

# Coherent Multiple Scattering Effect in DIS

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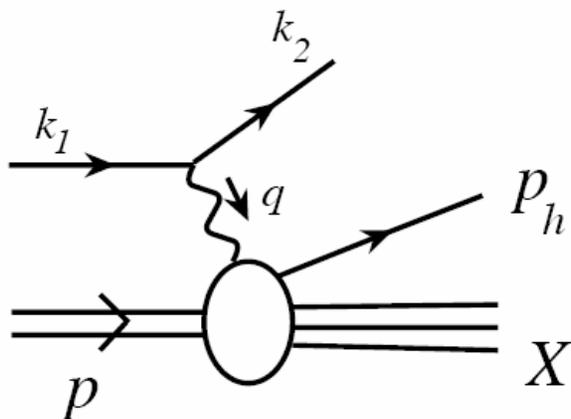
# The observed nuclear dependence

—— change of particle **production rate** with nuclear target compared to that of nucleon target

—— result of all sources of nuclear effects

- nuclear dependence in parton distributions
- interaction of incoming partons before the hard collision
  - initial state interaction
- interaction of final state parton when it propagates through the nuclear medium
  - final state interaction
- **coherent multiple scattering that changes the parton production rate**

**Use semi-inclusive deeply inelastic scattering (DIS) to explore the effect of coherent multiple scattering**



- variables**

$$q = (k_1 - k_2) \quad Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$x_B = Q^2 / (2p \cdot q)$$

$$z \equiv \frac{p \cdot p_h}{p \cdot q} = \frac{2x_B p \cdot p_h}{Q^2}$$

**Consider single hadron production in DIS**

$$R^A = \frac{d\sigma_{eA \rightarrow ehX}}{dx_B dQ^2 dz} / \frac{d\sigma_{eA \rightarrow eX}}{dx_B dQ^2}$$

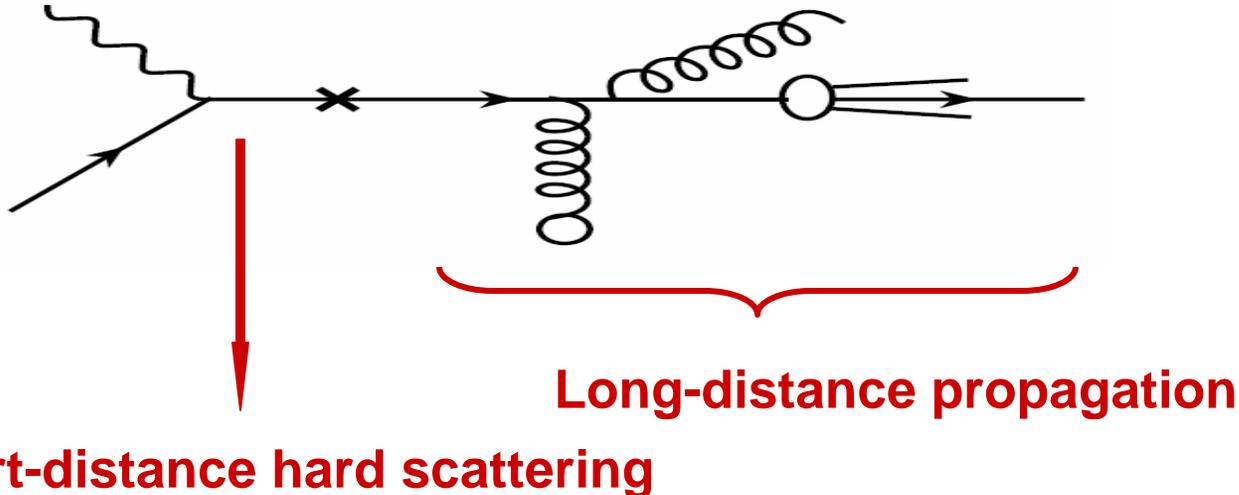
**for different nuclear targets**

# Cross section: $\sigma \sim |M|^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M = & \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \\
 & + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} \\
 & + \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6} \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

