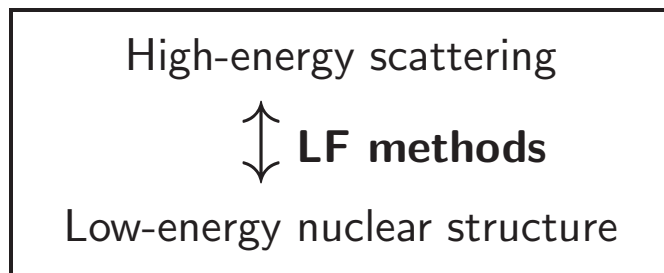
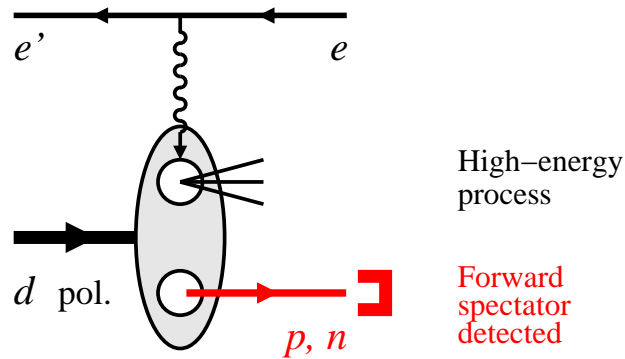


Light-front methods in next-generation nuclear DIS at EIC

C. Weiss (JLab), Light Cone 2018, Jefferson Lab, 17-May-2018



- Light ion physics at EIC

Energy, luminosity, polarization, detection

Physics objectives

- Deuteron and spectator tagging

Light-front nuclear structure

Neutron structure extraction

Final-state interactions

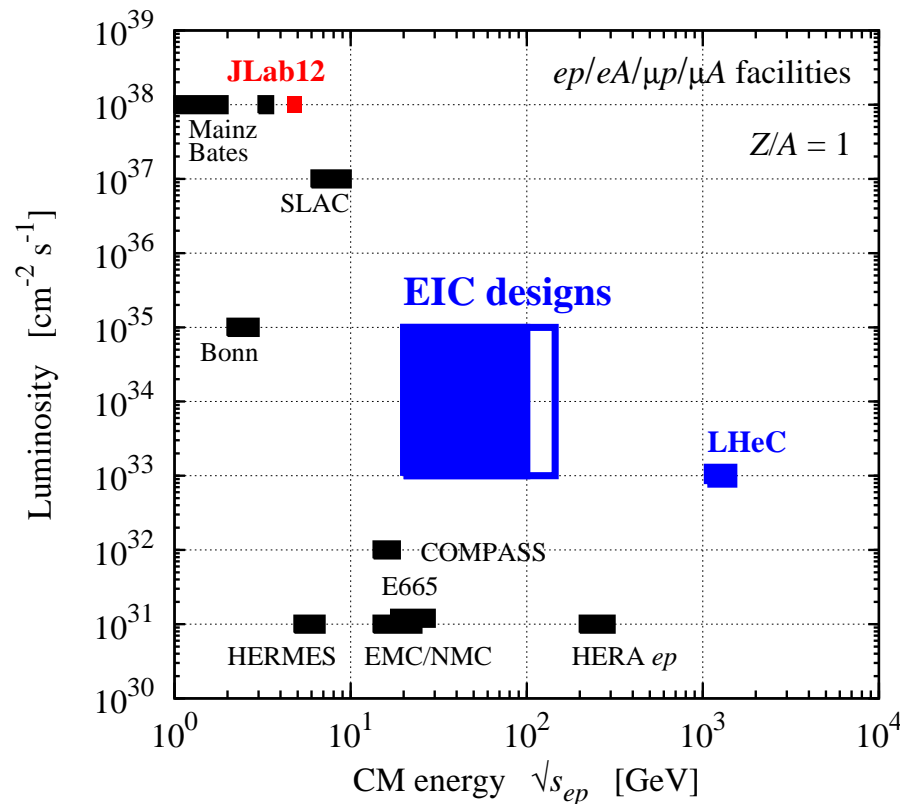
[Strikman, Weiss, PRC97 \(2018\) 035209 \[INSPIRE\]](#)

Recent applications: Diffraction and shadowing at small x , tensor polarization

[Cosyn, Guzey, Sargsian, Strikman, CW, in preparation](#)

- Future plans

EIC ep/eA capabilities



- CM energy $\sqrt{s_{ep}} \sim 20\text{--}100$ GeV

Factor $\sqrt{Z/A}$ for nuclei

Deep-inelastic scattering at $x \sim 10^{-1}\text{--}10^{-3}$, $Q^2 \lesssim 10^2$ GeV²

- Luminosity $\sim 10^{34}$ cm⁻² s⁻¹

Exceptional configurations in target

Multi-variable final states

Polarization observables

- Polarized protons and light ions

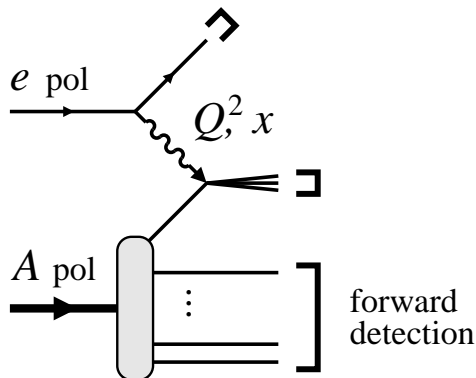
eRHIC: pol ³He

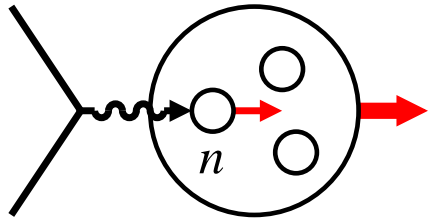
JLEIC: pol *d* and ³He with figure-8

- Forward detection of *p, n, A*

Diffraction and exclusive processes

Nuclear breakup and spectator tagging

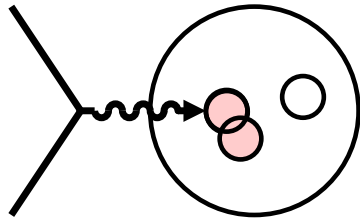




- Neutron structure

Flavor decomposition of PDFs/GPDs/TMDs,
singlet vs. non-singlet QCD evolution, polarized gluon

