Two-particle azimuthal correlation analysis in photoproduction

- Analysis of two-particle correlations searching for collective behavior in DIS has been finished arXiv: 1912.07431.
- Positive referee responses from JHEP have been received on Jan 25th.
- The analysis can be extended to photoproduction and diffractive events.

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Deep inelastic scattering



The average size of the interaction region ($\sim 1/Q$) inside the proton is very small.

The **energy deposition** can be quite large since $Q^2 >> 1$.

In heavy-ion collisions, where collective behavior is observed, the energy deposition is also quite large.

This made DIS an interesting regime to look for collective behavior.

Photoproduction



In PHP larger interaction regions are created since $Q^2 \ll 1$.

In heavy-ion collisions, where collective behavior is observed, large interaction regions are produced.

This makes PHP an interesting regime to look for collective behavior.

Photoproduction event selection

- There is no dedicated PHP trigger.
- However, we could utilize jet triggers to obtain a PHP dominated sample. Single jet and dijet triggers: HFL05, HPP02, HPP09, HPP11, HPP14, HPP29, HPP30.
- First step, as suggested by Achim, is to rerun the DIS analysis with these triggers added on top.
- Determine if the deviations of the ZEUS data from the MC are at a comparable level to the just published DIS analysis.
- If this is satisfied, then our conclusion of jets being mainly responsible for the observed two-particle correlations in DIS remains intact.

Two-particle correlation observable

$$c_n\{2\} = \langle \langle \cos n(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) \rangle \rangle$$

Projected against

 $N_{\rm rec}$ $|\Delta\eta| = |\eta_1 - \eta_2|$ $\langle p_T \rangle = (p_{T,1} + p_{T,2})/2_4$

N_{rec} distributions



• Jet triggered DIS events represent a small subset of the full DIS sample.

Control plot figure 3



- Neither model simultaneously describes both c₁ and c₂.
- Ariadne describes c₁ reasonably well, while Lepto works better for c₂.
- The deviations from MC are basically at the same level with the jet triggers.

Control plot figure 4



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Control plot figure 5



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Outlook and next steps

- Although jet triggers will be used to obtain an enriched PHP data sample, the correlations within jets produce strong "unwanted" contributions to two-particle correlation functions.
- We are looking for hints of multiparticle correlations indicative of the hydrodynamic collective behavior seen in heavy-ion collisions. If they are present in *ep*, they will likely be small.
- Investigate further PHP event selection techniques within the jet-triggered event sample. E-Pz, offline jet energy thresholds, other offline quantities...
- Perhaps a special set of event selection techniques can reduce the strength of jet correlations while still providing a rich PHP data sample.

Backup









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