Hadron multiplicity measurements from HERMES

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Outline

- HERMES experiment
- semi-inclusive deep-inelastic scattering
- pion and kaon multiplicites on hydrogen and deuterium
- hadronization in nuclei









Semi-inclusive deep-inelastic scattering



$$Q^{2} \equiv -q^{2}$$

$$\nu \equiv \frac{Pq}{M} \stackrel{lab}{=} E - E'$$

$$y \equiv \frac{Pq}{Pk} \stackrel{lab}{=} \frac{\nu}{E}$$

$$x_{B} \equiv \frac{Q^{2}}{2Pq}$$

$$W^{2} \equiv M^{2} + Q^{2}(x_{B} - 1)$$

$$z \equiv \frac{PP_{h}}{Pq} \stackrel{lab}{=} \frac{E_{h}}{\nu}$$

$$P_{hT} = \frac{|\vec{q} \times \vec{P_{h}}|}{|\vec{q}|}$$

Semi-inclusive deep-inelastic scattering

$$e(E', \vec{k'})$$

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$$\sigma^{ep \to ehX} = \sum DF^{p \to q}(x_B, k_{\perp}^2, Q^2) \otimes \sigma^{eq \to eq} \otimes FF^{q \to h}(z, p_{\perp}^2, Q^2)$$

distribution function (DF): distribution of quarks in nucleon k_{\perp} : transverse momentum of struck quark

fragmentation function (FF): fragmentation of struck quark into final-state hadron p_{\perp} : transverse momentum of fragmenting quark 8

Hadron multiplicities and fragmentation functions

$$M^{h}(x_{B}, Q^{2}, z, P_{hT}) = \frac{1}{d^{2} N^{DIS}(x_{B}, Q^{2})} \frac{d^{4} N^{h}(x_{B}, Q^{2}, z, P_{hT})}{dz dP_{hT}} \quad (*)$$

$$\propto \frac{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} \mathcal{I}[f_{1}^{q}(x_{B}, k_{\perp}^{2}, Q^{2}) \otimes \mathcal{W} D_{1}^{q}(z, p_{\perp}^{2}, Q^{2})]}{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} f_{1}^{q}(x_{B}, Q^{2})}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \text{collinear}$$

$$\propto \frac{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} f_{1}^{q}(x_{B}, Q^{2}) D_{1}^{q}(z, Q^{2})}{\sum_{q} e_{q}^{2} f_{1}^{q}(x_{B}, Q^{2})}$$

access to fragmentation function $D_1^q(z, (p_{\perp}^2), Q^2)$:

- probe fragmentation function complementary to e^+e^- and $p\, \stackrel{(-)}{p}$
- charge-separated fragmentation functions
- flavor-separated fragmentation functions

(*) integrated of hadron azimuthal angle

Extraction of multiplicities

- charge-separated pion and kaon multiplicities
- hydrogen and deuterium targets
- kinematic requirements:

 $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ 2 GeV < $P_h < 15 \text{ GeV}$ $W^2 > 10 \text{ GeV}^2$ 0.2 < z < 0.8 0.1 < y < 0.85

• 3D binning: (x_B, z, P_{hT}) and (Q^2, z, P_{hT}) (x_B and Q^2 strongly correlated)

Extraction of multiplicities

- correction for charge-symmetric background
- correction for RICH misidentification
- correction for trigger inefficiencies
- subtraction of dominant exclusive VM contributions: not done for the results that follow
- correction for particle decay and loss through detector acceptance and/or smearing via unfolding

Extraction of Born multiplicities

$$M_{Born}^{h}(j) = \frac{1}{n_{Born}^{DIS}(j)} \sum_{i} \left[S_{h}^{-1} \right](j,i) \left[M_{meas}^{h}(i) \frac{N_{meas}^{DIS}}{N_{tracked MC}^{DIS}} - n^{h}(i,0) \right]$$

smearing matrix from LEPTO+JETSET Monte-Carlo simulation



 $n^{h}(i,0)$ migration of events outside acceptance into acceptance

accounts for

- QED radiative effects (RADGEN)
- limited geometric and kinematic acceptance of spectrometer
- detector resolution and particle decay

