Unpolarized Fragmentation Functions at BESIII

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Confinement



- Confinement, no existing isolated quarks or gluons.
- How to form a hadron? What is hadron structure?

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Fragmentation function

 $D_q^h(z)$: describe the fragmentation of an unpolarized quark into an unpolarized hadron, where the hadron carries a fraction $z = 2E_h/\sqrt{s}$ of parton's momentum



World data from e^+e^- experiment



•World data includes charged π, K

•Datasets at low Q^2 range ($\sqrt{s} < 10 \text{ GeV}$) e^+e^- collision?

•Ronan's result: J/ψ

•Advantage of BESIII: 2.00-4.95 GeV

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World data from e^+e^- experiment



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BEPCII



- Beam energy: 1.0-2.475 GeV.
- Luminosity: $1.0 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} @\psi(3770)$

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BESIII



- Muon Counter: $\sigma_{xy} < 2$ cm.
- Electromagnetic Calorimeter: $\sigma_E/E = 2.5\%(5\%)$ @ 1 GeV.
- Main Drift Chamber: $\sigma_p/p = 0.5\%$ @ 1 GeV.

- Superconducting Sclenoid: B = 1 T.
- Time of Flight: $\sigma_t = 68 \text{ ps(barrel)},$ $\sigma_t = 60 \text{ ps(endcap)}$ 110 ps before 2015.

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BESIII data





$\sqrt{s}(\text{GeV})$	$\mathcal{L}_{int.}(\mathrm{pb}^{-1})$
2.2324	2.645
2.4000	3.415
2.8000	3.753
3.0500	14.893
3.4000	1.733
3.6710	4.628

Inclusive π^0/K_S^0 at BESIII

- Experimental observable: $\frac{1}{\sigma_{had}} \frac{d\sigma_{\pi^0}}{dp_{\pi^0}} = f \frac{N_{\pi^0+\chi}}{N_{had}} \frac{1}{\Delta p_{\pi^0}}$
- Pre-selection same as R-value measurement at BESIII(PRL 128,062004(2022)) (Dr. Christoph's presentation on 16th Oct.)
- Reconstruction:



BESIII Results



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- Experimental side: primary $\pi^0 + \pi^0$ from resonance decay or weak decay???
- Theory side: leading twist calculation not sufficient at BESIII energy scale? hadron mass effect? large z re-summation? problem in the extrapolation of FFs from high energy data to low-energy scale?

Summary

- The normalized differential cross sections of the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^0/K_S^0 + X$ processes has been measured using BESIII data at $5 < Q^2 < 13$ GeV².
- z coverage of BESIII results is from 0.1 to 0.9 with a 3% precision at $z \sim 0.4$.
- Large discrepancy with current fragmentation function calculation is observed to depend on both c.m. energy and hadron momentum.



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