# Entanglement As a Probe of Hadronization

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# Quantum Entanglement and Entanglement Entropy

- ★ Two systems S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub> are entangled with respect to a certain degree of freedom if their total state  $|\psi\rangle_{12}$  relative to that degree of freedom, cannot be written in factorized form as a product  $|\psi\rangle_1 \otimes |\psi\rangle_2$
- The von-neumann entropy or entanglement entropy tells us, the amount of available information about an entangled system.

#### Entanglement in Protons





Partonic entropy corrected for charged hadrons and compared with data of H1. [Eur. Phys. J. C (2022) 82:1147]

### Entanglement in Jets

- The parton distribution functions and fragmentation functions (FF) are related by crossing symmetry [Phys. Lett. B 37, 78 (1971)].
- So it could be expected that jet state is also maximally entangled and the entanglement entropy of the produced hadrons is related to the fragmentation functions.
- The relation between entanglement entropy and fragmentation function has not yet been explored.
- We extend the idea of entanglement entropy to relate the jet fragmentation function to the entropy of the final hadron state.



### Theory

The initial von Neumann entropy is not zero for parton fragmentation and is determined by the entanglement created in the production of the parton pair [arXiv:2404.00087].

• For "bare" parton-antiparton initial configuration, we get  $S_q = \ln (Nc)$  and  $S_g = \ln (N_c^2 - 1)$ , where  $N_c$  is 3

The entropy of charged hadrons within jets is connected to their fragmentation functions for a maximally entangled hadronization process as follows:

$$S_{FF}^{q/g} = S_{q/g} + \ln \left[ \int_{z_{\min p_T^{jet}}}^1 dz \, D_{q/g}^h(z, \mu^2) \right]$$

# Hadron entropy as function of $p_T^{jet}$



The entropy S of all hadrons in jet is related to the number of charged hadrons produced in the final state and is defined as

$$S_{hadrons} = \sum_{n} P_n \ln(P_n)$$

 $P_n$  represents the probability of detecting n charged hadrons.

$\sqrt{s}$ TeV	y  range	$p_T^{jet}$ range in GeV	$p_T^{jet}$ in GeV	Reference
7	< 1.9	$4 < p_T^{jet} < 40$	> 0.3	Phys. Rev. D 84, 054001 (2011)
13	< 2.1	100 p <sub>T</sub> <sup>jet</sup> < 2500	> 0.5	Phys. Rev. D 100, 052011 (2019)

Hadron entropy calculated for jets at ATLAS [arXiv:2410.22331, accepted at PRL]





- ✤ For comparison between theoretical prediction and data, data is re-expressed in terms of the mean value  $\langle z \rangle$  for each  $p_T^{jet}$  bin.
- \* The relationship between  $\langle z \rangle$  and  $p_T^{jet}$  is determined through a PYTHIA simulation of pp collisions
- For each  $p_T^{jet}$  bin the from the z distribution the mean was found
- ✤ The limit for integration was defined that 50% of the distribution is included in the integration



#### Prediction for EIC

- ep collisions with 18 GeV electrons and 275 GeV protons
- Detector effects excluded
- Minimum Q<sup>2</sup> cut of 10 GeV<sup>2</sup>
- Criteria to choose Jets
  - The radius parameter of 0.4
  - ✤ At least two particles in the jet
  - Transverse momentum in range of (5 GeV, 100 GeV)
  - ★ Jets in pseudo- rapidity range of  $-3.5 < \eta < 3.5$
- The contribution of the c-(anti)quarks included
- ♦ In ep collisions, processes like  $\gamma g \rightarrow qq$  and  $\gamma g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ enhance quark jet contributions at lower  $\langle z \rangle$  values, reducing gluon jet contribution.

Comparison between simulated EIC data and theory [arXiv:2410.22331, accepted at PRL]

 $\langle Z \rangle$ 

 $10^{-1}$ 

# Summary

This work extends the idea of relation between proton's parton distribution and hadron entropy to jet production

The maximal entanglement predicts a relation between the jet fragmentation function and the jet fragmentation.

- This relation is tested in ATLAS data
- ✤ A good correlation has been found
- First use of quantum entanglement framework in experimental study of the hadronization process

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