Color Coherence and Color Entanglement Recent Results from the PHENIX Experiment at RHIC

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Motivation

- Understanding QCD as a non-Abelian gauge theory: what role does color and color flow play?
- Recent papers from the nucleon structure community studying "color entanglement"
- Studies from the Tevatron and, more recently, CMS on "color coherence"
- Are these related in any way?? If at all??
- Note that this talk is based off of the following publications, and references therein (additional refs. in backups):
 - Color entanglement
 - T.C. Rogers and P. J. Mulders: Phys. Rev. D 81, 094006 (2010)
 - PHENIX Collaboration: arXiv:1609.04769 (submitted to Phys. Rev. D)
 - Color coherence
 - Y. Dokshitzer et. al: Rev. Mod. Phys., 60:373 (1988)
 - CMS Collaboration: Eur. Phys. J. C (2014) 74: 2901

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QCD Factorization

- QCD factorization theorem - a corner stone of perturbative calculations
- Separate initial-state and final-state nonperturbative behavior from a perturbatively calculable hard function
- Nonperturbative functions historically approximated as a function of x and Q² only



- There must be transverse motion of partons due to confined nature of partons, as well as NLO radiation
- For a multidimensional description of nucleon structure, can also include transverse-momentum-dependence of partons within a nucleon

Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs): $f(x, Q^2) \rightarrow f(x, k_T, Q^2)$ Fragmentation Functions (FFs): $D(z, Q^2) \rightarrow D(z, j_T, Q^2)$

• Small transverse momentum scale introduces a two-scale problem: $\Lambda_{QCD} \lesssim k_T \ll Q^2$

Color Entanglement

- Factorization breaking (color entanglement) predicted in a transverse-momentumdependent framework for $p + p \rightarrow h_1 + h_2$ (Phys. Rev. D 81, 094006 (2010))
- Individual nonperturbative functions no longer defined partons are quantum mechanically entangled via color across hadrons
- Novel color flow paths through entire hard scattering possible from soft gluon exchanges with hadron remnants in both the initial and final state



• Consequence of QCD as a non-Abelian gauge theory

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- Entanglement arises from interference between soft gluons in the strong coupling regime
- Requires colored objects in both the initial and final states, i.e. $\geq \! 3$ partons in hard scattering
 - Gluon exchanges in the initial and final states necessary
 - NOT predicted in $e^+e^-
 ightarrow$ jets, Drell-Yan, Semi-Inclusive DIS
- Color flow connects partons in the hard scattering with remnants of the collision
- Requires explicit transverse-momentum-dependence in the PDFs and FFs in the strictly collinear factorization framework the graphs leading to the entanglement cancel *after* integration over transverse momentum

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First Measurement

- First measurement searching for predicted color entanglement effects from the PHENIX experiment at RHIC
- Perturbative transverse momentum dependent evolution, which comes directly from the generalized TMD QCD factorization theorem, predicts increasing momentum widths with hard scale of interaction
- PHENIX measured opposite: decreasing widths in $p + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + h^{\pm}$ and $p + p \rightarrow \gamma + h^{\pm}$



Color Coherence

- Color coherence predicted 30 years ago in a perturbative framework
- Predicted due to color interference effects in multiple-jet final states
- Originally predicted for e⁺e⁻→3 jets in final state, but effects can be present connecting initial to final states in p + p →jets



- Also known as the drag effect - radiation of gluon "drags" color away from vertex
- Destructive interference inhibits particle production in certain regions of phase space

- Coherence arises from destructive interference of gluons in the final-state
- Results in a suppression of hadrons opposite the radiated gluon (where the destructive interference occurs)
 - i.e. there is an angular dependence to the final-state hadron/jet production
- Predicted in perturbative modified leading logarithmic approximation
- \bullet Color topology of hard process affects jet evolution in processes with $\geq\!\!3$ partons
- Alters soft particle production accompanying high p_T jets

- Measurements first in $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3$ jets observed coherence effects
- Measurements at D0 and CDF first to study coherence effects in hadronic collisions
- Recently CMS published new coherence results in pp →jets



