Nuclear Physics: Nature on the Femtometer Scale

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Families within families of matter





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Research Directions in Nuclear Physics: Distance Scales and Complexity







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Study Quantum Chromo Dynamics Using Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions

- Color charge of gluons \Rightarrow they interact among themselves
 - theory is non-abelian
 - curious properties at long distance, including confinement



short distance: force is weak (probe w/ high Q², calculate with perturbation theory) *large distance*: force is strong (probe w/ low Q², calculations must be non-perturbative)

High temperature: force becomes screened by produced color-charges (gets weak)



The Quark Gluon Plasma



The QCD phase transition:

Critical temperature: 150 - 200 MeV ($\mu_B = 0$) Critical density: $\frac{1}{2} - 2 \text{ Baryons/fm}^3$ (T = 0) Critical energy density: ~1 GeV/fm³

A Mini-Bang:

Nuclear matter at extreme temperatures and density

Colliding nuclei at 100 + 100 GeV/nucleon



Using heavy ions to excite the QCD vacuum on a large scale

Central Au-Au collision: A Mini-Bang?

Charged particle multiplicity density per interacting nucleon pair



Initial energy density >10 GeV/fm³ over a volume of ~1000 fm³

Pressure: a Barometer Called "Elliptic Flow"

Origin: spatial anisotropy of the system when created, followed by multiple scattering of particles in the evolving system spatial anisotropy \rightarrow momentum anisotropy

 v_2 : 2nd harmonic *Fourier coefficient* in azimuthal distribution of particles with respect to the reaction plane







$$v_2 = \langle \cos 2\phi \rangle \qquad \phi = \operatorname{atan} \frac{p_y}{p_x}$$

v₂ Predicted by Hydrodynamics



Study Systems with Increasing Complexity to Understand: p+p, "p"+A, then A+A Collisions



start with pQCD and "hard" pp collisions: it works!

Have a handle on initial NN interactions by scattering of q, g inside N

We also need:

 $f_{a/N}(x,Q^2)$ Parton distribution functions $D_{h/a}(Z_C,Q^2)$ Fragmentation functions



leading particle

Hard Scattering Leads to Jets Use Them to Probe the Medium

- Observed via fast leading particles and their angular correlations
- In the presence of a color-deconfined medium, the partons interact strongly (~GeV/fm), losing much of their energy via gluon Bremsstrahlung.



Jets and two-particle azimuthal distributions

 $p+p \rightarrow dijet$



- trigger: highest p_T track, $p_T>4$ GeV/c
- $\Delta \phi$ distribution: 2 GeV/c<p_T<p_T^{trigger}
- normalize to number of triggers



"Opposite" Jet Suppressed As We Go from p-p to d-Au to Au-Au



- Need parton interaction cross sections 50X pQCD values to explain the quenching!
- The data indicate a hot, dense medium of final state particles characterized by strong collective interactions at very high energy densities.

Medium properties

- Extract by constraining QCD-inspired models with measured jet suppression and v₂
- Find:

Energy loss <de dz=""> (GeV/fm)</de>	7-10	0.5 in cold matter
Energy density (GeV/fm ³)	14-20	>5.5 from E _T data
dN(gluon)/dy	~1000	200-300 at SPS
T (MeV)	380-400	must measure!
Equilibration time τ_0 (fm/c)	0.6	Parton cascade agrees
Medium lifetime τ_{TOT} (fm/c)	6-7	

A Quark-Gluon Liquid???

(values from Vitev, et al; others consistent)



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Atomic Physics versus Quark Physics



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Today

The Proton and Neutron are the "Hydrogen Atoms" of QCD

What we "see" changes with spatial resolution



Nucleon and Pion Form Factors

- Fundamental ingredients in "Classical" nuclear theory
- A testing ground for theories constructing nucleons from quarks and gluons.
 - spatial distribution of charge, magnetization
- Experimental insights into nucleon structure from the flavor decomposition of the nucleon form factors

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{PRECISION} \\ & & G_E^p & G_E^n & G_E^{p,Z} \\ & & G_M^p & G_M^n & G_M^{p,Z} \end{array} \right\} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \begin{array}{c} & & G_E^u & G_E^d & G_E^s \\ & & & G_M^u & G_M^d & G_M^s \end{array}$

- Additional insights from the measurement of the form factors of nucleons embedded in the nuclear medium
 - implications for binding, equation of state, EMC...
 - precursor to QGP

The Proton's Electric Form Factor: Critical Data for Understanding Proton Structure



Previously-available data wasn't accurate enough to distinguish between theories of the proton

G_E^p/**G**_M^p as via (ė,e'p): Critical New Data



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Unraveling Nucleon Structure Through a Consistent Analysis of both G_E^p and G_Eⁿ



The Search for "Missing States" in the Quark Model Classification of N*



"Missing" Resonances?

