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Intrinsic transverse momentum and the polarized Drell-Yan process

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In this paper we calculate the cross section at leading order in $1/Q$ for polarized Drell-Yan scattering at measured lepton-pair transverse momentum Q_T , using a field theoretical parton model approach. We find that for a hadron with spin $1/2$ the quark content at leading order is described by six distribution functions for each flavor, which depend on both the light-cone momentum fraction x and the quark transverse momentum k_T^2 . These functions are illustrated for a free-quark ensemble. The cross sections for both longitudinal and transverse polarizations are expressed in terms of convolution integrals over the distribution functions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The measurements of unpolarized structure functions in deep inelastic scattering (DIS) of leptons off nucleons and nuclei and those of polarized structure functions in scattering of longitudinally polarized electrons off longitudinally polarized nucleons [1] have yielded the light-cone momentum distributions $f_1(x)$ for quarks in various targets and the helicity distributions $g_1(x)$ in protons and neutrons.¹ These measurements, and particularly their interpretation, have shown the importance of understanding the relation of these distributions to the structure of the target. The distributions $f_1(x)$ and $g_1(x)$ characterize the response of the hadron in inclusive DIS at leading order in the transferred momentum Q . In inclusive deep inelastic lepton-hadron (ℓH) scattering the quark transverse momentum is not observable, since it is integrated over. In the Drell-Yan (DY) process at measured lepton-pair transverse momentum Q_T , however, the quark transverse momentum *does* enter in observables, notably in the angular distribution of the lepton pairs. The main point of this paper is the discussion of quark transverse momentum in polarized Drell-Yan scattering. We will restrict ourselves to leading order and discard contributions which are suppressed by orders of $1/Q$. We will also not discuss QCD radiative corrections, giving rise to logarithmic corrections.

For inclusive deep inelastic ℓH scattering, assuming only one flavor, the hadron tensor is given as the imaginary part of the forward virtual Compton amplitude, for large virtual photon momentum q ($Q^2 \equiv -q^2$ large)

given by the sum of the quark and antiquark handbag diagrams of Fig. 1. The basic object, encoding the soft physics of the quarks inside the hadron, is the correlation function [2,3]

$$\Phi_{ij}(PS; k) = \int \frac{d^4x}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot x} \langle PS | \bar{\psi}_j(0) \mathcal{G} \psi_i(x) | PS \rangle_c, \tag{1.1}$$

where k is the momentum of the quark and $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \exp[-ig \int_0^x ds^\mu A_\mu(s)]$ is the path ordered exponential (link operator) needed to make the bilocal matrix element color gauge invariant. The vectors P and S are the momentum and spin vector of the target hadron. Evaluating the hard part, the scattering of the virtual photon off the quarks, it turns out that the structure functions in the cross section become proportional to $f_1(x_{Bj})$ and $g_1(x_{Bj})$, where $x_{Bj} = Q^2/2P \cdot q$. The function f_1 is given by

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int dk^- d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \text{Tr} [\gamma^+ \Phi(PS; k)], \tag{1.2}$$

where $x = k^+/P^+$. It can be interpreted as the longitudinal (light-cone) momentum distribution of quarks. The function g_1 appears as

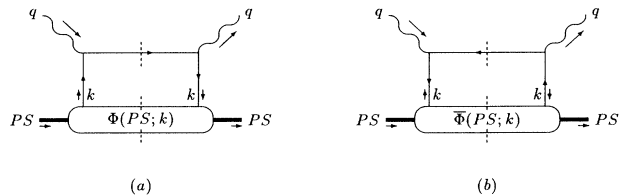


FIG. 1. Quark and antiquark handbag diagrams for inclusive DIS.

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¹Another often used notation is $q(x)$ for the light-cone momentum distribution and $\Delta q(x)$ for the helicity distribution ($q = u, d, s, \dots$).

$$\lambda g_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int dk^- d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \text{Tr} [\gamma^+ \gamma_5 \Phi(PS; k)], \quad (1.3)$$

and can be interpreted as the quark helicity distribution in a longitudinally polarized nucleon (helicity $\lambda = 1$). The functions f_1 and g_1 are specific projections of Φ . Which projections of Φ contribute in hard scattering processes in leading order can be investigated by looking at the operator structure, including the Dirac and Lorentz structure, of the correlation function. Such an analysis requires some physical constraints on the range of quark momenta. The analysis of Φ (integrated over k^- and \mathbf{k}_T) shows that there is one more leading function, the transverse polarization or transversity² distribution h_1 . It is related to a bilocal quark-quark matrix element through [6]

$$S_T^i h_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int dk^- d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \text{Tr} [i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \Phi(PS; k)] \quad (i = 1, 2), \quad (1.4)$$

which shows that h_1 can be interpreted as the quark transversity distribution in a transversely polarized nucleon. This is a chiral-odd distribution, which is not observable in inclusive ℓH scattering. It needs to be combined with some other chiral-odd structure, e.g., the fragmentation part in semi-inclusive lepton production of hadrons or the antiquark distribution part of DY scattering [4,5,7,8].

In this paper we discuss one possible way to extract more information from the correlation function Φ . We are after the dependence on the transverse momentum \mathbf{k}_T . One way to study this dependence is the observation of a hadron in the outgoing quark jet, e.g., in semi-inclusive ℓH scattering [9]. This process, however, also requires consideration of the fragmentation functions. In this paper we study the process that is sensitive to intrinsic transverse momentum and involves only quark distribution functions, namely, massive dilepton production or the Drell-Yan (DY) process [10].

About 15 years ago Ralston and Soper (RS) published a pioneering paper [6] on the polarized Drell-Yan process. Because we take it as our starting point, we briefly sketch its content. RS write down a covariant expansion for $\int dk^- \Phi$, which is the quantity that is relevant in the hadron tensor for the DY process, diagrammatically given in Fig. 2. To determine this expansion they use symmetry arguments and an infinite-momentum-frame analysis. They find five independent distribution func-

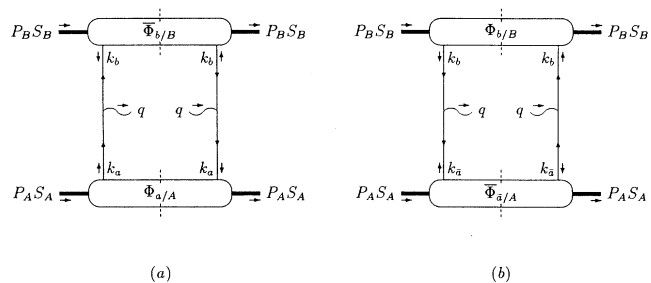


FIG. 2. The quark and antiquark Born diagrams for the Drell-Yan process.

tions divided in one momentum probability distribution $\mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$, two functions describing the quark helicity, and two describing its transverse polarization. With these they calculate the polarized Drell-Yan cross section with the virtual photon transverse momentum $Q_T \equiv \sqrt{q_T^2}$ put to zero. In that case they are sensitive to four of the five distribution functions. When they integrate over the transverse momentum they are only sensitive to three distribution functions.

We extend on these results in two ways. First, we show that RS left out one transverse momentum distribution needed to describe the quark transverse polarization. This additional function is obtained using general symmetry arguments. It also shows up in a model that we are going to employ later and that describes a gas of free partons. Our second extension is the calculation of the polarized DY cross section without constraints on Q_T [other than it being of $O(\Lambda)$], thereby becoming sensitive to all six distribution functions.

We end this introduction with a remark on possible QCD corrections affecting transverse momenta and factorization. A difficulty of the extra scale Q_T is the Sudakov effect. Soft gluon radiation gives rise to radiative transverse momentum. However, the large logarithms connected with this effect can be summed and exponentiated to Sudakov form factors [11]. From these it becomes clear that if Q_T is sufficiently low, i.e., of hadronic scale Λ , as compared to Q , the transverse momentum governing the process is predominantly intrinsic. Factorization means that the process can be written as a convolution of renormalized distribution functions and a perturbatively calculable short-distance part. For polarized DY at measured $Q_T \lesssim \Lambda$ factorization has not been proven yet [12,13]. We will not further address this problem here, but use the diagrammatic expansion proposed by Ellis, Furmański, and Petronzio (EFP) [14] to study the DY process. In this diagrammatic expansion Green functions appear, incorporating the long-range QCD physics. These correlation functions are connected by ordinary Feynman graphs with quarks and gluons, the hard scattering piece.

The outline of this paper is as follows. In Sec. II we give the one-photon exchange picture for massive dilepton production. We specify the notation in a frame where the two hadrons are collinear, and the axes are given with

²The authors of [4] use the name “transversity distribution” in order to make clear that a quark of definite transversity is *not* in an eigenstate of the transverse spin operator but of the Pauli-Lubanski operator projected along a transverse direction. The authors of [5] object to this nomenclature, because of the preexistence of the term, and prefer to call it transverse polarization distribution.

respect to which the lepton angles are defined. In Sec. III we analyze the quark correlation function, and find six leading distribution functions. In Sec. IV we discuss the free-quark ensemble as an example. In Sec. V we calculate the leading-order hadron tensor and present cross sections for various combinations of polarizations. We end with a discussion of these results.

II. THE DRELL-YAN PROCESS

In this section we want to discuss the cross section, kinematic aspects, and structure functions for polarized Drell-Yan scattering. For a complete overview we refer for the unpolarized process to Lam and Tung [15], and for polarized DY scattering to Donohue and Gottlieb [16], who make use of the Jacob-Wick helicity formalism.

A. The DY cross section

We consider the process $A + B \rightarrow \ell + \bar{\ell} + X$, where two spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ hadrons with momenta P_A^μ and P_B^μ interact and two outgoing leptons are measured with momenta k_1^μ and k_2^μ . The leptons are assumed to originate from a high-mass photon with momentum $q = k_1 + k_2$, with $Q^2 \equiv q^2 > 0$. We consider the case of pure incoming spin states, characterized by the spin vectors S_A^μ and S_B^μ , i.e., $S_A^2 = S_B^2 = -1$. In the deep inelastic limit Q^2 and $s = (P_A + P_B)^2$ become large compared to the characteristic hadronic scale of order $\Lambda^2 \sim 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$, while their ratio $\tau = Q^2/s$ is fixed. The phase space element for the lepton pair can be written as $d^4q d\Omega$, where the angles are those of the lepton axis in the dilepton rest frame with respect to a suitably chosen Cartesian set of axes. The cross section can be written as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d^4q d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2s Q^4} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}, \quad (2.1)$$

where the lepton tensor is given by (neglecting the lepton masses)

$$L^{\mu\nu} = 2 k_1^\mu k_2^\nu + 2 k_2^\mu k_1^\nu - Q^2 g^{\mu\nu}, \quad (2.2)$$

and the hadron tensor can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & W^{\mu\nu}(q; P_A S_A; P_B S_B) \\ &= \int \frac{d^4x}{(2\pi)^4} e^{iq \cdot x} \langle P_A S_A; P_B S_B | [J^\mu(0), J^\nu(x)] | P_A S_A; P_B S_B \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Since the lepton tensor (2.2) is symmetric in its indices, we will from now on only consider the symmetric part of $W^{\mu\nu}$.