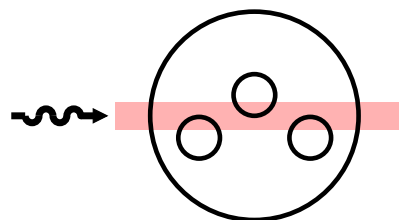
Eliminate nuclear binding, non-nucleonic DOF!



- Nucleon interactions in QCD

Nuclear modification of quark/gluon densities
Short-range correlations, non-nucleonic DOF
QCD origin of nuclear forces

Associate modifications with interactions!



- Coherent phenomena in QCD

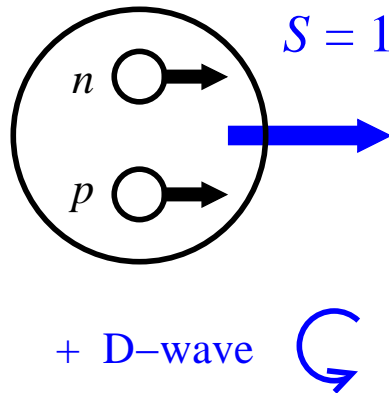
Coherent interaction of high-energy probe
with multiple nucleons, shadowing, saturation

Identify coherent response!

[Nucleus rest frame view]

Common challenge: Multitude of possible nuclear
configurations during high-energy process.
Need to “control” configurations!

Light ions: Deuteron, spectator tagging

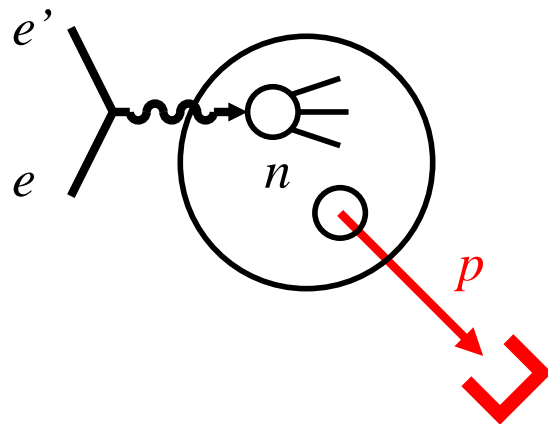


- Polarized deuteron

pn wave function simple, known well
incl. light-front WF for high-energy procs

Neutron spin-polarized

Intrinsic Δ isobars suppressed by Isospin = 0
 $|\text{deuteron}\rangle = |pn\rangle + \epsilon|\Delta\Delta\rangle$



- Spectator nucleon tagging

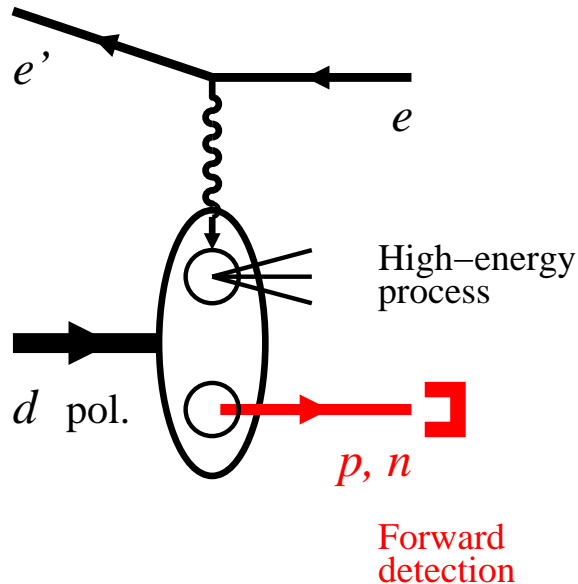
Identifies active nucleon

Controls configuration through recoil momentum:
Spatial size, $S \leftrightarrow D$ wave

Tagging in fixed-target experiments

CLAS6/12 BONUS, recoil momenta $p = 70\text{-}150$ MeV

[Nucleus rest frame view]



- Spectator tagging with colliding beams

Spectator nucleon moves forward with approx. $1/2$ beam momentum

Detection with forward detectors integrated in interaction region and beams optics

LHC $pp/pA/AA$, Tevatron $p\bar{p}$, RHIC pp , ultraperipheral AA

- Advantages over fixed-target

No target material, $p_p(\text{restframe}) \rightarrow 0$ possible

Potentially full acceptance, good resolution

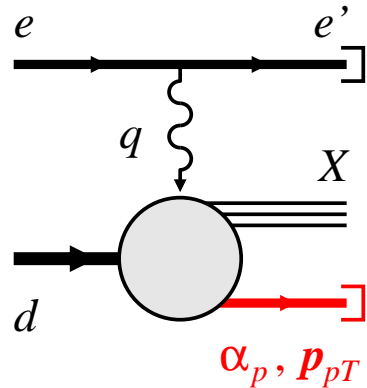
Can be used with polarized deuteron

Forward neutron detection possible

- Unique physics potential

JLab 2014/15 LDRD Project. Cosyn, Guzey, Higinbotham, Hyde, Park, Nadel-Turonski, Sargsian, Strikman, Weiss* [Webpage]

