Experimental Studies of Fundamental Processes in QCD Color Propagation and Neutralization

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Outline

- Introduction
- Direct measurement of quark energy loss
- Extracting characteristic times: semi-inclusive DIS
 - HERMES data comparison of our model results to Lund string model
 - JLab data strong evidence for time dilation, comparison to string model HERMES
 - Connections to QCD factorization, to much higher energies, and hadronization in vacuum
- Extrapolation to 12 GeV and EIC kinematics

Aims

Quark-Hadron Transition

Discover new fundamental features of hadronization

- Characteristic time distributions
- Mechanisms of color neutralization

Quark-Nucleus Interaction

Understand how color interacts within nuclei

- Partonic interactions with medium
 - energy loss in-medium: ê
 - transverse momentum broadening: \hat{q}

Method: struck quark from DIS probes nuclei of different sizes

Connection to Confinement

V=0 at ~0.4 fm

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Beyond ~1 fm the potential is irrelevant but confinement is still enforced



Partonic elastic scattering in medium





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Hadron formation

Lund String Model (~1983)



Remarkably successful model, foundational tool in HEP

- Alternative physical picture to pQCD: emission of many gluons in vacuum, string as an average; quantitative
- Successful, but few connections to fundamental QCD
- We can *compare* some of our results to the Lund String Model, and other results to pQCD

Direct measurement of quark energy loss

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How to *directly* measure quark energy loss?

- Energy loss: *independent of energy* for thin medium
- "Thin enough" depends on quark energy
- If energy loss is independent of energy, it will produce a <u>shift</u> of the energy spectrum, for higher energies.
- We can look for a <u>shift</u> of the Pb energy spectrum compared to that of the deuterium energy spectrum







Energy spectrum of π^+ produced in C, Fe, Pb compared to that of deuterium, normalized to unity, with energy shifted by ΔE . Acceptance corrected **Cut on X_F >0.1 is applied** Consistent with simple energy shift + unchanged fragmentation



Log of p-values of Kolmogorov-Smirnov test as a function of energy shift ΔE : carbon, iron, lead.

Dashed line corresponds to 95% confidence level

$\overline{\nu/{ m GeV}}$	Carbon	Iron	Lead
2.4-2.6			
2.6 - 2.8			
2.8 - 3.0			
3.0 - 3.2			
3.2 - 3.4	20-35		75
3.4 - 3.6	10 - 25	50	70-85
3.6 - 3.8	10 - 25	55	50-70
3.8 - 4.0	5 - 25	40	45-65
4.0 - 4.2	5-10	35-40	50-65

Range of possible energy shift in MeV obtained by Kolmogorov-Smirnov test in v intervals





Approximately proportional to density, as expected. (fixed pathlength) Supports the premise that what we measure is ~energy loss!

Direct Measurement of Quark Energy Loss in CLAS: Conclusions

- It is small in magnitude. Why?
 - Best explanation: *short production time*
 - >500 MeV vs. 50 MeV in Pb
- It increases with nuclear size. Why?
 - Best explanation: *average nuclear density increases*.
 - Rate of change of virtuality nearly the same in all nuclei, therefore:
 - Path length is short, ~independent of nuclear size
 - Nuclear medium has little effect simple to extrapolate to the vacuum case

More insights on these ideas in the next section!

Extracting characteristic times from HERMES and CLAS π^+ data

Observables



 $\Delta p_T^2(Q^2,\nu,z) \equiv \left\langle p_T^2(Q^2,\nu,z) \right\rangle |_A - \left\langle p_T^2(Q^2,\nu,z) \right\rangle |_p$

We fit both observables simultaneously



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- No dynamical assumptions!



Fit of HERMES L_p results to Lund Model form



We recover the known value of the string constant completely independently!