B. Kinematics

We define the transverse momentum of the produced lepton pair in a frame where the hadrons are collinear,

with the third axis chosen along the direction of hadron A . One has $q_T^2 \equiv Q_T^2 \lesssim \Lambda^2$. It is convenient to work in a light-cone component representation, $p = [p^-, p^+, \mathbf{p}_T]$ with $p^\pm \equiv (p^0 \pm p^3)/\sqrt{2}$. The momenta of the hadrons and the virtual photon in a collinear frame take the form

$$P_A = \left[\frac{M_A^2}{2P_A^+}, P_A^+, \mathbf{0}_T \right] \approx \left[\frac{x_A M_A^2}{\sqrt{2} \kappa Q}, \frac{\kappa Q}{\sqrt{2} x_A}, \mathbf{0}_T \right], \quad (2.4)$$

$$P_B = \left[P_B^-, \frac{M_B^2}{2P_B^-}, \mathbf{0}_T \right] \approx \left[\frac{Q}{\sqrt{2} \kappa x_B}, \frac{\kappa x_B M_B^2}{\sqrt{2} Q}, \mathbf{0}_T \right], \quad (2.5)$$

$$q = [x_B P_B^-, x_A P_A^+, \mathbf{q}_T] \approx \left[\frac{Q}{\sqrt{2} \kappa}, \frac{\kappa Q}{\sqrt{2}}, \mathbf{q}_T \right], \quad (2.6)$$

neglecting corrections of order $1/Q^2$, indicated here and further on by an approximate equal. The parameter κ fixes the collinear frame. One has $\kappa = x_A M_A/Q$ for the frame in which hadron A is at rest, $\kappa = \sqrt{x_A/x_B}$ for the hadron center-of-mass frame, and $\kappa = Q/x_B M_B$ for the frame in which hadron B is at rest. The following Lorentz-invariant relations hold:

$$x_A = \frac{q^+}{P_A^+} \approx \frac{Q^2}{2P_A \cdot q} \approx \frac{P_B \cdot q}{P_B \cdot P_A}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$x_B = \frac{q^-}{P_B^-} \approx \frac{Q^2}{2P_B \cdot q} \approx \frac{P_A \cdot q}{P_A \cdot P_B}, \quad (2.8)$$

$$s \approx 2P_A^+ P_B^- \approx \frac{Q^2}{x_A x_B}. \quad (2.9)$$

The above relations also show that all dot products for any pair from the vectors q , P_A , and P_B , are of order Q^2 . As compared to this, the hadron momenta are almost lightlike. We can define the exactly lightlike vectors that in a given collinear frame have the form

$$\begin{aligned} n_+ &\equiv [0, \kappa, \mathbf{0}_T], \\ n_- &\equiv [\kappa^{-1}, 0, \mathbf{0}_T], \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

satisfying $n_+ \cdot n_- = 1$. Given an arbitrary four-vector a , and the projector

$$g_T^{\mu\nu} \equiv g^{\mu\nu} - n_+^\mu n_-^\nu - n_-^\mu n_+^\nu, \quad (2.11)$$

we define the spacelike *transverse* four-vector $a_T^\mu \equiv g_T^{\mu\nu} a_\nu$, or, in coordinates in a collinear frame, $a_T = [0, 0, \mathbf{a}_T]$. Note that for any transverse vector one has

$$a_T \cdot P_A = a_T \cdot P_B = 0. \quad (2.12)$$

For the analysis of the hadronic tensor which satisfies $q^\mu W_{\mu\nu} = q^\nu W_{\mu\nu} = 0$, it is important to construct vectors that are orthogonal to q . We will use the projector

$$\tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \equiv g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2} \quad (2.13)$$

for this, and define

$$\tilde{a}^\mu \equiv \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} a_\nu = a^\mu - \frac{a \cdot q}{q^2} q^\mu. \quad (2.14)$$

As q is timelike in DY scattering, it is useful to define a set

of Cartesian axes. The Z direction, known as the Collins-Soper axis [17], is chosen as in [6], but our X and Y direction are opposite. To be precise, we use ($\epsilon^{0123} = 1$)

$$\begin{aligned} Z^\mu &\equiv \frac{P_B \cdot q}{P_B \cdot P_A} \tilde{P}_A^\mu - \frac{P_A \cdot q}{P_A \cdot P_B} \tilde{P}_B^\mu \\ &= \frac{P_B \cdot q}{P_B \cdot P_A} P_A^\mu - \frac{P_A \cdot q}{P_A \cdot P_B} P_B^\mu, \\ X^\mu &\equiv -\frac{P_B \cdot Z}{P_B \cdot P_A} \tilde{P}_A^\mu + \frac{P_A \cdot Z}{P_A \cdot P_B} \tilde{P}_B^\mu, \\ Y^\mu &\equiv \frac{1}{P_A \cdot P_B} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P_{A\nu} P_{B\rho} q_\sigma. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

These vectors are orthogonal and satisfy $Z^2 \approx -Q^2$ and $X^2 \approx Y^2 \approx q_T^2 = -Q_T^2$. They form a natural set of space-like axes (within the dilepton rest frame only spatial components). We will denote $\hat{q}^\mu = q^\mu/Q$, $\hat{z}^\mu = Z^\mu/\sqrt{-Z^2}$, etc. Explicitly, one has, in a collinear frame,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{q} &\approx \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\mathbf{q}_T}{Q} \right], \\ \hat{z} &\approx \left[-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\kappa}, \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}}, \mathbf{0}_T \right], \\ \hat{x} &\approx \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\kappa} \frac{Q_T}{Q}, \frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{Q_T}{Q}, \frac{\mathbf{q}_T}{Q_T} \right], \\ \hat{y} &\approx \left[0, 0, \frac{\mathbf{y}_T}{Q_T} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where $\mathbf{y}_T^i = \epsilon^{ij} q_{Tj}$. Note that since Z^μ is a linear combination of the hadron momenta, it has in collinear frames no transverse components. The transverse vectors a_T , thus, are orthogonal to Z . They are, in general, not orthogonal to q . One has, for example, $q_T^\mu \approx X^\mu - (Q_T^2/Q^2) q^\mu$. Note that the second term is only order $1/Q$ suppressed. For an arbitrary four-vector a we define the *perpendicular* four-vector a_\perp as the projection of the transverse vector a_T , using the projector

$$g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \equiv g^{\mu\nu} - \hat{q}^\mu \hat{q}^\nu + \hat{z}^\mu \hat{z}^\nu, \quad (2.17)$$

yielding

$$a_\perp^\mu \equiv g_\perp^{\mu\nu} a_{T\nu} = a_T^\mu - \frac{q \cdot a_T}{q^2} q^\mu. \quad (2.18)$$

Thus, any perpendicular vector satisfies

$$a_\perp \cdot \hat{q} = a_\perp \cdot \hat{z} = 0. \quad (2.19)$$

Note that X is the perpendicular projection of q . The vectors n_+ and n_- , defined in Eq. (2.10), can be expressed in terms of the set (2.16):

$$\begin{aligned} n_+ &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\hat{q} + \hat{z} - \frac{Q_T}{Q} \hat{x} \right), \\ n_- &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\hat{q} - \hat{z} - \frac{Q_T}{Q} \hat{x} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Inserting these into the definitions of the projectors g_\perp and g_T , one derives the relation

$$g_\perp^{\mu\nu} \approx g_T^{\mu\nu} - \frac{(\hat{q}^\mu q_T^\nu + \hat{q}^\nu q_T^\mu)}{Q}, \quad (2.21)$$

from which one obtains, for a general vector a ,

$$a_\perp^\mu \approx a_T^\mu - \frac{a_T \cdot q_T}{Q} \hat{q}^\mu, \quad (2.22)$$

provided that $a_T \cdot q_T \sim 1$. From this expression it is evident that for two arbitrary vectors a and b , satisfying this condition,

$$a_\perp \cdot b_\perp \approx a_T \cdot b_T. \quad (2.23)$$

Restricting oneself to leading order, the vectors a_T and a_\perp can be freely interchanged. In a higher-order study, however, the difference will become important [18].

For the spin vectors the above definitions can be illustrated. In a collinear frame the spin vectors, satisfying $P_A \cdot S_A = P_B \cdot S_B = 0$, can be written as

$$S_A = \left[-\lambda_A \frac{M_A}{2P_A^+}, \lambda_A \frac{P_A^+}{M_A}, \mathbf{S}_{AT} \right], \quad (2.24)$$

$$S_B = \left[\lambda_B \frac{P_B^-}{M_B}, -\lambda_B \frac{M_B}{2P_B^-}, \mathbf{S}_{BT} \right], \quad (2.25)$$

where λ_A and λ_B are the hadron helicities. The two-component vectors \mathbf{S}_{AT} and \mathbf{S}_{BT} give the transverse polarization. Since we consider pure spin states, they obey $\lambda^2 + S_T^2 = 1$. For the spin vectors we have in a collinear frame $S_T = [0, 0, \mathbf{S}_T]$. The perpendicular spin vector is given by

$$\begin{aligned} S_\perp^\mu &\approx S_T^\mu - \frac{S_T \cdot q_T}{Q} \hat{q}^\mu \\ &= \left[O\left(\frac{1}{\kappa Q}\right), O\left(\frac{\kappa}{Q}\right), \mathbf{S}_T + O\left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

where the longitudinal components follow from the transverse components by demanding Eq. (2.19), and using Eq. (2.16). If the spin vector would have been projected directly onto the XY plane with $g_\perp^{\mu\nu}$, one would have got

$$\begin{aligned} g_\perp^{\mu\nu} S_\nu &= \left[O\left(\frac{1}{\kappa Q}\right), O\left(\frac{\kappa}{Q}\right), \mathbf{S}_T - \frac{\lambda}{2xM} \mathbf{q}_T \right. \\ &\quad \left. + O\left(\frac{1}{Q^2}\right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

This differs from S_T in the transverse sector by order 1, unless $Q_T = 0$.