Results M^h_{p/d} projected in z



$$\frac{M_{p(d)}^{\pi}}{M_{p(d)}^{\pi^{-}}} = 1.2 - 2.6 (1.1 - 1.8)$$
$$\frac{M_{p(d)}^{K^{+}}}{M_{p(d)}^{K^{-}}} = 1.5 - 5.7 (1.3 - 4.6)$$

 $\pi \pi^+$

multiplicities reflect

- nucleon valence-quark content (u-dominance)
- favored \leftrightarrow unfavored fragmentation

Results A^h_{p-d} projected in z



$$A_{d-p}^{h} = \frac{M_d^h - M_p^h}{M_d^h + M_p^h}$$

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Comparison with models



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Exclusive vector-meson contribution



- modeled using PYTHIA
- pions (exclusive ρ⁰)
 large z: up to 50%
 - low z: negligible
- kaons (exclusive φ) less than 10%

Results $M_{p/d}^{h}$ projected in z and x_{B}



no strong dependence on x_B

Results $M_{p/d}^{h}$ projected in z and Q^{2}



- hint for increase at low z and decrease at high z with in increasing Q² cf. Q² evolution
- strong correlation $x_{_{\rm B}}$ and Q^2

Results $M_{p/d}^{h}$ projected in z and P_{hT}



- P_{hT} (=p_T on figures): transverse intrinsic struck-quark momentum - transverse momentum from fragmentation process - soft gluon radiation (NLO)
- K⁻: broader distribution

Multiplicity ratios and hadronization in nuclei



$$R^{h}_{A}(\nu, Q^{2}, z, P^{2}_{hT}) = \frac{M^{h}_{A}(\nu, Q^{2}, z, P^{2}_{hT})}{M^{h}_{D}(\nu, Q^{2}, z, P^{2}_{hT})}$$

- insight into space-time evolution of hadronization
- input for extraction of nuclear PDFs
- insight into jet quenching and parton energy losses in heavy-ion collisions

Extraction of multiplicity ratios

- charge-separated pions and kaons, protons and anti-protons
- Ne, Kr, and Xe targets
- kinematic requirements:

 $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ $W^2 > 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ 0.1 < y < 0.85

- 2D binning:
 - ν for slices of z
 - z for slices of u
 - P_{hT}^2 for slices of z
 - z for slices of P_{hT}^2
- radiative corrections applied
- other effects (detector acceptance, PID, VM contribution,...)
 ≈ cancel: included in systematic uncertainties

$$2 \text{ GeV} < P_h < 15 \text{ GeV}$$
$$0.2 < z$$
$$x_F = P_{h||}^{\gamma^* - N cm} / |\vec{q}| > 0$$

Results in v for slices of z



- $R_{A}^{''}$ decreases with increasing A (except for protons)
- π^{\pm} & K⁻: R^{h}_{A} increases with increasing v
- K^+ : R^n_A increases with increasing v, but different behavior
- p: $R_{A}^{''} > 1$ at low z

Results in z for slices of $\boldsymbol{\nu}$



- R^{h}_{A} decreases with increasing z
- effect increases with increasing A
- p: $R_A^h > 1$ at low z
- K^+ : $R^h_A \simeq 1$ at low z

Results in P_{hT}^{2} for slices of z



- R^{h}_{A} increases strongly with increasing P^{2}_{hT} (Cronin effect)
- except at large z for $\pi^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$ and $K^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$

Results in z for slices of P_{hT}^2



- decrease of R_A^h with increasing z stronger at large P_{hT}^2 and A
- no Cronin effect at large z
- p: R_A^h at low z larger for large P_{hT}^2

Summary

- π^{\pm} and K^{\pm} multiplicities on hydrogen and deuterium:
 - 3-dimensional extraction
 - support notion of favored fragmentation
 - hadronization in nuclei:
 - 2-dimensional extraction
 - contribute to increased understanding of fragmentation process

Back up

Results A_{p-d}^{h} projected in z and x_{B}



Results A^h_{p-d} projected in z and Q²



Results A_{p-d}^{h} projected in z and $P_{h_{\perp}}$

