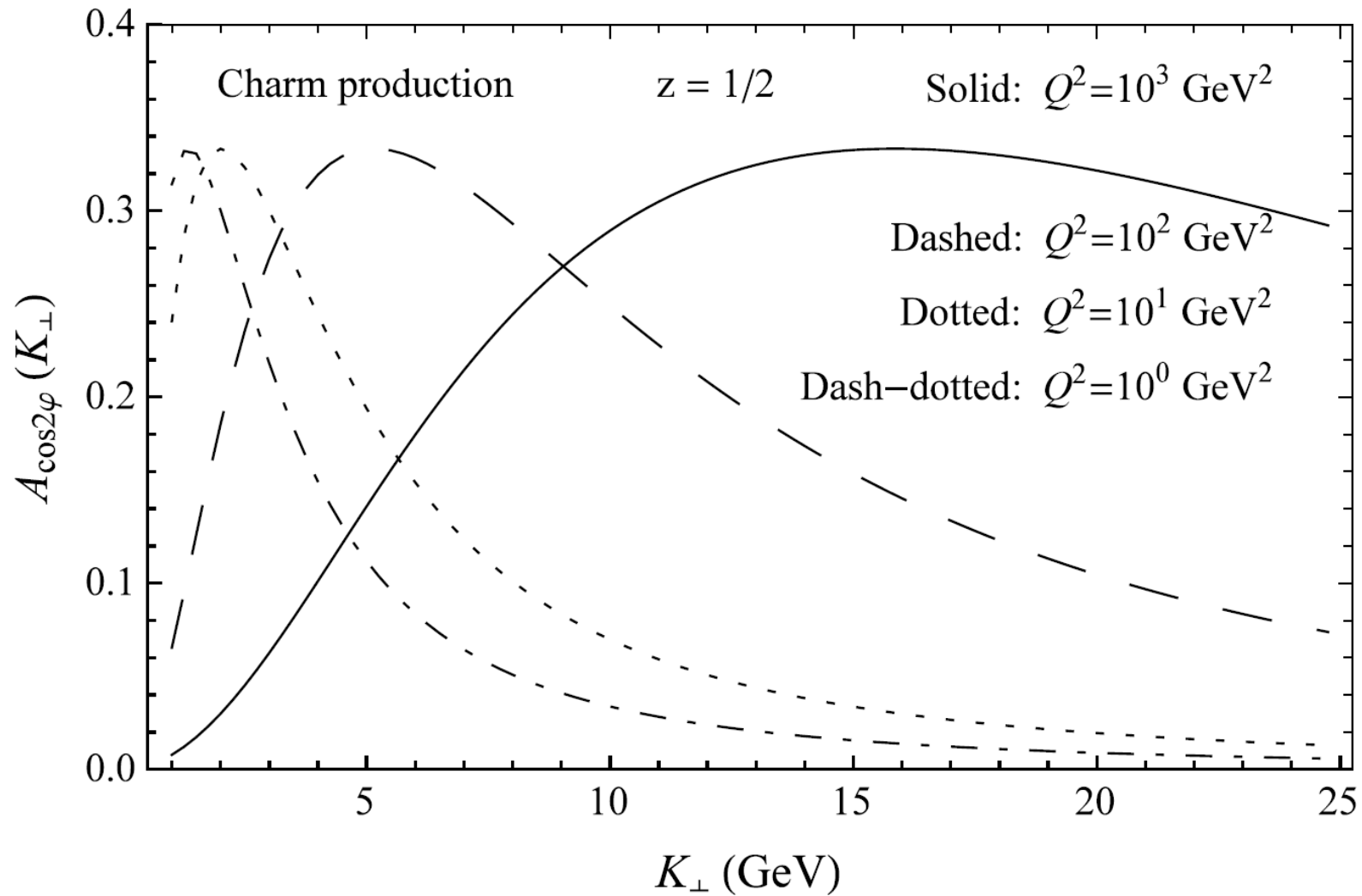
$$\varphi = \varphi_Q$$

$$r \equiv r(\zeta, \vec{q}_T^2) = \frac{\vec{q}_T^2}{2m_N^2} \frac{h_1^{\perp g}(\zeta, \vec{q}_T^2)}{f_1^g(\zeta, \vec{q}_T^2)} \quad -1 \leq r \leq 1$$

$$\hat{B}_i \sim f_1^g, \quad \hat{B}_i^h \sim h_1^{\perp g}$$

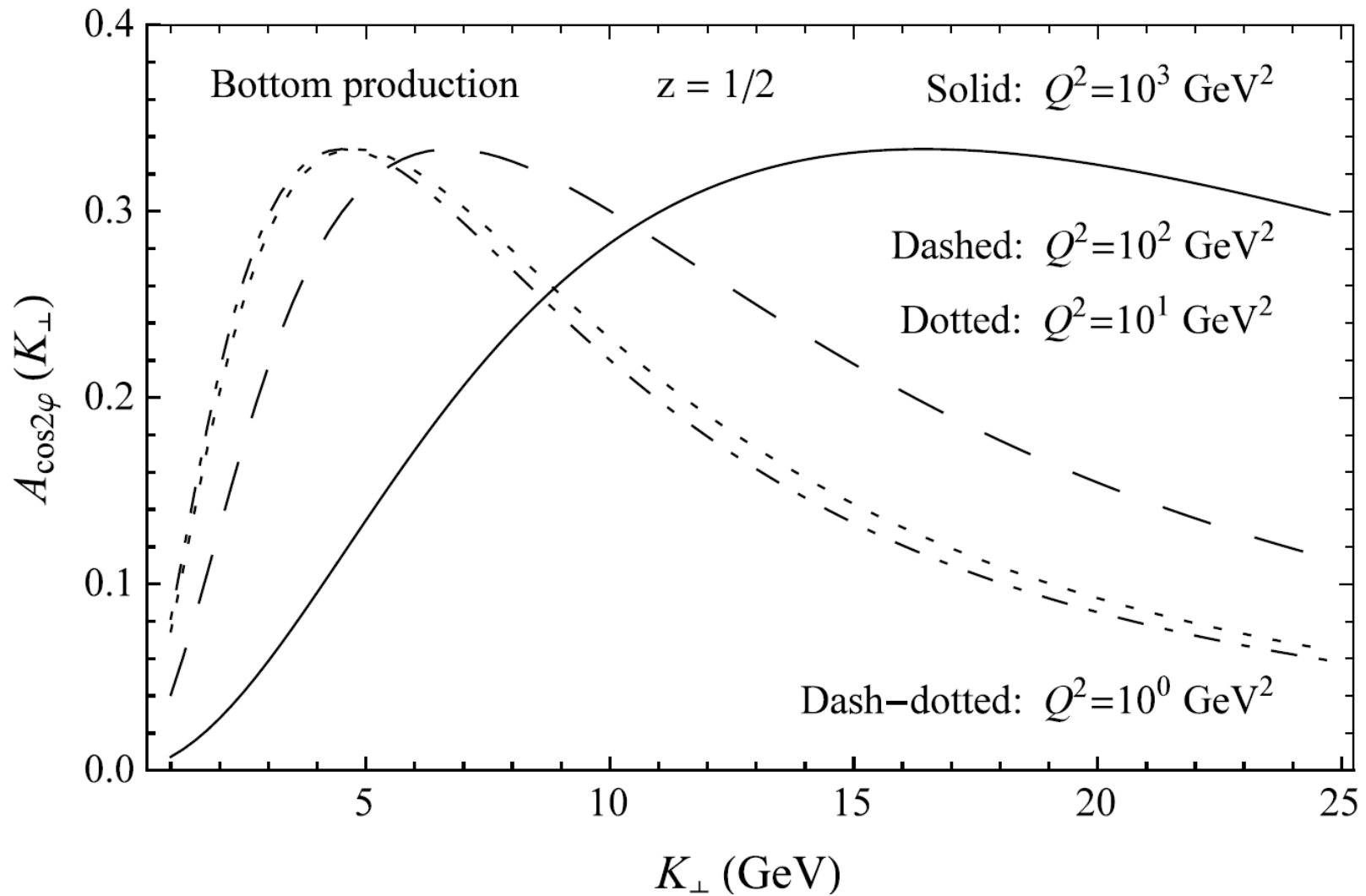
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pQCD predictions for **cos 2φ** asymmetry (r = 0)



