Overview of eA experimental results from Jefferson Lab and future prospectives in eA

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Color Propagation and Hadron formation in Cold Matter



DIS (Desy, Jefferson Lab)

SIDIS on nuclear targets: from the modification of kinematic observables in **A(e, e'h)X** scattering, we can infer hadronization mechanisms for *h*

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Questions highlighted in the 2023 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science



Sidebar 3.3 Connecting the World of QCD to the Visible World

Because of confinement, we never observe the color-charged particles of QCD-quarks and gluons-in isolation; they are confined to color-neutral hadrons. Thus, every time a high-energy collision breaks up a proton, the energy of the collision allows the creation of more quark-antiquark pairs by converting energy into mass (E = mc2), and the new quarks and antiquarks rapidly bind to the various constituents of the broken-up proton, "snapping" into mesons and baryons, the QCD bound states, which can be detected.

Like blowing soap bubbles from the film with a bubble wand, when every free-streaming bubble must have closed off to become a whole bubble, every free-streaming product of a high-energy collision must have somehow become a "whole" color-neutral particle (Fig 1). Each time you blow on the soap film, a different number of bubbles of varying sizes may be produced. Likewise, each time a high-energy collision involving a proton oc-



Figure 1. Representation of a high energy collision [S12]

curs, a different number of hadrons of varying masses and quantum numbers may be produced.

To date, most efforts have focused on studying the production of a single hadron at a time along the same direction as the outgoing parton. However, in recent years, we have started to study hadronization in more sophisticated ways. Highlights since the 2015 Long Range Plan include spin-momentum correlation measurements in hadronization by the STAR experiment at RHIC, multivariable measurements of identified hadron production in jets by the LHCb experiment at CERN, an investigation by the CLAS experiment at Jefferson Lab of how hadron-pair production is modified in cold nuclear matter, and the modifications to hadrons in jets induced by interactions with the quarkgluon plasma, observed at both RHIC and the LHC.

These exciting results naturally point to more questions.

- What are the timescales of color neutralization and hadron formation?
- What are the differences in hadronization of quarks versus gluons and of light quarks versus heavy quarks?
- How are the various hadrons produced in a single scattering process correlated with one another, and how
 does hadronization change in a dense partonic environment?

The upcoming decade holds great promise for advancements, both in how we think about hadronization theoretically and in our ability to experimentally untangle the various mechanisms that contribute to this phenomenon. Theoretically, recent developments in quantum computing provide unique opportunities to explore the inherent dynamic nature of hadronization as a process unfolding in time. Experimentally, hadron identification capabilities at the STAR experiment at RHIC, CLAS12 experiment at Jefferson Lab, LHCb and ALICE experiments at CERN, Belle II experiment in Japan, and the ePIC experiment at the future EIC will allow us to measure and compare a wide range of traditional and novel observables related to hadronization.

Color Propagation and Hadron formation

- In-medium color propagation and hadronization
- Light and heavy hadron formation and attenuation
- Bose-Einstein Correlations, di-hadron correlations
- Diquark search
- eA Monte-Carlo generators
- Physics in future facilities

Important kinematic variables

- Four-momentum transfer squared Q^2
- Energy transfer ν (=E-E' in the laboratory frame)
- Energy transferred from the γ^* to the hadron: $z = E_h / v$
- Momentum transverse to the γ^* direction: p_T

Note: if the virtual photon is absorbed by a light object like a single quark then $z \le 1$, but if it is absorbed by a heavy object, it can be greater than 1.0

Experimental Observables





Transverse momentum broadening

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



eA: in medium Color Propagation and Hadron formation



Extraction of color lifetime Brooks-Lopez model



Estimating the color lifetime of energetic quarks William K. Brooks ^{a,b,c,*}, Jorge A. López^{b,d}

- The **color lifetime** was estimated using simultaneous fit to two observables in the **HERMES** data with 3-parameter space-time model
- The answer depends on the kinematics and ranges from **2 to 8 fm/c**
- Independent determination of the string constant of the LSM!
- Measurement of transport coefficient