- **sum of all amplitudes with the same final states**
- **Integrate over all possible phase space**

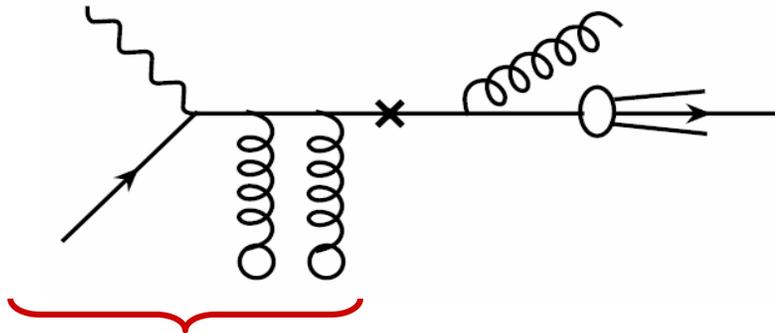
## Modification of fragmentation functions



- **First scattering determines the production rate**
- **Interaction with the medium when propagating**
  - **modify the evolution of the fragmentation functions**
  - **change the spectrum**

Guo, Wang PRL 2000, ...

## Modification of the production rate

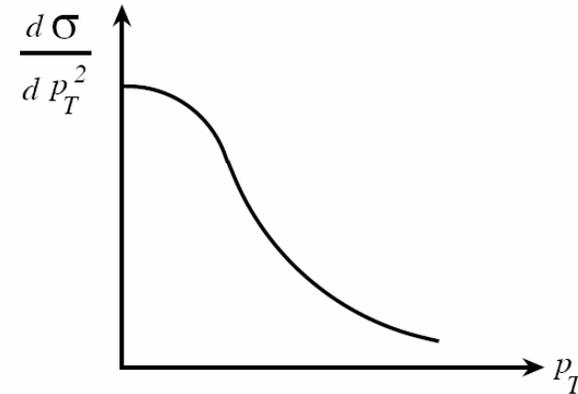


**Coherent with the first scattering**

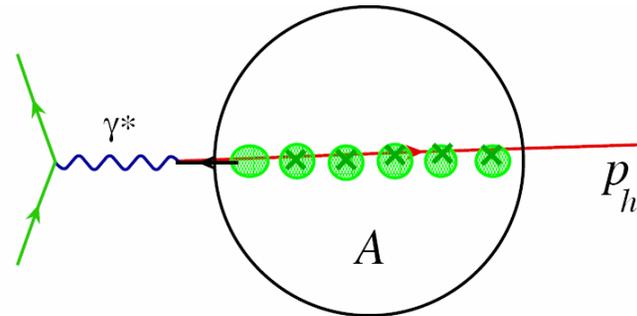
- **power suppressed**  
**a factor of  $1/Q^2$  for each additional scattering**
- **enhanced by the nuclear size**
- **requires coherence**

## Coherence in semi-inclusive DIS

- For  $p_T$ -integrated cross section dominant contribution comes from small  $p_T$  region



- In Breit frame, at small  $p_T$ , struck quark rescatters **coherently** with the “remnant” of the nucleus



