

**Erratum: Collinear factorization in wide-angle hadron pair production  
in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation  
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In our original publication, we presented analytical expressions for the short distance partonic cross sections for dihadron production in  $e^+e^-$  reaction in collinear factorization relevant for the large transverse momentum region of the exchange photon in the frame where the detected hadrons are back-to-back. After a new examination of the results, we found a mistake arising from the hadronic tensor decomposition. The full hadronic tensor is (e.g., [1])

$$W^{\mu\nu}(q, p_A, p_B) = \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{Q^2} - Z^\mu Z^\nu\right) W_T + Z^\mu Z^\nu W_L - (X^\mu Z^\nu + Z^\mu X^\nu) W_\Delta + \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{Q^2} - 2X^\mu X^\nu - Z^\mu Z^\nu\right) W_{\Delta\Delta}. \quad (1)$$

In deriving the projection tensors, the paper dropped the contributions from  $W_\Delta$  and  $W_{\Delta\Delta}$ , which gives incorrect results. After implementing the necessary corrections, we have found that numerically the corrections are at most 3–4% at the very large  $q_T$  and vanishes at small  $q_T$ . Therefore, the phenomenological conclusions and the associated discussion in our manuscript are not significantly impacted by the mistake.

The relevant corrections are as follows:

- (i) Equation (12): This expression needs to be replaced by the above expression Eq. (1)
- (ii) In Eq. (14) the projector  $P_T^{\mu\nu}$  is now given by

$$P_T^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}(g^{\mu\nu} + Z^\mu Z^\nu) \quad (2)$$

- (iii) Equation (B2a) reads

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{q\bar{q}}}{d\hat{z}_A d\hat{z}_B dq_T} = \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{q}q}}{d\hat{z}_A d\hat{z}_B dq_T} = F \frac{32(Q^2 + q_T^2)^2(\hat{z}_A^2 + \hat{z}_B^2)}{(Q^2\hat{z}_A - Q^2 + \hat{z}_A q_T^2)(Q^2\hat{z}_B - Q^2 + \hat{z}_B q_T^2)} \quad (3)$$

- (iv) Equation (B2b) reads

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{qg}}{d\hat{z}_A d\hat{z}_B dq_T} &= \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{\bar{q}g}}{d\hat{z}_A d\hat{z}_B dq_T} \\ &= F(-64Q^4\hat{z}_A^2 - 64Q^4\hat{z}_A\hat{z}_B + 128Q^4\hat{z}_A - 32Q^4\hat{z}_B^2 + 128Q^4\hat{z}_B - 128Q^4 - 32q_T^4(2\hat{z}_A^2 + 2\hat{z}_A\hat{z}_B + \hat{z}_B^2) \\ &\quad - 32q_T^2(4Q^2\hat{z}_A^2 + 4Q^2\hat{z}_A\hat{z}_B - 4Q^2\hat{z}_A + 2Q^2\hat{z}_B^2 - 4Q^2\hat{z}_B)/(Q^2(\hat{z}_A - 1) + \hat{z}_A q_T^2)((Q^2 + q_T^2)(\hat{z}_A + \hat{z}_B) - Q^2) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

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(v) Equation (B2c) reads

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{g\bar{q}}}{d\hat{z}_A d\hat{z}_B dq_T} &= \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{gq}}{d\hat{z}_A d\hat{z}_B dq_T} \\ &= F(-32Q^4\hat{z}_A^2 - 64Q^4\hat{z}_A\hat{z}_B + 128Q^4\hat{z}_A - 64Q^4\hat{z}_B^2 + 128Q^4\hat{z}_B - 128Q^4 \\ &\quad - 32q_T^4(\hat{z}_A^2 + 2\hat{z}_A\hat{z}_B + 2\hat{z}_B^2) - 32q_T^2(2Q^2\hat{z}_A^2 + 4Q^2\hat{z}_A\hat{z}_B - 4Q^2\hat{z}_A + 4Q^2\hat{z}_B^2 - 4Q^2\hat{z}_B))/ \\ &\quad (Q^2(\hat{z}_B - 1) + \hat{z}_B q_T^2)((Q^2 + q_T^2)(\hat{z}_A + \hat{z}_B) - Q^2) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where

$$F = \delta_+(k_C^2) \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}^2 e_q^2 \alpha_s \hat{z}_A \hat{z}_B q_T (Q^2 + q_T^2)^2}{6Q^6} \quad (6)$$

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[1] J. C. Collins, *Foundations of Perturbative QCD* (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England, 2011).