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PYTHIA Reproduction of Effects



Phys. Rev. D 50, 5562 (1994)

- PYTHIA reproduces color coherence effects reasonably and (possible) color entanglement effects quite well
- PYTHIA includes angular ordering effects and color interactions with remnants
- Traditional pQCD calculations don't include any interactions with remnants,
 i.e. p+p →h+X

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Similarities Between Entanglement and Coherence

- Gluon interference is the underlying physical process driving effects
- Color topology throughout entire hard process important Color connection between incoming and outgoing partons
- Angular dependence of measured hadrons modified
- Initial and final-state interactions important
- PYTHIA reproduces effects reasonably well
- From what I have found, there are no strictly perturbative calculations compared to data only Monte Carlo showering/event generators
- One ideal measurement: Prompt photon+jet? Limits potential color paths/flows

Differences Between Entanglement and Coherence

Entanglement	Coherence
	No explicit transverse-
Predicted in a transverse-momentum-	momentum-dependence necessary
dependent framework	(although two leading jets
	are nearly back-to-back!)
Nonperturbative effect	Perturbatively generated gluon jets result in measured effects
with PDFs and FFs no longer	
factorizing from each other	
Requires initial and final state	Measured in $e^+e^- ightarrow 3$ jet events
interactions with hard process	
	Color flow doesn't explicitly
Color flow explicitly	require remnants (?) although
includes remnants	measurements show "remnants"
	(forward rapidities) are preferred

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- Many recent experimental studies emphasizing the role that color flow plays in hard QCD processes
- Color entanglement and color coherence both predicted in hadronic collisions with final-state colored partons
- Both result from interference of gluon radiation between initial and final-state partons involved in the hard process
- Some noticeable differences though: Are these phenomena related and if so, how?
- What can we learn from different communities studying (seemingly) similar phenomena specific to non-Abelian QCD?

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- Additional references within above sources

Color Coherence Diagrams





CMS definition of β





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Entanglement and Coherence

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Color Coherence in $p + p \rightarrow jets$



Figure 10.3: Color antennae for two crossing high- $p_{\perp} qq$ scattering processes and the drawings of the corresponding particle flows.

- Particle flows in high p_T scattering processes
- Color coherence constructive interference occurs between seemingly "independent" partons

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PHENIX Data Comparison with PYTHIA

- PYTHIA reproduces (surprising) negative slope of data
- PYTHIA magnitude differs by ~15%
- Likely due to PYTHIAs handling of nonperturbative gluon radiation



Collins-Soper-Sterman (CSS) Evolution

- CSS evolution first published in 1985. Similar to DGLAP evolution equation, but includes small transverse momentum scale
- Has been used to successfully describe global Drell-Yan and Tevatron Z⁰ cross sections
- Clear qualitative prediction momentum widths sensitive to nonperturbative transverse momentum increase with increasing hard scale
- Due to increased phase space for hard gluon radiation



Drell-Yan/Z and Semi-Inclusive DIS in CSS Evolution

- Measurements show that Drell-Yan and semi-inclusive DIS follow theoretical prediction widths rise with hard scattering scale
- The theoretical evolution prediction comes directly out of the derivation for transverse-momentumdependent factorization



Drell-Yan/Z and Semi-Inclusive DIS in CSS Evolution

- Phenomenological studies confirm that Drell-Yan and semi-inclusive DIS follow theoretical prediction
- The evolution prediction comes directly out of the derivation for transversemomentum-dependent (TMD) factorization
 - If TMD factorization, then CSS evolution. If not CSS evolution, then not TMD factorization!
- Drell-Yan and semi-inclusive DIS clearly follow theoretical prediction





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Definition of PHENIX Observables



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- *p*_{out} distributions show Gaussian transition to Power law
- Indicates transition from nonperturbative gluon to perturbative gluon sensitivity
- Nearly back-to-back hadrons around $p_{out} \sim 0$ sensitive to only soft k_T and j_T

