

Pion-induced Drell-Yan muon pair production on various nuclear targets at COMPASS

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Processes for Pion PDF

 $\frac{Drell-Yan}{\pi^-p \to \mu^+\mu^-X}$



sensitive to valence moderate-x to large-x

Pro : Physics model is solid

Con : Only E615, NA10 from 30yrs ago Tension between two data sets Fixed target data w/ large uncertainty

 $\frac{prompt - gamma}{\pi^- p \to \gamma X}$



sensitive to gluon moderate-x

Pro : was the only process set to constrain gluon

Con : WA70 data also from 30yrs ago Large uncertainty due to the background leading-neutron DIS (Sullivan process) $p \rightarrow \pi^+ n_{e'}$ e r^* π^+ pn

sensitive to low-x valence
better constrain gluon and sea (future EIC plan to extend the x region)

Pro: No pion beam data required High statistic data from DIS

Con : theoretical description remains uncertain.

Drell-Yan data and leading-neutron DIS data are considered two most important and complimentary processes to extract pion PDF.

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Data for Pion PDF

| | | Data for Valence | | Data for Gluon | |
|-----------|----------|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Pion PDFs | | Drell- Yan | Drell- Yan | Prompt- gamma | leading- neutron DIS |
| | | NA10 | E615 | WA70 | HERA |
| 1992 | SMRS | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1992 | GRV | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2018 | JAM | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| 2020 | xFitter | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2024 | Fantômas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |



COMPASS 2018 data is new input of DY data since 30 yrs.

- ① E615 (Fermilab) and NA10 (CERN) are more than 30 years old. A normalization issue between E615 and NA10 data, by up to 20%.
- ② We have not only W target but only from $NH_3 He$ target which gives less nuclear effects.

Pion PDF



GRV is lower than the others by 30%-50% for valence PDF

Poorly constrained for sea PDF.

GRV and SMRS has larger gluon strength than JAM and xFitter at x > 0.1

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Pion PDF has still large discrepancy between different PDF sets.

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Pion PDF

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The Fantômas PDF study shows that the instability of the fit leads to large uncertainties in the pion PDF, partly due to the choice of functional form. However, the primary source of instability originates from the large uncertainties in the existing data sets.

COmmon Muon and Proton Apparatus for Structure and Spectroscopy

Nucleon structure
Hadron structure
Hadron spectroscopy

Spectrometer

Target

Beam

Common spectrometer
High intensity muon and hadron beams



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NA58

- A fixed target experiment at CERN
- A 60m-long spectrometer
- Multiple beam choices : muon, proton, pion
- Multiple target choices : nuclear target and polarized ammonia target

Physics Variables and Studied Physics

$$LO : q\overline{q} \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow l^+ l^-$$



- Dimuon mass : $M^2 = (p_{\mu+} + p_{\mu-})^2$
- Dimuon transverse momentum : q_T
- Dimuon lontitutinal momentum : q_L
 - Feynman $x : x_F = q_L / \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}\right)$ in hadron collison frame

• Bjorken
$$-x: x_{\pi/N} = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x_F^2 + 4\frac{M^2}{s} \pm x_F})$$

PDF

S.D. Drell and T.M. Yan PRL 25 (1970) 316

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dM_{ll'}dx_F} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{9M_{ll'}^3} \left(\frac{x_\pi x_p}{x_\pi + x_p}\right) \sum Q_q^2 \left[q(x_\pi)\bar{q}(x_p) + \bar{q}(x_\pi)q(x_p)\right]$$

TMD

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$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dM_{ll}dx_F dq_T} = \sigma_0 \sum_{f_\pi, f_p} H_{f\pi fp}(M_{ll}, \mu) \int \frac{d^2 \boldsymbol{b}}{4\pi} e^{i(\boldsymbol{b}\cdot\boldsymbol{p}_T)} F_{h\pi \to f\pi}(x_\pi, \boldsymbol{b}; \mu, \zeta_1) F_{hp \to fp}(x_p, \boldsymbol{b}; \mu, \zeta_1)$$

- For PDF and TMD study, differential cross section in M, x_F , and q_T are important
- For nuclear effect study, differential cross section in x_F , q_T , x_N are of interest.

2015 and 2018 Drell-Yan Data Taking COMPASS



Target Composition



Measurement of Differential Cross Section



Only some of the topics will be presented today, ex. Luminosity, acceptance, purity extraction.

Beam Composition and Luminosity





- Beam condition
- average intensity 70 MHz
- High energy: 190 GeV
- Negative hadron beam composition: 97% pions, 2% kaons, 1% anti proton
- No PID for beam contamination (neglected and accounted for in the systematic uncertainties.)

- Luminosity
- 20 cm W : $\sim 5 f b^{-1}$
- 110 cm NH3-He : $\sim 2 f b^{-1}$
- 7 cm Al : ~ $0.5 fb^{-1}$

Acceptance of Dimuon Triggers



HMDY Sample



- High mass Drell-Yan (HMDY) data is selected to analyze in the mass region of 4.3<mass<8.5 GeV.
- Number of dimuon pair selected (after all event selections but not include purity correction) :
- ① W : 43, 000 evens
- ② NH3-He : 36, 000 events
- ③ AI : 6,000 events

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Purity Extraction

W, LL trigger



- Extraction is done with kinematic dependence (bin-by-bin).
- Purity increased with the increasing of mass and x_F , but decreased with higher q_T .