$$A_{\cos 2\varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) \simeq \frac{\hat{B}_A}{\hat{B}_2}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) \quad A_{\cos 2\varphi}(z = 1/2, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2 = m^2 + Q^2/4) = \frac{1}{3}$$

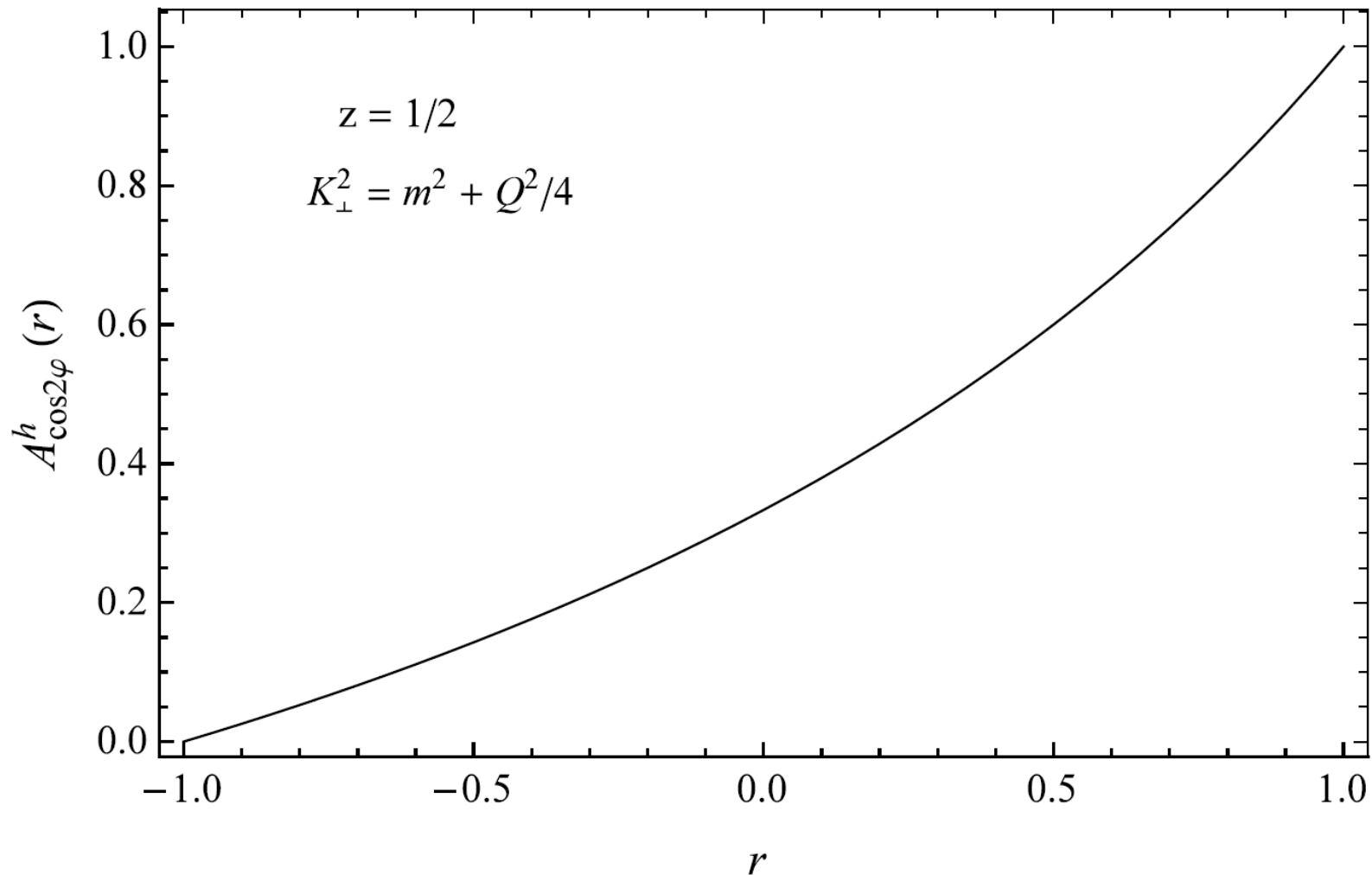
pQCD predictions for $\cos 2\varphi$ asymmetry ($r = 0$)



pQCD predictions for **cos 2φ** asymmetry ($r \neq 0$)

$$A_{\cos 2\varphi}^h(z, \vec{K}_\perp^2, r) \simeq \frac{\hat{B}_A}{\hat{B}_2} \frac{1-2r\hat{B}_A^h/\hat{B}_A}{1-2r\hat{B}_2^h/\hat{B}_2} \quad r = \frac{\vec{q}_T^2}{2m_N^2} \frac{h_1^{\perp g}}{f_1^g}$$

