

Space-Time Characteristics of Hadronization from Nuclear Deep-Inelastic Scattering

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Time-distance scales of Hadronization



It is essentially unknown what these time scales are!

Experimental studies of quark propagation and hadron formation can isolate the production length and the formation length



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Main Physics Focus

How long can a light quark remain deconfined?

- The production time τ_p measures this
- Deconfined quarks lose energy via gluon emission
- Measure τ_p and dE/dx via medium-stimulated gluon emission

How long does it take to form the color field of a hadron?

- The formation time τ_f^h measures this
- Hadrons interact strongly with nuclear medium
- Measure τ_f^h via hadron attenuation in nuclei







- \mathbf{e} \mathbf{v} energy transferred by the electron
 - = initial energy of struck quark, > 2 GeV here
- \mathbf{Q}^2 four-momentum transferred by the electron,
 - ~1/(spatial resolution) of the probe, > 1 GeV² here
- $z = E_{hadron}/v$, the fraction of the struck quark's initial energy that is carried by hadron; 0<z<1

P_T – hadron momentum transverse to virtual photon direction



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Observable Number 2 – Hadronic Multiplicity Rat $l_p \approx \frac{v(1-z)}{dE/dx}$





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Hadron Attenuation – Physics Picture



Analysis Strategy

 $\Delta p_T^2 \bigg|_h \Longrightarrow \tau_p(\nu, z, Q^2)$ $\tau_p + R_M^h \Longrightarrow \tau_f^h(v, z, Q^2, p_T)$



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Experimental Studies

Experimental avenues

- Semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering on nuclei
 - 1970's CERN EMC eA \rightarrow e'Xh, energy transfer ~35-145 GeV
 - 2000's HERA HERMES $e^+A \rightarrow e^+$ 'Xh, 12 and 26 GeV beam
 - 2000's Jefferson Lab CLAS, $eA \rightarrow e'Xh$, 5 GeV beam
- Drell-Yan reaction
 - 1980's CERN SPS NA-10 spectrometer: πA → Xμ⁺μ⁻, 140 and 280 GeV beam
 - 1990's Fermilab $pA \rightarrow X\mu^+\mu^-$, 800 GeV beam
- Relativistic heavy ion reactions
 - 2000's BNL RHIC AA \rightarrow everything, 200 GeV/u colliding beams

International, multi-institutional quest for 30 years, but most progress since 2000



Charged hadron/pion on ¹⁴N





No difference between π^+ and π^-

Difference between $h^+(\pi^+, K^+, p)$ and $h^-(\pi^-, K^-, p$ -).

 \Rightarrow different behavior for different hadrons



Attenuation on ⁸⁴Kr vs z with hadron





Possible interpretations

• Different FF modification for q and \overline{q} .

Different t_f for mesons and baryons.

• Different hadronic cross sections:

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\pi}{}^{+} &= \sigma_{\pi}{}^{-} \approx 20 \text{ mb.} \\ \sigma_{K}{}^{+} &\approx 17 \text{ mb } \sigma_{K}{}^{-} \approx 23 \text{ mb.} \\ \sigma_{p} &\approx 40 \text{ mb } \sigma_{\overline{p}} \approx 60 \text{ mb} \end{split}$$

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Attenuation vs p_t^2 ('Cronin effect')

In the lepton-nucleon scattering neither multiple scattering of the incident particle nor interaction of its constituents complicate the interpretation.

Clean and reliable information on quark transport in 'cold' nuclear matter.



HERMES





Sample of Models

Gluon Bremsstrahlung Model (B. Kopeliovich, J. Nemchik *E. Predazzi, A. Hayashigaki*)

Gluon radiation + hadronization model

Twist-4 pQCD Model (X.-N. Wang, E. Wang, X. Guo, J. Osborne)

Medium-induced gluon radiation only

Rescaling Models (A. Accardi, H. Pirner, V. Muccifora)

Gluon emission, partial deconfinement, nuclear absorption

PYTHIA-BUU Coupled Channel Model (T. Falter, W. Cassing, K. Gallmeister, U. Mosel)

Fundamental interaction + coupled channel nuclear final state interaction



Comparison of HERMES/DESY and CLAS/Jefferson Lab

HERMES has higher beam energy (27 GeV and 12 GeV, vs. 5 GeV)

- Much wider range in v
- Factorization ~ large range in z (vs. ~0.4-0.7 for JLab)
- Access to higher W
- HERMES can identify a wider range of particle species
- CLAS has higher luminosity (10³⁴/cm²/s, ~factor 100)
 - Can do 3 and 4-fold differential binning (vs. 1-D or 2-D for HERMES)
 - Access to higher Q^2 (good statistics for 4 GeV²) and higher p_T^2
- CLAS can use solid targets
 - Access to heaviest nuclei (²⁰⁸Pb vs. ¹³¹Xe)







EG2 Targets



Examples of multi-variable slices of preliminary CLAS 5 GeV data for $R^{\pi+}$



Δp_T^2 vs. v for Carbon, Iron, and Lead





Production length from JLab/CLAS 5 GeV data (Kopeliovich, Nemchik, Schmidt, hep-ph/0608044)