Simultaneous fit to two observables, $\Delta pT2$ and R for charged pions



The values of the color length **L**_c resulting from simultaneous fit to *pT2* and *R*



Phys. Let. B 816 (2021) 136171 https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.07236



End Stations

45

MeV

Inject

5 Recirculation clas Arcs 0.6 GeV Linac

0.6 GeV

Linac

EG2 experiment @ 5 GEV



CLAS experiment at Hall B with 5 GeV electron beam

By using dual target approach, EG2 experiment makes a *precise* comparison of observables in a large nucleus **A** with respect to **D**

EG2 experiment running conditions

- Electron beam 5.014 GeV
- Targets ²H, ¹²C, ⁵⁶Fe, ²⁰⁷Pb (Al, Sn)
- Luminosity $2 \cdot 10^{34}$ 1/(s · cm²) •

"A double-target system for precision measurements of nuclear medium effects," H. Hakobyan et al. NIM A 592 (2008) 218-223



Light and heavy hadrons

Light hadrons: results from EG2

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High-precision three-dimensional data is compared to the model predictions; GiBUU and Guiot-Kopeliovich models find semi-qualitative agreement

Light hadrons: results from EG2



T.Mineeva et al. CLAS approved paper.

- Attenuation depends on nuclear size A
- Suppression for leading hadrons: 25% on C to 75% on Pb
- No dependence on Q^2 and v observed
- Quantitative behavior compatible with Hermes

- Enhancement of $R_{\pi 0}$ at low *z* and high on *pT2*
- Largest enhancement at hight pT2 for C, lowest for Pb
- Opposite to CLAS and HERMES data on charged pions

Light hadrons: η and ω preliminary results



T. Mineeva, SQCD VI 2024

Heavy hadrons: A multiplicities

First Measurement of Λ Electroproduction off Nuclei in the Current and Target Fragmentation Regions

T. Chetry *et al.* (CLAS Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. **130**, 142301 – Published 4 April 2023



• At low-z there is a "pile up" of events 7 times more than for pion! Underpredicted by GiBUU. • At high-z there is little attenuation compared to that on the pion. Agrees with GiBUU.

Results from EG2: comparing Λ **and p multiplicities**



The multiplicity ratio for the lambda and the proton have similar magnitude and the same pattern of ordering at low and high z

Results from EG2: Λ and π⁺ pT broadening



GiBUU cannot predict pT-broadening observable. We apparently do not have the correct physical picture in the case of baryon hadronization.

pT broadening for multiple π^+ events



M.Barría Thesis https://repositorio.usm.cl/handle/11673/56688

Bose Einstein correlations (π + π +)

What are the properties of produced particles in the collision, such as their source size and lifetime?

Experimentally constructed BEC correlation

$$R_{(p_1,p_2)} = rac{D(p_1,p_2)}{D_b(p_1,p_2)}$$

Db(p1, p2) - background distribution from uncorrelated pion pairs that behave as D(p1), D(p2)



Double ratio correction: correct experimental systematic biases found in the correlation function $R(p_1,p_2)$

$$R(Q_{12}) = \left(\frac{D(Q_{12})}{D(Q_{12})}\right)^{data} / \left(\frac{D(Q_{12})}{D(Q_{12})}\right)^{simul}$$

Target	<i>r</i> [fm]	λ
C	2.64 ± 0.51	0.19 ± 0.09
Fe	2.79 ± 0.32	0.40 ± 0.11
Pb	2.43 ± 0.49	0.35 ± 0.14

https://www.jlab.org/Hall-B/general/thesis/ARadic_thesis.pdf

Dihadron correlations



How various hadrons produced in scattering event are correlated with each other?