$$A_{\cos 2\varphi}^h(r) \equiv A_{\cos 2\varphi}^h(z = 1/2, \vec{K}_\perp^2 = m^2 + Q^2/4, r) = \frac{1+r}{3-r}$$



pQCD predictions for **cos φ** asymmetry ($r = 0$)

$$A_{\cos \varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) \simeq \frac{\hat{B}_I}{\hat{B}_2}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) \quad \int dz A_{\cos \varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} A_{\cos \varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) = -A_{\cos \varphi}(1-z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) \\ A_{\cos \varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) = -A_{\cos \varphi}(z, (z(1-z)Q^2 + m^2)^2/\vec{K}_{\perp}^2) \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} A_{\cos \varphi}(z = 1/2, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) = 0 \\ A_{\cos \varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2 = z(1-z)Q^2 + m^2) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\max A_{\cos \varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) = A_{\cos \varphi}(z = z_{\pm}, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2 = Q^2 \hat{k}_{\pm}^2)$$

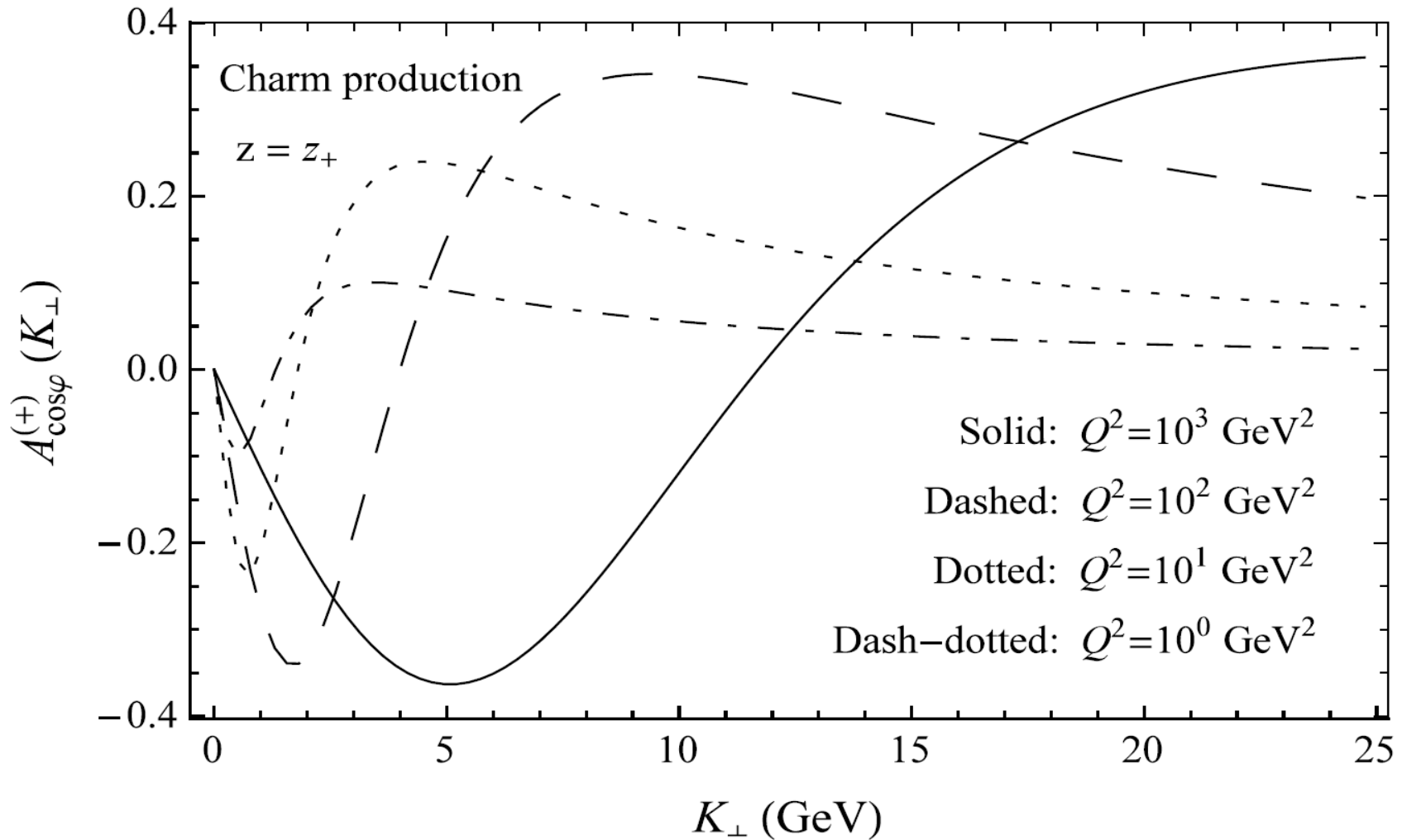
$$\min A_{\cos \varphi}(z, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2) = A_{\cos \varphi}(z = z_{\mp}, \vec{K}_{\perp}^2 = Q^2 \hat{k}_{\pm}^2)$$

$$z_{\pm}(\lambda \rightarrow 0) \simeq \begin{cases} 0.841 \\ 0.159 \end{cases} \quad \hat{k}_{\pm}^2(\lambda \rightarrow 0) \simeq \begin{cases} 0.707 \\ 0.025 \end{cases} \quad \lambda = \frac{m^2}{Q^2}$$

$$A_{\cos \varphi}^{(\pm)}(K_{\perp}) \equiv A_{\cos \varphi}(z = z_{\pm}, K_{\perp}), \quad A_{\cos \varphi}^{(-)} = -A_{\cos \varphi}^{(+)}$$

$$|A_{\cos \varphi}^{(\pm)}|_{\max} \simeq 0.366$$

pQCD predictions for $\cos \varphi$ asymmetry ($r = 0$)



$$A_{\cos \varphi}^{(\pm)}(K_{\perp}) \equiv A_{\cos \varphi}(z = z_{\pm}, K_{\perp}), \quad A_{\cos \varphi}^{(-)} = -A_{\cos \varphi}^{(+)}$$

$$\left| A_{\cos \varphi}^{(\pm)} \right|_{\max} \simeq 0.366 \quad \text{at} \quad \lambda = \frac{m^2}{Q^2} \rightarrow 0$$

pQCD predictions for **cos φ** asymmetry ($r \neq 0$)

