# Short Remarks: Baryon Stopping in photoprocesses from EMC to UPC to LHC



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#### **20 years later,** IMHO

There is some consensus on production of baryons and hyperons at high [intermediate] pT due to flow and coalescence

There is still very confusing picture on large rapidity shifts of baryon numbers

One of the striking observations at RHIC is the large valence baryon rapidity density observed at mid rapidity in central Au+Au at 130 A GeV. There are about twice as many valence protons at mid-rapidity than predicted based on extrapolation from p+p collisions. Even more striking PHENIX observed that the high pt spectrum is dominated by baryons and anti-baryons. The STAR measured event anisotropy parameter v2 for lambdas are as high as charged particles at pt ~ 2.5 GeV/c. These are completely unexpected based on conventional pQCD parton fragmentation phenomenology.

One exciting possibility is that these observables reveal the topological gluon field origin of baryon number transport referred to as baryon junctions. Another is that hydrodynamics may apply up to high pt in A+A. There is no consensus on what are the correct mechanisms for producing baryons and hyperons at high pt and large rapidity shifts and the new RHIC data provide a strong motivation to hold a meeting focusing on this class of observables. The possible role of junctions in forming CP violating domain walls and novel nuclear bucky-ball configurations would also be discussed.

In this workshop, we focused on all measured baryon distributions at RHIC energies and related theoretical considerations. To facilitate the discussions, results of heavy ion collisions at lower beam energies, results from p+A /p+p/e+e collisions were included. Some suggestions for future measurements have been made at the workshop.

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#### Can gluons trace baryon number?

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#### Abstract

QCD as a gauge non-Abelian theory imposes severe constraints on the structure of the baryon wave function. We point out that, contrary to a widely accepted belief, the traces of baryon number in a high-energy process can reside in a non-perturbative configuration of gluon fields, rather than in the valence quarks. We argue that this conjecture can be tested experimentally, since it can lead to substantial baryon asymmetry in the central rapidity region of ultra-relativistic nucleus-nucleus collisions.

In QCD, quarks carry colour, flavour, electric charge and isospin. It seems only natural to assume that they also trace baryon number. However, this latter assump-



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which is ignored in most of the naive quark model formulations. This constraint turns out to be very severe; in fact, there is only one way to construct a gaugeinvariant state vector of a baryon from quarks and gluons [1] (note however that there is a large amount of freedom in choosing the paths connecting x to  $x_i$ ):

 $B = \epsilon^{ijk} \left[ P \exp\left( ig \int_{x_1}^{x_1} A_{\mu} dx^{\mu} \right) q(x_1) \right]_i$  $\times \left[ P \exp\left( ig \int^{x} A_{\mu} dx^{\mu} \right) q(x_{2}) \right]_{\mu}$ 

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tonowing. The sumg junction, connected to an unce of the valence quarks, is confined inside the baryon, whereas *pp* collisions become on the average more and more peripheral at high energies. Therefore, in a typical high-energy collision, the string junctions of the colliding baryons pass far away from each other in the impact parameter plane and do not interact. One can however select only central events, triggering on high multiplicity of the produced hadrons. In this case,

can be represented through a t-channel exchange of the quarkless junction-antijunction state with the wave function given by

$$M_{0}^{J} = \epsilon_{ijk} e^{i'j'k'} \left[ P \exp\left(ig \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{2}} A_{\mu} dx^{\mu}\right) \right]_{i'}^{i}$$
$$\times \left[ P \exp\left(ig \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{2}} A_{\mu} dx^{\mu}\right) \right]_{j'}^{j}$$
$$\times \left[ P \exp\left(ig \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{2}} A_{\mu} dx^{\mu}\right) \right]_{k'}^{k}.$$
(5)

The structure of the wave function (5) is illustrated in Fig. 1b - it is a quarkless closed string configuration composed from a junction and an antijunction. In the topological expansion scheme, the states (5) lie on a Regge trajectory; its intercept can be related to the baryon and reggeon intercepts [1]:

$$J_0(0) \simeq 2\alpha_B(0) - 1 + 3(1 - \alpha_R(0)) \simeq \frac{1}{2},$$
 (6)

NET BARYON NUMBER TRANSPORT VIA GLUONIC JUNCTIONS vs SPS data



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rapidity distributions are shown for minimum bias p+S collisions at 200 AGeV and central Pb+Pb collisions at 160 AGeV. The data are from measurements made by the NA35 [1,2], NA44 [3] and NA49 [5] collaborations.

