



## The SeaQuest Experiment



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# Fermilab is a fantastic place!







#### Contents of the talk/Universe



#### Rich Drell-Yan and $J/\psi$ program

1. Light Anti-Quark Flavor Asymmetry



- 2. Absolute cross sections from pp and pD collisions
- 3. Nuclear dependence of Anti-Quarks in the Nuclei
- 4. Transverse momentum broadening of DY dimuons
- 5. Parton energy loss in cold nuclear matter
- 6. Search for dark photons
- 7. Many other interesting  $J/\psi$  physics topics



Experiments all over the world continue to peel the layers of the rich inner substructure!

## Goal: Study nucleon and nuclear structure

- Dynamical QCD quantum systems
  - Valence quarks
  - Gluons
  - Sea quark anti-quark pairs
- SeaQuest's goal is to study quark gluon dynamics in nucleons and nuclei in particular the sea structure



#### How to probe the nucleus?

Rutherford's gold foil experiment

- Wealth of information obtained from scattering experiments
  - Beam of known particle type, momentum, spin etc.
  - Incident on target
  - Hits recorded using detectors
  - Tracks reconstructed and physics extracted





Inner structure reveals itself with higher resolution!

#### Viewpoint: Quark Parton model

J.D. Bjorken PhysRev.179.1547 R. Feynman Phys. Rev. Lett 23, 1415-

- Nucleon consists of partons (quarks and gluons)
- Partons carry a fraction x<sub>Bj</sub> of the nucleon's longitudinal momentum in the infinite momentum frame
- Nucleon longitudinal structure can be given as an incoherent sum of the interactions of the various "free partons" under impulse approximation



Richard Feynman



James Bjorken



#### Experimental toolbox



DEEP INELASTIC SCATT

- Lepton scatters
- Exchang
  - n (or tiate between ntiquark

#### PROCESS

aark from hadron annihilates with antiquark from another hadron

- Virtual photon is created
- Decays into a lepton + antilepton
- Unique sensitivity to the anti-quark distributions

#### DIS & DY – complementary!



$$p A \rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-} X$$



McGaughey, Moss, Peng Ann.Rev. Nucl.Part.Sci.49 (1999) 217

#### What is the Drell-Yan process?



Phys.Rev.Lett. 25 (1970) 1523-1526

#### Explanation by Drell and Yan

#### MASSIVE LEPTON-PAIR PRODUCTION IN HADRON-HADRON COLLISIONS AT HIGH ENERGIES\*

Sidney D. Drell and Tung-Mow Yan

Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305 (Received 25 May 1970)

On the basis of a parton model studied earlier we consider the production process of large-mass lepton pairs from hadron-hadron inelastic collisions in the limiting region,  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Q^2/s$  finite,  $Q^2$  and s being the squared invariant masses of the lepton pair and the two initial hadrons, respectively. General scaling properties and connections with deep inelastic electron scattering are discussed. In particular, a rapidly decreasing cross section as  $Q^2/s \rightarrow 1$  is predicted as a consequence of the observed rapid falloff of the inelastic scattering structure function  $\nu W_2$  near threshold.

Underlying continuum explained in the framework of the parton model

Model explained only part of the cross section









with an anti-parton

Leading Order Drell Yan (a) Bher order processes in as section cross-section formula space time Charge weighted Drell-Yan cross summation over all Fine structure section quark flavors constant PDF of a quark of flavor i in the beam  $d^2\sigma$  $4\pi\alpha^2$  $-\sum \varepsilon_i^2 [q_{beam}(x_{beam}) \bar{q}_{targ}(x_{targ}) + q_{targ}(x_{targ}) q_{beam}(x_{beam})]$  $dx_{targ}dx_{beam}$  $9sx_{targ}x_{beam}$ Center of PDF of anti quarks of mass energy momentum momentum flavor i in the target squared fraction of quark fraction of in the beam 13 antiquark in the target

Leading Order Drell Yan cross-section formula





 $\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_{targ}dx_{beam}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9sx_{targ}x_{beam}} \sum_{i} \varepsilon_i^2 \left[q_{beam}(x_{beam}) \,\overline{q}_{targ}(x_{targ}) + \varepsilon_{targ}(x_{targ}) \,\overline{q}_{targ}(x_{targ})\right]$ 