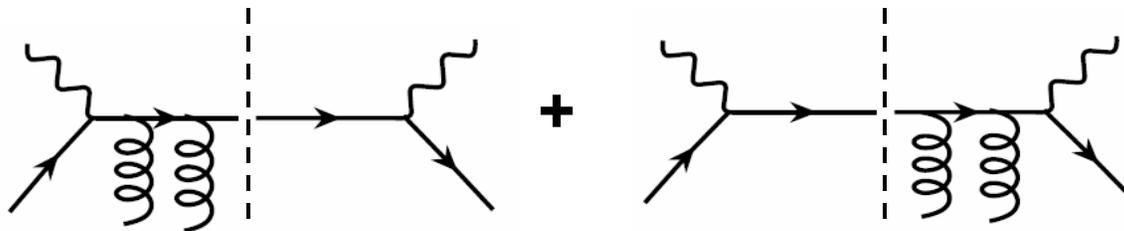
# Multiple scattering

## ❖ without quantum interference



→ more production channel  
increase production rate

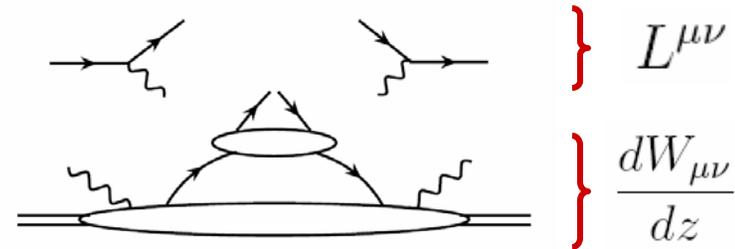
## ❖ with quantum interference



→ lead to suppression

# Factorized formula for semi-inclusive DIS

$$\frac{d\sigma_{eA \rightarrow ehX}}{dx_B dQ^2 dz} \sim L^{\mu\nu}(k_1, k_2) \frac{dW_{\mu\nu}}{dz}$$



## Lowest order

$$\frac{dW_{\mu\nu}}{dz} = \sum_f \int \frac{dx}{x} dz' \delta\left(z' - \frac{2xp \cdot p_h}{Q^2}\right) \phi_f(x, Q^2) H_{\mu\nu}^S D_f(z', Q^2)$$

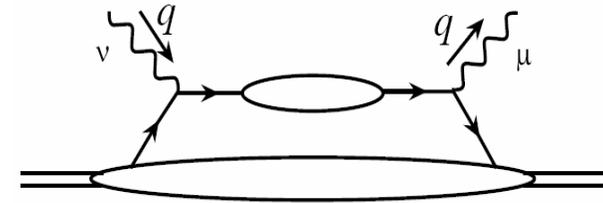
parton distribution

fragmentation function

partonic part

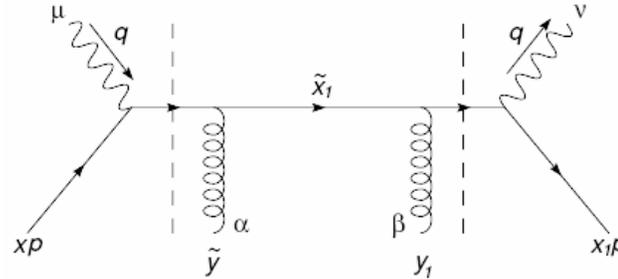
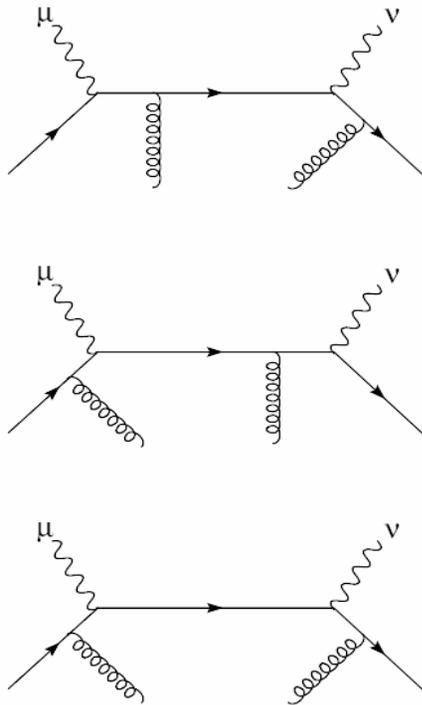
$$H_{\mu\nu}^S = \frac{1}{2} e_{\mu\nu}^T \sum_f x Q_f^2 \delta\left(x - \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}\right)$$

$$\frac{dW_{\mu\nu}}{dz} = \frac{1}{2} e_{\mu\nu}^T \sum_f \phi_f(x_B, Q^2) D_f(z, Q^2)$$