C. Structure functions

With the definition (2.15) of a Cartesian set of vectors orthogonal to q , we can expand the lepton momenta in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} k_1^\mu &= \frac{1}{2} q^\mu + \frac{1}{2} Q (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x}^\mu + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y}^\mu + \cos \theta \hat{z}^\mu), \\ k_2^\mu &= \frac{1}{2} q^\mu - \frac{1}{2} Q (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x}^\mu + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y}^\mu + \cos \theta \hat{z}^\mu). \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

Inserting these into Eq. (2.2), and using some trivial geometric relations and the completeness relation $g^{\mu\nu} = \hat{q}^\mu \hat{q}^\nu - \hat{z}^\mu \hat{z}^\nu - \hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu - \hat{y}^\mu \hat{y}^\nu$, we obtain

$$L^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{Q^2}{2} \left[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} - 2 \sin^2 \theta \hat{z}^{\mu} \hat{z}^{\nu} + 2 \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi (\hat{x}^{\mu} \hat{x}^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}) \right. \\ \left. + \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\phi \hat{x}^{\{\mu} \hat{y}^{\nu\}} + \sin 2\theta \cos \phi \hat{z}^{\{\mu} \hat{x}^{\nu\}} + \sin 2\theta \sin \phi \hat{z}^{\{\mu} \hat{y}^{\nu\}} \right], \quad (2.29)$$

where the symmetrization of indices, $\hat{z}^{\{\mu} \hat{x}^{\nu\}} \equiv \hat{z}^{\mu} \hat{x}^{\nu} + \hat{z}^{\nu} \hat{x}^{\mu}$, is used. The six tensor combinations in Eq. (2.29) are not only orthogonal to q , ensuring $q_{\mu} L^{\mu\nu} = 0$, but also to each other.

It is convenient also to write the hadron tensor as a sum of products of tensors and scalar functions, called *structure functions*. From the properties of the electromagnetic current, one deduces for the hadronic tensor [Eq. (2.3)] the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\mu} W^{\mu\nu} &= 0 && \text{[current conservation],} \\ [W^{\nu\mu}]^* &= W^{\mu\nu} && \text{[Hermiticity],} \\ W_{\mu\nu}(\bar{q}; \bar{P}_A - \bar{S}_A; \bar{P}_B - \bar{S}_B) &= W^{\mu\nu}(q; P_A S_A; P_B S_B) && \text{[parity],} \\ W_{\mu\nu}(\bar{q}; \bar{P}_A S_A; \bar{P}_B S_B) &= [W^{\mu\nu}(q; P_A S_A; P_B S_B)]^* && \text{[time reversal],} \end{aligned} \quad (2.30)$$

where $\bar{a}^{\mu} \equiv a_{\mu}$. The hermiticity condition, for instance, requires that the symmetric part of $W^{\mu\nu}$ is real. In unpolarized scattering the constraints imply the expansion

$$W^{\mu\nu} = -(W_{0,0} - \frac{1}{3} W_{2,0}) g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} + (W_{0,0} + \frac{2}{3} W_{2,0}) \hat{z}^{\mu} \hat{z}^{\nu} \\ - W_{2,1} \hat{z}^{\{\mu} \hat{x}^{\nu\}} - W_{2,2} (\hat{x}^{\mu} \hat{x}^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}), \quad (2.31)$$

where the four structure functions depend on the (four) independent scalars, or equivalently on Q , x_A , x_B , and Q_T . Since we choose to work with the normalized vectors, the structure functions $W_{2,1}$ and $W_{2,2}$ contain kinematical zeros for $X^2 \approx -Q_T^2 = 0$ of first and second order, respectively. In that they differ from the ones in RS [6, Eq. (2.5)]. To be precise: our $W_{2,1}$ is $\sqrt{X^2 Z^2}$ times theirs, and our $W_{2,2}$ is $-X^2$ times theirs. The linear combinations multiplying $-g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}$ and $\hat{z}^{\mu} \hat{z}^{\nu}$ are often referred to as W_T and W_L , respectively. Inserting Eqs. (2.29) and (2.31) into Eq. (2.1), one has, for unpolarized Drell-Yan scattering,

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d^4 q d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2s Q^2} [2W_{0,0} + W_{2,0} (\frac{1}{3} - \cos^2 \theta) \\ + W_{2,1} \sin 2\theta \cos \phi + W_{2,2} \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi]. \quad (2.32)$$

Because of the extra pseudovectors S_A and S_B , in polarized Drell-Yan there are several more structure functions. We will not give them in general. Later we will simply consider the ones that arise at leading order in $1/Q$ in the cross section.

III. FORMALISM

A. The correlation function

The basic object that contains the soft physics of the quarks inside the hadrons is the quark-quark correlation function

$$(\Phi_{\alpha/A})_{ij}(P_A S_A; k) = \int \frac{d^4 x}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot x} \\ \times \langle P_A S_A | \bar{\psi}_j^{(a)}(0) \mathcal{G} \psi_i^{(a)}(x) | P_A S_A \rangle_c, \quad (3.1)$$

where $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{P} \exp[-ig \int_0^x ds^{\mu} A_{\mu}(s)]$. We will suppress the quark label a , the hadron label A , and the connectedness subscript c , whenever they are not explicitly needed. A contraction over color indices is implicit.

First, let us consider the projections discussed in the introduction, in which one integrates over k^- and the transverse momentum \mathbf{k}_T . After these integrations the nonlocality is restricted to the x^- direction. Choosing the lightcone gauge $A^+ = 0$ in conjunction with using a link operator containing a straight path from $(0, 0, \mathbf{0}_T)$ to $(0, x^-, \mathbf{0}_T)$, ensures that the correlation function is equal to a Fourier transform of a single quark-quark matrix element.

In this paper we want to investigate the \mathbf{k}_T dependence of the correlation function, thereby becoming sensitive to separations in the x^- and \mathbf{x}_T directions. In that case one needs (in addition to $A^+ = 0$) to fix the residual gauge freedom in A_T . This can be achieved by imposing the antisymmetric boundary condition $A_T(x^+, \infty, \mathbf{x}_T) = -A_T(x^+, -\infty, \mathbf{x}_T)$ [19,20]. In analogy to the \mathbf{k}_T -independent case, one can find a link operator that becomes unity after thus having completely fixed the gauge. Explicitly, this link is the average of two path-ordered exponentials with paths running from $(0, 0, \mathbf{0}_T)$ to $(0, x^-, \mathbf{x}_T)$ via $x^- = -\infty$ and $x^- = +\infty$, respectively, as shown in Fig. 3. In this way we have ensured that, after gauge fixing, the (k^- -integrated) correlation function (3.1) is just the Fourier transform of the single matrix element $\langle \bar{\psi}(0) \psi(0, x^-, \mathbf{x}_T) \rangle$.

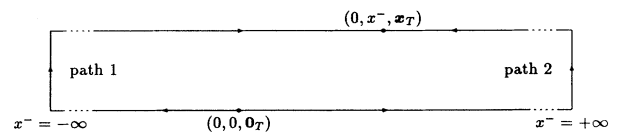


FIG. 3. The paths in the link operator which is used in the definition of the correlation function.

B. The Dirac structure of the correlation function

In order to analyze the diagrams in Fig. 2 for DY scattering, we need to investigate the Dirac structure of the correlation function. This can be done by making an expansion in an appropriate basis. Constraints on the correlation function come from Hermiticity, parity invariance, and time reversal invariance:

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^\dagger(PS; k) &= \gamma^0 \Phi(PS; k) \gamma^0 && [\text{Hermiticity}] \\ \Phi(PS; k) &= \gamma^0 \Phi(\bar{P} - \bar{S}; \bar{k}) \gamma^0 && [\text{parity}] \\ \Phi^*(PS; k) &= \gamma_5 C \Phi(\bar{P} \bar{S}; \bar{k}) C^\dagger \gamma_5 && [\text{time reversal}]\end{aligned}\quad (3.2)$$

where the charge conjugation matrix $C = i\gamma^2\gamma^0$, and $\bar{k}^\mu = k_\mu$. Choosing the Dirac matrix basis $\mathbf{1}$, $i\gamma_5$, γ^μ , $\gamma^\mu\gamma_5$, and $i\sigma^{\mu\nu}\gamma_5$ (note that $\Gamma^\dagger = \gamma^0\Gamma\gamma^0$), the most general structure satisfying these constraints is

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(PS; k) &= A_1 \mathbf{1} + A_2 \not{P} + A_3 \not{k} + A_4 \gamma_5 \not{S} + A_5 \gamma_5 [\not{P}, \not{S}] + A_6 \gamma_5 [\not{k}, \not{S}] \\ &+ A_7 k \cdot S \gamma_5 \not{P} + A_8 k \cdot S \gamma_5 \not{k} + A_9 k \cdot S \gamma_5 [\not{P}, \not{k}].\end{aligned}\quad (3.3)$$

Hermiticity requires all the amplitudes $A_i = A_i(k \cdot P, k^2)$ to be real. Note the presence of the amplitude A_9 which is left out in Eq. (3.4) of Ref. [6].

