



Drell-Yan and SIDIS measurements connected to the EMC effect

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CERN Hints from high energy muons

J.J. Aubert et al. / Nucleon structure functions



"The observed x dependence of this ratio is in disagreement with existing theoretical predictions"

The EMC effect in 2013

- Universal shape
- ~Independent of Q^2
- Effect increases with: either A? or the nuclear density?



Apr 26, 2013 The EMC effect still puzzles after 30 years



D. Higinbotham, G. Miller, O. Hen and K. Rith, CERN Courier, 2013:

"Thirty years ago, high-energy muons at CERN revealed the first hints of an effect that puzzles experimentalists and theorists alike to this day."

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The EMC effect - 40 years later





- Is the EMC effect on quarks similar to that on the gluons?
- Are the Transverse Momentum Distributions (TMDs) also modified?

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 100^{22}

100³

1100¹¹

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 10^{-3}



- Are valence quark PDFs and sea quarks PDFs in nuclei modified differently or not?
- Is the EMC effect flavor-dependent?
- Is the EMC effect on quarks similar to that on the gluons?
- Are the Transverse Momentum Distributions (TMDs) also modified?

Dedicated Drell-Yan experiments could provide an answer

Could be probed using SIDIS





The Drell-Yan (-Lederman) process



Christenson et al., PRL 25 (1970) 1523



- First "dimuon" experiment at the AGS : in 1968 ! Leon Lederman's team was looking for the W
 - **Rapid fall-off:** $\sim M_{uu}^{-4}$



- Shoulder at around 3-4 GeV was unexplained: the authors missed two great discoveries: J/ψ ... and the partonic substructure of the nucleon
- Drell and Yan, PRL 25 (1970) 316 Explanation by Drell and Yan (1970)
 - Process explained using Feynman's parton model
 - First application of the parton model besides the SLAC DIS exp't





Dimuon experiments – a celebrated historical background





• Discovery of the W,Z 1983: Rubbia, van der Meer $p \rightarrow u$ z t w,Z $\overline{p} \rightarrow u$ \overline{u} \hat{s} t w,Z



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Drell-Yan cross section





Drell-Yan cross section

Convolution of beam and target PDFs $\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} \propto \sum_{i=u,d,s} e_i^2 \Big[f_i^{\pi}(x_1,Q^2) \cdot \overline{f}_i^{A}(x_2,Q^2) + \overline{f}_i^{\pi}(x_1,Q^2) \cdot f_i^{A}(x_2,Q^2) \Big]$

- DY process: quark antiquark annihilation
 - Pion beam (π^-) + proton target : $(\bar{u}d)$ + (uud) : probes *u* valence quarks in the target
 - Pion beam (π^+) + proton target : $(u\bar{d}) + (uud)$: probes d valence quarks in the target
 - Proton beam + proton target : $(uud) + (uud + \overline{u}_s u_s)$: probes sea quarks in the target







Nuclear effects – possible studies using dimuon production

- Separate valence and sea nuclear effects with DY (DIS is sensitive to both)
 - Pion beams : probe mainly valence quarks
 - Proton beams probe mainly sea quarks

- Separate different flavors (DIS is not sensitive to the individual flavors)
 - Pion (π^-) beam : probes (preferentially) valence **u** quarks
 - Pion (π^+) beam : probes (preferentially) valence d quarks
 - Can probe the flavor dependence of the nuclear mean field

- Access the gluon distribution in nuclei?
 - Assuming that the J/ψ production is well understood







NA10 results, 1987



- Beam: π^-
- ◆ Targets: ²D, W
- ◆ Energies: 140, 286 GeV

"The x₂ distribution indicates an effect (slope) quite similar in shape and magnitude to that reported by DIS experiments"



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- Beam: protons
- ◆ Targets: ²H (50 cm) C, Ca, Fe, W
- Energy: 800 GeV
- ◆ Goal: probe antiquark distribution in nuclei

"In summary, this experiment has shown almost no nuclear dependence in the production of continuum dimuon pairs.... This implies no modification of the antiquark sea in the range 0.1 - 0.3."

Alde et al, PRL 64, 368 (1990)



- Beam: protons
- ◆ Targets: Be, Fe, W
- ◆ Energy: 800 GeV
- ◆ Goal: access the shadowing region

"...the shadowing observed in Drell-Yan has been demonstrated to be quantitatively similar to that in DIS."



 x_2 region: ~0.01 – 0.12

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Comparison EMC/E772 – anti-shadowing region

- Observations
 - no enhancement of the DY antiquarks distribution
- DY (proton beam):
 - interacts mainly with antiquarks in the target
- DIS (lepton beam):
 - Sensitive to the charge weighted sum of all quarks







- Beam: protons Targets: D, C, Fe, W
- Energy: 120 GeV Statistics: = 61 000 ev (~30%)



"This implies that perhaps the nuclear modification that leads to the DIS phenomenon known as the EMC effect is exclusively an effect of the valence quarks and does not originate from the quark sea."

 x_2 region: ~0.10 – 0.50

Flavor dependence of the EMC effect

◆ Cloët, Benz and Thomas (2009):

Cloët, Bentz and Thomas, PRL 102, 252301 (2009)

 u_0, d_0

 u_A, d_A

- use nuclear matter within a covariant Nambu–Jona-Lasinio model
- look for flavour-dependence of the nuclear PDFs
 - "...for N≠Z nuclei, the u and d quarks have distinct nuclear modifications."