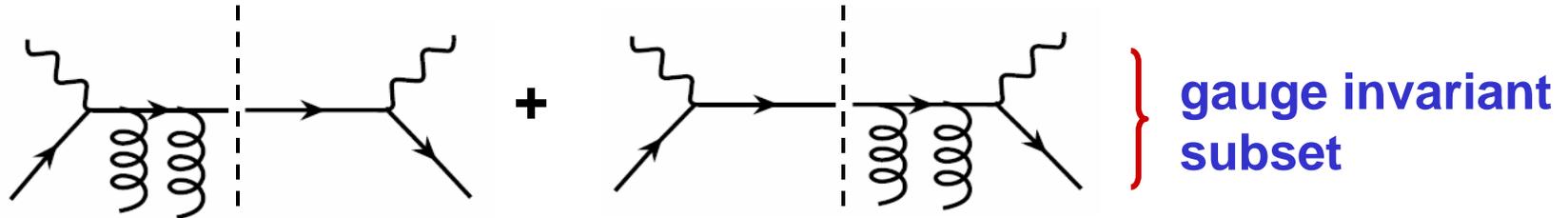
# Double scattering contribution

gauge invariance  
need all 4 diagram



- do not have nuclear size enhancement
- contribute to the weak A-dependence of nuclear parton distribution

## Medium enhanced double scattering contribution



## Sum over all interference terms

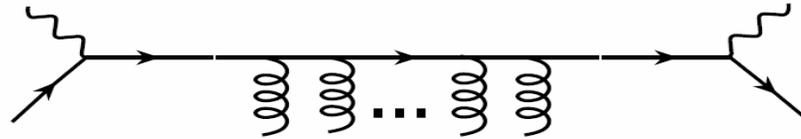
$$\frac{dW_{\mu\nu}^{(1)}}{dz} = \frac{1}{2} e_{\mu\nu}^T \sum_f Q_f^2 \left( \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s}{3} \right) \frac{z}{Q^2} T_{qg}^A(x_B, Q^2) \frac{dD(z, Q^2)}{dz} + \frac{1}{2} e_{\mu\nu}^T \sum_f Q_f^2 \left( \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s}{3} \right) \frac{x_B}{Q^2} \frac{d}{dx_B} T_{qg}^A(x_B, Q^2) D(z, Q^2)$$

Important when  $x < 0.1$ ,  $\gamma^*$  probe covers more than one nucleon (Qiu and Vitev, PRL, 2004)

$T_{qg}^A(x_B, Q^2)$  — twist-4 quark-gluon correlation function

# Generalize to n-additional scattering

add pairs of gluon interactions



$$\frac{dW_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}}{dz} \approx \frac{1}{2} e_{\mu\nu}^T \sum_f Q_f^2 \left[ z \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha_s}{3Q^2} \right]^n \frac{1}{n!} M_A^{(n)}(x_B, Q^2) \frac{d^n}{dz^n} D_f(z, Q^2)$$

multi-field operator

$$M_A^n(x, Q^2) = \int \frac{dy_0^-}{2\pi} e^{ixp^+ y_0^-} \langle P_A | \bar{\psi}_f(0) \frac{\gamma^+}{2} \psi_f(y_0^-) \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \int p^+ dy_i^- \theta(y_i^-) \hat{F}^2(y_i^-) \right] | P_A \rangle$$

Operator  $\hat{F}^2(y_i^-)$  is related to gluon density

$$\langle p | \hat{F}^2(y_i^-) | p \rangle \approx \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} x G(x, Q^2)$$