 $\Delta \phi$ is the difference in azimuth

 N_{eh} is the number of events with scattered *e* and a "leading *h*" (z>0.5)

N_{ehh} is the number of "subleading hadrons" in those events

 C_0 is the normalization factor



S.J Paul et al, in CLAS ad-hoc review

Observation of Azimuth-Dependent Suppression of Hadron Pairs in Electron Scattering off Nuclei

S. J. Paul *et al.* (CLAS Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. **129**, 182501 – Published 25 October 2022

Conditional suppression factor, R2h, as a function of sub-leading hadron z:

 $R_{2h}(z_2) = \frac{(dN_{2h}^A(z_2)/dz_2)/N_h^A}{(dN_{2h}^D(z_2)/dz_2)/N_h^D}$





Diquarks search

Diquarks: recent comprehensive review



Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics Volume 116, January 2021, 103835



Review

Diquark correlations in hadron physics: Origin, impact and evidence

<u>M.Yu. Barabanov</u>¹, <u>M.A. Bedolla</u>², <u>W.K. Brooks</u>³, <u>G.D. Cates</u>⁴, <u>C. Chen</u>⁵, <u>Y. Chen</u>⁶⁷, <u>E. Cisbani</u>⁸, <u>M. Ding</u>⁹, <u>G. Eichmann</u>^{10 11}, <u>R. Ent</u>¹², <u>J. Ferretti</u>¹³ \boxtimes , <u>R.W. Gothe</u>¹⁴, <u>T. Horn</u>^{15 12}, <u>S. Liuti</u>⁴, <u>C. Mezrag</u>¹⁶, <u>A. Pilloni</u>⁹, <u>A.J.R. Puckett</u>¹⁷, <u>C.D. Roberts</u>^{18 19} \cong \boxtimes , <u>P. Rossi</u>^{12 20}, <u>G. Salmé</u>²¹... <u>B.B. Wojtsekhowski</u>¹² \boxtimes https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppnp.2020.103835 https://arxiv.org/pdf/2008.07630.pdf

Diquark correlations seem to exist in QCD. They date back to the foundations of quark model and are an important ingredient in hadron structure.

But how to consistently describe it through experiment?

Diquark properties from full QCD lattice simulations: <u>https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/JHEP05(2022)062</u>

Diquark mass differences from unquenched lattice QCD: https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1674-1137/40/7/073106/pdf

Diquarks: mesons vs baryon behavior

Baryon nDIS data from HERMES and CLAS behave qualitatively differently from mesons, in multiplicity ratios and in transverse momentum broadening



Ordering seen for mesons at high pT disappears for baryons, strong interaction occurs for all values of z

Proton and antiproton are totally different!



Eur. Phys. J. A47:113, 2011

Diquarks: mesons vs baryon behavior



Enhancement of Λ events at low Less attenuation at high z z is huge compared to pion production: 7 vs. ~1.0

 Δ pT2 on Λ is huge compared to pion: 0.3 vs 0.03 GeV²

The object passing through the medium in case of Λ is 'large' and disruptive!

T. Chetry et al. (CLAS Collaboration)

Could it be possible that a virtual photon is absorbed by a diquark?

Traditional picture



Alternative: direct diquark scattering



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Traditional picture





Alternative: direct diquark scattering



W. Brooks, Baryons 2022



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Could it be possible that a virtual photon is absorbed by a diquark?

Baryon	$M^{e/l}$	$M^{\rm CI}$	dom. corr.
p (B.5a)	0.94	0.94	[ud]u $igodol$
Λ (B.5b)	1.12	1.06	$[ud]s$ \bullet
Σ (B.5c)	1.19	1.20	[us]u
Ξ (B.5d)	1.32	1.24	[us]s

Phys. Rev. D 100, 034008 (2019)

Protons, neutrons and A can be easily formed by the scattering off diquark; they must then behave similarly This can be soon testes tested on CLAS and CLAS12 data.

