Higher-twist dynamics in large $p_\perp$ hadron production

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Reference

FA, Brodsky, Hwang, Sickles, arXiv:0910.4604

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Let's take the inclusive pion production as an example...

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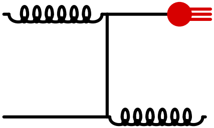

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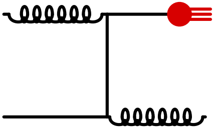

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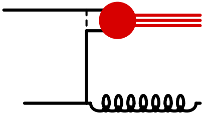

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Remarks

- $F(x_\perp)$ falls faster than $F'(x_\perp)$ with $x_\perp$ from the larger number of spectator partons [Brodsky Burkardt Schmidt 1995]

$$F(x_\perp) \sim (1 - x_\perp)^{2n_{\text{spectator}} - 1 + 2\Delta s}$$

- Higher-twist processes naturally suppressed at large $p_\perp$

Higher-twist contributions possible at high $x_\perp$ and not too large $p_\perp$

[Sivers Brodsky Blankenbecler 1975]

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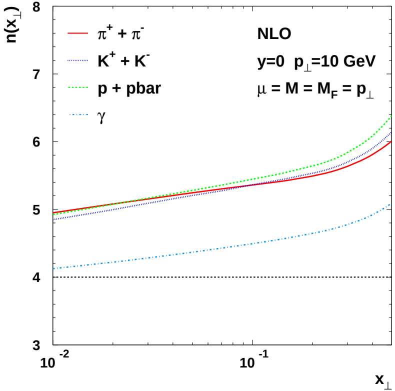

- Slight increase of n^h with $x_\perp$ from $n^h \simeq 5$ to 6
- Smaller exponent in the photon sector: $n^\gamma \simeq n^h - 1$
  - lesser scaling violations due to (almost) no fragmentation component
- Almost no difference between hadron species

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This analysis: systematic comparison between data and NLO expectations

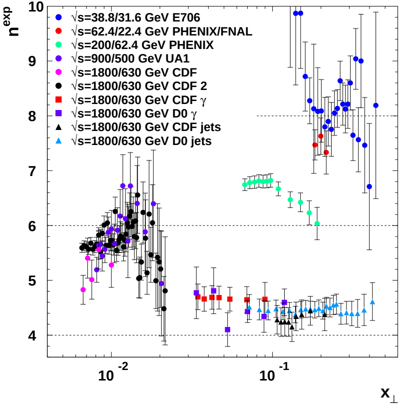
Data analysis

- Scaling exponent extracted by comparing $x_\perp$ spectra at two $\sqrt{s}$

$$n^{\exp}(x_\perp) \equiv -\frac{\ln\left[\sigma^{\mathrm{inv}}(x_\perp, \sqrt{s_1})/\sigma^{\mathrm{inv}}(x_\perp, \sqrt{s_2})\right]}{\ln\left(\sqrt{s_1}/\sqrt{s_2}\right)}$$

  within the same experiment in order to reduce systematic errors
- Particle production at mid-rapidity
  - hadrons (π and $h^\pm$), prompt photons, jets
- Data sets
  - most recent measurements: CDF, D0, E706, PHENIX
  - ...as well as older ISR data

Results



- Significant increase of the hadron $n^{\rm exp}$ with $x_\perp$
  - $n^{\rm exp} \simeq 8$ at large $x_\perp$
- Huge contrast with photons and jets !
  - $n^{\rm exp}$ constant and slight above 4 at all $x_\perp$

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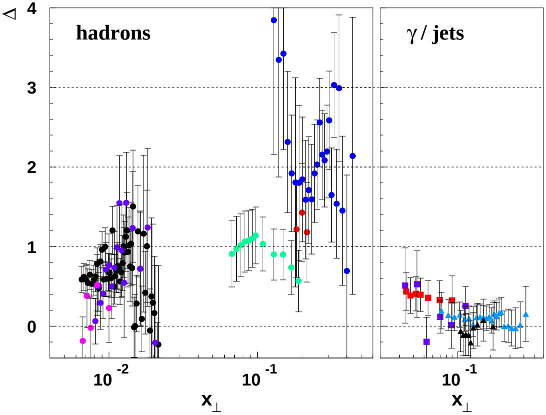

NLO calculations carried out within the experimental kinematics ($p_\perp$, $\sqrt{s}$)

$$\Delta(x_\perp) \equiv n^{\mathrm{exp}} - n^{\mathrm{NLO}}$$

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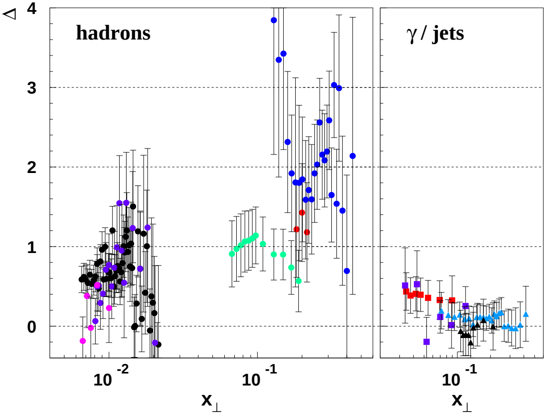