## Sum of all medium enhanced contributions

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dW_{\mu\nu}}{dz} &\approx \frac{1}{2} e_{\mu\nu}^T \sum_f Q_f^2 A \phi_f(x, Q^2) \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{1}{n!} \left[ \frac{z \kappa^2 (A^{1/3} - 1)}{Q^2} \right]^n \frac{d^n D_f(z, Q^2)}{d^n z} \\ &\approx A \frac{1}{2} e_{\mu\nu}^T \sum_f Q_f^2 \phi_f(x, Q^2) D_f \left( z + \frac{z \kappa^2 (A^{1/3} - 1)}{Q^2}, Q^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

- **effect of coherent multiple scattering**  
of propagating quark (not a pre-hadron state)  
—— equivalent to **a shift of z** in fragmentation function

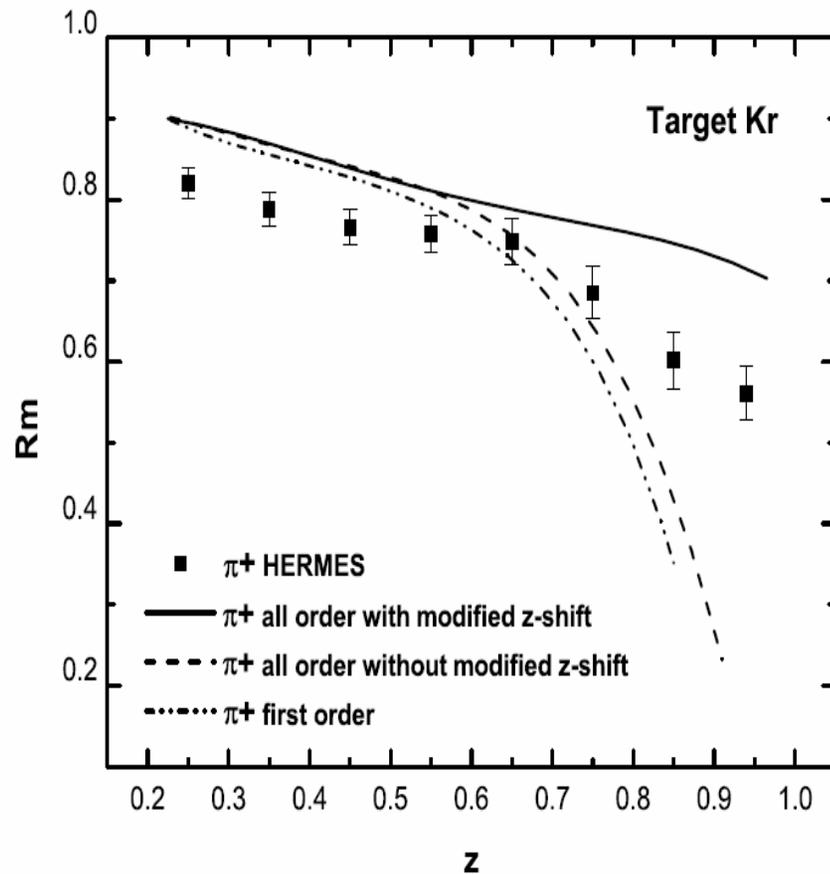
- **shift**  $\Delta z = z \frac{\kappa^2 (A^{1/3} - 1)}{Q^2}$  **depends on**

**one parameter**  $\kappa^2 = \frac{3\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)}{4r_0^2} \langle p | \hat{F}^2(y_i) | p \rangle$

quark interaction with the medium

# Compare with HERMES data

## ratio of multiplicity with target A and target D



- Large z:  
pre-hadron state forms early  
sum to all order not applicable
- Formation time  $\sim (1-z)$   
(A. Accardi, )  
modify z-shift for large z,