Light cone Lund String Model form for lab frame:

$$l_p = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{K}} \cdot \left(M_p + \nu + \sqrt{\nu^2 + Q^2} - 2 \cdot \nu \cdot z' \right)$$

Virtual quark lifetime extraction: 3-parameter geometric model applied to CLAS 5 GeV data

χ^2 /dof vs. z



Example of fit (one of 150 bins in x, Q², and z)



<x>=0.166, <Q²>=1.17 GeV², (<v>=3.76 GeV), <z>=0.445

 $L_p=1.8\pm0.4 \text{ fm}$ $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.5$

Simultaneous fit *couples* p_T broadening to multiplicity ratio

Three possible distributions of production time



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Effect of production length distribution on p_T broadening



Relevance to EIC!

Tests of **exponential distribution** hypothesis for quark lifetime **CLAS Exploratory Study with 5 GeV Data**

Exponential distribution of quark lifetime

103 points, chisq	uared=69.2, c	hisq/dof = 0.68	MEDIUM even	t selection.
FCN=69.2253 FROM	MINOS ST	ATUS=SUCCESSFUL	10 CALLS	63 TOTAL
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1 p0	1.07864e+00	4.83476e-01	-0.00000e+00	6.52690e-07
2 p1	9.33423e-01	2.45714e-01	2.45714e-01	7.34350e-11

Single value of quark lifetime

 88 points, chisquared=289.5, chisq/dof = 3.36
 MEDIUM event selection.

 FCN=289.533 FROM MINOS
 STATUS=SUCCESSFUL
 8 CALLS
 63 TOTAL

 EDM=3.95499e-19
 STRATEGY= 1
 ERROR MATRIX ACCURATE

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 1
 p0
 1.95920e+00
 2.75776e-01
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 -3.09899e-10

The data clearly prefer an exponential distribution

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Space-time characteristics of the virtual photon

Assume: Single-photon exchange, no quark-pair production "JLab" example: $Q^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2$, v = 3 GeV. ($x_{Bj} \sim 0.5$)

Virtual photon is a 'particle' of mass Q, energy v, with 3momentum magnitude $p_{\gamma^*} = |\vec{p}_{\gamma^*}| = \sqrt{(v^2 - Q^2)}$.

- Its lifetime in the lab frame is $\tau = 1/v$, for large x_{Bj} .
 - JLab example: $\tau = 0.07$ fm, <1/10 nucleon radius!
- Gamma factor is $\gamma = \nu/Q$, $\beta = p_{\gamma^*}/\nu$.

• JLab example: $\gamma = 1.73$, $\beta = 0.82$

- Transverse spatial resolution (~wavelength²) is $(1/p_{\gamma^*})^2$. Volume sampled in the scattering is $\delta V \sim 1/(v) \cdot (1/p_{\gamma^*})^2$.
 - JLab example: $\delta V < 0.0005 \text{ fm}^3$, <1/1000 nucleon volume. Point-like on the scale of nuclear targets.

Can be made rigorous? γ , β allow extrapolations to EIC kinematics

Time dilation test of the results



Extrapolation from HERMES to EIC and CLAS

Using the prescription $\gamma = \nu/Q$ and $\beta = p_{\gamma^*}/\nu$, we can extrapolate:

Q2	nu	beta*gamma	lp, z=0.32	lp, z=0.53	lp, z=0.75	lp, z=0.94	Experiment	X
2.40	14.50	9.31	8.57				HERMES	0.09
2.40	13.10	8.40		6.39			HERMES	0.10
2.40	12.40	7.94			4.63		HERMES	0.10
2.30	10.80	7.05				2.40	HERMES	0.11
3.00	4.00	2.08	1.92	1.58	1.21	0.71	CLAS	0.40
7.00	7.00	2.45	2.26	1.86	1.43	0.83	CLAS12	0.53
1.00	4.00	3.87	3.57	2.95	2.26	1.32	CLAS	0.13
2.00	9.00	6.28	5.79	4.78	3.66	2.14	CLAS12	0.12
12.00	32.50	9.33	8.59	7.10	5.44	3.18	EIC	0.20
8.00	37.50	13.22	12.17	10.06	7.71	4.50	EIC	0.11
45.00	140.00	20.85	19.20	15.86	12.15	7.10	EIC	0.17
27.00	150.00	28.85	26.57	21.96	16.82	9.82	EIC	0.10

At EIC we can study a wide range of production lengths!