- $\Delta^h \simeq 0.5 - 2$ from small to large $x_\perp$
- $\Delta^{\gamma/\mathrm{jets}}$ consistent with 0
- Error bars include theoretical uncertainty $\mu = p_\perp/2$ to $2p_\perp$

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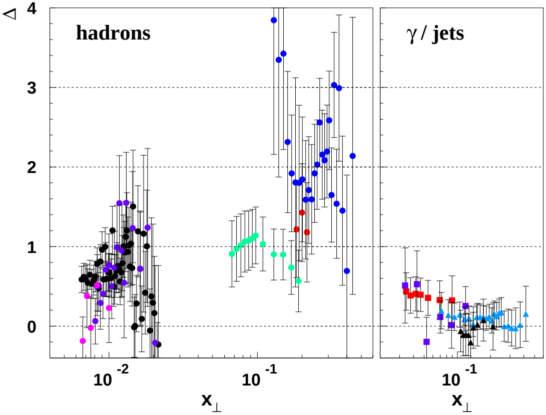

Clear hierarchy

Tevatron	$x_\perp \sim 10^{-2}$	$\Delta \simeq 0.5$
RHIC	$x_\perp \sim 10^{-1}$	$\Delta \simeq 1$
fixed target	$x_\perp \sim$ few times 10^{-1}	$\Delta \simeq 2$

Interpretations

Resummation of large "threshold" logs $\ln(1 - x_\perp)$ could explain part of the data. However, data – theory discrepancy even at small $x_\perp \sim 10^{-2}$

Most natural explanation

Higher-twist contributions : $q\ \bar{q} \ \rightarrow g\ \pi$ and $q\ g \ \rightarrow q\ \pi$

- HT effects absent in photon and jet production
- scale dependence
- meson vs. baryon behavior

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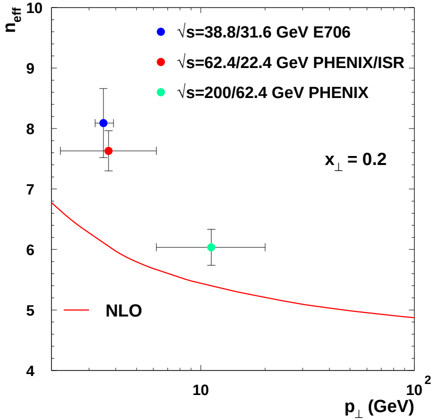

- QCD slowly approaches $n = 4$ in the Bjorken limit ($s \to \infty$, fixed $x_\perp$)
- data – theory discrepancy larger at smaller $p_\perp$

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2-component toy-model

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Limits

$$n_{\rm eff}(x_\perp, p_\perp) = n^{\rm NLO}(x_\perp, p_\perp) \qquad \text{for } B \ll A \times p_\perp^2$$

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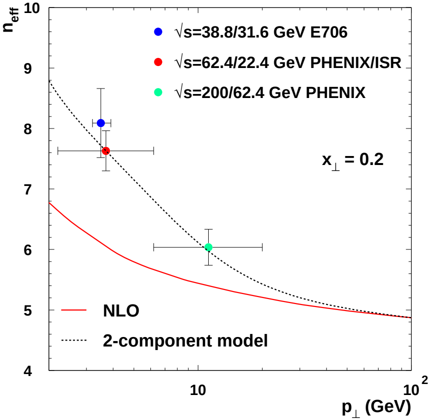

- Fit gives $[B(x_\perp)/A(x_\perp)]^{1/2} \simeq 4 - 7$ GeV
- Significantly reduced because of trigger bias effect
  - $[B(x_\perp)/A(x_\perp)]^{1/2} \simeq 1$ GeV

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Predictions at RHIC and LHC

	$\sqrt{s_1}$	$\sqrt{s_2}$
RHIC	500 GeV	200 GeV
LHC	14 TeV	10 TeV

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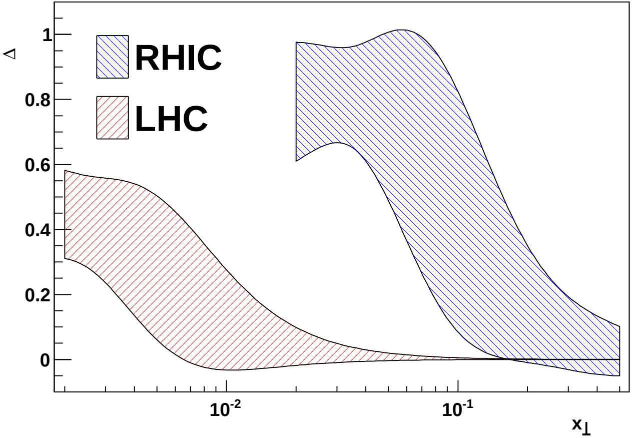