# What do we know about $\mu$ +p collisions

#### Fredrikasson, "Hello Diquark, Goodbye Gluon!", Same plot, opposite conclusion! Moriond 1984 $x_{\rm B} > 0.2$ Fig.3 Ratio of proton % (ant:iproton) multiplix<sub>a</sub> > 0.2 % city to the overall W<sup>2</sup>> 100 GeV<sup>2</sup> W<sup>2</sup>> 100 GeV<sup>2</sup> positive (negative) Benchouk (EMC), ISMD1984 o p∕h⁺ multiplicity in up o p/h\* scattering according • p/h • p/h to Ref.7 (EMC). Part 20 of the difference bet-At this point it should be noted that, 20 ween p and p might be 16 explained by the diif they were significantly contributing, quark process in the 16 upper reaction, while 12 protons coming from scattering on diquark $large-Q^2$ events come clusters (higher twist)<sup>10)</sup> would also from knocked-out 12 quarks, as shown in present such behaviours as those of the lower reaction. The two processes 8 Figs. 2 and 3d. However those protons give rise to completely different p-p 20 100 40 200 must exhibit a strong decrease with $Q^2$ , correlations. $\Omega^2$ (GeV<sup>2</sup>) which is obviously not the case as shown They only SEE what they want to see! by Fig. 4 and their contribution to our 20 We 10 40 100 200 sample can be excluded. we $Q^2$ (GeV<sup>2</sup>)

280GeV muon on target: EMC, PLB 103 (1981) 388; last cited in 1992 EMC, PLB 135 (1984) 225 Fig. 4 - The ratio of the proton (antiproton) multiplicity to the overall positive (negative) hadron multiplicity as a function of Q<sup>2</sup> for W<sup>2</sup> > 100 GeV<sup>2</sup> and  $x_B > 0.2$ .



# What do we know about $\mu$ +p (d) collisions

### Diquark Lund model predicts a flavor dependence of backward proton production (20%) while data shows little-to-no dependence

Fig. 5a-d. Average multiplicities from the  $H_2$  (full circles) and the  $D_2$  target (open circles) vs. W for backward protons a, backward antiprotons b. The histograms show the Lund model predictions (full line:  $H_2$  target, dashed line:  $D_2$  target, full line only where both are the same)

the Lund model (JETSET62) predicts a higher yield of backward going protons from hydrogen than from deuterium, an effect which is less pronounced in the data.

Total citations: 19

Niseem Magdy's talk for EIC; we are able to reproduce model prediction 35 years later



## What do we know about $\pi$ +p collisions

Two mechanisms are probably involved in this effect. The first is that the  $\pi^-$  has constituents with higher average momenta than does a proton. The second, which is relevant only to  $\pi^-$  production, is that the initial  $\pi^-$  clearly has the right ingredients to make another  $\pi^-$ , whether by a valence-quark scatter or a process which involves both quarks.

The "beam ratio" for  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  production is shown in Fig. 29.  $K^-$  are produced three times more copiously by  $\pi^-$  than by protons at a  $P_T$  of ~4 GeV/c.  $K^+$  production rises to be at least equal in  $\pi^- p$  and pp collisions.

The beam ratios for p and  $\overline{p}$  productions are

shown versus  $P_T$  in Fig. 30. Antiproton production is strongly enhanced in  $\pi^- p$  collisions over pp collisions in a fashion very much like the  $K^-$  production of Fig. 29.