Tagging: Cross section and observables



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2 (d^3p_p / E_p)} = [\text{flux}] \left[F_{Td}(x, Q^2; \alpha_p, \mathbf{p}_{pT}) + \epsilon F_{Ld}(\dots) \right. \\ \left. + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cos \phi_p F_{LT,d}(\dots) + \epsilon \cos(2\phi_p) F_{TT,d}(\dots) \right. \\ \left. + \text{spin-dependent structures} \right]$$

- Conditional DIS cross section $e + d \rightarrow e' + X + p$

Proton recoil momentum $p_p^+ = \alpha_p p_d^+$, \mathbf{p}_{pT} related to \mathbf{p}_p (restframe)

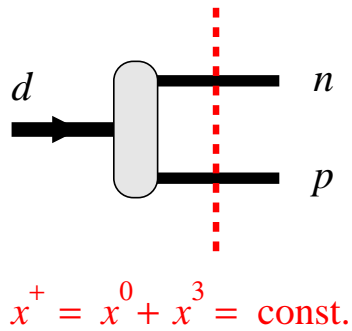
Conditional structure functions

Special case of semi-inclusive DIS — target fragmentation

QCD factorization Trentadue, Veneziano 93; Collins 97

No assumptions re nuclear structure, $A = \sum N$, etc.

Tagging: Theoretical description



- Light-front quantization

Frankfurt, Strikman 80's

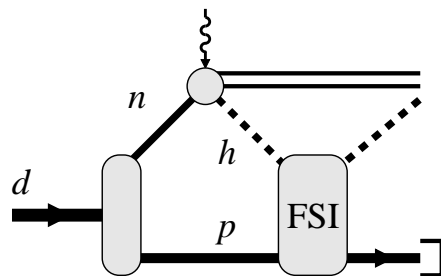
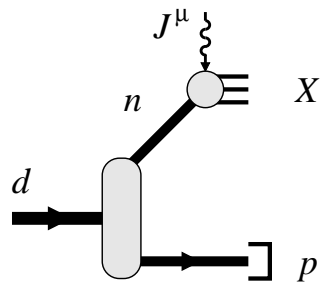
High-energy scattering probes nucleus at fixed LF time

Deuteron LF wave function $\langle pn|d\rangle_{x^+} = \Psi(\alpha_p, \mathbf{p}_{pT})$

Matching nuclear \leftrightarrow nucleonic structure, sum rules

Effects of 4-momentum nonconservation in intermediate states remain finite in high-energy limit

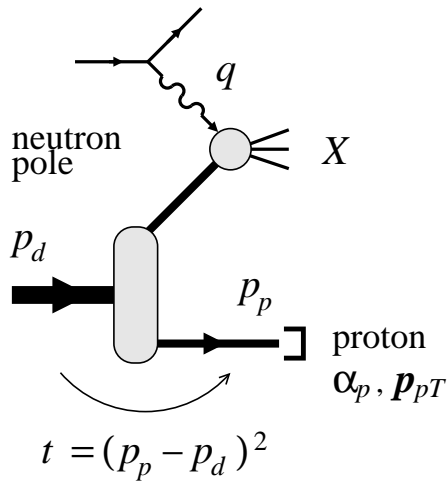
LF wave function describes low-energy nuclear structure \leftrightarrow non-relativistic theory



- Composite description

Impulse approximation: DIS final state and spectator nucleon evolve independently

Final-state interactions: Part of DIS final state interacts with spectator, transfers momentum

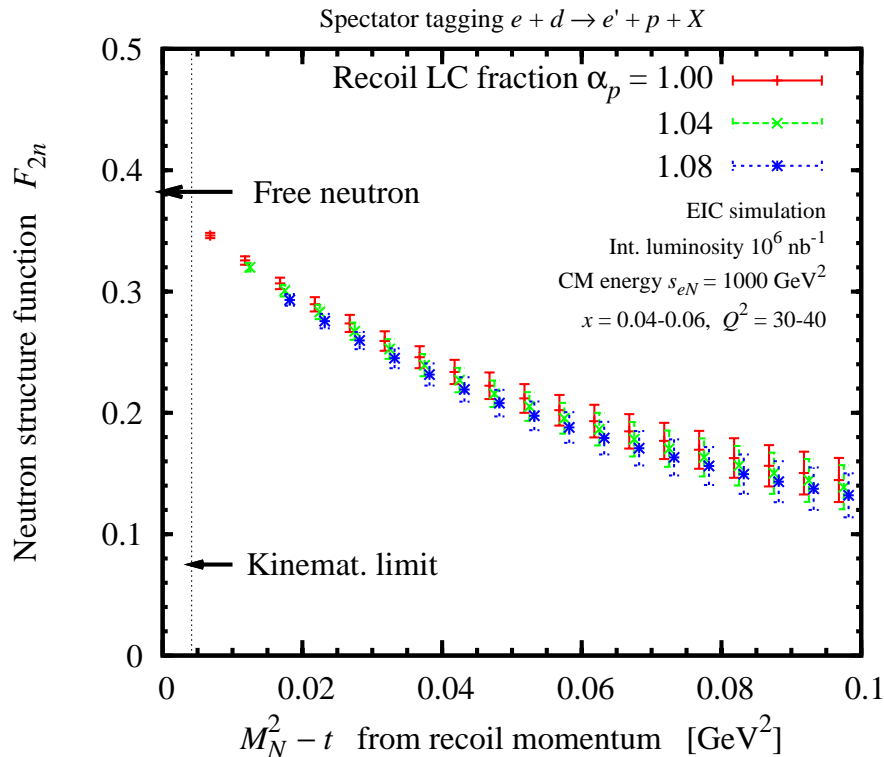


- Extract free neutron structure

Proton momentum defines invariant $t - M_N^2 = -2|\mathbf{p}_p|^2 + t_{\min}$
 “neutron off-shellness”