Acceptance of the spectrometer can be tuned to study antiquark distributions

Term negligible compared to the first term

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## Accessing the anti-quark distributions Detector acceptance tuned to study the antiquark distributions of the target

Atarget  $\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_{targ}dx_{beam}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9sx_{targ}x_{beam}} \sum_{i} \varepsilon_i^2 \left[q_{beam}(x_{beam}) \overline{q}_{targ}(x_{targ}) + q_{targ}(x_{targ}) + q_{targ}(x_{targ}) \right]$ 

Ratio of cross sections of p-p and p-A reactions is the key to probing the sea structure





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#### Fermilab E906/SeaQuest Collaboration



Los Alamos National Laboratory

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- 120 GeV/c proton beam from the Main Injector at Fermilab
- Fixed target experiment that uses several cryogenic and solid targets
- Takes advantage of the Drell-Yan process to probe anti-quark distributions
- Optimized for detecting such Drell-Yan dimuons

#### Advantages of 120 GeV Main Injector

The (very successful) past: Fermilab E866/NuSea

 $4\pi \alpha^2$  1

 $9x_1x_2$  s

• Data in 1996-1997

 $dx_1 dx_2$ 

- <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>2</sup>H, and nuclear targets
- 800 GeV proton beam

The present: Fermilab E906

- Data in 2013 2017
- <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>2</sup>H, and nuclear targets
- 120 GeV proton Beam

 $e_i^2 \left[ q_{ti}(x_t) \bar{q}_{bi}(x_b) + \bar{q}_{ti}(x_t) q_{bi}(x_b) \right]$ 

- Cross section scales as 1/s
  - 7 x that of 800 GeV beam
- Backgrounds, primarily from J/ψ decays scale as s
  - 7 x Luminosity for same detector rate as 800 GeV beam

#### **Improved statistics!!**



#### TARGETS

- 2 liquid targets: hydrogen and deuterium
  - 20" long, 3" diameter flasks
- 3 solid targets:
  - carbon, iron, tungsten
- Background subtraction:
  - empty flask, nothing
- All targets <15% interaction length
- Beam time split roughly:
  - LH2 44%
  - LD2 22%
  - C, Fe, W 17%
  - random background 17%



For anti-quark flavor asymmetry studies



For Nuclear dependence studies

#### Beam microstructure



#### Randomly chosen Beam Intensity profile





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#### The SeaQuest Spectrometer



#### **Timeline of SeaQuest** Queen Mary University of London Shidows Shidows Shitown March Nov IV & V & VI Nov Π 2012 III 2013 2014 DAO upgrade Main injector upgrades Installation of Stable operation of • • Improved new St 1 drift all detector sub duty factor Commissioning run systems chamber Continue All detector Scheduled • • Dark photon road data taking subsystems work accelerator sets included into Issues and upgrades maintenance the trigger system addressed New St3- installed

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#### Event selection and reconstruction

- Invariant mass spectrum for FY 2015 data
- 30% of anticipated data
- Data agrees well with Monte Carlo (spectrometer works as expected)
- Data with Mass > 4.5 GeV are mostly dimuons coming from the Drell-Yan process



The reconstructed muon pair invariant mass spectra for the liquid hydrogen (a) and liquid deuterium (b) targets. In the lower mass region, the predominant signal is produced by  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  decay, followed by the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  decay of the  $\psi'$ . The prominence of the  $J/\psi$  provides a calibration point for the absolute field of the solid iron magnet. At invariant masses above 4.5 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> the Drell-Yan process becomes the dominant feature. The data are shown as red points. Additionally, Monte Carlo (MC) simulated distributions of Drell-Yan,  $J/\psi$ , and  $\psi'$  along with measured random coincidence and empty target backgrounds are shown. The sum of these is shown in the blue solid curve labeled MC sum. The normalizations of the Monte Carlo and the random background were from a fit to the data.