More theoretical work is needed to determine the feasibility of this interpretation and distinguish it from other hadronization mechanisms (e.g, color recombination)

eA Monte Carlo generators

GiBUU

Giessen Boltzmann-Uehling-Uhlenbeck (equation)

- EMC, HERMES, CLAS data
- Describes the time evolution of the reaction based on the transport theory
- LUND string fragmentation (Pythia)
- Hadron absorption cross sections
- Final-state interactions
- Color transparency
- Nuclear shadowing
- Particle tracking

gibuu.hepforge.org https://arxiv.org/pdf/2202.12804.pdf

BeAGLE

Benchmark eA Generator for LEptoproduction

- CLAS dihadron data, E665, predictions for EIC
- Hybrid, multistep model
- Hard interaction, jet fragmentation (Pythia6)
- Parton energy loss (PyQM)
- Intranuclear cascade, nuclear geometry (DPMJet)
- Nuclear response (DPMJet/FLUKA)
- Nuclear parton distribution functions (LHAPDF5)

https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.11998

eHIJING

Event Heavy-lon Jet Interaction Generator

- NEW! CLAS, HERMES, EMC, predictions for EIC
- Parton medium interaction ~ gluon TMD
- Lund string fragmentation is applied to the colorless system

https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.10779

Jefferson Lab @ 12 GeV era

RG-E experiment @ 10.5 GEV

Approved experiment Run Group E (E-12-06-117) PAC assigned 66 calendar days (33 PAC days)

Taking RG-E data with CLAS12 since March, 2024

RG-E experimental conditions

- Electron beam 10.5 GeV
- Targets ²H, ¹²C, ²⁷Al, ⁶³Cu, ¹¹⁸Sn, ²⁰⁸Pb
- Integrated Luminosity ~ $10^{41} \ 1/(s \cdot cm^2)$
- Extreme conditions: high vacuum and high magnetic field, low temperatures, radiation hardness, reduced space



Highlights of double target are in JLUO weekly: https://mailchi.mp/ 89a150f4d755/jlab-weekly-for-scientific-users-april-3-2024?e=a8d43a7cbe

Quark Propagation and Hadronization at CLAS12

hadron	сτ	mass	flavor content	limiting error (60 PAC days)
π^0	25 nm	0.13	uūdā	5.7% (sys)
$\pi^{\scriptscriptstyle +},\pi^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$	7.8 m	0.14	ud , dū	3.2% (sys)
η	170 pm	0.55	uūdāss	6.2% (sys)
ω	23 fm	0.78	uūdāss	6.7% (sys)
η'	0.98 pm	0.96	นนิdสิีรริ	8.5% (sys)
ϕ	44 fm	1	uūdāss	5.0% (stat)*
fl	8 fm	1.3	นนิdสีิรริ	-
K^0	27 mm	0.5	dŝ	4.7% (sys)
<i>K</i> +, <i>K</i> -	3.7 m	0.49	us, ūs	4.4% (sys)
р	stable	0.94	uud	3.2% (sys)
p	stable	0.94	ūūđ	5.9% (stat)**
Λ	79 mm	1.1	uds	4.1% (sys)
A(1520)	13 fm	1.5	uds	8.8% (sys)
Σ^+	24 mm	1.2	uus	6.6% (sys)
$\Sigma^{\text{-}}$	44 mm	1.2	dds	7.9% (sys)
Σ^0	22 pm	1.2	uds	6.9% (sys)
Ξ^{0}	87 mm	1.3	USS	16% (stat)*
Ξ-	49 mm	1.3	dss	7.8% (stat)*

More Luminosity More Acceptance Better Particle ID



Can study rare and complex cases of hadrons probing mass, strangeness and rank dependence of hadron formation and color propagation

New baryon structure information to reveal diquark degrees of freedom for n, p and Λ