Free neutron at pole $t - M_N^2 = 0$:
 On-shell extrapolation

Eliminates nuclear binding effects and FSI [Sargsian, Strikman 05](#)



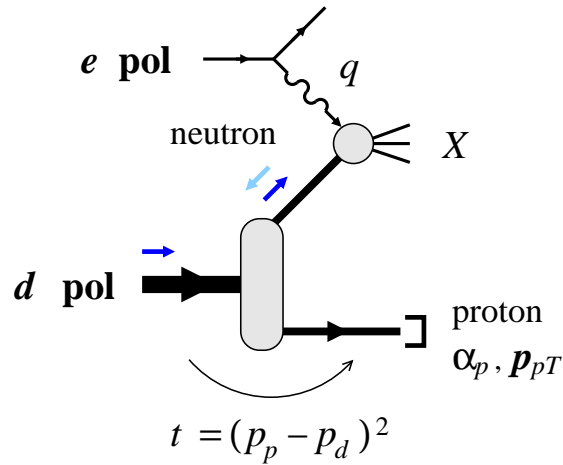
- Precise measurements of F_{2n}

F_{2n} extracted with few-percent accuracy at $x \gtrsim 0.1$

Uncertainty mainly systematic
[JLab LDRD: Detailed estimates](#)

Non-singlet $F_{2p} - F_{2n}$,
 sea quark flavor asymmetry $\bar{d} - \bar{u}$

Tagging: Neutron spin structure



- Neutron spin structure with pol deuteron and proton tagging

On-shell extrapolation of asymmetry

D-wave suppressed at $p_p = 0$:
Neutron 100% polarized

- Systematic uncertainties cancel

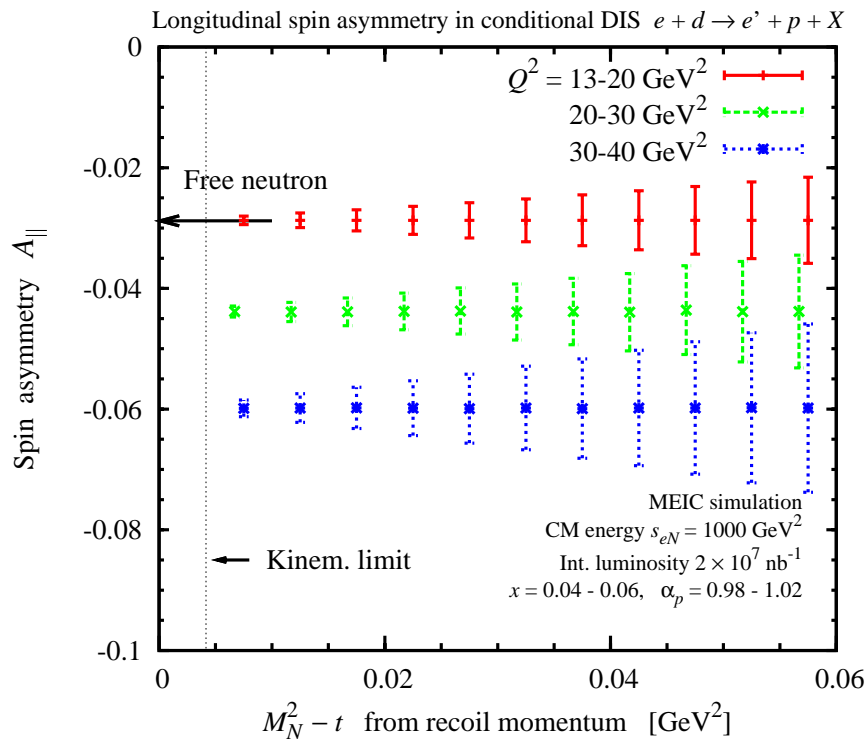
Weak off-shell dependence of asymmetry

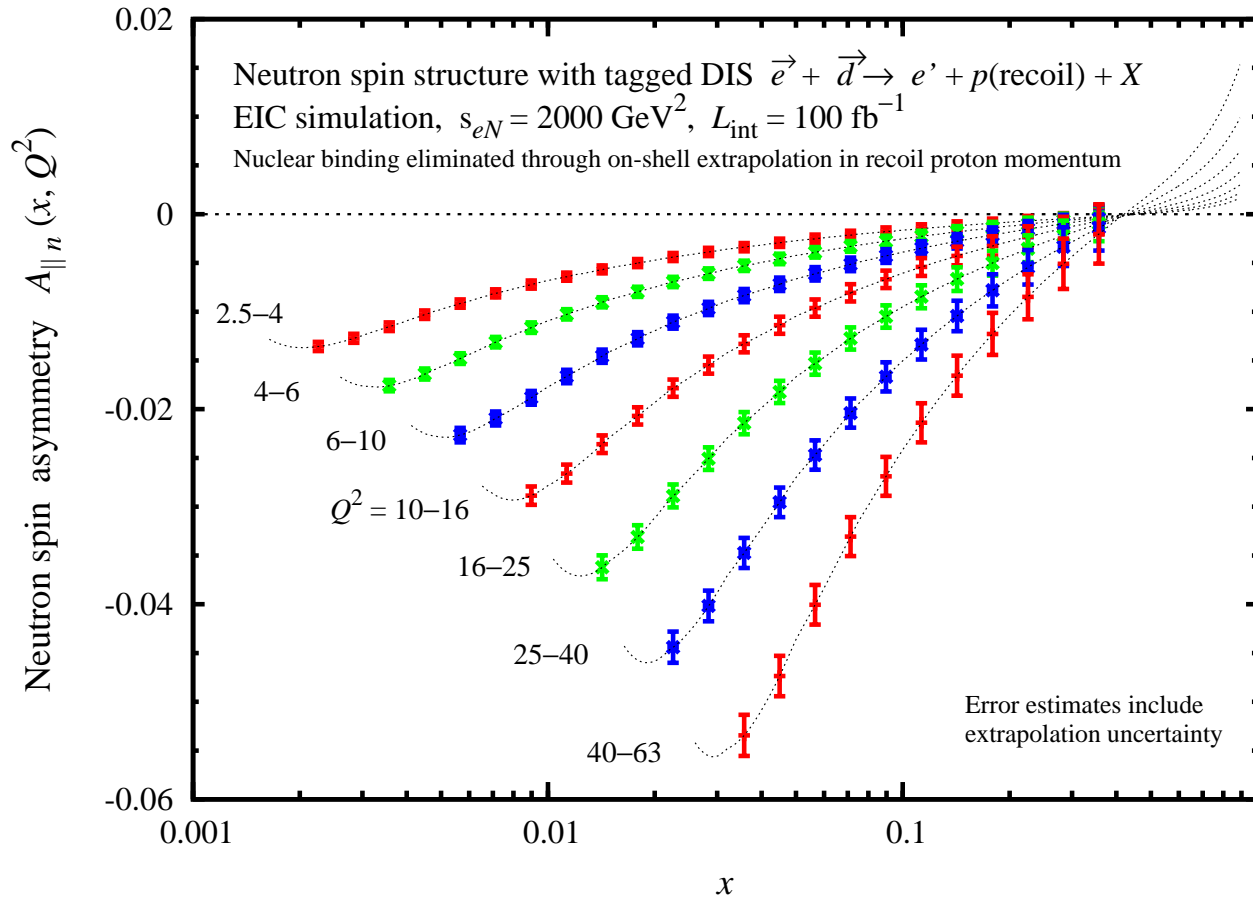
Momentum smearing/resolution effects largely cancel in asymmetry

- Statistics requirements

Physical asymmetries $\sim 0.05-0.1$,
effective polarization $P_e P_D \sim 0.5$

Possible with lumi $\sim 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$