The basic assumption made for the correlation function is that in the hadron rest frame the quark momentum k is restricted to a hadronic scale Λ , explicitly k^2 and $k \cdot P$ are of $O(\Lambda^2)$. In a frame where the hadron has no transverse momentum, the momentum k is written as

$$k = \left[\frac{k^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2}{2xP^+}, xP^+, \mathbf{k}_T \right], \quad (3.4)$$

with the light-cone momentum fraction $x = k^+/P^+$. The restrictions on k^2 and $k \cdot P$ imply that also $\mathbf{k}_T^2 = -k^2 + 2xk \cdot P - x^2M^2$ is of $O(\Lambda^2)$. Considering diagram 2(a), one sees easily that momentum conservation on the hard vertex implies $\bar{q}^- = k_a^- + k_b^-$. However, $k_b^- \sim P_B^-$, whereas $k_a^- \sim M_A^2/P_A^+$, which is down by a factor $\sim M^2/Q^2$ in any collinear frame. Therefore, for hadron A , one is led to study $\int dk^- \Phi(PS; k)$, or equivalently its projections $\int dk^- \text{Tr}[\Gamma\Phi]$. These latter quantities do not carry Dirac indices anymore, but because of the Γ matrices, they do have a specific Lorentz tensor character. Defining the projections

$$\Phi[\Gamma](x, \mathbf{k}_T) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr}[\Gamma \Phi], \quad (3.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx^-}{2\pi} \frac{d^2\mathbf{x}_T}{(2\pi)^2} \exp[i(xP^+x^- - \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{x}_T)] \\ &\times \langle PS | \bar{\psi}(0) \Gamma \mathcal{G} \psi(0, x^-, \mathbf{x}_T) | PS \rangle\end{aligned}\quad (3.6)$$

(with contraction over color indices understood) one has for instance the vector projection

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi[\gamma^+] &= \int d(2k \cdot P) dk^2 \\ &\times \delta(\mathbf{k}_T^2 + k^2 - 2xk \cdot P + x^2M^2) (A_2 + xA_3),\end{aligned}\quad (3.7)$$

which is of order 1. Other projections, e.g., the scalar

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi[1] &= \frac{1}{P^+} \int d(2k \cdot P) dk^2 \\ &\times \delta(\mathbf{k}_T^2 + k^2 - 2xk \cdot P + x^2M^2) A_1,\end{aligned}\quad (3.8)$$

contain an integral of order 1 multiplied by a factor $1/P^+$. In the cross section, this factor will give rise to a suppression of order $1/Q$. In this way it is seen that the leading contributions come from the Dirac structure where the number of + components minus the number of - components is largest (that is, 1). They are parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi[\gamma^+] &= f_1(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2), \\ \Phi[\gamma^+ \gamma_5] &= g_{1L}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda + g_{1T}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{S}_T}{M},\end{aligned}\quad (3.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5] &= h_{1T}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \mathbf{S}_T^i \\ &+ \left[h_{1L}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda + h_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{S}_T}{M} \right] \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^i}{M},\end{aligned}$$

defining six real *distribution functions* per flavor, depending on x and \mathbf{k}_T^2 . These encode the leading behavior of the quark correlation function. In the diagrammatic expansion for the DY hadron tensor (with the gauge-fixing conditions for A^+ and A_T for the lower blob), diagrams with gluons will appear, involving quark-quark-gluon correlation functions. These correlation functions can be analyzed in the same way. The contribution of these diagrams turns out to be suppressed by one order of $1/Q$.

In summary, for a leading-order DY calculation, the Dirac structure of the quark-quark correlation function is

$$\begin{aligned}\int dk^- \Phi &= \frac{1}{2} \Phi[\gamma^+] \gamma^- + \frac{1}{2} \Phi[\gamma^+ \gamma_5] \gamma_5 \gamma^- \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \Phi[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5] i\gamma_5 \sigma^-_i + \dots,\end{aligned}\quad (3.10)$$

where i is a transverse index (i.e., $i = 1, 2$), and the dots represent projections that will come in only at $O(1/Q)$. At the leading-order level, one is left with only three projections, which have vector, axial-vector, and axial-tensor character, respectively, and which can be parametrized by six distribution functions.

C. Antiquarks

The antiquark correlation function, describing the antiquarks of flavor a , is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\Phi}_{\bar{a}/A})_{ij}(P_A S_A; k) &= \int \frac{d^4 x}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik \cdot x} \\ &\times \langle P_A S_A | \psi_i^{(a)}(0) \bar{\mathcal{G}} \bar{\psi}_j^{(a)}(x) | P_A S_A \rangle_c \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

(with contraction over color indices understood). Also the antiquark momentum k can be written as in Eq. (3.4). Its Dirac structure can be analyzed likewise. We define the antiquark projections

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Phi}[\Gamma](x, \mathbf{k}_T) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr} [\Gamma \bar{\Phi}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx^-}{2\pi} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{x}_T}{(2\pi)^2} \exp[i(xP^+ x^- - \mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{x}_T)] \\ &\times \langle PS | \text{Tr} [\Gamma \psi(0) \bar{\mathcal{G}} \bar{\psi}(0, x^-, \mathbf{x}_T)] | PS \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Using the charge conjugation properties of Dirac fields and hadron states, we deduce

$$\bar{\Phi}_{\bar{a}/A} = -C^{-1} (\Phi_{a/\bar{A}})^T C. \quad (3.14)$$

Upon demanding charge conjugation invariance of the distribution functions, i.e., the quark distributions in the antihadron \bar{A} are the same as the corresponding antiquark distributions in A , we obtain the expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Phi}[\gamma^+] &= \bar{f}_1(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2), \\ \bar{\Phi}[\gamma^+ \gamma_5] &= -\bar{g}_{1L}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda - \bar{g}_{1T}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{S}_T}{M}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Phi}[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5] &= \bar{h}_{1T}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \mathbf{S}_T^i \\ &+ \left[\bar{h}_{1L}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda + \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{S}_T}{M} \right] \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^i}{M}. \end{aligned}$$

We note that the anticommutation relations for fermions can be used to obtain the symmetry relation

$$\bar{\Phi}_{ij}(PS; k) = -\Phi_{ij}(PS; -k). \quad (3.16)$$

For the distribution functions this gives the symmetry relation

$$\bar{f}_1(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) = -f_1(-x, \mathbf{k}_T^2), \quad (3.17)$$

and identically for g_{1T} , h_{1T} , and h_{1T}^\perp , whereas

$$\bar{g}_{1L}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) = g_{1L}(-x, \mathbf{k}_T^2), \quad (3.18)$$

and identically for h_{1L}^\perp

Finally, we note that hadron B can be treated in the same fashion. However, since we have chosen to work in the collinear frames where the third axis lies opposite to the direction of hadron B , the role of the + and - components for B must be interchanged as compared to A .

IV. FREE-QUARK ENSEMBLE

The leading \mathbf{k}_T -integrated distributions $f_1(x)$, $g_1(x)$, and $h_1(x)$, have a parton model interpretation as the longitudinal momentum, helicity, and transversity distribution, respectively. In this section we show how, for a free-quark ensemble, this identification can be generalized to the \mathbf{k}_T -dependent distributions.

It is instructive to calculate the correlation function for a free-quark target of flavor a . This is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi_{a/a})_{ij}(p; s; k) &= \delta^4(k - p) u_i(p, s) \bar{u}_j(p, s) \\ &= \delta^4(k - p) \left[(\not{k} + m) \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5 \not{s}}{2} \right) \right]_{ij}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

where the momentum and spin vector are parametrized as

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \left[\frac{m^2 + \mathbf{k}_T^2}{2k^+}, k^+, \mathbf{k}_T \right], \\ s &= \lambda_a n_k + s_{at} = \lambda_a \left[\frac{\mathbf{k}_T^2 - m^2}{2m k^+}, \frac{k^+}{m}, \frac{\mathbf{k}_T}{m} \right] \\ &+ \left[\frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{s}_{aT}}{k^+}, 0, \mathbf{s}_{aT} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

We identify the light-cone helicity λ_a , helicity vector n_k , and transverse polarization s_{at} (transverse in the sense that $s_{at} \cdot k = s_{at} \cdot n_k = 0$). Note that the light-cone helicity vector n_k , satisfying $n_k \cdot k = 0$ and $n_k^2 = -1$, acquires its conventional meaning [21, Eq. (2-49)], either if $\mathbf{k}_T = \mathbf{0}_T$, or in the infinite-momentum limit $k^+ \rightarrow \infty$ with \mathbf{k}_T fixed. One checks that $\lambda_a^2 + s_{aT}^2 = -s^2 = 1$. With the simple form (4.1) it is straightforward to calculate the leading projections for a free-quark target with nonzero transverse momentum:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr}[\gamma^+ \Phi(p; s; k)] &= \delta \left(\frac{k^+}{p^+} - 1 \right) \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T), \\
\frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr}[\gamma^+ \gamma_5 \Phi(p; s; k)] &= \delta \left(\frac{k^+}{p^+} - 1 \right) \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) \lambda_a, \\
\frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr}[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \Phi(p; s; k)] &= \delta \left(\frac{k^+}{p^+} - 1 \right) \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_T - \mathbf{p}_T) s_{aT}^i.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

This simple example of a quark target can be generalized to the case in which the hadron is considered as a beam of noninteracting partons of total momentum P and angular momentum S . This is tantamount to inserting free-field plane-wave expansions into the correlation function (3.1). One gets (summing over $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2$)

$$\Phi_{ij}(PS; k) = 2 \delta(k^2 - m^2) \left[\theta(k^+) u_i^{(\beta)}(k) \mathcal{P}_{\beta\alpha}(k) \bar{u}_j^{(\alpha)}(k) - \theta(-k^+) v_i^{(\beta)}(-k) \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\beta\alpha}(-k) \bar{v}_j^{(\alpha)}(-k) \right]. \tag{4.5}$$

The functions \mathcal{P} and $\bar{\mathcal{P}}$ are given by

$$\mathcal{P}_{\beta\alpha}(k) = \mathcal{P}_{\beta\alpha}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) \equiv \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{dx' d^2 \mathbf{k}'_T}{(2\pi)^3 2x'} \langle PS | b_\alpha^\dagger(k') b_\beta(k) | PS \rangle, \tag{4.6}$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\beta\alpha}(k) = \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\beta\alpha}(x, \mathbf{k}_T) \equiv \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{dx' d^2 \mathbf{k}'_T}{(2\pi)^3 2x'} \langle PS | d_\beta^\dagger(k') d_\alpha(k) | PS \rangle. \tag{4.7}$$

The form of quantization one can choose to be instant-front, as well as light-front quantization, since for free fields they are equivalent [19]. As for the choice of coordinates, the use of light-cone coordinates is convenient, because of the integration over k^- that is needed in deep inelastic processes. The Dirac structure can be parametrized as

$$u^{(\beta)}(k) \mathcal{P}_{\beta\alpha}(k) \bar{u}^{(\alpha)}(k) = \mathcal{P}(k) (\not{k} + m) \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5 \not{s}(k)}{2} \right), \tag{4.8}$$

$$v^{(\beta)}(k) \bar{\mathcal{P}}_{\beta\alpha}(k) \bar{v}^{(\alpha)}(k) = \bar{\mathcal{P}}(k) (\not{k} - m) \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5 \bar{s}(k)}{2} \right), \tag{4.9}$$

in terms of positive-definite quark and antiquark probability densities $\mathcal{P}(k)$ and $\bar{\mathcal{P}}(k)$, and spin vectors $s^\mu(k)$ and $\bar{s}^\mu(k)$. Inserting the free-field expansion in the current expectation value $\langle PS | \psi(0) \gamma^\mu \psi(0) | PS \rangle = 2P^\mu (N - \bar{N})$, where N and \bar{N} are the total number of quarks and antiquarks, respectively, one obtains from the + component the normalizations $\int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) = N$ and $\int_0^1 dx \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \bar{\mathcal{P}}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) = \bar{N}$. The average quark spin vector $s^\mu(k)$ is parametrized by the helicity density $\lambda_a(x, \mathbf{k}_T)$ and transverse polarization density $s_{aT}(x, \mathbf{k}_T)$ by expanding s^μ as in Eq. (4.3). A similar parametrization is used for $\bar{s}^\mu(k)$ in terms of $\lambda_{\bar{a}}(x, \mathbf{k}_T)$ and $s_{\bar{a}T}(x, \mathbf{k}_T)$.