Δp_T^2 vs. $A^{1/3}$ for Carbon, Iron, and Lead



Only statistical errors shown





Cronin Effect – Dependence on A, x, and Q²



Physics Insights from CLAS Data

- Precision measurement of p_T broadening:
 - dE/dx ~100 MeV/fm at 6 fm for few-GeV quarks at zero temperature; more theoretical work needed for quantitative extraction
 - Quadratic dependence of ΔE clearly seen
 - Enabled first extraction of deconfined quark lifetime τ_{p}
 - New information on Cronin effect
 - Dependence on A, Q², x, z has been observed

Multivariable formation lengths accessible through R_M

- Comprehensive analysis framework needed



Connections to Relativistic Heavy Ion Physics

Radiative energy loss – quantitative baseline in wellunderstood cold system

Detailed understanding of hadron formation

Nuclear DIS is closely related to propagation of partons in AA collisions



Relevance to RHIC and LHC



 $E_{\pi} = p_T < 20 \text{ GeV/c}$

Deep Inelastic Scattering



Initial quark energy is known Properties of medium are known

 E_{π} < 20 GeV/c



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Connection to Relativistic Heavy Ion Physics

- One proposed signature of the Quark Gluon Plasma is jet quenching: the suppression of high p_T jets
- Jet quenching caused by radiative energy loss would be an indication of high partonic density, e.g., QGP
- Hadron formation might give an alternative explanation for jet quenching



Future Prospects

Ongoing HERMES analyses will be released/published, e.g.,

- Transverse momentum broadening
- Two-hadron correlations
- Data for ¹³¹Xe
- New Drell-Yan experiment E906
 - Lower energy run will significantly simplify dE/dx extraction
- The 12-GeV upgrade of Jefferson Lab (including CLAS)
 - Factor of 10 luminosity increase to 10³⁵/cm²/s
 - Improved particle identification
 - Access to higher mass hadrons
 - Much bigger range of DIS kinematics



Examples of Experimental Data and Theoretical Predictions



Conclusions

ONE New opportunities to learn space-time physics related

to confinement and to hadron structure – τ_p and τ_f

- New insights from HERMES data
- Massive new data set from CLAS will stimulate much more theoretical progress
- © Future measurements: Drell-Yan, and JLab at 12 GeV



THE END



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Target Frame DIS Kinematics



FIG. 1. DIS in the infinite-momentum frame.

See "*Space-time structure of deep-inelastic lepton-hadron scattering*," Del Duca, Brodsky, Hoyer PRD 46 (1992) p. 931

Ka





FIG. 2. Time-ordered contributions to DIS in the target rest frame.



Energy Loss in QCD

- Partonic energy loss in QCD is well-studied: dozens of papers over past 15 years
- Dominant mechanism is gluon radiation; elastic scattering is minor
- Coherence effects important: QCD analog of LPM effect

 $\ell_c \approx \frac{\omega}{\langle k_\perp^2 \rangle}$ Coherence length ~ formation time of a gluon radiated by a group of scattering centers $\ell_{c} < \lambda$ Incoherent gluon radiation Three regions: if mean free path is λ , $\lambda < \ell_c < L$ Coherent gluon radiation and medium length is L, then \rightarrow $\ell_c > L$ 'Single-scatter' gluon radiation Two conditions emerge: $-\frac{dE}{dx} \propto L$ $L < L_{Critical}$ $-\frac{dE}{dx} \propto \sqrt{E}$ $L > L_{Critical}$ ΔE L_{Critical}

Baier, Schiff, Zakharov, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2000. 50:37-69





Gluon Bremsstrahlung Model

Authors B. Kopeliovich, J. Nemchik, E. Predazzi, A. Hayashigaki

Time and energy dependent model for energy loss by gluon emission coupled to a hadron formation scheme

Gluon emission:

- Two time constants
- Q² dependence
- Hadron formation:
 - Color dipole cross section



Gluon Bremsstrahlung Model and HERMES Data

B.Z. Kopeliovich et al. / Nuclear Physics A 740 (2004) 211-245



Prediction was made 5 years before data were taken!



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Twist-4 pQCD Model

Osborne

Authors: X.-N. Wang, E. Wang, X. Guo, J. Osborne

- No hadronization in this picture:
 - Hadrons form outside nucleus
 - Energy loss from medium-stimulated gluon radiation causes nuclear attenuation
- Leading twist-4 modifications to pQCD fragmentation functions due to induced gluon radiation from multiple scattering
- Strength of a quark-gluon correlation function is a free parameter

Other similar efforts: F. Arleo, U.A. Wiedemann



Twist-4 pQCD Model





Rescaling Models

Authors: A. Accardi, H. Pirner, V. Muccifora

 Rooted in work by Nachtmann, Pirner, Jaffe, Close, Roberts, Ross, de Deus, from 1980's

Nuclear attenuation comes from:

- Partial deconfinement of quarks in nucleus in combination with gluon radiation
- Nuclear re-interaction and absorption



Rescaling Model, EMC/HERMES Data





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Rescaling Model, HERMES Flavor-separated Kr Data





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PYTHIA-BUU Coupled Channel Model

Authors: T. Falter, W. Cassing, K. Gallmeister, U. Mosel

PYTHIA-BUU

- PYTHIA for e-p interaction
- BUU (Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck) coupled channel transport model for final state interactions

Can describe the data without modification of fragmentation functions, hadron formation time ~0.5 fm in hadron rest frame





Multiplicity Ratio Dependence on Z



Hadronic Multiplicity Ratio vs. v



Hadronic multiplicity ratio – dependence on Q²