$$A_{\parallel n} = \frac{\sigma(+ -) - \sigma(+ +)}{\sigma(+ -) + \sigma(+ +)}$$

$$= D \frac{g_1}{F_1} + \dots$$

$$D = \frac{y(2 - y)}{2 - 2y + y^2}$$

depolarization factor

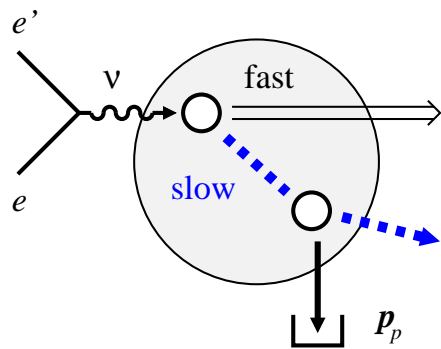
$$y = \frac{Q^2}{xs_{eN}}$$

- Precise measurement of neutron spin structure

Wide kinematic range: Leading \leftrightarrow higher twist, nonsinglet \leftrightarrow singlet QCD evolution

Parton density fits: Flavor separation $\Delta u \leftrightarrow \Delta d$, gluon spin ΔG

Nonsinglet $g_{1p} - g_{1n}$ and Bjorken sum rule



- DIS final state can interact with spectator
 Changes recoil momentum distributions in tagging
 No effect on total cross section – closure

- Nucleon DIS final state has two components

“Fast” $E_h = O(\nu)$

hadrons formed outside nucleus
interact weakly with spectators

“Slow” $E_h = O(\mu_{\text{had}}) \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

formed inside nucleus
interacts with hadronic cross section
dominant source of FSI