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RD and MC Comparison (NH₃)



Nice agreement between RD and MC for NH3-He cells.

RD and MC Comparison (W Target)



However, slightly worse for W cells.

Normalization Issue from E651 Data



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COMPASS Results Compare to NA10 Experiment (W Target)





- Dot: data point
- Error bar : statistical error
- Shield : total error (systematics + statistics)

Systematic of NA10 = 6.5% (no kinematic dep.)

- Compared with with NA10 experiment
- ① The normalization is at the same level for all the $\sqrt{\tau}$ bins.
- ② COMPASS has larger kinematic coverage.
- ③ NA10 has better both statistics and systematics uncertainty.

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COMPASS Results Compare to E615 Experiment (W Target)



• Compared with E615 experiment

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- ① The normalization of COMPASS data is higher at low mass but the same level in high mass.
- ② The uncertainty is overall similar, but COMPASS's is worse at low mass (due to worse resolution).

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COMPASS Results Compare to DYNLO Calculation



- DYNNLO Calculation (Phys.Rev.Lett.103:082001,2009)
- For AI and W target, use nCTEQ nuclear PDF
- For NH3-He target, use the molar mixture of proton and neutron PDF from nCTEQ with the fraction 15.7 % H, 11.1 % *He*, 73.2 % *N*
- For pion PDF, use GRV, xFitter, and JAM21
- COMPASS data has nice agreement w/ DYNNLO calculation of xFitter and JAM. The normalization from GRV is low. The reason could be the low valence contribution from GRV.



3 Dimensional Drell-Yan Cross Section



- First pion-induced DY experiment provides three dimensional cross section.
- Light NH3-He target could avoid the impact of nuclear effect.

3 Dimensional Drell-Yan cross section on W target



For W target, the uncertainty is mainly dominated by systematics of purity and acceptance, especially in the low mass.

Differential Cross Section in q_T



Average Transverse Momentum Square Study Nuclear Effect





Parton crossing nuclear medium, looses energy due to multiple scattering and gluon emission. It reflects a gain of transverse momentum for heavier nuclei, so called q_T broadening.



Differential Cross Section for Light and Heavy Targets Material to Study Nuclear Effect



The ratio of Drell-Yan cross sections between heavy and light nuclear targets provides an access to cold nuclear effects.

Estimate the Impact of COMPASS Data to Pion PDF Using xFitter Tool





We use open source tools, xFitter(fitting) and MCFM (calculation), to estimate the impact of COMPASS data to pion PDF.

Fitting Qualify



Impact to JAM PDF



JAM21PionPDFnlo

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- Reduce the uncertainty >50%.
- Contribution of valence, sea, glue stays at the same level.

Impact to xFitter PDF



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- Valence contribution is less.
- · Sea is increased.

Future Projects for Pion PDF Study

• Amber (2029): Pion induced Drell-Yan process. Positive and negative pion beam on Carbon and Tungsten target.



• EIC: Leading-neutron DIS process. 5 GeV electron beam collides with 50 GeV proton.



Wide kinematic coverage to not just better constrain of gluon (and sea), but also valence.

Summary

- Pion-induced DY data and Leading-neutron DIS data are two complimentary data sets to extract pion PDF.
- The latest pion-induced Drell-Yan data was published 30 years ago by E615 and NA10 experiments. New pion-induced Drell-Yan data from COMPASS will be new input to constrain of pion PDF/TMDPDF and the study of nuclear effect.
- The preliminary estimate of the impact of the COMPASS data on the pion PDF suggests a reduction of the uncertainty of JAM valence and xFitter valence by approximately 50%. The normalization and statistical uncertainties have been finalized. Work is ongoing to determine the correlation matrix of the various systematic uncertainties in order to provide improved input for pion PDF extraction.

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Large Valence Region of Pion PDF



NJL and pQCD NLO : $\beta \sim 1$ DSE and soft-gluon : $\beta \sim 2$ There is a great interest on the large valence region. Difference QCD model gives different prediction. On large x region valance of pion $\sim (1 - x_{\pi})^{\beta}$

- Model dependent
- $\mathcal{O} \ \beta \sim 1$:
- Nambu-Jona-Lasinio models.
- global fits based on partonic pQCD NLO calculation (GRV, SMRS, JAM, xFitter).

① $\beta \sim 2$:

- Dyson-Schwinger equations.
- soft-gluon threshold resummation. In large x region, the contribution of soft-gluon radiation increases. (usually consider x > 0.6.)
- Low statistics data :
- Contributed from pion induced Drell-Yan data. Only one data set from E615-256GeV was analyzed.
- ② Besides, the cross section in large x is rather small with large uncertainty.

Pion TMD PDF



MAP group using the current pion TMD (fit E615 and E537 data) to predict the COMPASS Drell-Yan cross section along qT. Our input will help the global fit of pion TMD.

FIG. 5: Theoretical predictions based on our fit for the unpolarized pion–nucleus DY cross section as function of the virtual vector boson transverse momentum $|q_T|$. Left panel for tungsten (W) nucleus, right panel for ammonia molecule (NH₃). Uncertainty bands correspond to 68% CL.