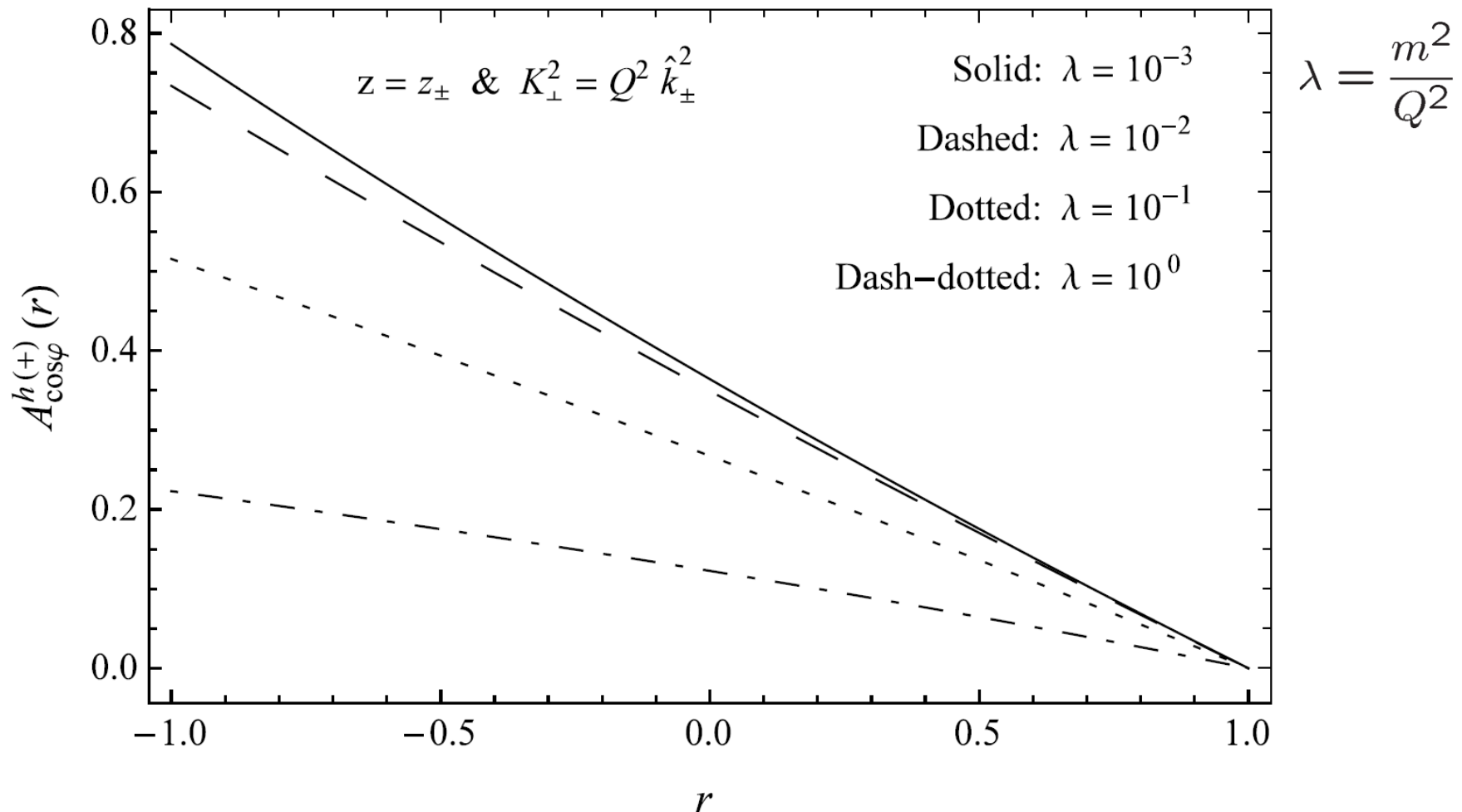
$$A_{\cos\varphi}^h(z, \vec{K}_\perp^2, r) \simeq \frac{\hat{B}_I}{\hat{B}_2} \frac{1-2r\hat{B}_I^h/\hat{B}_I}{1-2r\hat{B}_2^h/\hat{B}_2}$$

$$A_{\cos\varphi}^{h(+)}(r) \equiv A_{\cos\varphi}^h(z = z_\pm, \vec{K}_\perp^2 = Q^2 \hat{k}_\pm^2, r)$$

$$A_{\cos\varphi}^{h(-)}(r) \equiv A_{\cos\varphi}^h(z = z_\pm, \vec{K}_\perp^2 = Q^2 \hat{k}_\mp^2, r)$$