- $\Delta \lesssim 1$ at RHIC, $\Delta \approx 0.5$ at LHC
- Deviation from NLO visible below $x_\perp = 10^{-1}/10^{-2}$ at RHIC/LHC

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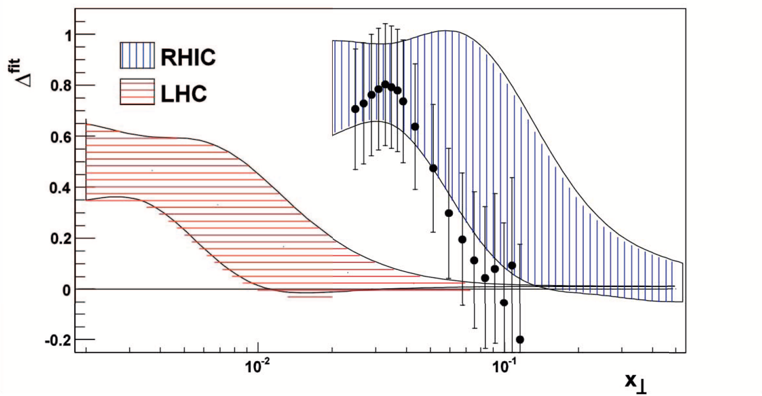
PHENIX results

Scaling exponents from $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV preliminary data

[A. Bezilevsky, APS Meeting]



- Magnitude of Δ and its $x_\perp$-dependence consistent with predictions

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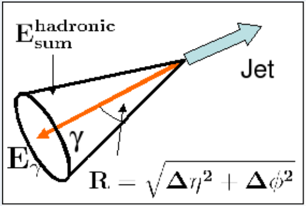

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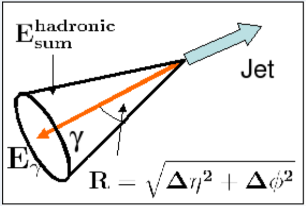

Consequence

Enhanced scaling exponent for isolated hadrons

$$n_{\mathrm{isolated}}^{h} > n_{\mathrm{inclusive}}^{h}$$

Summary

- Scaling laws
  - powerful probe of hadron production dynamics
- Analysis
  - exponents systematically extracted from hadron, photon and jet data
  - significant discrepancy in the hadron sector, esp. at large $x_\perp$
  - supports a non-negligible higher-twist contribution in large $p_\perp$ hadron production (first seen at ISR)
- Phenomenology
  - possible breakdown of NLO QCD could also be seen at these energies
  - ratio of $x_\perp$ spectra predicted in p p collisions at RHIC and LHC
  - predictions in good agreement with preliminary data at 500 GeV

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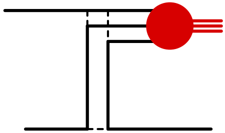

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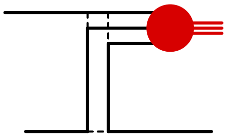

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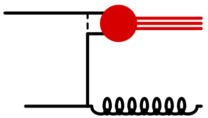
... which contrasts with pion scaling exponents



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Hadrochemistry as a useful probe of production dynamics at large $p_\perp$

Need for good hadron identification capabilities (π, K, p) at the LHC !

ISR data

Exp.	h	$\langle x_\perp \rangle$	$n_{\rm data}$	$\langle n_{\rm exp} \rangle$
ABCS	π^0	0.34 ± 0.05	5	5.7 ± 0.7
ABCSY	π^0	0.16 ± 0.04	15	8.1 ± 0.3
ACHM	π^0	0.20 ± 0.07	75	7.0 ± 0.1
BS 73	$\pi^\pm$	0.12 ± 0.02	5	9.0 ± 0.6
BS 75	$\pi^\pm$	0.15 ± 0.03	5	7.6 ± 0.2
	$K^\pm$	0.15 ± 0.03	5	7.2 ± 0.3
	$p/\bar{p}$	0.15 ± 0.03	5	8.4 ± 0.3
CCR	π^0	0.22 ± 0.07	45	8.2 ± 0.1
CCOR	π^0	0.31 ± 0.08	27	6.2 ± 0.1
CCRS	π^0,$\pi^\pm$	0.20 ± 0.06	157	8.5 ± 0.1
CP	$\pi^\pm$	0.36 ± 0.11	11	7.6 ± 0.2
	$K^\pm$	0.36 ± 0.11	11	7.6 ± 0.3
	$p/\bar{p}$	0.35 ± 0.11	10	8.8 ± 0.2
CSZ	π^0	0.28 ± 0.05	9	6.2 ± 0.7
R806	π^0	0.23 ± 0.08	30	8.0 ± 0.2

Results compatible with older ISR data