Random background from FPGA4 events 24









hit  $\leq$  Signal is a coincidence of  $\mu^+ \& \mu^-$  paths Bend plane view Mass = 7.0 GeV  $X_f = .0, .2, .4$ SM3 station 1 X<sub>f</sub>=0.0 MI Absorber X<sub>f</sub>=0.4 and Muon II. Target 10 inches Station 2 Station 3 DUMP 8  $_T = 2.9 \ GeV$  $p_T = 0.4 \ GeV$ 100 inches

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#### SeaQuest asks important questions!

## Absolute cross sections

What is the origin of the nucleon sea?

 $J/\psi$  and  $\psi'$ suppressed after generated in cold nuclear matter? Light Quark flavor asymmetry in the nucleon sea

Anti shadowing and EMC effect observed in anti-quarks in nuclei?

How much energy do partons lose while traversing cold nuclear matter? Did you just say dark photons??





Perturbative contributions calculated to be small!

D. A. Ross and C. T. Sachrajda, Nucl. Phys. B149, 497 (1979)



### NMC (1991)



 $= 0.235 \pm 0.026$ 



#### NA51 (1994)



Baldit et. al. Phys. Lett. B 332, 244-250

#### E866 (1998)



- Mapped out the *x* dependence
- Overturn at 0.2
- Drop in the ratio below 1 at  $x_B$ = 0.25 (limited statistical uncertainty and bin on edge of acceptance)
- This asymmetry has to come from a non-perturbative origin!



R.S. Towell et. al. Phys. Rev. D 64, 244-250

#### Origin of the nucleon sea

- Symmetric (perturbative and non-perturbative) component cancels away in the difference
- Non-perturbative models are motivated to explain the observed difference

x <sub>min</sub>	xmax	$\int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} (\bar{d} - \bar{u}) dx$	$Q^2$	Source	Ref.
		min	(GeV <sup>2</sup> )		
0.0	1.0	$0.147 \pm .026$	4	NMC	[8]
0.015	0.35	$0.080\pm0.011$	54	NUSEA	[12]
0.0	1.0	$0.118 \pm 0.012$	54	NUSEA	[12]
0.001	1.0	0.165	54	CT66nlo	[31]
0.001	1.0	0.114	54	CT10nlo	[16]
0.001	1.0	0.116	2	CT10nlo	[16]
0.01	1.0	0.090	54	CT14nlo	[17]
0.001	1.0	0.086	1	Stat. Mod.	[32]
0.	1.0	0.13	?	Det. Bal.	[33]
0.02	0.345	0.108	54	Chiral Soliton	[34]
0.0	1.0	$0.13 \pm 0.07$	?	Lattice	[35]

Table I. Integrals of  $(\bar{d} - \bar{u})$  from  $x_{min}$  to  $x_{max}$  from experiment (NMC and NUSEA) and from several global fits (CTEQ6.6, CTEQ10, CTEQ14), calculations (Lattice), and models (Statistical and Detailed Balance). The weak variation of the integral to the choice of scale is illustrated with the CTEQ10 comparison at 2 and 54 GeV<sup>2</sup>. The scales of the detailed balance and lattice calculations are not explicitly reported in those references.



D.F. Geesaman, P.E. Reimer Rept. Prog. Phys. 82 (2019) 4, 046301

#### How is the nucleon sea generated?



#### Naïve meson cloud model

Look at the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients...



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### Pauli blocking + meson cloud

- Attempts to explain the suppression of a certain flavor of quark antiquark pair
- Presence of an additional uvalence quark suppresses  $u\overline{u}$ as compared to  $d\overline{d}$
- Not fully blocked as newly created antiquark can exist with other antiquarks with a different color

Dynamics of light antiquarks in the proton

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FIG. 11. Contributions from pions with  $\Lambda_{\pi N} = 1$  GeV and  $\Lambda_{\pi \Delta} = 1.3$  GeV (dashed) and from antisymmetrization (dotted) to the (a)  $\overline{d} - \overline{u}$  difference and (b)  $\overline{d}/\overline{u}$  ratio, and the combined effect (solid).

Phys. Rev. D 59, 014033 (1998) Phys. Rev. D 15, 2590
#### Many models... none predict drop below 1 at x = 0.25



A model that captures the correct nonperturbative physics that generates the nucleon sea will account for the observed flavor asymmetry!