Integrating Eq. (4.5) over k^- one obtains the result for a free-quark ensemble:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \Phi(k) &= \theta(x) \frac{\mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)}{2k^+} (\not{k} + m) \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5 \not{s}(x, \mathbf{k}_T)}{2} \right) \\
&\quad - \theta(-x) \frac{\bar{\mathcal{P}}(-x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)}{2k^+} (\not{k} + m) \\
&\quad \times \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_5 \bar{s}(-x, -\mathbf{k}_T)}{2} \right). \tag{4.10}
\end{aligned}$$

This gives (for $x > 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr}[\gamma^+ \Phi(PS; k)] &= \mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2), \\
\frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr}[\gamma^+ \gamma_5 \Phi(PS; k)] &= \mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda_a(x, \mathbf{k}_T), \\
\frac{1}{2} \int dk^- \text{Tr}[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5 \Phi(PS; k)] &= \mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) s_{aT}^i(x, \mathbf{k}_T).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

A comparison with Eq. (3.9) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) &= f(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2), \\
\mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda_a(x, \mathbf{k}_T) &= g_{1L}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda + g_{1T}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{S}_T}{M}, \\
\mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) s_{aT}^i(x, \mathbf{k}_T) &= h_{1T}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) S_T^i \\
&\quad + \left[h_{1L}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \lambda + h_{1T}^\perp(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \times \frac{\mathbf{k}_T \cdot \mathbf{S}_T}{M} \right] \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^i}{M},
\end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

which shows how for $x > 0$ the functions g_{1L} , g_{1T} , h_{1T} , h_{1L}^\perp , and h_{1T}^\perp are to be interpreted as quark longitudinal and transverse polarization distributions. The function h_{1T}^\perp was omitted in the paper of RS. Specifically for nonzero transverse momenta of the quarks, it becomes relevant. For the antiquarks the same relations hold between the antiquark probability density $\bar{\mathcal{P}}$, helicity density $\lambda_{\bar{a}}$, and transverse polarization density $s_{\bar{a}T}$, on the one hand, and the antiquark distributions on the other hand. Extending to all x , results are obtained in accordance with the symmetry relations in the previous section, e.g., $f(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) = \theta(x) \mathcal{P}(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) - \theta(-x) \bar{\mathcal{P}}(-x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$.

For on-shell quarks, relations exist between the distributions due to constraints from Lorentz invariance [14]. The scalar \mathcal{P} can only depend on $2k \cdot P = m^2/x + M^2x + \mathbf{k}_T^2/x$ and the pseudovector s^μ can be parametrized by two functions depending on the same combination of x and \mathbf{k}_T^2 .

We note that for the leading-order matrix elements the free-field results can be used to provide a parton interpretation, even in the interacting theory, because the distribution functions can be expressed as densities for specific projections of the so-called ‘‘good’’ components of the quark field; $\psi_+ \equiv \Lambda_+ \psi$, where $\Lambda_+ = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^- \gamma^+$. In light-front quantization a Fourier expansion for the good components (at $x^+ = 0$) can be written down in which the Fourier coefficients can be interpreted as particle and antiparticle creation and annihilation operators [19]. The different polarization distributions involve projection operators that commute with Λ_+ [4].

At subleading order, the analysis of the quark-quark correlation functions leads to a number of new distribution functions. For free quarks, they can also be expressed in the quark densities, and thus they can be related to the leading distribution functions. However, it turns out that the presence of nonvanishing quark-quark-gluon correlation functions causes deviations from the free-field results [18].

V. RESULTS

A. Hadron tensor

The leading-order Drell-Yan hadron tensor with $Q_T = O(\Lambda)$ is in the deep inelastic limit after gauge fixing given

$$4(\gamma^\mu)_{jk}(\gamma^\nu)_{li} = [\mathbf{1}_{ji} \mathbf{1}_{lk} + (i\gamma_5)_{ji}(i\gamma_5)_{lk} - (\gamma^\alpha)_{ji}(\gamma_\alpha)_{lk} - (\gamma^\alpha \gamma_5)_{ji}(\gamma_\alpha \gamma_5)_{lk} + \frac{1}{2}(i\sigma_{\alpha\beta} \gamma_5)_{ji}(i\sigma^{\alpha\beta} \gamma_5)_{lk}] g^{\mu\nu} \\ + (\gamma^{\{\mu} \gamma^{\nu\}})_{ji} \gamma_5)_{lk} + (\gamma^{\{\mu} \gamma_5)_{ji} (\gamma^{\nu\}} \gamma_5)_{lk} + (i\sigma^{\alpha\{\mu} \gamma_5)_{ji} (i\sigma^{\nu\}} \gamma_5)_{lk} + \dots, \quad (5.3)$$

where the ellipsis denotes structures antisymmetric under the exchange of μ and ν . We keep only the leading projections, as they were found in Sec. III. This leads to

$$W_{\text{quark}}^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{a,b} \delta_{b\bar{a}} e_a^2 \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_{aT} d^2 \mathbf{k}_{bT} \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT} - \mathbf{q}_T) \\ \times \left(\Phi_{a/A}[\gamma^+] \bar{\Phi}_{b/B}[\gamma^-] + \Phi_{a/A}[\gamma^+ \gamma_5] \bar{\Phi}_{b/B}[\gamma^- \gamma_5] \right) g_T^{\mu\nu} \\ + \Phi_{a/A}[i\sigma^{i+} \gamma_5] \bar{\Phi}_{b/B}[i\sigma^{j-} \gamma_5] \left(g_{Ti}^{\{\mu} g_{Tj}^{\nu\}} - g_{Tij} g_T^{\mu\nu} \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{Q}\right), \quad (5.4)$$

where the $\Phi_{a/A}$ projections are taken at $x = x_A$ and \mathbf{k}_{aT} , the $\bar{\Phi}_{b/B}$ projections at $x = x_B$ and \mathbf{k}_{bT} . The next step would be to insert Eq. (3.9) and their hadron- B antiquark counterparts. In this leading-order calculation we may interchange the subscript T by a \perp where we wish, because of Eqs. (2.21), (2.22), and (2.23). The resulting expression contains convolutions such as

by the quark and antiquark Born diagrams in Fig. 2. First, we will calculate diagram 2(a), in which a quark of hadron A annihilates an antiquark of B . It reads

$$W_{\text{quark}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{a,b} \delta_{b\bar{a}} e_a^2 \int d^4 k_a d^4 k_b \delta^4(k_a + k_b - q) \\ \times \text{Tr}[\Phi_{a/A}(P_A S_A; k_a) \gamma^\mu \\ \times \bar{\Phi}_{b/B}(P_B S_B; k_b) \gamma^\nu], \quad (5.1)$$

where a (b) runs over all quark (antiquark) flavors, and e_a is the quark charge in units of e . The factor $1/3$ comes from the fact that the quark fields in both the correlation functions are traced over a color identity operator, which is appropriate since only color-singlet operators can give nonzero matrix elements between (color-singlet) hadron states (Wigner-Eckart theorem). However, since the diagrams we consider have only one quark loop, one has only one color summation, leading to a color factor $1/3$. Note that, as in the case of Q_T -averaged DY, the choice of different gauges for Φ and $\bar{\Phi}$ presents no problems.

Using the boundedness of quark momenta in hadrons as discussed before, one finds $k_a^+ \gg k_b^+$ and $k_b^- \gg k_a^-$. Thus, the delta function can be approximated by

$$\delta^4(k_a + k_b - q) \approx \delta(k_a^+ - q^+) \delta(k_b^- - q^-) \\ \times \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT} - \mathbf{q}_T). \quad (5.2)$$

It follows that indeed we are sensitive to $\int dk^- \Phi_A(k)$ and $\int dk^+ \bar{\Phi}_B(k)$. Furthermore, the trace in Eq. (5.1) can be factorized by means of the Fierz decomposition

$$\int d^2 \mathbf{k}_{aT} d^2 \mathbf{k}_{bT} \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT} - \mathbf{q}_T) F(\mathbf{k}_{aT}^2, \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2) k_{a\perp}^\mu. \quad (5.5)$$

They are not of the desired form, since the (perpendicular) Lorentz index is carried by a convolution variable. In order to write the hadron tensor in terms of structure functions, the Lorentz indices must be carried by exter-

nal vectors, like X^μ . In the Appendix we describe the method we used to project perpendicular Lorentz tensors, like (5.5), onto the XY basis. For instance, (5.5) can be written as (up to order $1/Q^2$)

$$\hat{x}^\mu \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{aT} d^2\mathbf{k}_{bT} \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT} - \mathbf{q}_T) F(\mathbf{k}_{aT}^2, \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2) \times \left(\frac{Q_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2 - \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2}{2Q_T} \right). \quad (5.6)$$

Before presenting the results, we mention that the antiquark diagram 2(b) can be obtained from the quark diagram 2(a) by making the replacements³ $a \leftrightarrow \bar{a}$, $f \leftrightarrow \bar{f}$, $g \leftrightarrow -\bar{g}$, $h \leftrightarrow \bar{h}$, where g is generic for the quark axial-vector distributions, etc. It is convenient to define the convolution of two arbitrary distributions $d_1(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$ and