- FSI effects calculated $x \sim 0.1-0.5$

Strikman, CW, PRC97 (2018) 035209

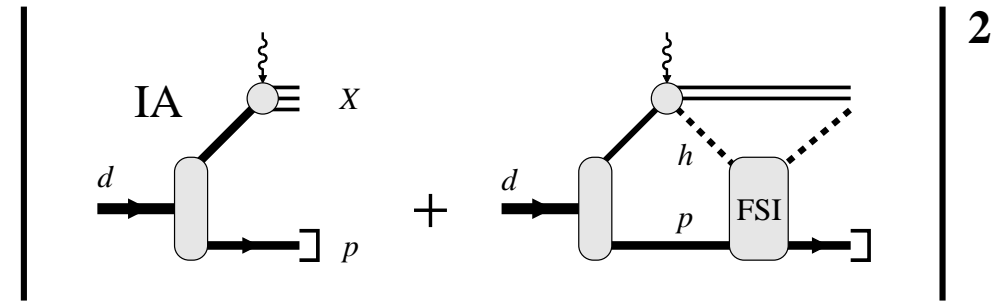
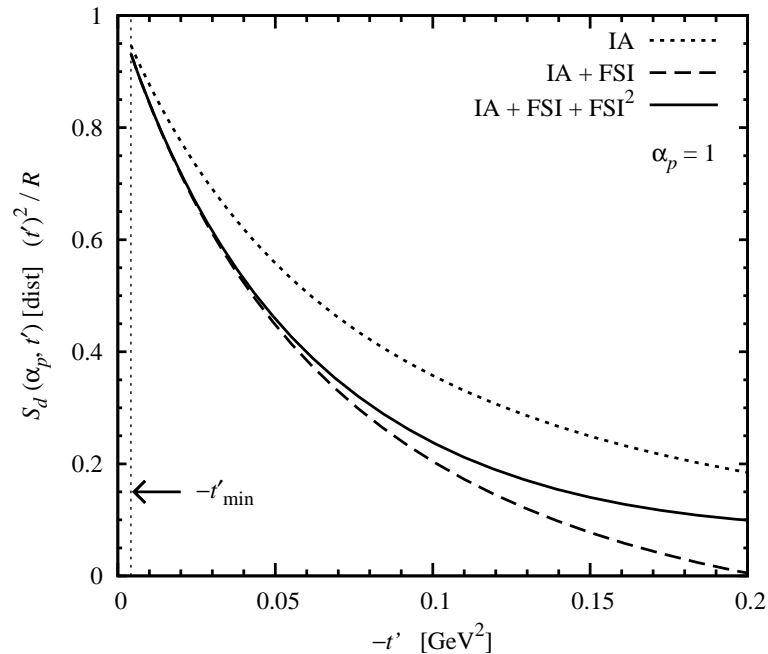
Experimental slow hadron multiplicity distributions

Cornell, EMC, HERA

Hadron-nucleon low-energy scattering amplitudes

Light-front QM: Deuteron pn wave function, rescattering process

Frankfurt, Strikman 81



Strikman, CW 18

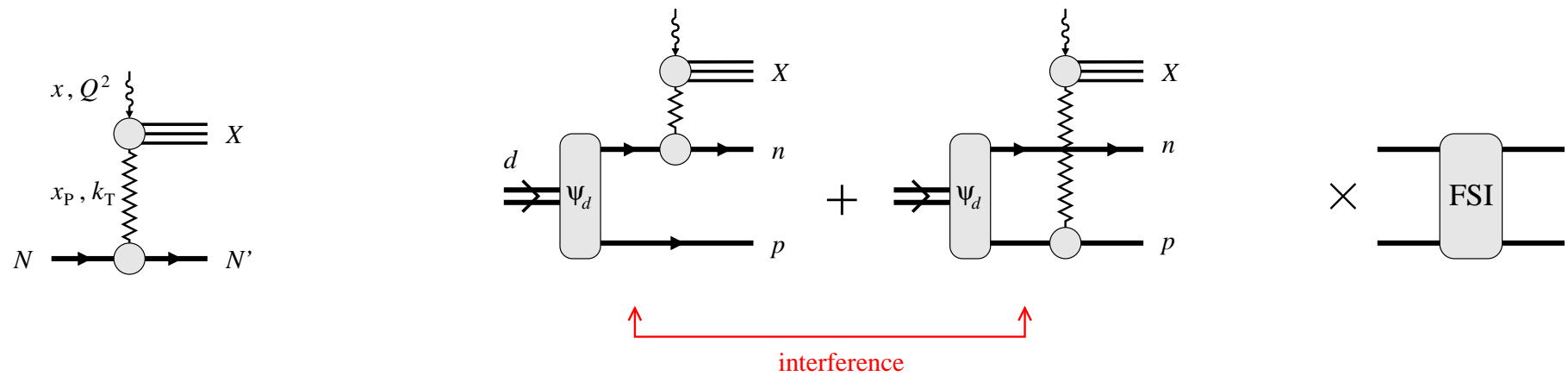
- FSI reduces IA cross section at $|t - M_N^2| \neq 0$ ($\lesssim 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$)
- FSI vanishes at $t - M_N^2 \rightarrow 0$; on-shell extrapolation not affected
- [• Other interesting aspects

FSI depends on recoil momentum angle in rest frame: forward-sideways-backward regions

Analogy with FSI in quasi-elastic deuteron breakup

FSI suppressed for $x \rightarrow 1$: Minimum momentum of DIS hadrons grows

Tagging: Diffraction and shadowing



- Diffraction in nucleon DIS at $x \ll 0.1$

Nucleon remains intact, recoils with $k \sim \text{few } 100 \text{ MeV}$ (rest frame)

10-15% of events diffractive. Detailed studies at HERA: QCD factorization, diffractive PDFs

- Shadowing in deuteron DIS

Diffraction can happen on neutron or proton: QM interference

Reduction of cross section compared to IA — shadowing. Leading-twist effect.