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Definitive comparisons of light quark and heavy quark energy loss

Access to very strong, unique light quark energy loss signature via D⁰ heavy meson. Compare to s and c quark energy loss in D_s⁺

pQCD description of quark energy loss on p_T broadening



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- Much more in future: 12 GeV and EIC:
 - Heavy quark puzzle; time dilation; pQCD enhanced broadening; flavor dependences; L_p distribution

Backup Slides

Comparison to Arleo model



Black: Deuterium, Blue: Lead data Red: Energy loss model evolution of deuterium to lead, production length 2 fm

Geometric model description I

- Propagating quark causes p_T broadening of hadron
- Propagating (pre-)hadron "disappears" when it undergoes an inelastic interaction with cross section σ
- Implemented as a Monte Carlo calculation in x, y, z, L_p
- Simultaneous fit of p_T broadening and multiplicity ratio
- Realistic nuclear density, integrated along path w/ GSL

Path of quark is	partonic	hadronic
"partonic phase" and	L _p , q̂	σ _{inel}
"hadronic phase"	p _T broadening	Multiplicity ratio

Geometric model description II

Model implemented with 3, 4 or 5 parameters:

- q-hat parameter (transport coefficient) that sets the scale of p_T broadening
- 2. Production length L_p : distance over which p_T broadening and energy loss occur. Assumed exponential form.
- 3. Cross section for prehadron to interact with nucleus.
- 4. Shift in z caused by quark energy loss in medium
- 5. Average **distance between scatterings** or "mean free path" I_0 (alternative form of pT broadening, proportional to $L_{p*}log^2(L_p/I_0)$

Geometric model description III

$$\langle \Delta p_T^2 \rangle = \langle \hat{q}_0 \int_{z=z_0}^{z=z_0+L_p^*} \rho(x_0, y_0, z) \, dz \, \rangle_{x_0, y_0, z_0, L_p}$$

Zmax

 L_p is distributed as exponential x_0,y_0,z_0 thrown uniformly in sphere, weighted by p(x,y,z) $L_p^* = L_p$ except where truncated by integration sphere

$$\langle R_M \rangle = \langle exp(-\sigma \int_{z=z_0+L_p}^{z=z_{max}} \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz \rangle \rangle_{x_0, y_0, z_0, L_p}$$

The above are computed sequentially (same x₀,y₀,z₀,L_p) Data in (x,Q²,z) bin: fitted to model, 3 parameters: q̂₀,<L_p>,σ <u>No dynamical information is assumed; it emerges from fit</u> Systematic errors: 3% for multiplicity ratio, 4% for p_T broadening

Energy loss and \hat{q} from our HERMES analysis



Fits of data from our HERMES analysis



Quark k_T broadening vs. hadron p_T broadening The k_T broadening experienced by a quark is "diluted" in the fragmention process



Verified for pions to 5-10% accuracy for vacuum case, z=0.4-0.7, by Monte Carlo studies

Basic questions at low energies:

Partonic processes dominate, or hadronic? in which kinematic regime? classical or quantum?

Can identify dominant hadronization mechanisms, uniquely? what are the roles of flavor and mass?

What can we infer about fundamental QCD processes by observing the interaction with the nucleus?

If p_T broadening uniquely signals the partonic stage, can use this as one tool to answer these questions

What happens if v is too low



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NEW THEORY DEVELOPMENT

- T. Liou, A.H. Mueller, B. Wu: Nuclear Physics A 916 (2013) 102–125, arXiv:1304.7677
 - <u>Old</u>: multiple scattering \rightarrow gluon emission, = energy loss

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4} \Delta p_T^2 \propto \hat{q} L$$

• <u>New</u>: this energy loss creates more p_T broadening

$$\Delta p_T^2 = \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{8\pi} \hat{q} L \left[ln^2 \frac{L^2}{l_0^2} + \dots \right]$$

→ predicts a non-linear relationship between p_T broadening and L. we can look for this at EIC!

QUARK KT BROADENING



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