DIS data are not sensitive to the flavor-dependence.

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Flavor-dependent EMC : existing DY data

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- Available data
 - NA3: H₂, Pt
 - NA10: ²H, W
- Available π^+ and π^- data
 - NA3: 2063 and 5067 events
 - WA39: few hundreds events





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Flavor dependence of EMC effect – predictions at 160 GeV





Valence quark PDF ratios for ¹⁸⁴W/²H



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- Derived using global fits to the DIS and DY pion data
 - EPPS09 : u/d symmetric
 - nCTEQ15: independent *u* and *d* PDFs

u-valence *d*-valence 1.21.4**EPS09** 1 1.2 $R^W_{u_V}$ 0.81 nCTEQ15 0.6 0.8More precise data 0.20.3 $0.4 \quad 0.5 \ 0.1$ 0.30.40.20.50.1should add further x_2 x_2 constraints

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Paakkinen, Eskola, Paukkunen, PL B768, 7 (2017)

J/ ψ production mechanism

- J/ψ are produced through two main processes:
 - $q\bar{q}$ annihilation
 - gluon-gluon fusion *gg* (+*g*)
- J/ψ production advantages
 - Large cross sections (strong process)
 - Access to quark and gluon distributions in nuclei
 - Access to quark and gluon distributions in the beam





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Gluon distributions in nuclei?



with uncertainties in the CTEQ framework

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- Difficulty 1: J/ψ production mechanism
- Difficulty 2: J/ψ suppression: competition with the medium-modified gluon PDF

Measuring the glue in nuclei is still a - rewarding - challenge



10⁻²

X

 10^{-1}

0.0

 10^{-3}

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Do we understand the J/ ψ production mechanism?



◆ Two models: CEM and NRQCD

R. Vogt, Phys. Rev. C61, 035203 (2000)

Comparison: somewhat different results



Model dependence: prevents a reliable PDF determination

J/ψ – can we get rid of the production models ?



Yes! look at the production cross section for K^+ and K^-

$$K^{-}(\overline{u}s) + p(uud) \propto gg + \left[\overline{u}_{v}^{K}u_{v}^{p}\right] + \left[\overline{u}_{v}^{K}u_{s}^{p} + s_{v}^{K}s_{s}^{p}\right] + \left[\overline{u}_{s}^{K}u_{v}^{p}\right] + \left[\overline{u}_{s}^{K}u_{s}^{p} + u_{s}^{K}\overline{u}_{s}^{p} + s_{s}^{K}\overline{s}_{s}^{p} + \overline{s}_{s}^{K}s_{s}^{p}\right]$$
$$K^{+}(u\overline{s}) + p(uud) \propto gg + \left[--\right] + \left[u_{v}^{K}\overline{u}_{s}^{p} + \overline{s}_{v}^{K}s_{s}^{p}\right] + \left[\overline{u}_{s}^{K}u_{v}^{p}\right] + \left[\overline{u}_{s}^{K}u_{s}^{p} + u_{s}^{K}\overline{u}_{s}^{p} + s_{s}^{K}\overline{s}_{s}^{p} + \overline{s}_{s}^{K}s_{s}^{p}\right]$$

The cross section difference isolates solely the valence-valence term :

$$\sigma(K^{-}) - \sigma(K^{+}) \propto \overline{u}_{v}^{K} u_{v}^{p}$$

The cross section difference between K⁻and K⁺ is independent of any model





Cross sections for K^- and for K^+ for light and heavy nuclei.

$$\frac{\sigma^A(K^-) - \sigma^A(K^+)}{\sigma^p(K^-) - \sigma^p(K^+)} = \frac{\overline{u}_V^K u_V^A}{\overline{u}_V^K u_V^p} = \frac{u_V^A}{u_V^p}$$

Tools for investigating the hadron structure





SIDIS and Transverse Momentum Dependent PDFs (LT)

• EMC effect: are the TMDs in nuclei different than the TMDs in the nucleon?

◆ Answer is difficult: needed is large statistics, polarization, quark fragmentation, etc...

- Dimuon setup
 - Proposal is accepted
 - Energy: 190 GeV
 - Beams: Positive and Negative hadrons
 - Targets: ¹²C and ¹⁸⁴W

Beam

• Drell-Yan experiments shed further lights on the EMC effect.

- ◆ CERN + AMBER experiment: only place in the world with
 - 1) mesons beams (pions, kaons); also proton and antiproton beams
 - 2) positive or negative beam charge
 - 3) large and uniform acceptance (and there are planned improvements...)