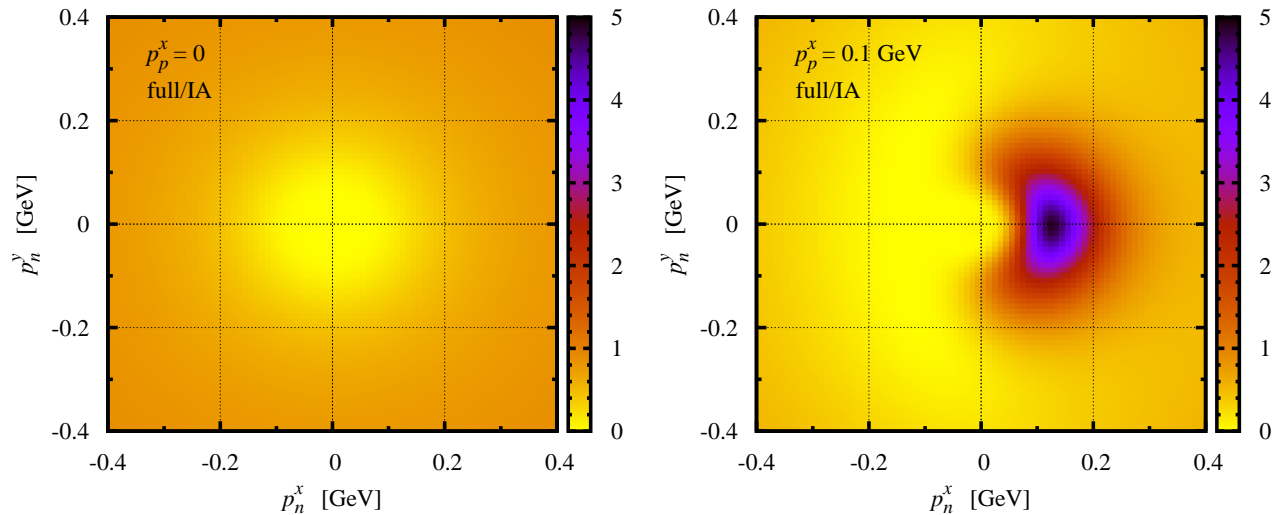
Frankfurt, Strikman, Guzey 12. Great interest. Hints seen in J/ψ production in UPCs at LHC ALICE.

- Diffraction and shadowing in tagged DIS

Differential studies as function of recoil momentum!

Large FSI effects. Outgoing pn scattering state must be orthogonal to d bound state

Guzey, Strikman, CW 18



$$R = \frac{d\sigma(\text{full})}{d\sigma(\text{IA})} \text{ as function of neutron } \mathbf{p}_{nT} \text{ for fixed proton } \mathbf{p}_{pT}$$

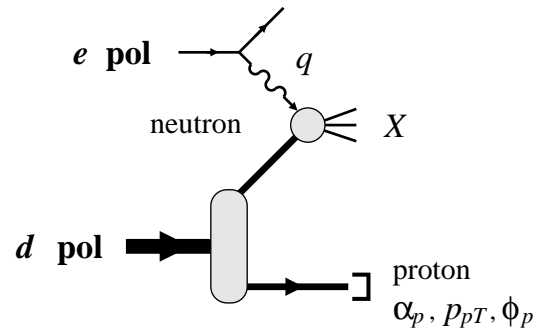
- Final-state interactions in diffractive tagged DIS $e + d \rightarrow e' + X + n + p$

Large FSI effects due to orthogonality

Shadowing effects also calculated; can be studied in selected kinematics

[Guzey, Strikman, CW, in preparation](#)

Other application: High- p_T deuteron breakup and gluonic structure of small-size pn configuration [Miller, Sievert, Venugopalan 17](#)



- Deuteron spin density matrix $\rho_{\lambda\lambda'}(S, T)$

3 vector parameters, 5 tensor parameters

Fixed by polarization measurements

cf. Stokes' parameters for photon

- Polarized tagged cross section

Cosyn, Sargsian, CW 17

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2 (d^3p_p / E_p)} = [\text{flux}] (F_U + F_S + F_T) \quad F_I = \text{functions}(x, Q^2, \alpha_p, p_{pT}, \phi_p)$$

$$F_U = F_{UU,T} + \epsilon F_{UU,L} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cos \phi_h F_{UU}^{\cos \phi_h} + \epsilon \cos 2\phi_h F_{UU}^{\cos 2\phi_h} + h \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \sin \phi_h F_{LU}^{\sin \phi_h}$$

$$F_S = S_L \left[\sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \sin \phi_h F_{US_L}^{\sin \phi_h} + \epsilon \sin 2\phi_h F_{US_L}^{\sin 2\phi_h} \right] \\ + S_L h \left[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} F_{LS_L} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \cos \phi_h F_{LS_L}^{\cos \phi_h} \right] \\ + S_\perp \left[\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S) \left(F_{UST,T}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \epsilon F_{UST,L}^{\sin(\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right) + \epsilon \sin(\phi_h + \phi_S) F_{UST}^{\sin(\phi_h + \phi_S)} \right. \\ \left. + \epsilon \sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{UST}^{\sin(3\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \left(\sin \phi_S F_{UST}^{\sin \phi_S} + \sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{UST}^{\sin(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right) \right] \\ + S_\perp h \left[\sqrt{1-\epsilon^2} \cos(\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{LS_T}^{\cos(\phi_h - \phi_S)} + \right. \\ \left. \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \left(\cos \phi_S F_{LS_T}^{\cos \phi_S} + \cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S) F_{LS_T}^{\cos(2\phi_h - \phi_S)} \right) \right],$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_T = & T_{LL} \left[F_{UT_{LL},T} + \epsilon F_{UT_{LL},L} + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cos \phi_h F_{UT_{LL}}^{\cos \phi_h} + \epsilon \cos 2\phi_h F_{UT_{LL}}^{\cos 2\phi_h} \right] \\
 & + T_{LL} h \sqrt{2\epsilon(1-\epsilon)} \sin \phi_h F_{LT_{LL}}^{\sin \phi_h} \\
 & + T_{L\perp} [\dots] + T_{L\perp} h [\dots] \\
 & + T_{\perp\perp} \left[\cos(2\phi_h - 2\phi_{T\perp}) \left(F_{UT_{TT},T}^{\cos(2\phi_h - 2\phi_{T\perp})} + \epsilon F_{UT_{TT},L}^{\cos(2\phi_h - 2\phi_{T\perp})} \right) \right. \\
 & + \epsilon \cos 2\phi_{T\perp} F_{UT_{TT}}^{\cos 2\phi_{T\perp}} + \epsilon \cos(4\phi_h - 2\phi_{T\perp}) F_{UT_{TT}}^{\cos(4\phi_h - 2\phi_{T\perp})} \\
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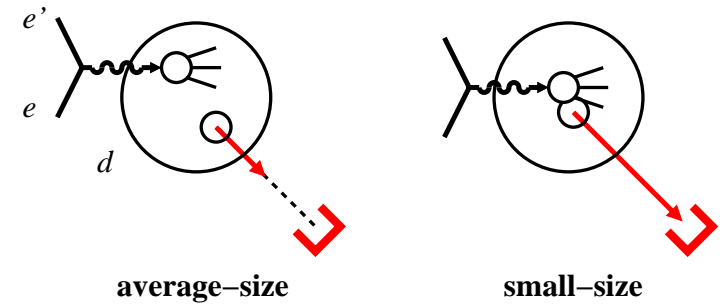
- U + S cross sections identical to spin-1/2 target Bacchetta et al. 07
- T cross section has 23 new tensor structure functions specific to spin-1
 4 structure functions survive in inclusive DIS, cf. $b_1 - b_4$ Hoodbhoy, Jaffe, Manohar 88
 ϕ -harmonics specific to tensor polarization — new handle
- T-odd structures vanish in impulse approximation, provide sensitive tests of FSI