Chiral Quark Soliton model

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#### Article

#### The asymmetry of antimatter in the proton

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The nuclear physicist Paul Reimer (left) amid SeaQuest, an experiment at Fermilab the out of used parts.

Protons are messy on the inside. Made of constantly shifting collection of transient quarks and an together.



 ~30% of the anticipated data

 Ratio of crosssections of LD2 and LH2



# $\frac{\sigma_{pd}}{2\sigma_{pp}}$ Cross section ratio results

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$$Q^2 = x_1 x_2 s$$

1.4 1.3 1.2 1.1  $\sigma_{D}^{}$  / ( $2\sigma_{H}^{}$ ) SeaQuest/E906 0.9 Syst. uncert. NuSea/E866 0.8 CT18NLO, SeaQuest kinematics +++++ CT18NLO, NuSea kinematics 0.7 0.6 0.2 0.1 0.3 0.4  $\mathbf{x}_{t}$ 

 $d(x)/\overline{u}(x)$  - results

Dove et.al. Nature 590, 561 – 565 (2021)



SeaQuest data points show that nature prefers anti-down over anti-up in the proton!

 $d(x)/\overline{u}(x)$  - results



- Higher statistical precision compared to NuSea in the intermediate x region
- SeaQuest data points stay above 1 for all of the measured range of x

 $\overline{d}(x)/\overline{u}(x)$  - results

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• Good agreement with Alberg and Miller, and Basso et al.

# Recap - I





Anti-quark distributions in the nucleon



W.-C. Chang, J.-C. Peng / Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 79 (2014) 95–135

#### Table 5

Prediction of various theoretical models on the integral  $I_{\Delta} = \int_{0}^{1} [\Delta \bar{u}(x) - \Delta \bar{d}(x)] dx$ .

Model	$I_{\Delta}$ prediction	Ref.
Meson cloud ( $\pi$ -meson)	0	[31,127]
Meson cloud ( $\rho$ -meson)	$\simeq -$ 0.0007 to $-$ 0.027	[117]
Meson cloud ( $\pi - \rho$ interf.)	$=$ - 6 $\int_0^1 g^p(x) dx$	[118]
Meson cloud ( $\rho$ and $\pi - \rho$ interf.)	$\simeq -$ 0.004 to $-$ 0.033	[119]
Meson cloud ( $\rho$ -meson)	<0	[120]
Meson cloud ( $\pi - \sigma$ interf.)	<b>≃0.12</b>	[132]
Pauli-blocking (bag-model)	$\simeq$ 0.09	[119]
Pauli-blocking (ansatz)	<b>≃0.3</b>	[128]
Pauli-blocking	$=\frac{5}{3}\int_0^1 [\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x)]dx \simeq 0.2$	[129]
Chiral-quark soliton	0.31	[130]
Chiral-quark soliton	$\simeq \int_0^1 2x^{0.12} [\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x)] dx$	[131]
Instanton	$=\frac{5}{3}\int_0^1 [\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x)]dx \simeq 0.2$	[123]
Statistical	$\simeq \int_0^1 [\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x)] dx \simeq 0.12$	[41]
Statistical	$> \int_0^1 [\bar{d}(x) - \bar{u}(x)] dx > 0.12$	[126]

Spin contributions of anti-quarks





Constraints on various non perturbative models that attempt to explain nucleon sea at high-*x* 

Nucleon sea

 $\overline{d}(x)/\overline{u}(x)$ \*unpolarized

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## Summary

#### Dove et. al. Nature 590, 561 – 565 (2021)



MAI (MeV)

## THANK YOU!

# Absolute cross sections from p+d interactions

- The proton deuterium data can be used to look into *ubar(x)* + *dbar(x)* at intermediate *x*, where the sea quark distribution is poorly known.
- In order to calculate *dbar(x) ubar(x)* from *dbar(x)/ubar(x)*, knowledge of *dbar(x)* + *ubar(x)* is required
- *u*(*x*) well known at intermediate-x
  On the contrary *ubar*(*x*) + *dbar*(*x*)
  has huge uncertainties for x>0.3

 $a_{1 > r^2} \approx \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9M^4} \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_1 + x_2} \left(\frac{4u(x_1) + d(x_1)}{9}\right)$ 