$\bar{d}_2(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2)$ (possibly multiplied by an overall function of \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2 and \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2),

$$I[d_1 \bar{d}_2] \equiv \frac{1}{3} \sum_{a,b} \delta_{b\bar{a}} e_a^2 \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{aT} d^2\mathbf{k}_{bT} \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT} - \mathbf{q}_T) \times d_1(x_A, \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2) \bar{d}_2(x_B, \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2), \quad (5.7)$$

summing over quark *and* antiquark flavors, with the prescription that if its argument is of antiquark (quark) nature, then d_1 (\bar{d}_2) is to be replaced, either by \bar{d}_1 (d_2) if it concerns a vector or axial-tensor distribution, or by $-\bar{d}_1$ ($-d_2$) if it concerns an axial-vector distribution. We split up the general leading-order hadron tensor $W^{\mu\nu}(S_A, S_B)$ in four cases, corresponding to unpolarized, longitudinal-longitudinal, transverse-longitudinal, and transverse-transverse scattering:

$$W^{\mu\nu}(0, 0) = -W_T g_\perp^{\mu\nu}, \quad (5.8)$$

$$W^{\mu\nu}(\lambda_A, \lambda_B) = - (W_T + \frac{1}{4} V_T^{LL} \lambda_A \lambda_B) g_\perp^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} V_{2,2}^{LL} \lambda_A \lambda_B (\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu + \frac{1}{2} g_\perp^{\mu\nu}), \quad (5.9)$$

$$W^{\mu\nu}(S_{AT}, \lambda_B) = - [W_T - V_T^{TL} (\hat{x} \cdot S_{A\perp}) \lambda_B] g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + V_{2,2}^{TL} (\hat{x} \cdot S_{A\perp}) \lambda_B (\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu + \frac{1}{2} g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) - U_{2,2}^{TL} \lambda_B [\hat{x}^{\{\mu} S_{A\perp}^{\nu\}} - (\hat{x} \cdot S_{A\perp}) g_\perp^{\mu\nu}], \quad (5.10)$$

$$W^{\mu\nu}(S_{AT}, S_{BT}) = - [W_T - V_T^{TT} (S_{A\perp} \cdot S_{B\perp}) + V_T^{2TT} (\hat{x} \cdot S_{A\perp}) (\hat{x} \cdot S_{B\perp})] g_\perp^{\mu\nu} + [V_{2,2}^{1TT} (S_{A\perp} \cdot S_{B\perp}) - V_{2,2}^{2TT} (\hat{x} \cdot S_{A\perp}) (\hat{x} \cdot S_{B\perp})] (\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu + \frac{1}{2} g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) + U_{2,2}^{ATT} (\hat{x} \cdot S_{B\perp}) [\hat{x}^{\{\mu} S_{A\perp}^{\nu\}} - (\hat{x} \cdot S_{A\perp}) g_\perp^{\mu\nu}] + U_{2,2}^{BTT} (\hat{x} \cdot S_{A\perp}) [\hat{x}^{\{\mu} S_{B\perp}^{\nu\}} - (\hat{x} \cdot S_{B\perp}) g_\perp^{\mu\nu}] - U_{2,2}^{TT} [S_{A\perp}^{\{\mu} S_{B\perp}^{\nu\}} - (S_{A\perp} \cdot S_{B\perp}) g_\perp^{\mu\nu}], \quad (5.11)$$

where the structure functions, depending on x_A , x_B , and Q_T , are given by

$$W_T = I[f_1 \bar{f}_1], \quad (5.12a)$$

$$V_T^{LL} = -4I[g_{1L} \bar{g}_{1L}], \quad (5.12b)$$

$$V_{2,2}^{LL} = I \left[\left(\alpha + \beta - \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{4h_{1L}^+ \bar{h}_{1L}^+}{M_A M_B} \right], \quad (5.12c)$$

$$V_T^{TL} = I \left[(-Q_T^2 - \alpha + \beta) \frac{g_{1T} \bar{g}_{1L}}{2M_A Q_T} \right], \quad (5.12d)$$

$$V_{2,2}^{TL} = I \left[\left(\beta Q_T^2 + \alpha^2 + \alpha\beta - 2\beta^2 - \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^3}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^+ \bar{h}_{1L}^+}{M_A^2 M_B Q_T} \right], \quad (5.12e)$$

$$U_{2,2}^{TL} = I \left[(Q_T^2 - \alpha + \beta) \frac{h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1L}}{2M_B Q_T} + \left(Q_T^2 (\alpha - \beta) - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2) + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^3}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^+ \bar{h}_{1L}^+}{4M_A^2 M_B Q_T} \right], \quad (5.12f)$$

$$V_T^{TT} = I \left[\left(-Q_T^2 + 2\alpha + 2\beta - \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{g_{1T} \bar{g}_{1T}}{4M_A M_B} \right], \quad (5.12g)$$

$$V_T^{2TT} = I \left[\left(-\alpha - \beta + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{g_{1T} \bar{g}_{1T}}{2M_A M_B} \right], \quad (5.12h)$$

$$V_{2,2}^{2TT} = I \left[\left(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \frac{2(\alpha + \beta)(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^4}{Q_T^4} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^+ \bar{h}_{1T}^+}{M_A^2 M_B^2} \right], \quad (5.12i)$$

³It is seen from Eq. (5.4) that this amounts to replacing $A \leftrightarrow B$, rendering a result, symmetric under the exchange of the two hadrons.

$$V_{2,2}^{1TT} + U_{2,2}^{ATT} + U_{2,2}^{BTT} = I \left[\left(Q_T^2 - 2\alpha + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp}{2M_B^2} + \left(Q_T^2 - 2\beta + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}}{2M_A^2} \right. \\ \left. + \left(Q_T^2(\alpha + \beta) - 4\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2 + \frac{5(\alpha + \beta)(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} - \frac{2(\alpha - \beta)^4}{Q_T^4} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp}{4M_A^2 M_B^2} \right], \quad (5.12j)$$

$$U_{2,2}^{ATT} - U_{2,2}^{BTT} = I \left[\left(Q_T^2 - 2\alpha + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp}{2M_B^2} - \left(Q_T^2 - 2\beta + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}}{2M_A^2} \right. \\ \left. + \left(Q_T^2(\alpha - \beta) - 2\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2 + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^3}{Q_T^2} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp}{4M_A^2 M_B^2} \right], \quad (5.12k)$$

$$U_{2,2}^{TT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{ATT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{BTT} = I \left[h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T} + \alpha \frac{h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}}{2M_A^2} + \beta \frac{h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp}{2M_B^2} \right. \\ \left. - \left((\alpha - \beta)^2 - \frac{2(\alpha + \beta)(\alpha - \beta)^2}{Q_T^2} + \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^4}{Q_T^4} \right) \frac{h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp}{8M_A^2 M_B^2} \right], \quad (5.12l)$$

where $\alpha = \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2$, and $\beta = \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2$. In the last three equations we only gave the combination of structure functions that will show up independently in the cross section, to be discussed in the next subsection. As for the nomenclature, we based ourselves on the RS notation, except that we *always* denote both hadron polarizations by the TL -superindices. So, for instance, their $V_{0,0}^L$ corresponds to our $V_{0,0}^{LL}$, and their $U_{2,2}$ equals our $U_{2,2}^{TT}$. The subindex T stands for the linear combination $(0, 0) - \frac{1}{3}(2, 0)$. Note that the hadron tensors (5.8)–(5.11) manifestly conserve the electromagnetic current, i.e., $q_\mu W^{\mu\nu} = 0$.

B. Cross sections

It is now a straightforward matter to contract the hadron tensor with the angle-dependent leptonic tensor (2.29). For the four combinations of polarization we deduce the following leading-order differential cross sections:

$$\frac{d\sigma(0, 0)}{d^4q d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2sQ^2} W_T (1 + \cos^2 \theta), \quad (5.13)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(\lambda_A, \lambda_B)}{d^4q d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2sQ^2} \left[(W_T + \frac{1}{4} V_T^{LL} \lambda_A \lambda_B) (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{8} V_{2,2}^{LL} \lambda_A \lambda_B \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right], \quad (5.14)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(\mathbf{S}_{AT}, \lambda_B)}{d^4q d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2sQ^2} \left[(W_T + V_T^{TL} \lambda_B \cos \phi_A) (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{2} V_{2,2}^{TL} \lambda_B \cos \phi_A \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + U_{2,2}^{TL} \lambda_B \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi - \phi_A) \right], \quad (5.15)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(\mathbf{S}_{AT}, \mathbf{S}_{BT})}{d^4q d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2sQ^2} \left\{ \left[W_T + V_T^{TT} \cos(\phi_A - \phi_B) + V_T^{2TT} \cos \phi_A \cos \phi_B \right] (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} V_{2,2}^{2TT} \cos \phi_A \cos \phi_B \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} (V_{2,2}^{1TT} + U_{2,2}^{ATT} + U_{2,2}^{BTT}) \cos(\phi_A - \phi_B) \sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} (U_{2,2}^{ATT} - U_{2,2}^{BTT}) \sin(\phi_A - \phi_B) \sin^2 \theta \sin 2\phi \right. \\ \left. + (U_{2,2}^{TT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{ATT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{BTT}) \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi - \phi_A - \phi_B) \right\}, \quad (5.16)$$

where ϕ_A (ϕ_B) is the azimuthal angle of $\mathbf{S}_{A\perp}$ ($\mathbf{S}_{B\perp}$), i.e., $\cos \phi_A = -\hat{x} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{A\perp} \approx \mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{S}_{AT} / Q_T$ for pure transverse polarization ($|\mathbf{S}_{AT}| = 1$). Equation (5.16) shows that the structure functions $V_{2,2}^{1TT}$, $U_{2,2}^{ATT}$, $U_{2,2}^{BTT}$, and $U_{2,2}^{TT}$ cannot separately be extracted from the experiment, but only in three particular combinations. This is due to the fact that the corresponding tensor structures in Eq. (5.11) are not independent, because of the relation

$$g_\perp^{\rho\sigma} (2\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu + g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) - \hat{x}^\rho (\hat{x}^{\{\mu} g_\perp^{\nu\}\sigma} - \hat{x}^\sigma g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) - \hat{x}^\sigma (\hat{x}^{\{\mu} g_\perp^{\nu\}\rho} - \hat{x}^\rho g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) - (g_\perp^{\rho\{\mu} g_\perp^{\nu\}\sigma} - g_\perp^{\rho\sigma} g_\perp^{\mu\nu}) = 0, \quad (5.17)$$

which can be proven by using $g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} = -\hat{x}^{\mu}\hat{x}^{\nu} - \hat{y}^{\mu}\hat{y}^{\nu}$. One easily checks that the angular functions of Eqs. (5.13)–(5.16) have no further dependencies.