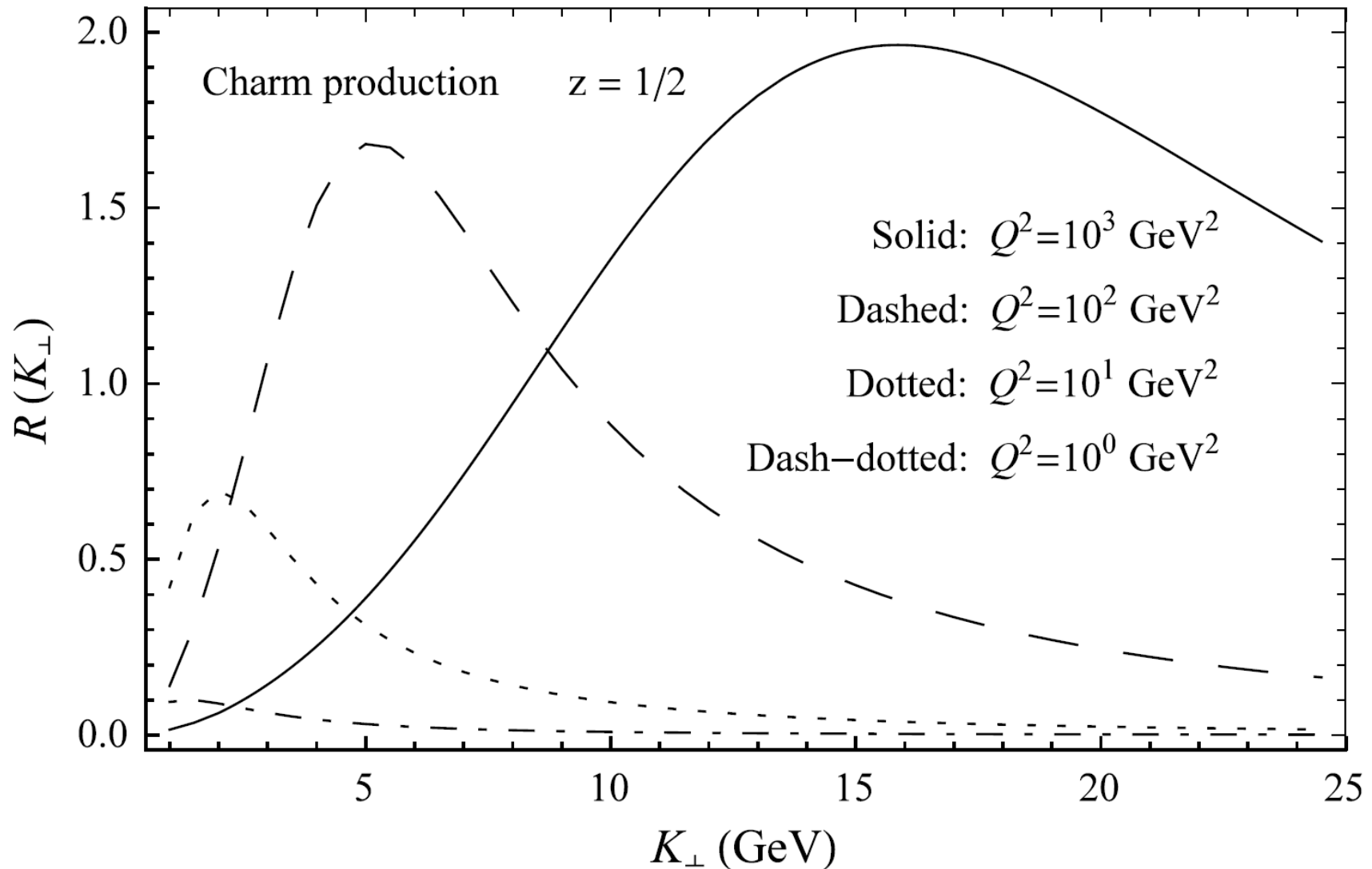
$$|A_{\cos\varphi}^{h(\pm)}|_{\max} \simeq 0.793$$

$$A_{\cos\varphi}^{h(\pm)}(r) \stackrel{\lambda \rightarrow 0}{\simeq} \pm \frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)(1-r)}{2-r(1-2/\sqrt{3})}$$



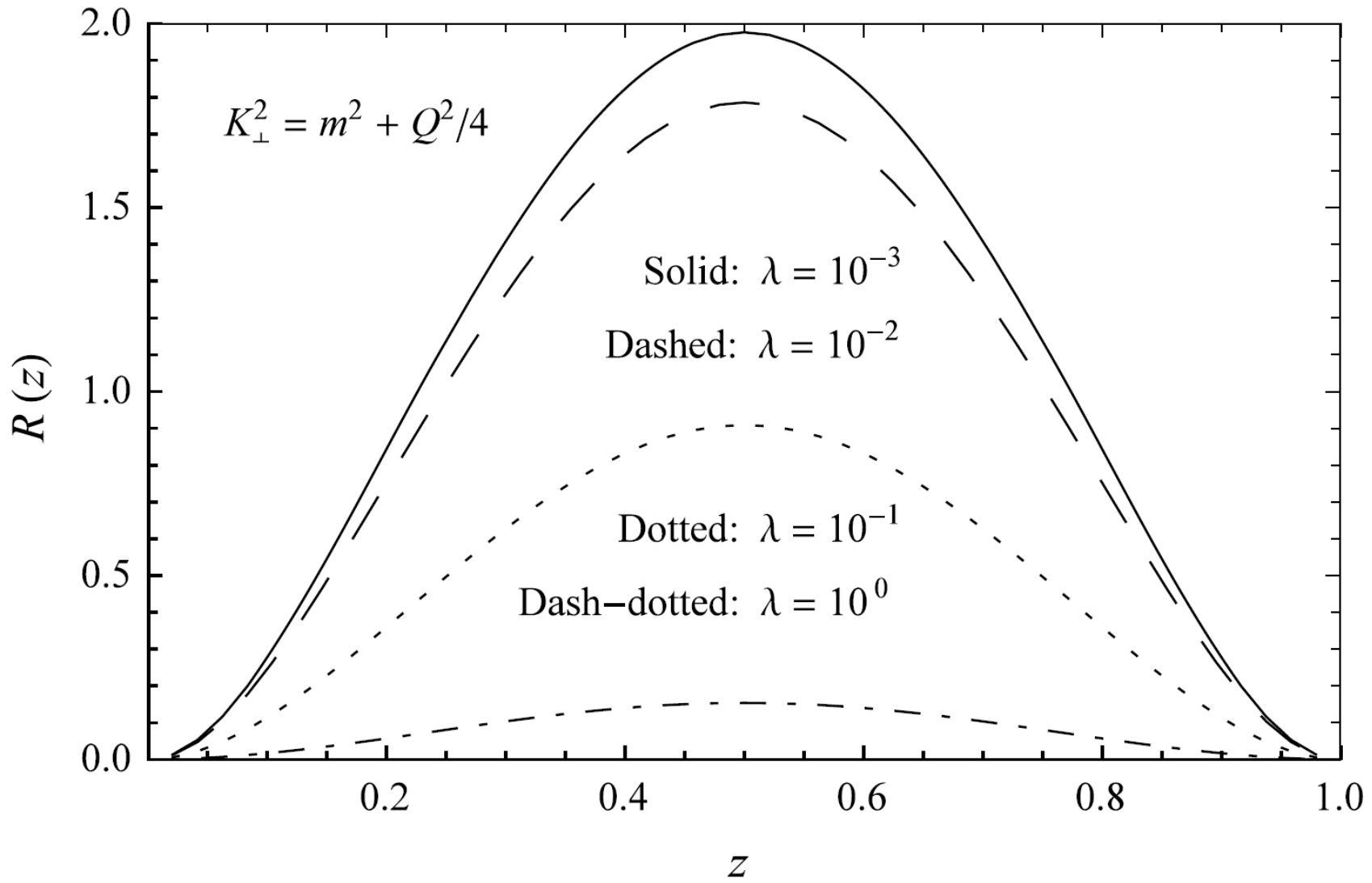
pQCD predictions for $R = F_L / F_T$ ratio ($r = 0$)

$$R(z, \vec{K}_\perp^2) = \frac{d^3\sigma_L}{d^3\sigma_T}(z, \vec{K}_\perp^2, r=0) = \frac{\hat{B}_L}{\hat{B}_T}(z, \vec{K}_\perp^2)$$



pQCD predictions for $R = F_L / F_T$ ratio ($r = 0$)

