# Hadronization and Color Propagation in e-A Scattering at Jefferson Lab

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The physics group at ULS is actively engaged in a broad spectrum of research areas:

- experimental particle physics at high and medium energies, with key collaborations at CERN (ATLAS, NA64) and Jefferson Lab (CLAS and CLAS12)
- astroparticle and astrophysics projects (SWGO, AURA), leveraging Chile's unparalleled observational advantages
- theoretical research on BSM physics, with a particular focus on novel physics at colliders, dark matter and neutrino physics









- Particle physics
- Nanotechnology
- Biotechnology
- Electronics
- Telematics
- Industrial design and manufacturing
- Chemistry
- Metallurgy
- Mechanics
- Computing



**36** researches

**50** technical and administrative staff +2.000 publications

**+100.000** quotes

**12** patents





Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility

Newport News, VA





- Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) housing 1.4 km linear electron accelerator @ 12 GeV (2017)
- Three experimental Halls (A,B,C,D)
- Center for Theoretical and Computational Physics; LQCD
- future High Performance Data Facility (HPDF)



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Millenium price of \$1 000 000 for proving that  $SU_c(3)$  gauge theory is mathematically well-defined which will necessarily prove or disprove confinement conjecture

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- The MC event generators (Pythia, Jetset, Herwig, Beagle, GiBUU, Genie for v) are the products of a physics development program in close touch with experimental reality.
- There are variety of phenomenological models (Rescaling model, Quark energy loss model, Color Dipole model, Higher-twist pQCD model, etc. ) that need input from experimental data

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Jet Fragmentation Studies: fragmentation functions, jet quenching, and hadron multiplicities. LHC (ATLAS, CMS, ALICE, LHCb), RHIC (STAR/PHENIX).

Semi-Inclusive Deep-Inelastic Scattering: hadron multiplicities, fragmentation functions. *HERMES, CLAS/CLAS12*.

Exclusive process: unpolarized FF. BESIII.

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Hadronization in a picture of string fragmentation: a new qqbar pair is created in the field between the original qqbar breaking string into smaller ones ~ hadrons

### Flux tube on the Lattice

### Visualization of color flux tube from Lattice QCD: qqbar and proton





Derek Leinweber: http://www.physics.adelaide.edu.au/theory/staff/leinweber/VisualQCD/Nobel/

### Lund string model (1980's)



Uses only linear potential V(r)  $\approx \kappa r$  to trace string motion, where  $\kappa$  is a constant string tension  $\kappa \approx 1$  GeV/fm (fixed from Regge slopes)

Gives simple but powerful picture of hadron production, strong support in data and lattice QCD, yet, few connections to the fundamental QCD.

PYTHIA is the main and original implementation of the Lund model

G. Bali et al., PoS LAT2005 (2006) 308

# Light quarks & Confinement

In the presence of light quarks, pair creation seems to occur non-localized and instantaneously

- No flux tube in a theory with lightquarks.
- Flux-tube is not the correct paradigm for confinement in hadron physics

Confinement contains condensates Brodsky, Roberts, Shrock, Tandy arXiv:1202.2376 [nucl-th], Phys. Rev. C85 (2012) 065202



Craig Roberts. Emergence of Partonic Structure (60p)

### Connecting the World of QCD to the visible World

### 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.

### **Experimental processes to study hadronization**



Accardi, Arleo, Brooks, d'Enterria, Muccifora Riv.Nuovo Cim.032:439553,2010 [arXiv:0907.3534]

### **Experimental processes to study hadronization**

#### Deep inelastic electron scattering off nuclei



#### High-energy proton-proton collision



### **Heavy-Ion collisions**



- The only way we can create the QGP in the laboratory!
- By colliding heavy ions it is possible to create a large (»1fm<sup>3</sup>) zone of hot and dense QCD matter
- Goal is to create and study the properties of the Quark Gluon Plasma
- Experimentally mainly the final state particles are observed, so the conclusions have to be inferred via models

Ratio RAA

is the ratio of

# the probability of a process in ion-ion collisions (A+A) to the same probability in proton-proton collisions (pp)

R<sub>pPb</sub>, R<sub>PbPb</sub>

# if $R_{AA}=1$ then there is no effect due to the nucleus

if RAA<1 we call it suppression

if RAA>1 we call it enhancement



## $J/\psi$ nuclear modification factor $\mathbf{R}_{AA}$



R<sub>AA</sub> strongly dependent on collision centrality.
Suppression pattern and magnitude are very similar for both production mechanisms.