 $\sigma_{pd} = \sigma_{pp} + \sigma_{pn}$ 

 $\frac{d^2\sigma_{pd}}{dM^2dx_F}$ 



#### Slide credit: Shivangi Prasad

#### *ubar(x)+dbar(x)* from SeaQuest

- Data taken on LD2 target
- Analysis in progress





## Nuclear dependence in DIS



### One prediction...



Phys. Rev. Lett 64, 1342 (1990)

Shadowing and Anti-Shadowing of Nuclear Structure Functions\*

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Finally, we note that due to the perturbative QCD factorization theorem for inclusive reactions, the same analysis can be extended to Drell-Yan processes. Thus shadowing and anti-shadowing should also be observable in the nuclear structure function  $F_2^A(x_2, Q^2)$  extracted from massive lepton pair production on nuclear target<sup>18</sup> at low  $x_2$ .

Drell-Yan process sensitive to antiquarks distributions in the target!

#### Nuclear dependence in Drell-Yan



Alde et. al. E772 Collaboration. Phys. Rev. Lett. 64.2479 (1990)

 More precise measurements needed in the anti-shadowing and EMC region!

#### Nuclear dependence in Drell-Yan

- The binding of nucleons in a nucleus is expected to be governed by the exchange of virtual "nuclear mesons"
- Some models predict an enhancement in the cross section ratio due to the increase of virtual mesons in heavier targets relative to deuterium



\*Theoretical predictions for 800 GeV

P. Reimer, D. Geesaman, *et al.*, "Drell-Yan Measurements of Nucleon and Nuclear Structure with the Fermilab Main Injector: E906," 2006.

#### Nuclear dependence in Drell-Yan

- The binding of nucleons in a nucleus is expected to be governed by the exchange of virtual "nuclear mesons"
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- Others expect a decrease in the cross section ratio



P. Reimer, D. Geesaman, *et al.*, "Drell-Yan Measurements of Nucleon and Nuclear Structure with the Fermilab Main Injector: E906," 2006.

## Cross section ratios - R<sub>pA</sub>

1. Data taken on C, Fe, W, LD2, LH2, empty flask and no target and analysis based on Run II and Run III data

- 2. Per-nucleon cross section ratios obtained after extrapolating to 0 trigger intensity where rate dependence effects simply vanish
- 3. No isoscalar corrections applied

\*trigger intensity = instantaneous intensity of each triggered RF bucket by beam Cerenkov counter

#### SeaQuest results



- No enhancement seen as in the case of a pion excess model!
- EMC like behavior is displayed but results are consistent with 1

## SeaQuest comparison with E772



- No enhancement seen as in the case of a pion excess model!
- EMC like behavior is displayed but results are consistent with 1
- Basically in agreement with E772 results in the overlap region

### Systematic uncertainties

Real Extrapolation function fit (major)

- $\Im$  J/ $\psi$  and  $\psi'$  tail contamination into the high mass region
- ☑ Choice of trigger intensity binning and range
- CS Liquid deuterium contamination
- ☑ 2% overall normalization and 0.5% beam on solid target correction
- Cost Difference between LH2 and LD2 target flask lengths

#### RECAP - II



## Parton energy loss in cold nuclear matter

- QCD partons are thought to lose energy while strongly interacting with cold nuclear matter
- RHAS significant implications for RHIC physics in terms of setting the baseline for energy loss in p-A collisions



### Motivating theory models

• First model: Gavin and Milana

$$\Delta x_1 = -\kappa_1 x_1 A^{1/3},$$

- $\Delta x_1 \approx 0.4 \%$  / fm and  $k_1$  has Q<sup>2</sup> dependence
- Second model: Brodsky and Hoyer

$$\Delta x_1 \approx -\frac{\kappa_2}{s} A^{1/3},$$

- Energy loss should be  $\leq 0.5 \text{ GeV/fm}$
- Third model: Baier et. al.(formulation of model 2 extended)

$$\Delta x_1 \approx -\frac{\kappa_3}{s} A^{2/3}.$$

Definitions:

- $\Delta x_1$  the average change in the incident-parton momentum fraction
- S square of the nucleonnucleon center of mass energy
- A nucleon mass