Problem: Symmetric Constituent Quark Model predicts many more states than have been observed (in π N scattering)

Two possible solutions:

- 1. Di-quark model
 - fewer degrees-of-freedom
 - open question: mechanism for q² formation?
- 2. Not all states have been found
 - Possible reason: decoupled from the πN -channel
 - Model calculations indicate that the missing states couple to $N\pi\pi$ ($\Delta\pi$, $N\rho$), $N\omega$, KY



 γ coupling is not suppressed, so electromagnetic excitation is an ideal probe to address this question

ep eX at 4 GeV



CLAS: $ep \rightarrow epX$, E = 4GeV



CLAS Coverage for $e p \rightarrow e' X$ **E = 4 GeV**



Resonances in $\gamma^* p \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-$

CLAS



Attempts to fit observed extra strength

Analysis step #2:

CLAS

- vary parameters of known D₁₃ or

- introduce new P₁₃

P₁₃



New Resonances are also Seen with Real Photons in $\gamma p \rightarrow p \pi^+ \pi^-$



Sample results from RPI-Jlab
Preliminary (intriguing!) results Peaks clearly seen P₃₃Δπ decays presently poorly understood P₁₃Δπ, ρ N decays of great interest
No isospin separation

In Strangeness Production in the Resonance Region



- Small sample of data covering the full kinematic range in energy and angles for K⁺Λ and K⁺Σ, including recoil polarization
- Data indicate significant resonance contributions, interfering with each other and with non-resonant amplitudes.
- Extraction of resonance Parameters requires a large effort in partial wave analysis and reaction theory.

and in ω Production

- •Old data only showed forward angle peaking (Regge)
- •PDG lists no $N^* \rightarrow \omega p$ decays
- •Strong signal with e, γ beam
- •Vector particle provides interesting observables with polarized beam/target
- •Calculations from Y. Oh- 'good' representation of t-chan+res.
- •Results preliminary- strong resonance contribution, but no single signature for a single state



And there are NEW Mysteries: the "Pentaquark"



Proposed by Diakonov et al in a Chiral Soliton Model

D. Diakonov, V. Petrov, M. Polyakov, Z.Phys.A359, 305 (1997)



Pentaquarks – two model descriptions

Chiral soliton model: (Diakonov, Petrov, Polyakov)

Pentaquark comes out naturally from these models as they represent rotational excitations of the soliton [rigid core (q³) surrounded by meson fields (qq)]



Quark description (Jaffe, Wilczek)



L=1, one unit of orbital angular momentum needed to get $J=\frac{1}{2}$ as in χ SM

Lattice QCD \Rightarrow J^{π} = 1/2⁻

Tantalizing Evidence from Many Laboratories



Planned Experiments Should Resolve the Issues Definitively

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5. At What Distance and Energy Scale Does the Underlying Quark and Gluon Structure of Nuclear Matter Become Evident?

We begin with 'ab initio' ("exact") Calculations of the structure of few body nuclei, in which we assume:

- Nucleus has A nucleons interacting via force described by $V_{\mbox{\scriptsize NN}}$
- V_{NN} fit to N-N phase shifts
- Exchange currents and leading relativistic corrections in $V_{\mbox{\scriptsize NN}}$ and nucleus

We test these calculations via electromagnetic interaction studies of few-body systems where precise, directly interpretable experiments can be compared with exact calculations

The goal is to determine the limits of the meson-nucleon description and to infer where a QCD-based description becomes substantially more straightforward

Push precision, λ to identify limits and answer the question

Deuteron:

A, B, t₂₀ form factors

photodisintegration (Halls C and A, and now CLAS)

Induced polarization in photodisintegration

³He form factors to high Q²

Two Views of Deuteron Structure



Two Nucleons interacting via the (pion-mediated) NN force



Two multi-quark systems interacting via the residue of the (gluon-mediated) QCD color force

JLab Data Reveals the Size and Shape of the Deuteron



For elastic e-d scattering:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_M \left[A + B \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

 $A(Q^{2}) = G_{C}^{2} + \frac{8}{9}\tau^{2}G_{Q}^{2} + \frac{2}{3}\tau G_{Q}^{2}$ $B(Q^{2}) = \frac{4}{3}\tau(1+\tau)G_{M}^{2}$

- 3rd observable needed to separate G_c and G_Q
- \rightarrow tensor polarization t_{20}