### eA DIS: 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: √s = 20 - 140 GeV

### **SIDIS variables**



**Q2** = -q2 four-momentum transferred by the electron

v = E-E' (lab) energy transferredby the electron;

z = Eh/v fraction of initial quarkenergy carried by hadron;

pT hadron momentum transverse to the initial  $\gamma'$  direction

### **Deep-Inelastic Scattering**

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- Use nuclei of variable size as a 'ruler': R<sub>Carbon</sub> = 2.7 fm vs R<sub>Lead</sub> = 7.1 fm
- Medium well known, low final multiplicities
- Extract characteristic quantities as a variation of observables with nuclear size

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## Back-of-the envelope Tp



### Back-of-the envelope Tf

Given hadron of size  $R_h$ , can build color field of hadron in its rest frame in time no less than  $t_0$ ~ $R_h/c$ . In lab frame this is boosted.

If take, e.g., the pion mass, radius 0.66 fm, E = 4 GeV, then  $\tau_f \sim 20 \text{ fm/c}$ 



### **Experimental Observables**





Multiplicity ratio R<sub>M</sub> is just like R<sub>AA</sub>

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In Quark Parton Model it is the ratio of FF





GuoXandWangXN2000Phys.Rev.Lett.853591 Wang E and Wang X N 2002 Phys. Rev. Lett. 89 162301-1


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# Transverse momentum broadening

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



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**Formation time**  $\tau_f$  time required for a colored system to evolve into a colorless



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**Color lifetime** *T<sub>c</sub>* lifetime of highly virtual 'free' quark

#### **HERMES: 2D and 1D multiplicities**



p

10

 $Q^2$  (GeV<sup>2</sup>)

p

 $\pi$ 

1

 $p_t^2$  (GeV<sup>2</sup>)

0.1

# **Extraction of color lifetime Brooks-Lopez model**



Estimating the color lifetime of energetic quarks William K. Brooks <sup>a,b,c,\*</sup>, Jorge A. López<sup>b,d</sup>

 $L_c$ 

- 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: k = 1 GeV/fm
- Measurement of transport coefficient



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

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



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

## **Experimental realization**







# EG2 experiment @ 5 GEV



#### EG2 experiment running conditions

- Electron beam 5.014 GeV
- Targets <sup>2</sup>H, <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>56</sup>Fe, <sup>207</sup>Pb (Al, Sn)
- Luminosity 2 · 10<sup>34</sup> 1/(s · cm<sup>2</sup>)

CLAS integrated luminosity is 100 times greater than HERMES!!

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



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

Light hadrons

#### **CLAS: 3D pion multiplicities**

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

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#### T.Mineeva et al. arXiv:2406.04513

- 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



- Enhancement of  $R_{\pi 0}$  at low *z* and high on *pT2*
- Nuclear ordering of enhancement at hight pT2
- Quantitative behavior compatible with CLAS & Hermes

### pT<sup>2</sup> broadening for multiple $\pi^+$ events





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 $Z_h^+$ 

- pT<sup>2</sup> broadening for  $\pi$ + grows linearly with A1/3
- pT<sup>2</sup> broadening is larger for  $2\pi$  events for z>0.3



## **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

Leading  $\pi^+$ , subleading  $\pi^-$ Correlation .0 GiBUU D GiBUU C GiBUU Fe Fe GiBUU Pb Pb 0.3  $1 < Q^2 < 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ 2.3 < v < 4.2 GeV Z1>0.5 pT > 250 Me 0.2 R = CA/CD 0.5 0.0<sup>L</sup>

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Δφ [rad]

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:

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





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

#### **Bose Einstein correlations** ( $\pi$ + $\pi$ +)

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

Theoretically, BEC is the ratio of the two particles' inclusive cross section to the single-particle cross sections

$$R_{(p1,p2)} = \frac{D(p_1, p_2)}{D(p_1)D(p_2)}$$

D(p1, p2) two-particle probability densityD(p1), D(p2) are one-particle probability densities

Double ratio correction: correct experimental systematic biases found in the correlation function R(p<sub>1</sub>,p<sub>2</sub>)

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

https://www.jlab.org/Hall-B/general/thesis/ARadic\_thesis.pdf

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)



#### Light hadrons: $\eta$ and $\omega$ preliminary results



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#### **Results on Lambda and Proton**

# **A hyperon identification**



 $\Lambda^{0}$  hyperons (1115 GeV/fm) were identified through their invariant mass M( $\pi^{-}p$ )

# **Λ hyperon Multiplicity Ratios**

First Measurement of  $\Lambda$  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.