#### Measurements of E866

- Rev E866 placed upper limits on the energy loss
- Shadowing could contribute to the drop in the cross section.
- Need for measurements that are not influenced by shadowing region
- SeaQuest is able to measure energy loss at a lower beam energy well out of the shadowing region



FIG. 4. Ratios of the cross section per nucleon versus  $x_1$  for Fe/Be (upper panel) and W/Be (lower panel), corrected for shadowing. The solid curves are the best fit using the energy loss form (1), and the dashed curves show the  $1\sigma$  upper limits. The dotted curves show the  $1\sigma$  upper limits using the energy loss form (3). The  $1\sigma$  upper limit curves using the energy loss form (2) are essentially identical to those using form (3).



### Role of SeaQuest

№ 120 GeV is expected to be more sensitive to energy loss effects

- SeaQuest measured 0.13 < x < 0.45 which includes region well out of the shadowing region
- Analysis of this data is in progress!



#### Projections for SeaQuest

#### **RECAP - III**



#### p<sub>T</sub> broadening in Drell-Yan dimuons

- 1. NA10 observed pT broadening for pi's on W and LD<sub>2</sub> Drell-Yan reactions
- 2. They observed differences for 140 and 286 GeV attributed to parton multiple scattering of the parton in the nuclear medium and also differences in pT distributions at these two energies
- 3. NA10 used two different target lengths and observed similar broadening (i.e. broadening not coming from the incident pion beam getting scattered along the target but from the parton scattering within the nucleus where DY reaction takes place)

#### OBSERVATION OF A NUCLEAR DEPENDENCE OF THE TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTION OF MASSIVE MUON PAIRS PRODUCED IN HADRONIC COLLISIONS

NA10 Collaboration



#### E772 observations

- 1. E772 (unpublished) data shown
- Ratio rises above 1 for pT > 0.8 GeV/c and slightly earlier for Tungsten
- 3. Slight reduction in low pT region and a rise in high pT region attributed to multiple scattering



#### E866 observations

- Similar observations as E772
- Drop in the low p<sub>T</sub> region and rise in the high p<sub>T</sub> region
- How does this look like for 120 GeV?



FIG. 3. Ratios of the measured Drell-Yan cross section per nucleon versus  $p_T$ . Solid circles show ratios of Fe/Be and W/Be from the present experiment, and open circles show ratios of Fe/C and W/C from E772. The dashed curves are shadowing predictions for the present experiment.

Vasiliev et al PRL 83 12 1999

#### Energy loss and p<sub>T</sub> broadening

ເ ℝ The goal is to eventually get to <  $ΔP_T^2$ > which can be connected to energy loss (in some models) via

$$-dE/dz = \frac{1}{4}\alpha_s N_c p_t^2,$$

Also, the interesting question to ask is, do we see the same or different broadening for a lower beam energy?



P. L. McGaughey, J. M. Moss and J. C. Peng, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 49, 217 (1999); J. C. Peng, arXiv:hep-ph/9912371.

#### SeaQuest results



- Ratio consistent with 1 for carbon/LD<sub>2</sub>
- Drop in the ratio in low pT region and a slight enhancement in the high pT region observed for Fe/LD<sub>2</sub>
- More prominent broadening in the case of W/LD<sub>2</sub>

#### **RECAP - IV**



### What's the matter?

- Dark matter is:
  - one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of modern physics
  - a central element for cosmology and astronomy
  - about 27% of the energy density of the Universe


#### Dark matter - motivation

F. Zwicky, ApJ 86 (1937) 217 Motion of individual galaxies in coma clusters



Dai, De-Chang *et al.* Phys.Rev. D78 (2008) 104004 arXiv:0806.4319



Bullet clusters - aftermath

Gravitational lensing of galaxies





P. Agrawal et al., arXiv: 1404.1373 T. Daylan et al, arXiv: 1402.6703 Hooper and Linden, PRD, arXiv:1110.0006 B. D. Fields, S. L. Shapiro, J. Shelton, PRL 113 (2014) 151302 V. Rubin et al, ApJ 238 (1980) 471 Rotational curves of individual galaxies