Proton production in  $\pi^- p$  collisions, however, is a little less than half that of pp collisions at all values of  $p_T$ . Proton production in pp collisions at these energies has always seemed anomalously large, with more protons produced at large  $P_T$  than pions.<sup>8</sup> It is interesting that replacing one of the two colliding protons with a  $\pi^-$  reduces the proton production by approximately one half.

The beam ratios for the six particle types are tab-

Frisch, et al., PRD 27 (1983) 1001 FermiLab, 200-300GeV pion and proton beams

FIG. 30. The ratios of invariant cross sections for p and  $\overline{p}$  production in 200 GeV  $\pi^{-}p$  collisions to those in pp collisions, versus  $p_T$ . The lines are only to guide the eye.





### What can we do for a decisive test?

- It seems that what works still works, what does not work, remains broken
- Is there a decisive way to test the baryon transport, or ultimately what really carries the baryon number?
- One of the arguments is that if gluon junction carries baryon number, one can stop baryons without stopping the valence quarks or charges!!! 3K+Ω, or ω+p

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H.Z. Huang (UCLA) talk

# Study charge stopping is much much harder



Nucleus - Nucleus Bremsstrahlung and measurement of

charge stopping at RHIC

\* Perhaps also measurement of the time history of charge acceleration in the heavy ion Collision

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Figure 2: The number of bremsstrahlung photons with energies between 10 keV and 3 MeV, per steradian in the laboratory system for the three different stopping, models  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  of figure 1.

### **UPC AND peripheral collisions**

One of the most important assumptions is that the ions (charge) maintains the velocity and straight-line trajectory One can them quantize external EM field as photons with small virtuality and low-p<sub>T</sub>



### The Breit-Wheeler process, 1934

Au  $v \approx c$ 

Two gold (Au) ions (red) move in opposite direction at 99.995% of the speed of light (v, for velocity, = approximately c, the speed of light). As the ions pass one another without colliding, two photons ( $\gamma$ ) from the electromagnetic cloud surrounding the ions can interact with each other to create a matter-antimatter pair: an electron (e<sup>-</sup>) and positron (e<sup>+</sup>).

### Well understood kinematics



STAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. **127** (2021) 52302 STAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. **121** (2018) 132301, 60-80%

### THE $cos(4\phi)$ modulation

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It was quite shocking to me that such a large effect exists.

Remember that the large elliptic flow in perfect QGP liquid is 5%

Peripheral collisions also agrees with QED, which does not have to.

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	Ultraperipheral			Peripheral		
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$ A_{4\Delta\phi} $ (%)	$16.8\pm2.5$	16.5	19	0	$27\pm 6$	34.5
$ A_{2\Delta\phi} $ (%)	$2.0\pm2.4$	0	5	5	$6\pm 6$	0
$\sqrt{\langle P_{\perp}^2  angle}$ (MeV)	$38.1\pm0.9$	37.6	35.4	35.9	$50.9\pm2.5$	48.5

### Other RHIC and LHC energies and centralities



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ATLAS, arXiv:2206.12594; PRC

### Interesting proposals in 1990s and 2020s

## Quantifying baryon stopping in high energy nuclear collisions

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#### Abstract

We propose a numerical definition for baryon stopping in relativistic heavy ion collisions that is obtainable from final hadron rapidity distributions as well as from bremsstrahlung measurements. Thus a new channel of communication is opened between the two methods.

#### Bremsstrahlung photons from stopping in heavy-ion collisions

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#### ABSTRACT

We examine the spectrum of bremsstrahlung photons that results from the stopping of the initial net charge distributions in ultrarelativistic nucleus-nucleus collisions at the CERN Large Hadron Collier (LHC). This effect has escaped detection so far since it becomes sizable only at very low transverse momentum and at sufficiently forward rapidity. We argue that it may be within reach of the next-generation LHC heavy-ion detector ALICE-3 that is currently under study, and we comment on the physics motivation for measuring it.