Tagging: Applications and extensions

- Tagged EMC effect

What momenta/distances in NN interactions cause modification of partonic structure?

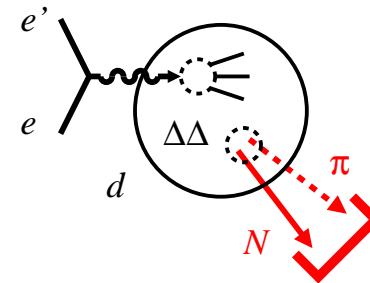
Connection with NN short-range correlations?



- Tagging Δ isobars

Tagged DIS $e + d \rightarrow e' + \pi + N$,
reconstruct Δ from πN

Δ structure function defined at pole,
reached by on-shell extrapolation



- Tagging with complex nuclei $A > 2$

Could test isospin dependence and/or universality of bound nucleon structure

$(A - 1)$ ground state recoil, e.g. ${}^3\text{He} (e, e' d) X$

[Ciofi, Kaptari, Scopetta 99; Kaptari et al. 2014](#)

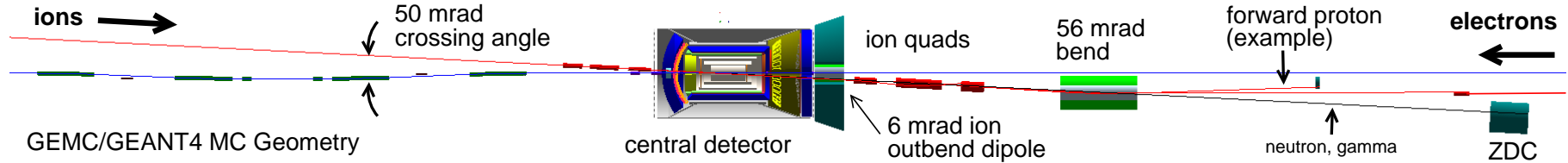
Theoretically challenging, cf. experience with quasielastic breakup

[Needs input from 3-body Faddeev calculations for structure and breakup. Bochum-Krakow group.](#)

- Light-ion physics program with EIC has great potential, could be developed & articulated at same level as ep and eA (heavy)
Workshop “Polarized light ion physics with EIC”, 5-9 Feb 2018, Ghent U, Belgium [webpage]
- Deuteron and spectator tagging overcome main limiting factor of nuclear DIS: Control of nuclear configurations during high-energy process
- Intersection of low-energy nuclear structure and high-energy scattering: Light-front methods as essential tool

Outlook

- Expand theoretical methods for nuclear structure in high-energy scattering: Small- x phenomena, polarization, $A > 2$
- Interpret results of JLab 12 GeV experiments with nuclei: Short-range correlations, EMC effect, tagged DIS
- Develop EIC science case through simulations with next-gen physics models
In collaboration with JLab EIC effort and EIC Center at Stony Brook/BNL (A. Deshpande et al.).
Simulation tools from 2014/15 JLab LDRD project available at [webpage]



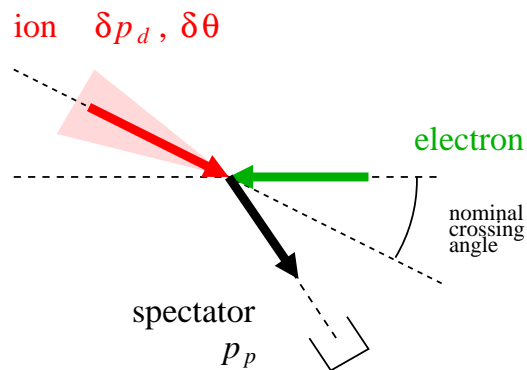
- Forward detector integrated in interaction region and beam optics

Protons/neutrons/fragments travel through ion beam quadrupole magnets

Dispersion generated by dipole magnets

Detection using forward detectors — Roman pots, ZDCs

JLEIC design: Full acceptance, proton momentum resolution longit $\delta p/p \sim 10^{-3}$, angular $\delta\theta \sim 0.2$ mrad [P. Nadel-Turonski, Ch. Hyde et al.](#)



- Intrinsic momentum spread in ion beam

Transverse momentum spread $\sigma \sim$ few 10 MeV

Smearing effect $\mathbf{p}_{pT}(\text{vertex}) \neq \mathbf{p}_{pT}(\text{measured})$, corrected by convolution

Dominant systematic uncertainty in tagged neutron structure measurements. Correlated, x and Q^2 -independent. [JLab LDRD](#)