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M. Aguilar et al., PRL 113 (2014) 121101



Positron fraction excess

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#### Dark Sector and Standard Model coupling



- Dark Sector could interact with the Standard Model sector via a hidden gauge boson (A' or "dark photon" or "para photon" or "hidden photon")
- Dark photons can provide a portal into the Dark Sector
- Dark photons could couple to Standard Model matter with  $\alpha' = \alpha \epsilon^2$

 $\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{SM} F_{SM}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^{\text{hidden}} F_{\text{hidden}}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^{SM} F_{\text{hidden}}^{\mu\nu} + m_{\gamma}^2 A_{\mu}^{\text{hidden}} A_{\text{hidden}}^{\mu}$ 

A'7 mm

A' produced via a loop mechanism

B. Holdom, PLB **166** (1986) 196 J. D. Bjorken et al, PRD **80** (2009) 075018

## Possible A' production mechanisms

Proton Bremsstrahlung

• η ... decay



• Dark Drell-Yan process



#### CARTOON OF A DARK PHOTON EVENT



#### CARTOON OF A DRELL YAN EVENT



### SeaQuest projections

2E12 ppp 200 days 10 event contours

$$l_o \approx \frac{0.8 \, cm}{N_{eff}} \left(\frac{E_o}{10 \, GeV}\right) \left(\frac{10^{-4}}{\varepsilon}\right)^2 \left(\frac{100 \, MeV}{m_{A'}}\right)^2$$

J. D. Bjorken et al, PRD **80** (2009) 075018

- $E_0$  = energy of the A'
- $N_{eff}$  = no. of available decay products
- $l_0$  = distance that A' travels before decaying
- ε = coupling constant between standard model and dark sector
- $m_{A'}$  = mass of A'



S. Gardner, R. J. Holt, A. Tadepalli, *Phys.Rev.D* 93 (2016) 11, 115015 arxiv:<u>1509.00050</u> [hep-ph] 77





Thank you!

 $\overline{d}(x)/\overline{u}(x)$  - results



# Q<sup>2</sup> evolution of pdfs



- Differences in Q<sup>2</sup> according to CT10
- Difference between SeaQuest and E866 because of Q<sup>2</sup> evolution is small

### Live protons



# J/psi background scaling



Schub et al. Phys. Rev. D 52 1307, 1995

# Extrapolation method

- We calculate the cross sections using hits from detectors
- We plot the ratio of cross sections of two targets as a function of the # of protons in the triggered bucket
- There is a slope for the DY dimuon yield ratio that could be caused by aspects of rate dependence
  - Different accidental backgrounds
  - Relative tracking efficiency difference
  - DAQ dead time differences
- Rate dependence vanishes at beam intensity = 0!



## Extrapolation method contd...

- SeaQuest had collected enough statistics to allow a separation of the data into different x<sub>T</sub> bins
- Extract intercept at 0 which is free from accidental background and rate dependence!



\*Linear fit shown for simplicity!



#### Drell-Yan Kinematics

4-vectors:  $p_{targ}$ ,  $p_{beam}$ ,  $p_{\mu+}$ ,  $p_{\mu-}$   $p_{cms} = p_{targ} + p_{beam}$  $p_{sum} = p_{\mu+} + p_{\mu-}$ 

X<sub>beam</sub> = p<sub>targ</sub> p<sub>sum</sub> / (p<sub>targ</sub> p<sub>cms</sub>) X<sub>targ</sub> = p<sub>beam</sub> p<sub>sum</sub> / (p<sub>beam</sub> p<sub>cms</sub>)

 $M_{Y}^{2} / S = X_{beam} X_{targ}$ XF ~ X<sub>beam</sub> - X<sub>targ</sub>

Note that the  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $p\mu^+$  and  $p\mu^-$  planes are not necessarily coplanar - this gives access to  $p_T$ .

#### **Intensity Dependence**



#### Role of SeaQuest

- SeaQuest explored the high-x region for Drell-Yan reactions
- Higher precision compared to E772



P. Reimer, D. Geesaman, *et al.*, "Drell-Yan Measurements of Nucleon and Nuclear Structure with the Fermilab Main Injector: E906," 2006.