In order to circumvent normalization problems, in spin experiments one usually considers the asymmetries

$$A_{S_A S_B} = \frac{\sigma(S_A, S_B) - \sigma(S_A, -S_B)}{\sigma(S_A, S_B) + \sigma(S_A, -S_B)}. \quad (5.18)$$

For example, the longitudinal-longitudinal asymmetry follows from Eq. (5.14):

$$A_{\lambda_A \lambda_B} = \frac{1}{4} \lambda_A \lambda_B \left[\frac{V_T^{LL}}{W_T} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} \frac{\frac{1}{2} V_{2,2}^{LL}}{W_T} \right], \quad (5.19)$$

where the structure functions can be found in Eqs. (5.12a), (5.12b), and (5.12c). The angle-independent term is a generalization of the q_T -integrated longitudinal-longitudinal asymmetry [22].

VI. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

In this last section we will look more closely into the results we derived, first by comparing the cross sections with those integrated over q_T , second by considering the limit $Q_T \rightarrow 0$, and finally by considering a Gaussian k_T^2 dependence of the distribution functions.

A. Q_T -integrated results

If the Q_T dependence is eliminated by integrating over the transverse momentum of the produced lepton pair, one recovers the lightcone momentum, helicity, and transversity distributions of Eqs. (1.2), (1.3), and (1.4);

$$f_1(x) = \int d^2 k_T f_1(x, k_T^2), \quad (6.1)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(0,0)}{dx_A dx_B d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4Q^2} \bar{W}_T (1 + \cos^2 \theta), \quad (6.5)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(\lambda_A, \lambda_B)}{dx_A dx_B d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4Q^2} (\bar{W}_T + \frac{1}{4} \bar{V}_T^{LL} \lambda_A \lambda_B) (1 + \cos^2 \theta), \quad (6.6)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(S_{AT}, \lambda_B)}{dx_A dx_B d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4Q^2} \bar{W}_T (1 + \cos^2 \theta), \quad (6.7)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(S_{AT}, S_{BT})}{dx_A dx_B d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4Q^2} \left[\bar{W}_T (1 + \cos^2 \theta) + \bar{U}_{2,2}^{TT} \sin^2 \theta \cos(2\phi - \phi_A - \phi_B) \right]. \quad (6.8)$$

Note that no absolute azimuthal angles occur, but only the relative angles $\phi - \phi_A$ and $\phi - \phi_B$. Two remarks are in place here. Comparing with the full cross sections (5.13–5.16), we observe the disappearance of the $\sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi$ -term in the longitudinal-longitudinal cross section, and hence in the asymmetry (5.19). Second, we see no polarization dependence in the integrated transverse-longitudinal cross section, and hence no asymmetry. Indeed this asymmetry is suppressed by a factor $\sim 1/Q$ [4].

B. $Q_T = 0$

Only a few of the structure functions are nonvanishing at $Q_T = 0$, the other ones having kinematical zeros (see also [15]). Therefore, it is worthwhile to consider the limit $Q_T \rightarrow 0$ of the structure functions in Eq. (5.12). In general

$$g_1(x) = \int d^2 k_T g_{1L}(x, k_T^2), \quad (6.2)$$

$$h_1(x) = \int d^2 k_T \left[h_{1T}(x, k_T^2) + \frac{k_T^2}{2M^2} h_{1T}^{\perp}(x, k_T^2) \right], \quad (6.3)$$

and similar antiquark distributions. This can be seen in two ways. It is easiest to return to Eq. (5.4) and observe that the δ function is absorbed by the q_T integration, so that the transverse integrations over k_{aT} and k_{bT} separate. One is left with three independent structure functions:

$$\bar{W}_T(x_A, x_B) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_a e_a^2 f_1(x_A) \bar{f}_1(x_B), \quad (6.4a)$$

$$\bar{V}_T^{LL}(x_A, x_B) = -\frac{4}{3} \sum_a e_a^2 g_1(x_A) \bar{g}_1(x_B), \quad (6.4b)$$

$$\bar{U}_{2,2}^{TT}(x_A, x_B) = \frac{1}{3} \sum_a e_a^2 h_1(x_A) \bar{h}_1(x_B), \quad (6.4c)$$

with the by now well-known prescription that if a is an antiflavor, the vector and axial-tensor distributions have to be replaced by their charge conjugated partners, the axial-vector distributions by minus their antipartners. The names of the structure functions in Eq. (6.4) refer to the Lorentz tensor structure they multiply in the hadron tensor (and hence the angular distribution in the cross section). That is, \bar{W}_T in the hadron tensor is the coefficient of $-g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}$, etc. The same expressions are obtained if one integrates the full results in Eqs. (5.8)–(5.11) over q_T . It is then seen that \bar{W}_T and \bar{V}_T^{LL} are the integrals of W_T and V_T^{LL} , respectively, but that $\bar{U}_{2,2}^{TT}$ originates from the combination $U_{2,2}^{TT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{ATT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{BTT} + \frac{1}{8} V_{2,2}^{TT}$.

Contraction of the hadron tensors with the lepton tensor leads to the following leading-order fourfold differential cross sections [6]:

we can do this, rewriting the convolutions in Eq. (5.7) by making a transformation to the momenta $\mathbf{k}_T = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{k}_{aT} - \mathbf{k}_{bT})$ and $\mathbf{K}_T = \mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT}$:

$$I[d_1 \bar{d}_2] = \frac{1}{3} \sum_a e_a^2 \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T d_1 \left[x_A, (\mathbf{k}_T + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}_T)^2 \right] \bar{d}_2 \left[x_B, (\mathbf{k}_T - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}_T)^2 \right] \quad (6.9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum_a e_a^2 \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T d_1(x_A, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \bar{d}_2(x_B, \mathbf{k}_T^2) + O(Q_T^2) \equiv I_0[d_1 \bar{d}_2] + O(Q_T^2), \quad (6.10)$$

assuming the distribution functions to be sufficiently well-behaved to justify the Taylor expansion of the integrand. For instance, for $V_{2,2}^{LL}$ of Eq. (5.12c) one finds, in the limit $Q_T \rightarrow 0$ (omitting the flavor sum),

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2,2}^{LL} &\propto \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k}_T^2 - \frac{(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_T)^2}{Q_T^2} + \frac{1}{2} Q_T^2 \right) h_{1L}^\perp \left[x_A, (\mathbf{k}_T + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}_T)^2 \right] \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp \left[x_B, (\mathbf{k}_T - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}_T)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{q}_T^i \mathbf{q}_T^j}{Q_T^2} \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_T \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} \mathbf{k}_T^2 - \mathbf{k}_{Ti} \mathbf{k}_{Tj} \right) h_{1L}^\perp(x_A, \mathbf{k}_T^2) \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp(x_B, \mathbf{k}_T^2) + O(Q_T^2) = O(Q_T^2). \end{aligned} \quad (6.11)$$

So $V_{2,2}^{LL}$ has a kinematical zero of second order, which is the natural behavior, because it multiplies a tensor that is quadratic in \hat{x} and \hat{y} . In the same fashion all structure functions can be treated. Since this is a rather cumbersome procedure, we will illustrate below the behavior by considering a Gaussian \mathbf{k}_T^2 dependence, from which the order of the kinematical zeros is simply read off. We obtain only four structure functions *without* a kinematical zero, in agreement with the results of RS:

$$W_T|_{Q_T=0} = I_0[f_1 \bar{f}_1], \quad (6.12a)$$

$$V_T^{LL}|_{Q_T=0} = -4I_0[g_{1L} \bar{g}_{1L}], \quad (6.12b)$$

$$V_T^{1TT}|_{Q_T=0} = I_0 \left[\mathbf{k}_T^2 \frac{g_{1T} \bar{g}_{1T}}{2M_A M_B} \right], \quad (6.12c)$$

$$(U_{2,2}^{TT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{ATT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{BTT})|_{Q_T=0} = I_0 \left[\left(h_{1T} + \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^2}{2M_A^2} h_{1T}^\perp \right) \left(\bar{h}_{1T} + \frac{\mathbf{k}_T^2}{2M_B^2} \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp \right) \right]. \quad (6.12d)$$

An easier way to obtain this result is to start from Eq. (5.4), and put $Q_T = 0$ from there. One then never picks up the other structure functions in the first place. The cross sections at $Q_T = 0$ can be obtained by insertion of these structure functions into the explicit expressions given for the cross sections in Eqs. (5.13)–(5.16).

C. Gaussian transverse-momentum distributions

It is instructive to consider a Gaussian \mathbf{k}_T dependence,

$$d(x, \mathbf{k}_T^2) = d(x, 0) \exp(-r^2 \mathbf{k}_T^2), \quad (6.13)$$

where the transverse radius r in principle depends on both the particular distribution function, and on x . One can explicitly perform the convolution integration (5.7) (for simplicity we will omit the color factor and flavor summation),

$$\begin{aligned} I[d_1 \bar{d}_2] &= \frac{\pi}{r_A^2 + r_B^2} \exp\left(-Q_T^2 \frac{r_A^2 r_B^2}{r_A^2 + r_B^2}\right) \\ &\quad \times d_1(x_A, 0) \bar{d}_2(x_B, 0), \end{aligned} \quad (6.14)$$

being regular in $Q_T = 0$. One can identify an ‘‘average’’ transverse size r , given by $r^{-2} = r_A^{-2} + r_B^{-2}$. We find, for the structure functions,

$$W_T = I[f_1 \bar{f}_1], \quad (6.15a)$$

$$V_T^{LL} = -4I[g_{1L} \bar{g}_{1L}], \quad (6.15b)$$

$$V_{2,2}^{LL} = \frac{8Q_T^2}{M_A M_B} \frac{r_A^2 r_B^2}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1L}^\perp \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp], \quad (6.15c)$$

$$V_T^{TL} = -\frac{Q_T}{M_A} \frac{r_B^2}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)} I[g_{1T} \bar{g}_{1L}], \quad (6.15d)$$

$$V_{2,2}^{TL} = \frac{2Q_T^3}{M_A^2 M_B} \frac{r_A^2 r_B^4}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^3} I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp], \quad (6.15e)$$

