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HIGHER TWIST, HEAVY QUARK,
AND COHERENT PHENOMENA IN QCD

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Scaling violations in QCD arise in two basic ways: (1) logarithmic corrections, associated with the variation of the running coupling constant and the radiative corrections which produce structure and fragmentation-function evolution; and (2) power-law corrections, due to finite mass effects, multiparticle scattering processes, coherent wavefunction effects, and other non-perturbative phenomena. A complete quantitative confrontation of experiment and theory must take into account both types of corrections.¹

A large class of power-law suppressed contributions in QCD are related to multiparticle subprocesses where more than the minimum number of quarks or gluons are scattered from the initial to final directions. These include the entire class of high momentum transfer form factor and exclusive hadron scattering processes, and the "direct" semi-inclusive reactions in which all of the valence quarks of a meson or baryon enter directly into a short-distance subprocess: $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Mq$, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Bq$, $Mq \rightarrow \gamma^* q$, etc.^{2,3} The amplitude for such wave function sensitive reactions can be systematically computed in perturbation theory from the convolution of the corresponding quark and gluon irreducible amplitude T_B (computed as if the hadrons were replaced by collinear quarks) with the distribution amplitudes $\phi_B(x, Q)$ defined in Ref. 4. The nominal power-law dependence is obtained from dimensional counting:⁵ $T_B \sim Q^{1-n} F(\theta_{c.m.})$ where n is the total number of incident and outgoing particles. The normalization scale and multiparticle correlations are determined by ϕ_B .

One of the clearest ways to separate logarithmic and power-law corrections to scaling is in the Drell-Yan process $\pi N \rightarrow \ell \bar{\ell} X$ at large longitudinal momentum. For $x_1 \rightarrow 1$, the antiquark in the meson wavefunction becomes far-off shell $k_1^2 - m^2 \sim -k_1^2/(1-x_1) \rightarrow -\infty$, so that the dominant subprocesses can be identified as $(q\bar{q})q \rightarrow \gamma^* q$. A simple perturbative gluon-exchange calculation⁶ generates the form ($x_1 \sim 1$)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta dx_1} \propto (1-x_1)^2 (1+\cos^2\theta) + \frac{C}{Q^2} \sin^2\theta$$

where θ is the μ^+ center-of-mass angle. The constant C can be computed from a moment of the pion form factor and is normalized to $\langle k_1^2 \rangle$. Evidence for this dependence in $\pi N \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$ at large x_F (dominance of the higher twist longitudinal component of the meson structure function) was found by the Chicago-Princeton experiment E-444 at FNAL and has been recently confirmed by experiments E-615 (test run) and NA-10 at the SPS.⁶ The normalization of the longitudinal term appears larger than the leading order prediction of Ref. 3, but this could be to neglect of higher-order gluonic radiative corrections. Further checks of the predicted azimuthal and Q^2 dependence are necessary.

Related higher order QCD direct higher twist subprocesses are predicted to dominate $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi X$ and $\ell N \rightarrow \ell' \pi X$ at $x \rightarrow 1$ (corresponding to fragmentation functions $\sim (1-x)^2 + C/Q^2$). Berger and I have predicted the existence of processes

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initial state interactions in the target.¹² At quark energies large compared to a scale proportional to the target length, interactions in the target vanish (Landau-Pomeranchuk effect), but at finite Q^2 (~ 10 GeV 2 for heavy nuclei) a number of new A -dependent phenomena are predicted,¹² including growth of the lepton-pair transverse momentum with $A^{1/3}$. This effect, due to multiple elastic quark-nucleon scattering, has not been confirmed by experiment. We note that the size of the (k_\perp^2) growth could be compensated somewhat if the intrinsic transverse momentum of quarks in nuclei is reduced,¹³ just as (x) is observed to decrease with increasing A (EMC effect).

The underlying QCD mechanisms for heavy quark production in hadronic collisions are poorly understood in QCD.¹³ The $gg \rightarrow QQ$ fusion mechanism in leading order does not account for the magnitude, leading x_F dependence, A -dependence, diffractive contributions, or the striking flavor dependence of charm production. [See, e.g., the SPS data¹⁴ showing an anomalously large cross section times branching ratio for A^4 (csu) production by 135 GeV/ π^- .] The data could be indicating important contributions due to finite quark velocity effects and/or higher twist "intrinsic" heavy quark contributions in the hadron wavefunction. EMC data¹⁵ for the charm structure function indicates that the charm quark distribution in the nucleon is considerably harder than usual sea-quark distributions. This is in agreement with expectations for intrinsic heavy quark contributions in the nucleon wavefunction¹⁶ corresponding to terms connecting up to six gluon fields in the effective Lagrangian¹⁷ $\sim (D_\mu F_{\mu\nu})^2/M_Q^2$. The anomalously large cross section, leading x_F , and diffractive properties of the charm cross section could also signal other intrinsic contributions, or possibly low relative velocity enhancements of the fusion mechanism, analogous to Coulomb corrections of relative order $g\alpha/u$ in QED.¹⁸ Understanding these mechanisms is crucial for the extrapolation to heavier particle production including $b\bar{b}$, $t\bar{t}$, and supersymmetric particles.

The higher-twist, finite-velocity effects discussed here are examples of just some of the coherent phenomena expected in QCD. For example, coherent effects must be taken into account in order to understand interference effects between quark and gluon jets, as well as interference between the forward-spectator jet system and the high p_T jets which occur in hadronic collisions. A simple model for QCD (based on corresponding effects in atomic collisions), which can account for such interference effects, is discussed in Ref. 19.

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