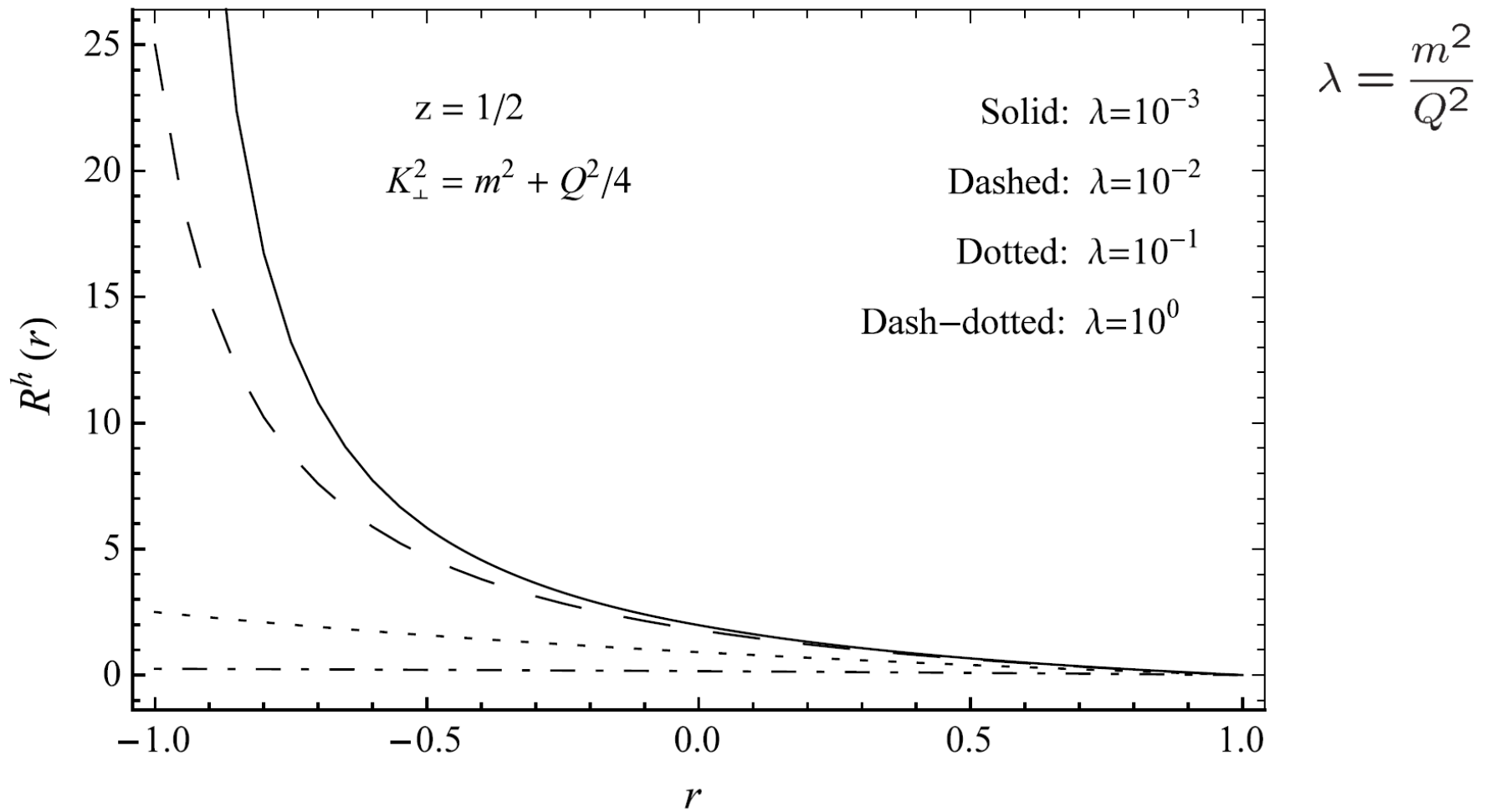
$$R\left(z = 1/2, \vec{K}_\perp^2 = m^2 + Q^2/4\right) = \frac{2}{1 + 12\lambda} \quad \lambda = \frac{m^2}{Q^2}$$



pQCD predictions for $R = F_L / F_T$ ratio ($r \neq 0$)

$$R^h(z, \vec{K}_\perp^2, r) = \frac{d^3\sigma_L}{d^3\sigma_T}(z, \vec{K}_\perp^2, r) = \frac{\hat{B}_L}{\hat{B}_T} \frac{1 - 2r\hat{B}_L^h/\hat{B}_L}{1 - 2r\hat{B}_T^h/\hat{B}_T} \quad r = \frac{\vec{q}_T^2}{2m_N^2} \frac{h_1^{\perp g}}{f_1^g}$$

$$R^h(r) \equiv R^h(z = 1/2, \vec{K}_\perp^2 = m^2 + Q^2/4, r) = \frac{2(1-r)}{1+r+4\lambda(3-r)}$$



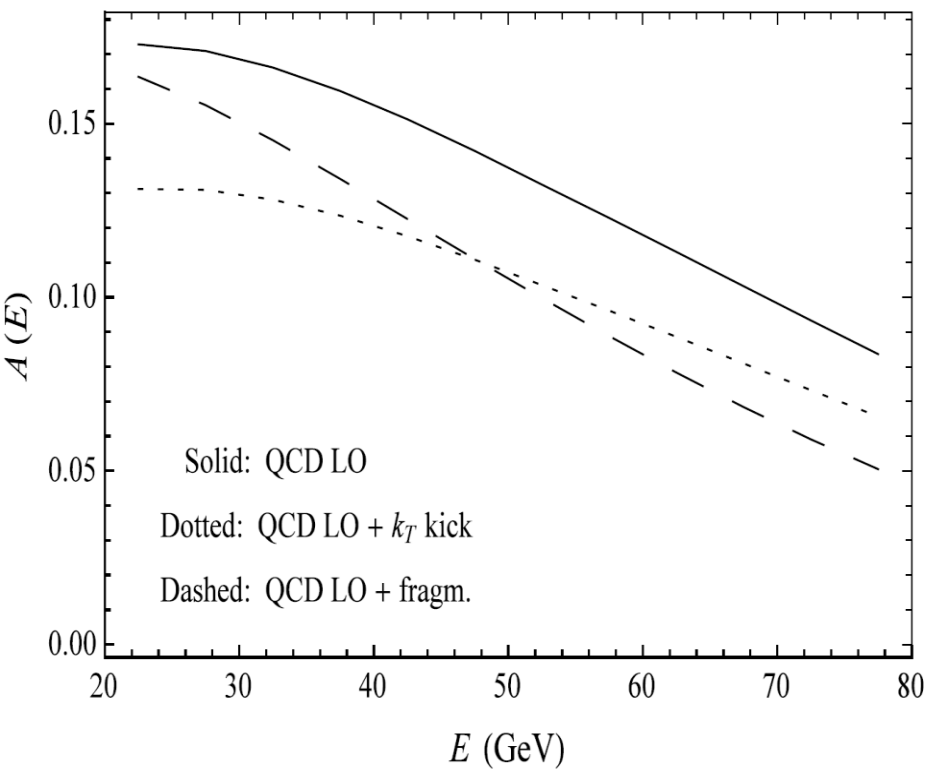
Conclusions:

- ❑ When a linearly polarized gluon interacts with transverse virtual photon, the heavy-quark production plane is preferably orthogonal to the direction of the gluon polarization. For the longitudinal component, the momenta of emitted quarks and the gluon polarization lie in the same plane;
- ❑ The maximal values of the $\cos \varphi$, $\cos 2\varphi$ and $R = F_L / F_T$ quantities allowed by the photon–gluon fusion with unpolarized gluons are large: $(\sqrt{3}-1)/2$, $1/3$ and 2 , respectively;
- ❑ These distributions are very sensitive to the linear polarization of gluons: their maximum values vary from 0 to 1 depending on $h_1^\perp g$, gluonic analogue of the Boer–Mulders function;
- ❑ We conclude that the $\cos \varphi$, $\cos 2\varphi$ and R distributions in heavy-quark pair leptonproduction could be good probes of the linear polarization of gluons inside unpolarized nucleon.

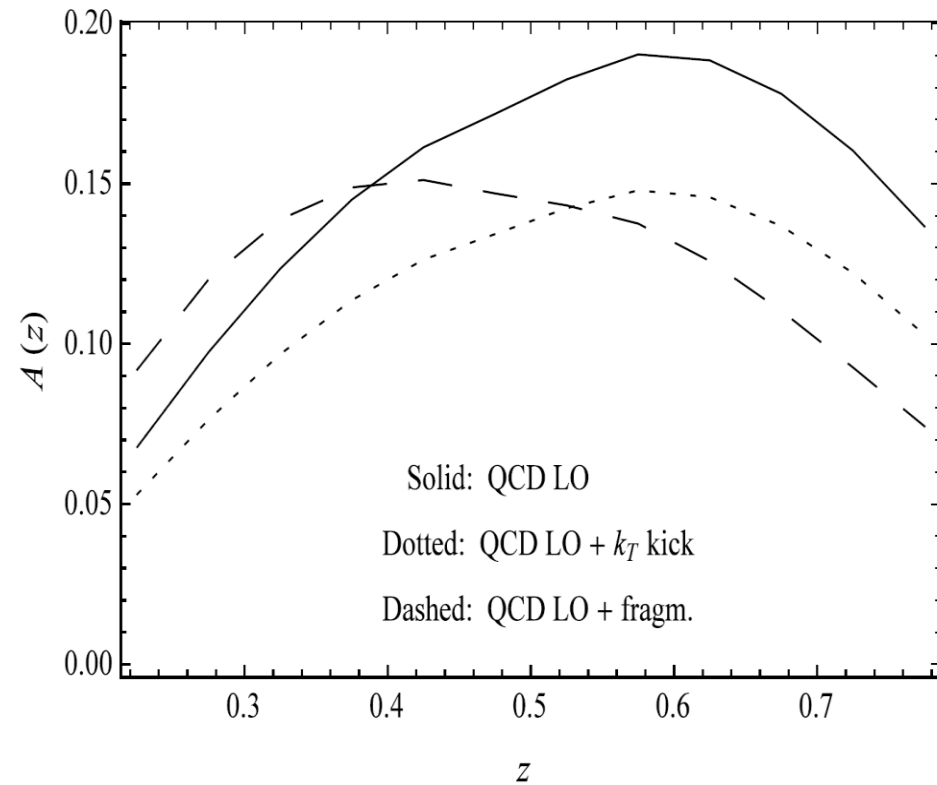


cos2 ϕ asymmetry in charm electroproduction at COMPASS

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$$\nu = E_l - E'_l$$

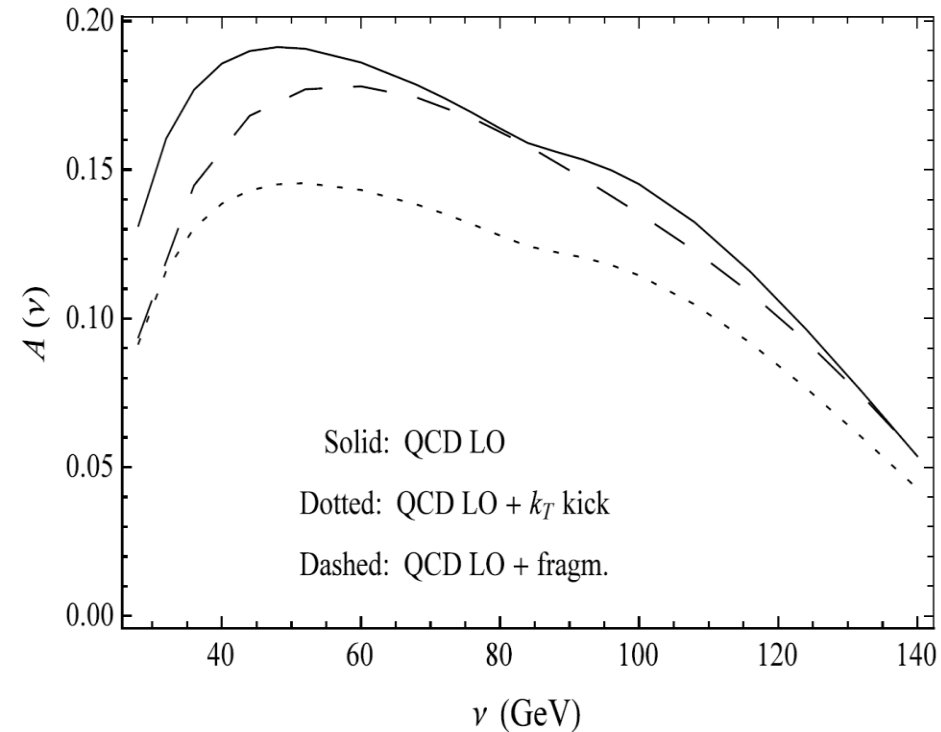
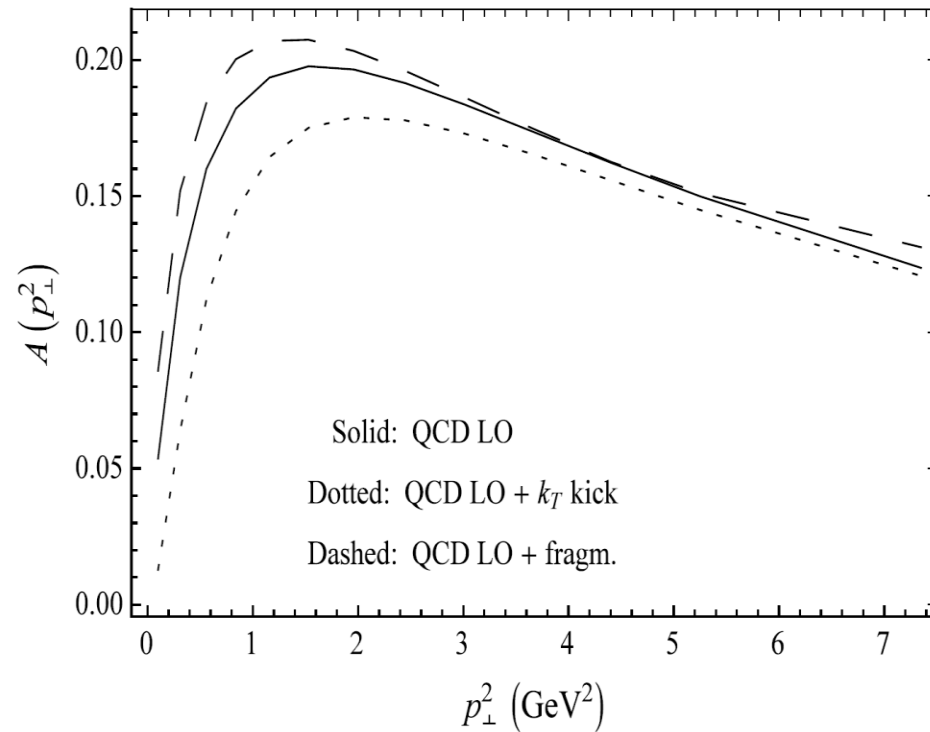


$$z = \frac{E}{\nu}$$

cos2 ϕ asymmetry in charm electroproduction at COMPASS

COMPASS kinematics:

$$0.003 < Q^2 < 10 \text{ GeV}^2, \quad 3 \cdot 10^{-5} < x < 0.1, \quad 20 < E < 80 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\nu = E_l - E'_l$$

Azimuthal correlations in charm hadroproduction

To probe the TMD distributions in **pp**- and **AA**- collisions, the momenta of both heavy quark and anti-quark should be measured,

$$p_1(P_1) + p_2(P_2) \rightarrow Q(p_Q) + \bar{Q}(p_{\bar{Q}}) + X(p_X)$$

Corresponding cross section is:

$$d\sigma \propto \sum_{a,b} \Phi_a(\zeta_a, k_{aT}) \otimes \Phi_b(\zeta_b, k_{bT}) \otimes \left| H_{ab \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}X}(k_a, k_b, p_Q, p_{\bar{Q}}) \right|^2$$

$$k_a^\mu \simeq \zeta_a P_1^\mu + k_{aT}^\mu, \quad k_b^\mu \simeq \zeta_b P_2^\mu + k_{bT}^\mu$$