$$U_{2,2}^{TL} = \frac{Q_T}{M_B} \frac{r_A^2}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)} I[h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp] + \frac{Q_T}{2M_B} \frac{(r_A^2 - r_B^2)}{M_A^2 (r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp], \quad (6.15f)$$

$$V_T^{1TT} = \frac{1}{2M_A M_B (r_A^2 + r_B^2)} I[g_{1T} \bar{g}_{1T}], \quad (6.15g)$$

$$V_T^{2TT} = -\frac{Q_T^2}{M_A M_B} \frac{r_A^2 r_B^2}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[g_{1T} \bar{g}_{1T}], \quad (6.15h)$$

$$V_{2,2}^{2TT} = \frac{2Q_T^4}{M_A^2 M_B^2} \frac{r_A^2 r_B^2}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp], \quad (6.15i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{2,2}^{1TT} + U_{2,2}^{ATT} + U_{2,2}^{BTT} &= \frac{Q_T^2}{M_B^2} \frac{r_A^4}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp] + \frac{Q_T^2}{M_A^2} \frac{r_B^4}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}] \\ &+ \frac{Q_T^2}{2M_A^2 M_B^2} \frac{(r_A^4 - 4r_A^2 r_B^2 + r_B^4)}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^3} I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp], \end{aligned} \quad (6.15j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U_{2,2}^{ATT} - U_{2,2}^{BTT} &= \frac{Q_T^2}{M_B^2} \frac{r_A^4}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp] - \frac{Q_T^2}{M_A^2} \frac{r_B^4}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}] \\ &+ \frac{Q_T^2}{2M_A^2 M_B^2} \frac{(r_A^2 - r_B^2)}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}], \end{aligned} \quad (6.15k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U_{2,2}^{TT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{ATT} + \frac{1}{2} U_{2,2}^{BTT} &= I[h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T}] + \frac{1}{2M_A^2 (r_A^2 + r_B^2)} \left(1 + Q_T^2 \frac{r_B^4}{r_A^2 + r_B^2} \right) I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2M_B^2 (r_A^2 + r_B^2)} \left(1 + Q_T^2 \frac{r_A^4}{r_A^2 + r_B^2} \right) I[h_{1T} \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2M_A^2 M_B^2 (r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} \left(1 + \frac{Q_T^2}{2} \frac{(r_A^2 - r_B^2)^2}{r_A^2 + r_B^2} \right) I[h_{1T}^\perp \bar{h}_{1T}^\perp]. \end{aligned} \quad (6.15l)$$

These explicit results illustrate the kinematical zeros, and can be used to obtain their order. For instance, Eq. (6.15c) is an illustration of the result in Eq. (6.11). The expressions can also be used to illustrate the expected behavior of the longitudinal-longitudinal asymmetry in Eq. (5.19), which becomes

$$A_{\lambda_A \lambda_B} = \lambda_A \lambda_B \left[\frac{I[g_{1L} \bar{g}_{1L}]}{I[f_1 \bar{f}_1]} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi}{1 + \cos^2 \theta} \frac{Q_T^2}{M_A M_B} \frac{r_A^2 r_B^2}{(r_A^2 + r_B^2)^2} \frac{I[h_{1L}^\perp \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp]}{I[f_1 \bar{f}_1]} \right]. \quad (6.16)$$

The second (angle-dependent) term in the asymmetry starts off with Q_T^2 and is proportional to the average transverse radius squared of the functions h_{1L}^\perp and \bar{h}_{1L}^\perp . As a second example we note the structure function V_T^{TL} , being directly proportional to the transverse radius squared of the helicity distribution \bar{g}_{1L} for hadron B .

Finally, we mention the CERN NA10 experiment [23], which indicates a possible $\sin^2 \theta \cos 2\phi$ -asymmetry in *unpolarized* DY scattering at measured Q_T , not suppressed by powers of $1/Q$. Such an asymmetry, however, does not appear in the leading-order result (5.13). It is, however, important to note that any kind of polarization in the beams leads to such an asymmetry. Recently, Brandenburg, Nachtmann, and Mirkes [24] have suggested that the nontrivial QCD vacuum structure could be responsible for the asymmetry. Another suggestion is that higher-twist effects are responsible [25].

D. Conclusion

In this paper we presented a field theoretical parton model calculation of the leading-order polarized Drell-Yan cross section at measured transverse momentum of the lepton pair $Q_T \lesssim \Lambda$. The result can be written in terms of six quark and six antiquark distributions, depending on longitudinal light-cone momentum fraction x and transverse momentum \mathbf{k}_T^2 . For each flavor they represent the light-cone momentum, helicity, and transverse polarization distributions. Measurements of these distributions require a study of the asymmetries in doubly-polarized DY scattering, using longitudinally and transversely polarized beams.

The quark distributions of Sec. III incorporate the intrinsic \mathbf{k}_T dependence. Although this involves higher-twist operators, the presence of a second scale Q_T in the

process enables one to find observable effects that are not suppressed by the large scale Q . Similarly, \mathbf{k}_T -dependent correlation functions can be used to analyze other deep inelastic processes, particularly semi-inclusive DIS. They will then appear in convolutions with the quark fragmentation functions. At this stage we have not considered the logarithmic corrections necessary to proof factorization. Therefore we do not know if the distribution functions are universal.

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APPENDIX: PERPENDICULAR PROJECTION METHOD

Consider the convolutions

$$J[k_{1\perp}^{\mu_1} k_{2\perp}^{\mu_2} \dots k_{n\perp}^{\mu_n}] = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{aT} d^2\mathbf{k}_{bT} \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT} - \mathbf{q}_T) \times F(\mathbf{k}_{aT}^2, \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2) k_{1\perp}^{\mu_1} k_{2\perp}^{\mu_2} \dots k_{n\perp}^{\mu_n}. \quad (\text{A1})$$

The perpendicular vectors $k_{i\perp}$ are taken from the set $\{k_{a\perp}, k_{b\perp}\}$. In practice we only needed the cases where

$n = 0, 1, 2, 3$, and $n = 4$ with two of the indices symmetrized. We want to project these perpendicular tensors onto a basis of XY tensors, multiplied with scalar functions of Q_T .

Take the simplest nontrivial case of $n = 1$:

$$J[k_{1\perp}^\mu] = \int d^2\mathbf{k}_{aT} d^2\mathbf{k}_{bT} \delta^2(\mathbf{k}_{aT} + \mathbf{k}_{bT} - \mathbf{q}_T) \times F(\mathbf{k}_{aT}^2, \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2) k_{1\perp}^\mu. \quad (\text{A2})$$

Since the only perpendicular direction available is $q_{1\perp}^\mu \approx X^\mu$, this expression must be proportional to \hat{x}^μ . The proportionality constant is easily obtained by contracting with \hat{x}_μ , and using $\hat{x}^2 = -1$. We get (discarding corrections of $O(1/Q^2)$ in this appendix)

$$J[k_{1\perp}^\mu] = -\hat{x}^\mu J[\hat{x} \cdot k_{1\perp}] = \hat{x}^\mu J[\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T}]/Q_T, \quad (\text{A3})$$

making use of Eq. (2.23). We choose to write the integrand as a function of Q_T , \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2 , and \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2 , by making use of the relations

$$\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{aT} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_T^2 + \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2 - \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2), \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{bT} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_T^2 - \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2 + \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2), \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$\mathbf{k}_{aT} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{bT} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_T^2 - \mathbf{k}_{aT}^2 - \mathbf{k}_{bT}^2). \quad (\text{A6})$$

For the more intricate cases, $n > 1$, the procedure is essentially the same. Instead of \hat{x}^μ and \hat{y}^μ , we will use the more convenient building blocks \hat{x}^μ , and $g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} = -\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu - \hat{y}^\mu \hat{y}^\nu$. For $n = 2$ we find

$$J[k_{1\perp}^\mu k_{2\perp}^\nu] = (\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu, g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})]/Q_T^2 \\ -J[\mathbf{k}_{1T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T}] \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$= (2\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu + g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}) J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})]/Q_T^2 - (\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu + g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}) J[\mathbf{k}_{1T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T}], \quad (\text{A8})$$

where the matrix notation of the first line should be clear from the second. In the same notation, the $n = 3$ case reads

$$J[k_{1\perp}^\mu k_{2\perp}^\nu k_{3\perp}^\rho] = (\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu \hat{x}^\rho, \hat{x}^\rho g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}, \hat{x}^\nu g_{\perp}^{\mu\rho}, \hat{x}^\mu g_{\perp}^{\nu\rho}) \times \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T})]/Q_T^3 \\ -J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T})(\mathbf{k}_{1T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})]/Q_T \\ -J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})(\mathbf{k}_{1T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T})]/Q_T \\ -J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{k}_{2T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T})]/Q_T \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A9})$$

Finally, for $n = 4$ and two indices symmetrized, we find

$$J[k_{1\perp}^{\{\mu} k_{2\perp}^{\nu\}} k_{3\perp}^\rho k_{4\perp}^\sigma] = (\hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu \hat{x}^\rho \hat{x}^\sigma, \hat{x}^\mu \hat{x}^\nu g_{\perp}^{\rho\sigma}, \hat{x}^\rho \hat{x}^\sigma g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu}, \frac{1}{2} \hat{x}^\rho \hat{x}^\sigma g_{\perp}^{\{\mu\nu\}} \rho, \frac{1}{2} \hat{x}^\sigma \hat{x}^\rho g_{\perp}^{\{\mu\nu\}} \rho, g_{\perp}^{\mu\nu} g_{\perp}^{\rho\sigma}) \times \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{4T})]/Q_T^4 \\ -2J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})(\mathbf{k}_{3T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{4T})]/Q_T^2 \\ -2J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{4T})(\mathbf{k}_{1T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})]/Q_T^2 \\ -J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T})(\mathbf{k}_{2T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{4T}) + 1 \leftrightarrow 2]/Q_T^2 \\ -J[(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{1T})(\mathbf{q}_T \cdot \mathbf{k}_{4T})(\mathbf{k}_{2T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{3T}) + 1 \leftrightarrow 2]/Q_T^2 \\ 2J[(\mathbf{k}_{1T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{2T})(\mathbf{k}_{3T} \cdot \mathbf{k}_{4T})] \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A10})$$

For the implementation of these rather lengthy formulas we used FORM [26].

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