# **Isospin dependence in 2N SRC from** tritium at x>1

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### Nucleons in Nuclei: Beyond Shell Model



• The closed orbits are NOT fully occupied.

"The main effects of NN correlations is to generate high momentum and high removal energy components"



High momentum nucleons in different nuclei

### **Nucleon-Nucleon Short Range Correlation (SRC)**

Free nucleon-nucleon potential = Repulsive core + attractive tensor force T = 1, S = 0 :np, pp, nn pairs. The tensor operator  $S_{1,2}$ = 0, no attractive tensor force T = 0, S = 1: Deuteron-like np pair.





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In inclusive (e,e') quasi-elastic scattering, high momentum nucleons dominate the  $x = Q^2/2mv > 1$  kinematics

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The x>1 plateau of A/D cross section ratios give the percentage of deuteron-like high momentum pairs in each nucleus

### **SRC in Exclusive Scattering**

Subedi, R. et al. https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1156675





Strong isospin preference from initial state (NOT final state interaction)

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# Precision Measurement of the Isospin Dependence in the 2N and 3N Short-range Correlation Region

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#### **Measurements:**

1H, 2H, 3H, 3He, (C12, Ti48) inclusive cross sections at 0.6<xbj<3

#### **Primary Physics Topics:**

Check the 2N SRC isospin dependence at 1<x<2, and also 3N momentum sharing configuration.

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np	pair	dominates:	
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no isospin preference:

$$\frac{\sigma_{^{3}H}}{\sigma_{^{3}He}} = \frac{\sigma_{np} + \sigma_{n}}{\sigma_{np} + \sigma_{p}} \simeq \frac{\sigma_{np}}{\sigma_{np}} = 1$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{^{3}H}}{\sigma_{^{3}He}} = \frac{2\sigma_{nn} + \sigma_{pp}}{\sigma_{nn} + 2\sigma_{pp}} \xrightarrow{\sigma_{p} \sim 3\sigma_{n}} 0.7$$



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#### **Tritium Family Experiments:**

2017.12:	Commissioning
2018.2-2018.5:	E12-11-103 MARATHON
2018.4	E12-14-011 e'p (exclusive SRC)
Cruz-Torres, R., <u>Li, S</u>	et al. Physics Letters B, 797, 134890
2018.5 :	E12-11-112 x>1 (inclusive SRC) 2.2
GeV beam	
2018.9-11 :	E12-11-112 x>1 (inclusive SRC) 4.3
GeV beam	
2018.11:	E12-17-003 e'K



# Jefferson Lab, Hall A Detector Package:





## The Gas Target System:





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- Maximum current = 22.5 uA on gas cells to minimize the risk of gas leak.
- Endcap(75mg/cm2 Aluminum) being mis-reconstructed into thin gas body (77mg/cm2 Tritium)
- Soling": gas density change along beam path



Charge Normalized Yield

The endcap contamination (after vertex cut) varies from less than 0.1% to 10% depends on spectrometer angle and kinematics.

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- "Boiling": gas density change along beam path (after reached equilibrium which takes less than 1 second)



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### Only data from stable beam around 22 uA are used for this analysis

#### S. Santiesteban et al. , https://doi.org/10.1016/J.NIMA.2019.06.025





Hydrogen in the 2nd Tritium cell ( used in the fall 2018,  $Q_2 = 1.4$  GeV2 data)



Accelerator energy = 1168 MeV Measured Energy = 1171.48 MeV

gas  $H_2O + T_2 \rightarrow HTO + HT$  Liquid, stick to the wall at low temperature

Tritium replaced by hydrogen: 1.6% \* 0.0708 g/cm2 \* 3 ( H2O->HTO) / 0.0851g/cm2 = 4.0 %

Remained tritium density: 0. 0851 g/cm2 \* (1-4%) ⇒ 0.0817 g/cm2 ??

In this analysis: use 2+- 2 %

### Data Processing

#### • Calibrations:

- Beam current and energy (Nathaly Santiesteban)
- Beam position (Jason Bane and Tyler Hague)
- HRS pointing and optics reconstruction
- Vertical Drift Chamber
- Cherenkov
- Scintillator timing (Tong Su)
- Calorimeter (Nathaly Santiesteban)
- Tritium Decay (Tyler Kutz)

#### • Data quality check:

- Trigger efficiency
- Detector efficiency
- Tracking efficiency
- Beam quality check
- Deadtime calculation
- Run condition check





### **Cross Section Extraction**



# $\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{\# \text{ of events}}{Q \cdot \rho_l / M_A \cdot \text{ efficiencies}} \underbrace{A(\Omega, E')}{\Delta \Omega \Delta E'}$ "HRS Acceptance effect" included in Monte-Carlo Simulation

"Yield" extracted from data



### **Tritium Absolute Cross Sections**





F(y) ~ longitudinal momentum distribution

Approximated momentum distribution can be extracted from F(y) to compare with theories

### **Uncertainties**



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Absolute XSection

**Yield Ratios** 

Sources	Uncertainties	norm	ptp	norm	ptp
Beam Energy	0.050%	0	0.1-2%		
Scattering Angle	0.3 mrad	1.65-2.65%	0.4-8%		
Momentum	0.02%	1.1-1.8%	0.2-10%		
Tracking Efficiency	0.20%	0.20%	0.10%		
Acceptance		2%	1.50%		0.2-1%
PID		0	0		
Trigger		0	0		
Radiative Correction		1%	1%	0.30%	0.20%
Endcap Contamination		0	0.1-1%		0.1-1.5%
Charge		1.00%	0.30%	0.10%	
Boiling		0.40%	0.30%	0.50%	0.30%
Target Thickness		0.6 - 1.1%	0	1.2-1.4%	
Hydrogen Contamination		2%	0	2.00%	
Total		3.0-4.5%	0.6-13%	1.4-2.5%	0.4-1.8%

#### Calibration result: 3He/2H ratio



#### This experiment: ratio of extracted cross section at Q2=1.4 GeV2



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#### Xsection ratio from yield ratio method



### Q2 dependence on 3H/2H ratio



0.8

0.6 L 0.4 0.2



Combined results of data from 2 experiments:

- 1.4 GeV2 data from this experiment
- 1.8 GeV2 data from the exclusive SRC



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inclusive	$\sigma(3H)$ _	$2(\sigma_n+\sigma_p)\cdot p_1+2\sigma_n\cdot p_0$
	$\overline{\sigma(3He)}$ –	$\overline{2(\sigma_n+\sigma_p)\cdot p_1+2\sigma_p\cdot p_0}$
exclusive	$\#(3H)$ _	$2 \cdot p_1$
	#(3He) –	$\overline{2 \cdot p_1 + 2 \cdot p_0}$

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inclusive  $exclusive \, rac{\#(3H)}{\#(3He)} = rac{2 \cdot p_1}{2 \cdot p_1 + 2 \cdot p_0}$  Ratio of np/pp SRC pairs in A=3 nuclei = 2\*p1/p0 = 4.4



## Summary

Deuterium, tritium, helium-3 cross sections and their ratios extracted at 0.8<xbj<3 with Q2=0.6-1.8 GeV2.

- np/pp ratio in A=3 nuclei extracted from the x>1 plateau
- Improve x>1 cross section models
- Compare with theory calculations
- Nuclei Electric form factor (Leiqaa)

GMn (Nathaly)



Thank you !



Q2=0.6: Fy model overestimated the tail



## Yield (rate) Calculation from Monte-Carlo Simulation



Cross section tables generated from XEMC model:

- from Zhihong
- Included bremsstrahlung radiation
- y-scaling. Use He3 fitting parameter for H3