JLab d(γ,p) Data Identified the Transition to the Quark-Gluon Description



Deuteron Photodisintegration probes momenta well beyond those accessible in (e,e') (at 90°, E_{γ} =1 GeV \Leftrightarrow Q²= 4 GeV²/c²)

Conventional nuclear theory unable to reproduce the data above ~1 GeV

Scaling behavior (d σ /dt \propto s⁻¹¹) sets in at a consistent t = - 1.37 (GeV/c)² (see \uparrow)

 \Rightarrow seeing underlying quark-gluon description for scales below ~0.1 fm



 $\begin{array}{l} d\sigma/dt \sim f(\theta_{cm})/s^{n-2}\\ \text{Where } n=n_A+n_B+n_C+n_D\\ s=(p_A+p_B)^2, \ t=(p_A-p_C)^2\\ \gamma d \rightarrow pn \ \Leftrightarrow \ n=13 \end{array}$

Exploring the Transition Region: CLAS g2

Quark Gluon String Model

- A microscopic theory for the Regge phenomenology.
- Non perturbative approach (V.Grishina et al Eur. Phys. Jour.A. 10 (2001), 355)
- Production in the intermediate states of a color string leading to factorization of amplitudes



 t channel : quark-gluon string (3 valence q + g's)



Exploring the Transition Region: CLAS g2 (cont.)



Understanding the N-N Force

In terms of mesons and nucleons:



 + Very Short Range Potential (Treated Phenomenologically)

Or in terms of quarks and gluons:



Hypernuclei Provide Essential Clues

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For the Λ -N System:



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For the Λ -N System: Long Range Terms Suppressed



ΛN Spin-Orbit Force from γ Rays of Λ Hypernuclei

Akikawa et al., PRL 88 (2002) 082501

40

5 keV





_	$\begin{bmatrix} l_{\Lambda N} s_{\Lambda} \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} l_{\Lambda N} s_{N} \end{bmatrix}$	$f S_\Lambda \ S_N$	-0.01 -0.45	-0.15 -0.25	0.0 -0.4	(MeV)
	Spin-orbit fo	orces	exp.	meson	quar	k
	2800	2900	3000	3100	3200 Εγ	3300 (keV)
Count						

Quark picture explains spin-orbit force well.



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(e,e) ⇒ Nuclear Charge Distributions



In '70s large data set was acquired on elastic electron scattering (mainly at Saclay) over large Q²-range and for variety of nuclei

"Model-independent" analysis of these data provided accurate results on charge distribution for comparison with the best available theory: Mean-Field Density-Dependent Hartree-Fock

(e,e'p) ⇒ Nucleon Momentum Distributions, Shell-by-Shell



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Possible single-particle orbitals for nucleons and for a hyperon. The nucleon orbitals are occupied up to the Fermi surface, while the hyperon orbitals are unoccupied.

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and provide the opportunity to probe the quark structure of nuclear systems in new and different ways.

Λ Single Particle Potential



Textbook example of Single-particle orbits in a nucleus

Anticipated Hypernuclear Spectra

(New JLab Facility developed by O. Hashimoto et al)



- Complements Hyperball for states that don't γ decay
- Complements π production with respect to spin, parity, and momentum transfer

With these new tools, the next generation of hypernuclear studies is now underway, with great promise for the future

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For Example: How Were the Nuclei Created? The Nuclear Microphysics of the Universe



r-process in the Early Universe



Three different stars born in early universe (measured by HST and Keck) match solar element distributions.

The identical pattern implies a unique source, fixed by nuclear structure and forces.

Rare Isotope Accelerator studies along r-process path will lead to its identification!

Rapid Neutron Capture Process (r-process)

How were the heavy elements from iron to uranium made? Two possibilities... Merging Neutron Stars Supernova shock



Rare Isotope Accelerators Provide a Laboratory for Neutron Star Science

X-ray bursts, super-bursts, and the fate of matter rp- process at extreme gravitational conditions



Summary

- There Has Been Major Progress in Nuclear Physics, and There Are Fascinating Prospects for the Future:
- Deconfined Quark Matter in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions, with Surprises: (a liquid instead of a plasma?)
- Insights into the Physics of Hadrons and their Structure, with Fascinating Surprises, Are Emerging from Electron Facilities (we're still learning about the fundamental degrees of freedom!)
- Exciting Prospects in Traditional Nuclear Physics Research Provided by Evolving New Capabilities:
 - Strangeness "impurities"
 - Intense beams of rare ion species to extend our understanding of nuclear matter and the formation of the elements
- The Large Investments in New Facilities and Our Evolving Understanding of QCD as the Theoretical Underpinning for Strongly Interacting Matter Have Provided the Foundations for this Progress