How about studying charge no-stopping?

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### Not as a measure of baryon transport, but as an important measure of charge transport at LHC

# Stopping of charge at LHC



FIG. 3. The double-differential photon energy distribution  $\frac{d^2I}{d\omega d\eta}$  for different photon energies  $\omega$  as a function of pseudo  $\eta$ . Results are shown for the three different stopping scenarios (12) in central PbPb collision at  $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}} = 5.02$  TeV.



FIG. 4. Same as Fig. 3, but for the stopping scenarios of Eq. (16).

### S. Park, U. Wiedemann, Phys.Rev.C 104 (2021) 4, 044903

The ALICE collaboration plans to develop a new detector (ALICE-3) with experimental acceptance in a previously uncharted, ultrasoft regime  $10 \text{ MeV} < p_T < 100 \text{ MeV}$  and up to relatively forward pseudorapidity. As demonstrated here (Fig. 6), photon bremsstrahlung due to stopping of the incoming net charge distributions is an expected phenomenon that leaves characteristic signatures in this newly accessible experimental regime. As such, it is useful for illustrating the novel opportunities of a detector design with ultrasoft acceptance. Its centrality- and  $p_T$ -dependence is characteristically different from that of expected backgrounds.

Can we put baryon transport, charge transport, Breit-Wheeler process and Bremsstrahlung together?

# Conclusions and Perspectives

- Baryon number is a strictly conserved quantum number, keeps the Universe as is
- We did not know what its carrier is; It has not been experimentally verified one way or the other until now
- RHIC Beam Energy Scans provide unique opportunity in studying baryon number transport over large unit of rapidity
- RHIC Isobar collisions provide unique opportunity in studying charge and baryon transport
- Experimental verification of the simplest QCD topology

- Baryon junction is a non-perturbative object
- Need small Q<sup>2</sup>, large rapidity coverage and low-momentum hadron particle identification

 $Q^2 \leq 1 \, GeV^2$ 

 $\pi/k/p \ \mathrm{PID} \ p_t \geq \sim 100 \ MeV$ 

- Isobar collisions to measure charge transport (quark transports), Zr/Ru; <sup>7</sup>Li/<sup>7</sup>Be
- EIC can measure the baryon junction distribution function
- Explore other signatures at RHIC,LHC,Jlab & EIC



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# What do we know about pp collisions?



# "Final-State" baryon junction in PYTHIA 8.x

### Junction treatment (PYTHIA MANUAL 8.x)

A junction topology corresponds to an Y arrangement of strings i.e. where three string pieces have to be joined up in a junction. Such topologies can arise if several valence quarks are kicked out from a proton beam, or in baryon-number-violating SUSY decays. Special attention is necessary to handle the region just around the junction, where the baryon number topologically is located. The junction fragmentation scheme is described in [Sjo03, 2003]. The parameters in this section should not be touched except by experts.



# What do we know about e+p collisions?

- RHIC nuclear energy is at a sweet spot
  - U+U, Au+Au, O+O, Cu+Au, Cu+Cu, He3+Au, d+Au,p+Au, p+p
- LHC and HERA energy are too high with small baryon excess (<1%)
- Isobar collisions at EIC with low Q<sup>2</sup> and low-p<sub>t</sub> PID to study the charge and baryon transports

"unpolarized and polarized electroproduction of fast baryons



Figure 1. Main mechanisms of electroproduction of fast baryons.

The first mechanism dominates in the region (see Fig. 2)

$$Y < Y_C \simeq \beta^{-1} \ln(\beta/b) \tag{3}$$

 $(Y_C \text{ corresponds to } \Delta_1 \text{ in Ref.1})$ . The second one dominates for  $Y > Y_C$ . In this talk I will show that both mechanisms can reveal interesting features of hadronic physics (I shall consider only events with low transverse momenta).



Figure 2. Rapidity spectrum: (a) of the migration mechanism, (b) of the pair creation mechanism.

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