Ζh

 $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{h}}$

eA kinematics past, present & future

HERMES @27 GeV: √s = 7.2 GeV

CLAS @ 5 GeV: √s = 3.2 GeV

CLAS @11 GeV: √s = 4.6 GeV

CLAS @ 22 GeV: √s = 6.4 GeV

EicC: √s = 11.9 - 16.7 GeV

EIC eRHIC: $\sqrt{s} = 20 - 140 \text{ GeV}$

EicC

1.6

1.4

1.2

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0

(Pb/D) R^M

W²>4 GeV², 0.1<y<0.85

Q²>1 GeV², 0.25<x_B<0.35

0.2<z_h<0.4

10

L dt=10 fb⁻¹/A

20

ν

30

(GeV)

EicC proj

► π⁺

⊨- K⁺

+− p⁺

– HT Eloss

50

60

···· GiBUU

40

Particle	Momentum (GeV/c/u)	CM energy (GeV/u)	Average Po- larization	Luminosity at the nucleon level $(cm^{-2}s^{-1})$	Integrated luminosity (fb ⁻¹)
e	3.5		80%		
р	20	16.76	70%	2.00×10^{33}	50.5
d	12.90	13.48	Yes	8.48×10^{32}	21.4
³ He ⁺⁺	17.21	15.55	Yes	6.29×10^{32}	15.9
$^{7}{\rm Li}^{3+}$	11.05	12.48	No	9.75×10^{32}	24.6
$^{12}C^{6+}$	12.90	13.48	No	8.35×10^{32}	21.1
$^{40}Ca^{20+}$	12.90	13.48	No	8.35×10^{32}	21.1
¹⁹⁷ Au ⁷⁹⁺	10.35	12.09	No	9.37×10^{32}	23.6
²⁰⁸ Pb ⁸²⁺	10.17	11.98	No	9.22×10^{32}	23.3
²³⁸ U ⁹²⁺	9.98	11.87	No	8.92×10^{32}	22.5

EicC white paper: https://doi.org/10.1007/s11467-021-1062-0

Ranges of color lifetime Ip in HERMES, CLAS and extrapolation to EIC

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

At EicC we can disentangle two mechanisms: parton energy loss (Lp ~> Rpb) vs hadron absorption (GiBUU)

W. Brooks INT 2017

$-P_{1} - P_{1}$

Which measurements can be accessed a with hadronization observable

- pT broadening observables Saturation scale
 - Gluon transverse momentum k_T characterizes degree to which saturation is occurring: $Q_s \sim k_T$
 - pT broadening is a boost-invariant way of sampling the transverse gluon density distribution; proportional to the gluon density



 $\Delta p_T^2 \propto G(x,Q^2)\rho L$

Which measurements can be accessed at the EIC with hadronization observables?

• pT broadening observables

Saturation scale *pQCD energy loss*



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• Multiplicity ratio observables

Mass dependence of hadronization Hadron formation length

Summary

- The microscopic information on space-time dynamics of hadronization can be accessed in DIS using nuclear medium *A* of increasing size
- Transverse momentum broadening and hadronic multiplicity ratio observables provide insights on the lifetime of 'free' quark, formation of hadrons and E_{loss}
- Baryon data from HERMES and CLAS behave qualitatively different from meson. Pion data is well described by GiBUU, while baryon data needs more understanding
- The hypothesis of diquarks may be one of the mechanisms in baryon formation
- CLAS at 6 GeV high luminosity data on ²H, ¹²C, ⁵⁶Fe, ²⁰⁷Pb:
 - Published results on multi-dimensional π + and π multiplicities (S.Morán et al.); CLAS approved paper on the multi-dimensional π ⁰ multiplicity ratios (T.Mineeva et al.)
 - Published results on Λ multiplicity ratios and $\Delta pT2$ (T.Chetry et al.)
 - Published results on di-hadron production (S.Paul el al.)
- In process: p multiplicities (M.Wood), $\Delta pT2$ for π + (E.Molina), $\Delta pT2$ for double pion production (M.Barria), π + azimuthal dependencies (C. San Martin), Bose-Einstein correlations (A.Radic), ω and η multiplicities (A.Borguez, O.Soto)
- Running CLAS12 experiment (E12-06-117) at 11 GeV. 4D multiplicities, large spectrum of hadrons