*First lambda baryon multiplicity ratio* 1D now 2D in CLAS12

# **Λ hyperon pT2 Broadening**



T. Chetry et al (CLAS Collaboration), Phys.Rev.Lett 130, 142301 (2023)

 $\Delta pT2$  on  $\Lambda$  is huge compared to pion: 0.15 vs 0.015 GeV<sup>2</sup> (Fe)



## **CLAS: 3D proton multiplicities**

#### Mike Wood analysis in CLAS review



### **Comparing A and p multiplicities**



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

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

Baryon	$M^{e/l}$	$M^{\mathrm{CI}}$	dom. corr.
p (B.5a)	0.94	0.94	$[ud]u$ $\bullet$
$\Lambda$ (B.5b)	1.12	1.06	[ud]s $igsim$
$\Sigma$ (B.5c)	1.19	1.20	[us]u
$\Xi$ (B.5d)	1.32	1.24	[us]s

Phys. Rev. D 100, 034008 (2019)

P, n and Λ could be formed by the scattering off diquarkWill they behave similarly as to containing (ud) diquark?Or is there difference between light vs heavy spectator quark?

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

## **Experimental realization @ 11GeV**



#### The Jefferson Lab Energy Upgrade









- Luminosity 10<sup>35</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
- Polarized target operation at 5T
- Charged particle tracking and ID
- Neutron and photon detection
- Data rate 1 Gigabyte/sec
- Charged Particle ID to 8 GeV/c

# RG-E experiment @ 10.5 GEV

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

#### Data successfully taken with CLAS12 in Spring, 2024

#### **RG-E experimental conditions**

- Electron beam 10.5 GeV
- Targets <sup>2</sup>H, <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>x</sup>Al, <sup>x</sup>Cu, <sup>x</sup>Sn, <sup>207</sup>Pb
- Integrated Luminosity ~ 10<sup>41</sup> 1/(s · cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 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

Plus polarized electron beam - a wealth of data for spin physics

### **Online RG-E Multiplicity Ratios**



Uditha Weerasinghe - Mississippi State University Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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#### **CLAS6 results**

hadron	ст	mass	flavor content	limiting error (60 PAC days)
$\pi^0$	25 nm	0.13	uūdā	5.7% (sys)
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#### Published or currently under review



## CLAS12 results: more!

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# CLAS12 integrated luminosity is ~ 10<sup>7</sup> greater than @CLAS6!!



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  $\Lambda$ 

Ζh

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

#### **Future prospectives**

#### Jefferson Lab at 22 GeV

Replacing the highest-energy arcs with Fixed Field Alternating Gradient arcs to achieve 22 GeV e beam energy





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#### Strong Interaction Physics at the Luminosity Frontier with 22 GeV Electrons at Jefferson Lab

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- CEBAF will remain prime facility for fixed target e scattering with programs stretching well into 2030s
- A new round of upgrades to CEBAF are presently under technical development: an energy upgrade to 22 GeV and an intense polarized positron beams
- 22 GeV program is a bring between JLab@ 12 GeV and EIC to test theory from lower to higher energies with high precision

Polarized gluon distribution, longitudinal/transverse separations, hadron formation in nuclei, meson form factors and more!

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#### **CLAS22: access to charm and strangeness**



10.55 GeV



### EIC @ Brookhaven

#### A machine that will unlock the secrets of the strongest force in Nature Like a CT Scanner for Atoms



#### **Basic Tech Requirements**

- Center of Mass Energies: 20 GeV – 141 GeV
- Required Luminosity: 10<sup>33</sup> - 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
- Hadron Beam Polarization:
  <u>80%</u>
- Electron Beam Polarization: 80%
- Ion Species Range:

p to Uranium

• Number of interaction regions: up to two

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# EicC (China)



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



EicC allows to disentangle two mechanisms: parton energy loss (Lp ~> Rpb ) vs hadron absorption (GiBUU)

### Emergence of hadrons @ EIC

 Saturation for parton densities, particularly for gluons. Enhanced in lower energy in eA then in ep Gluon transverse momentum k<sub>T</sub> characterizes degree to which saturation is occurring: Q<sub>s</sub> ~ k<sub>T</sub>

$$Q_{sat}^2(b,E) = \Delta p_T^2(b,E)$$

Access to purely partonic energy losses
 Proportional to the gluon and parton density of the medium \*\*



 Understanding energy loss of light vs heavy quarks transversing the cold nuclear matter. Connection to energy loss in hot QCD.



Mass dependence of hadronization

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# 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 and time scale for the formation of hadrons
- Pion data is well described by GiBUU, 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 <sup>2</sup>H, <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>56</sup>Fe, <sup>207</sup>Pb:
- Published results on: multi-dimensional  $\pi + / \pi^-$  and  $\pi^0$ ,  $\Lambda$  multiplicity ratios and  $\Delta pT2$ ; di-hadron production. In process: *p* multiplicities,  $\Delta pT2$  for  $\pi$  + and double pion, Bose-Einstein correlations
- Successful realization of CLAS12 experiment (E12-06-117) at 10.5 GeV. Access to 4D multiplicities and large spectrum of heavy mesons and baryons.
- Future continuation of *eA* hadronization program with JLab @ 22 GeV, EIC and EicC
## Thank you!