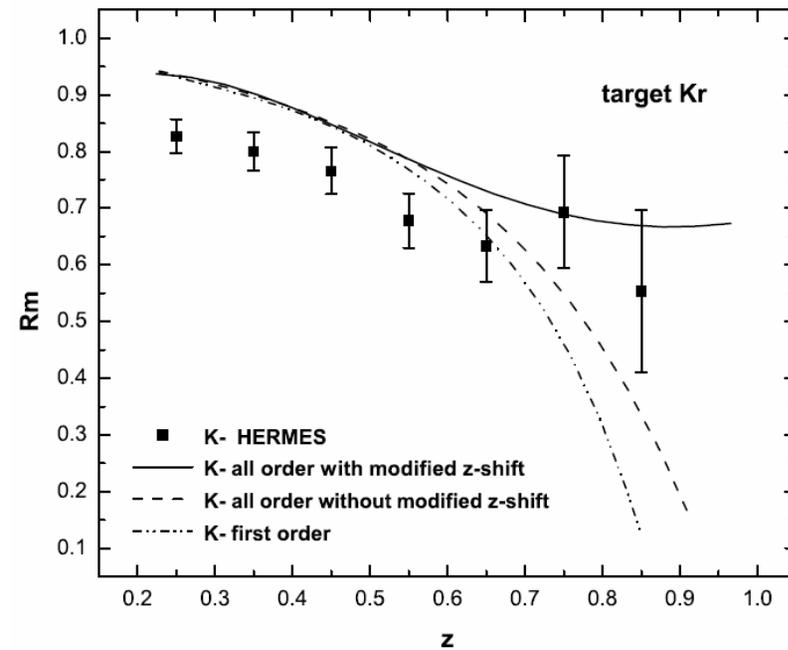
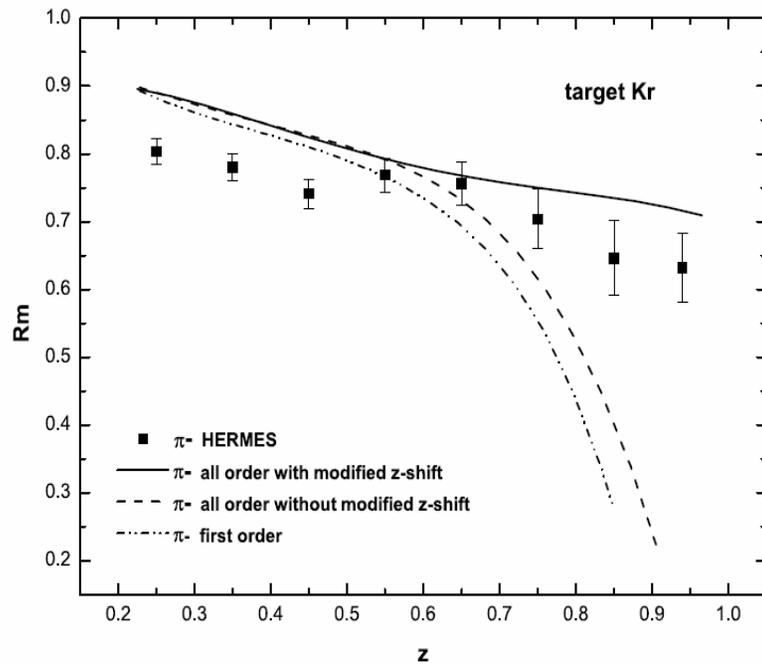
$$\Delta z^* = \Delta z (1-z)/(1-z_c)$$

(fit  $z_c=0.6$ )

- Complement to the effect from  
modification of fragmentation  
function

# More figures

ratio of hadron multiplicity for target A and that of target D



## •Summary

- The observed A-dependence are results of all sources of nuclear effects
- Medium induced radiation
  - modify the evolution of parton fragmentation
- Coherent multiple scattering
  - change the parton production rate
- Quantum interference of coherent multiple scattering
  - suppression in parton production
- When summed to all order, the suppression
  - equivalent to a shift of  $z$  for  $D(z)$