In this case, both quark and gluon densities do contribute at LO:

$$\Phi_g^{\mu\nu}(\zeta, k_T) \propto -g_T^{\mu\nu} f_1^g(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) + \left(g_T^{\mu\nu} - 2 \frac{k_T^\mu k_T^\nu}{k_T^2} \right) \frac{\vec{k}_T^2}{2m_N^2} h_1^{\perp g}(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2)$$

$$\Phi_q(\zeta, k_T) \propto f_1^q(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) \hat{P} + i h_1^{\perp q}(\zeta, \vec{k}_T^2) \frac{[\hat{k}_T, \hat{P}]}{2m_N}$$

The resulting cross section is: $\vec{K}_\perp = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{p}_{Q\perp} - \vec{p}_{\bar{Q}\perp})$, $\vec{q}_T = \vec{p}_{Q\perp} + \vec{p}_{\bar{Q}\perp}$

$$\frac{d^6\sigma}{dy_1 dy_2 d^2\vec{K}_\perp d^2\vec{q}_T} = \mathcal{N} \left\{ A + B \vec{q}_T^2 \cos 2(\phi_\perp - \phi_T) + C \vec{q}_T^4 \cos 4(\phi_\perp - \phi_T) \right\}$$

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Schematically, the functions **A**, **B** and **C** have the following structure:

$$\begin{aligned} A &: f_1^q \otimes f_1^{\bar{q}}, & f_1^g \otimes f_1^g, & & h_1^{\perp g} \otimes h_1^{\perp g} \\ B &: h_1^{\perp q} \otimes h_1^{\perp \bar{q}}, & f_1^g \otimes h_1^{\perp g} \\ C &: h_1^{\perp g} \otimes h_1^{\perp g} \end{aligned}$$

The gluon fusion contribution to **B** is:

$$B^{gg} = \frac{N_c z(1-z)}{N_c^2 - 1} \left[z^2 - (1-z)^2 - 1/N_c^2 \right] \left(1 - m^2/m_\perp^2 \right) H^{gg}(x_1, x_2, \vec{q}_T^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H^{gg} = \frac{1}{m^2 \vec{q}_T^4} \int d^2\vec{k}_{1T} d^2\vec{k}_{2T} \delta^2(\vec{k}_{1T} + \vec{k}_{2T} - \vec{q}_T) \{ & [2(\vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{k}_{1T})^2 - \vec{q}_T^2 \vec{k}_{1T}^2] \times \\ & h_1^{\perp g}(x_1, \vec{k}_{1T}^2) f_1^g(x_2, \vec{k}_{2T}^2) + [2(\vec{q}_T \cdot \vec{k}_{2T})^2 - \vec{q}_T^2 \vec{k}_{2T}^2] f_1^g(x_1, \vec{k}_{1T}^2) h_1^{\perp g}(x_2, \vec{k}_{2T}^2) \} \end{aligned}$$

