Measurement of charged particle multiplicity distributions in DIS at HERA and its implication to entanglement entropy of partons

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# Entropy in particle collisions

- Partons within a proton are confined and must combine to form a color-singlet state
  - The proton is a pure quantum state,  $S_{proton} = 0$
  - How do we reconcile this with detailed proton substructure, i.e. incoherent partons having many potential micro states, so  $S_{proton} \neq 0$ ?
- Theory prediction<sup>1</sup> that entanglement entropy of region A, of size ~1/Q, will be related to gluon pdf at sufficiently small x

• 
$$S_{gluon} = \ln[xG(x,Q^2)]$$

• Assuming hadronization doesn't increase entropy much, this is predicted to equal the entropy calculated from the hadron multiplicity probability distribution

• 
$$S_{hadron} = -\sum P(N) \ln[P(N)]$$

• Is it true that  $S_{gluon} = S_{hadron}$ ?



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# Supported in pp collisions?

- Previous phenomenology studies using CMS pp multiplicity data indicate that this could be the case at low x
  - 'Sub-nucleonic EPR paradox'
  - Analysis is complicated by the presence of two protons
- ep collisions can provide a much cleaner test



#### H1 Detector

- Using 2006-2007 data
- 136 pb<sup>-1</sup> of e<sup>+</sup>p data
  - $\sqrt{s} = 318 \text{ GeV}$
- DIS variables calculated using ECAL and tracking
- Multiplicity measurement uses both central and forward tracking for large kinematic coverage

	Laboratory frame	HCM frame
$\overline{Q^2}$	$5 < Q^2 < 100 \mathrm{GeV}^2$	$5 < Q^2 < 100 \mathrm{GeV}^2$
У	0.0375 < y < 0.6	0.0375 < y < 0.6
$p_{ m T,lab}$	$p_{\rm T,lab} > 150 {\rm MeV}$	$p_{\rm T,lab} > 150 { m MeV}$
${\eta}_{ m lab}$	$-1.6 < \eta_{\rm lab} < 1.6$	$-1.6 < \eta_{\rm lab} < 1.6$
$\eta^*$	_	$0 < \eta^* < 4$



## MC Comparisons

**DIS** variables calculated ep √s = 319 GeV 10<sup>10</sup> with 'e- $\Sigma$ ' method: 10<sup>9</sup> **H1**  $\circ$  Data, L<sub>int</sub>=136 pb<sup>-</sup> 10<sup>8</sup> Photoproduction -DJANGÖH  $Q^{2} = 4E_{e}E_{e}^{'}\cos\frac{\theta_{e}^{2}}{2},$  $y = 2E_{e}\frac{\Sigma}{[\Sigma + E_{e}^{'}(1 - \cos\theta_{e})]^{2}},$ -RAPGAP  $10^{6}$ tuno 104 count 10<sup>3</sup> 10<sup>2</sup>  $x_{\rm bj} = \frac{Q^2}{sv}.$ 0.6 50 100 0.2 0.4  $Q^2$  (GeV<sup>2</sup>) y 10<sup>8</sup> 10<sup>8</sup> Very good agreement for 10<sup>7</sup> 107 basic event reconstruction 10<sup>5</sup> variables between data and 10<sup>6</sup> count count MC 10<sup>3</sup> 10<sup>5</sup> 10 Effects of photoproduction 10<sup>4</sup> are found to be less than 10--2 0 2 20 40 0.5% in this analysis  $\eta_{\text{lab}}$  $\mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{rec}}$ 

## Lab frame Multiplicity

- Measure multiplicity distribution P(N) vs Q<sup>2</sup>, y
- Also measured in differential  $\eta_{lab}$  windows (not shown)
- Large y leads to broader distribution of P(N)
  - Little Q<sup>2</sup> dependence
- MC matches data well around peak of distribution but under predict at high and low multiplicity
- RAPGAP and DJANGOH seem to agree better than PYTHIA 8



## **HCM Multiplicity**

- Hadronic Center of Mass (HCM) frame defined by: p + q = 0
- Define positive η\*as photon-going hemisphere in HCM frame
  - Similar conclusions as lab frame
- In further plots, only RAPGAP is shown but DJANGOH gives similar results



## Average Multiplicity

- $\langle N \rangle$  calculated as a function of  $W = \sqrt{sy Q^2 + M_P^2}$ , hadronic CoM energy
- More particles produced with higher W, as expected
  - Larger Q<sup>2</sup> causes quicker increase vs W
- Reasonable agreement between data and RAPGAP



### Multiplicity variance

- Variance of N vs W
- Variance strongly rises with W, very little Q<sup>2</sup> dependence observed.
- Hemisphere restriction does not affect Var(N) much
- MC does a good job for high Q<sup>2</sup> but seems to under predict data at lower Q<sup>2</sup>



## **KNO Scaling**

- $\Psi(z) = \langle N \rangle P(N)$ 
  - Predicted to only be a function of z and not other variables 'KNO scaling'
- Calculated in the HCM frame
- KNO scaling observed, as seen in many previous experiments



#### Shadron VS. <X>

• 
$$S_{hadron} = -\sum P(N) \ln[P(N)]$$

- Multiplicity calculated in η<sub>lab</sub> window based on <x> using LO Quark Parton Model (QPM)
- Very little x dependence, slight increase with Q<sup>2</sup>
- $S_{gluon} = \ln[xG(x,Q^2)]$ 
  - Data do not agree with S<sub>gluon</sub>
     from HERAPDF



## HCM frame

HCM frame **H1** Similar rising behavior seen for 4 different Q<sup>2</sup> gluon RAPGAP generally agrees with Shadron' S data 2 Slight deviations related to H1 data differences seen in P(N) distributions 0 S<sub>gluon</sub> predictions from  $10^{-4}$ HERAPDF do not match Shadron

No sliding  $\eta_{lab}$  cut applied in



#### Conclusions

- P(N) distributions measured vs Q<sup>2</sup>, y,  $\eta$ 
  - MC generally matches data well
- P(N) moments measured vs Q<sup>2</sup>, W
- KNO scaling seen in these data
- Data do not support  $S_{hadron} = S_{gluon}$
- Important data for understanding particle production and entanglement at subnucleonic scales

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